# SUSTAIN NeDNR's New Modeling Application

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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)



#### What is SUSTAIN and what does it do?

- 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**



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Live Demo...

#### Summary

#### Water Management Uses for SUSTAIN:

Develop Water Budget

- 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?
- Model Integrated Water Management Scenarios
  - Canal recharge projects
  - New Wells and Allocations
  - Retirements
  - Conjunctive management activities
- See Water Management Results and Impacts
  - Stream Baseflow
  - Aquifer Storage Change
  - Water Level Difference

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## NeDNR Plans for Moving Forward:

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

Input from potential users is welcome!



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