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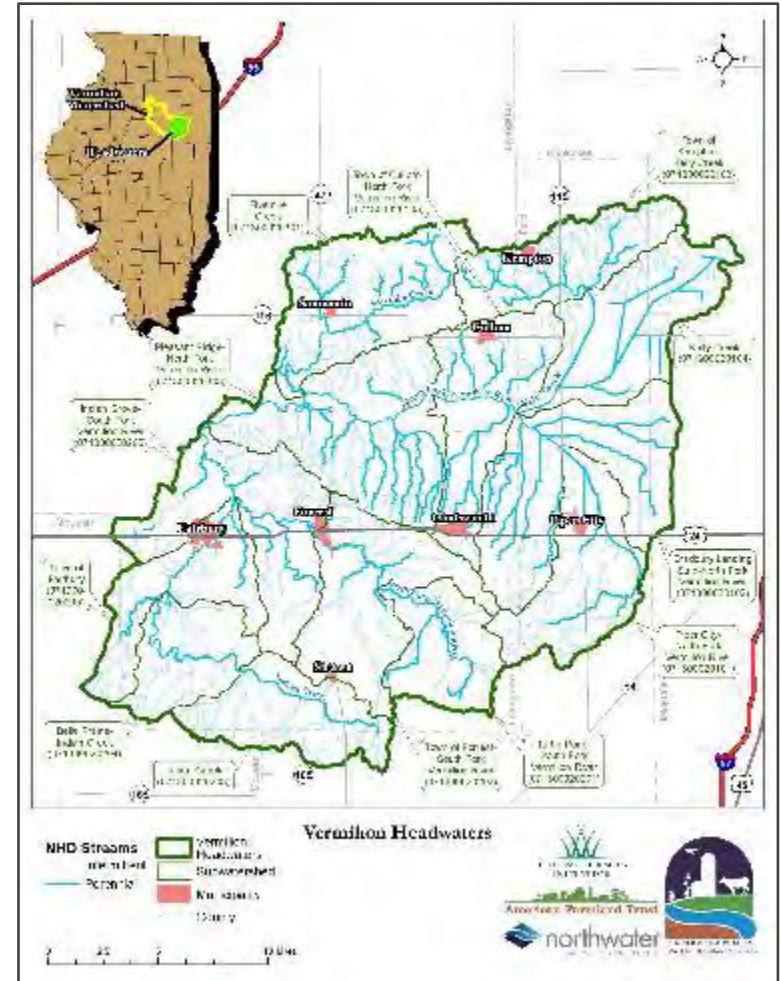
HUC Talks – Leadership for Midwestern Watersheds

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Project 1: IEPA Watershed-based Plan for the Vermilion Headwaters Watershed

- Vermilion Headwaters watershed (VHW) background
- As a response to INLRS, AFT in collaboration with VHW stakeholders have developed an IEPA watershed plan draft to serve as a road map to achieve nutrient loss reduction goals.
- Strategies to achieve these goals have been developed by the VHW Partnership Steering Committee.



Project 2: Increased Technical Support for Priority Conservation Practices in the VHW

- Increase adoption of cover crops, reduced tillage, and diversified crop rotations in cropping operations
- Improve water quality primarily through reductions in sediment, nitrogen, and phosphorus losses
- Establish and enhance farmer-led education and outreach programs to drive increased adoption



Project 3: Farm Family Socials

- AFT has hosted farmer-to-farmer workshops that highlight soil health and edge-of-field practices
- Four Farm Family Socials were held
 1. Soil & Seeds – Soil Testing & Cover Crop Seeds
 2. Nutrient Management & Equipment
 3. Farm Conservation Management & Legacy Planning
 4. Woodchip Bioreactor & Drainage Water Management
- Goal is to continue socials into FY24 if additional funding can be secured





THANK YOU

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