# SUSTAIN NeDNR's New Modeling Application

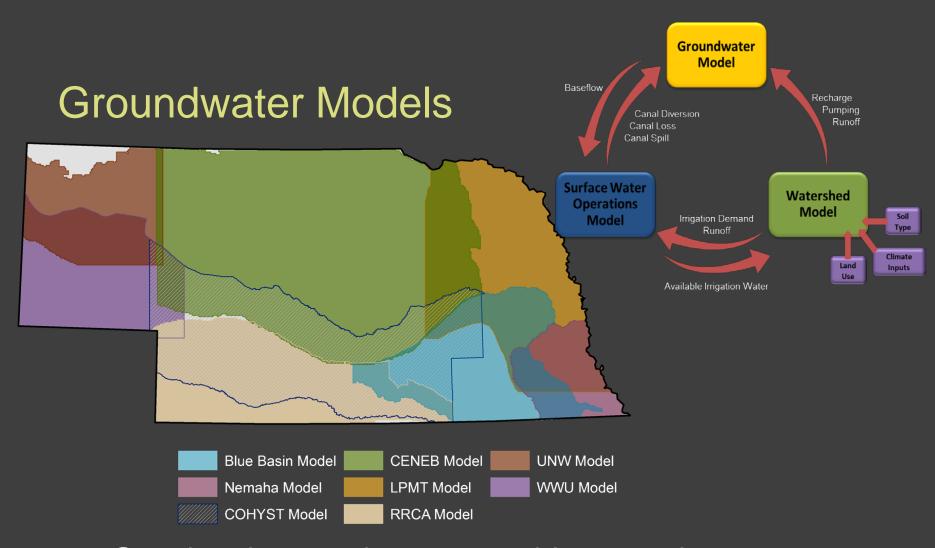
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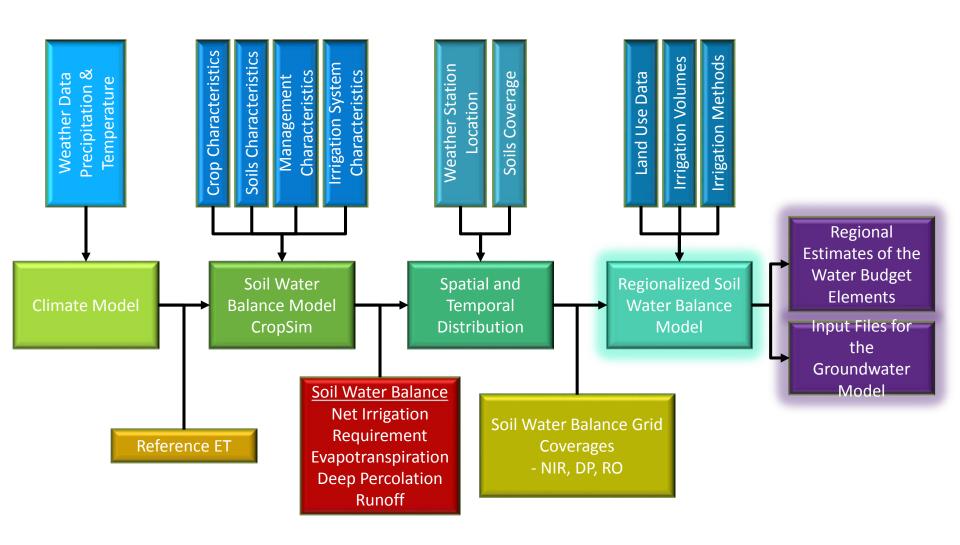
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Goal has been to have statewide groundwater modeling tools... we're almost there



#### SUSTAIN

(Sustainable Use Scenario Tool for Analysis and Informing Nebraskans)

Climate Data

Land use Data

Soil Data

WATERSHED MODEL

Recharge Data

Pumping Data

GROUNDWATER MODEL

Groundwater Levels

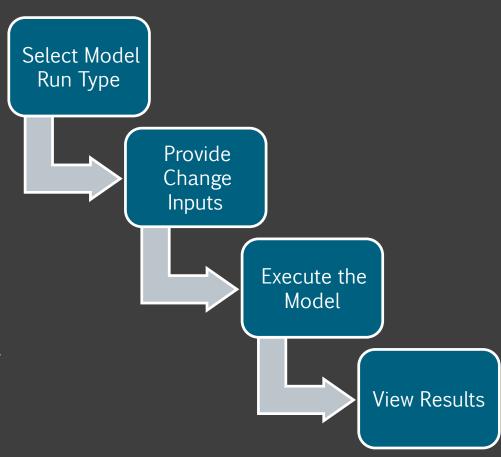
**Baseflow Changes** 

## SUSTAIN Utilizes Existing Groundwater Models

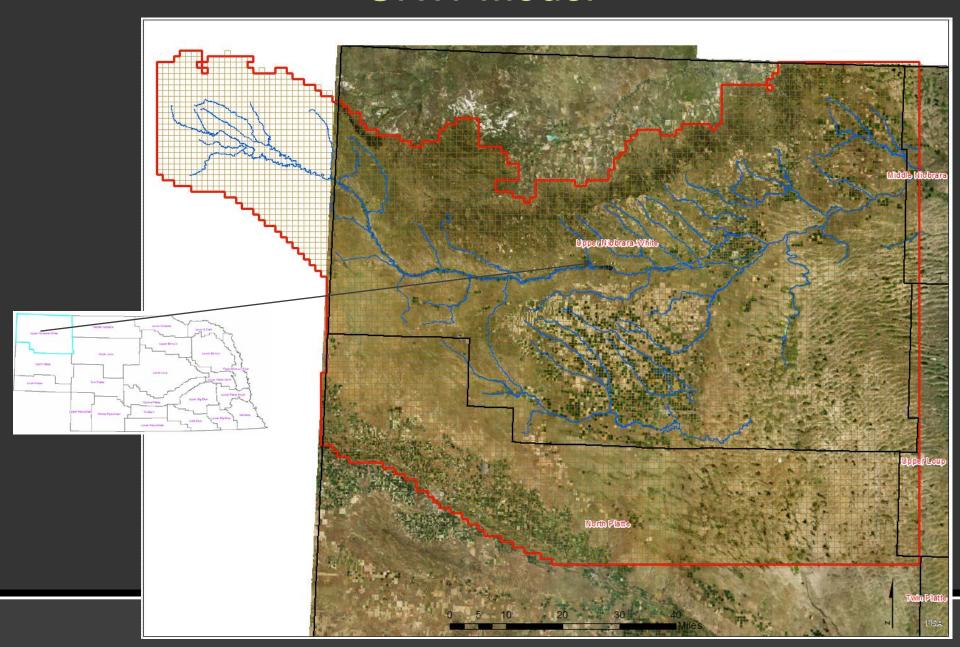
Improve access to watershed model results (land use, pumping, recharge)

GUI for model analysis (recharge and pumping changes)

View results at the county, NRD, or user defined level



#### UNW Model



## SUSTAIN

Live Demo...

#### Summary

- Management Questions that can be Evaluated with SUSTAIN:
- Water budget questions:
  - How many irrigated acres are in an area?
  - How much pumping occurs in an area?
  - Is the pumping in an area more or less than the recharge?
- How do baseflows and water levels change as a result of increases or decreases in recharge?
  - Canal recharge projects
  - Conjunctive management activities
- How do baseflows and water levels change due to increases or decreases in pumping?
  - Allocations
  - New wells
  - Retirements

#### Summary

#### NeDNR Plans for Moving Forward:

- Finalize application
- Document methods and create tutorials for users
- Incorporate additional models
  - Northern Missouri-Tribs Model
  - o CeNEB Model
  - o COHYST Model
  - Blue Basins Model

Input from potential users is welcome!

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