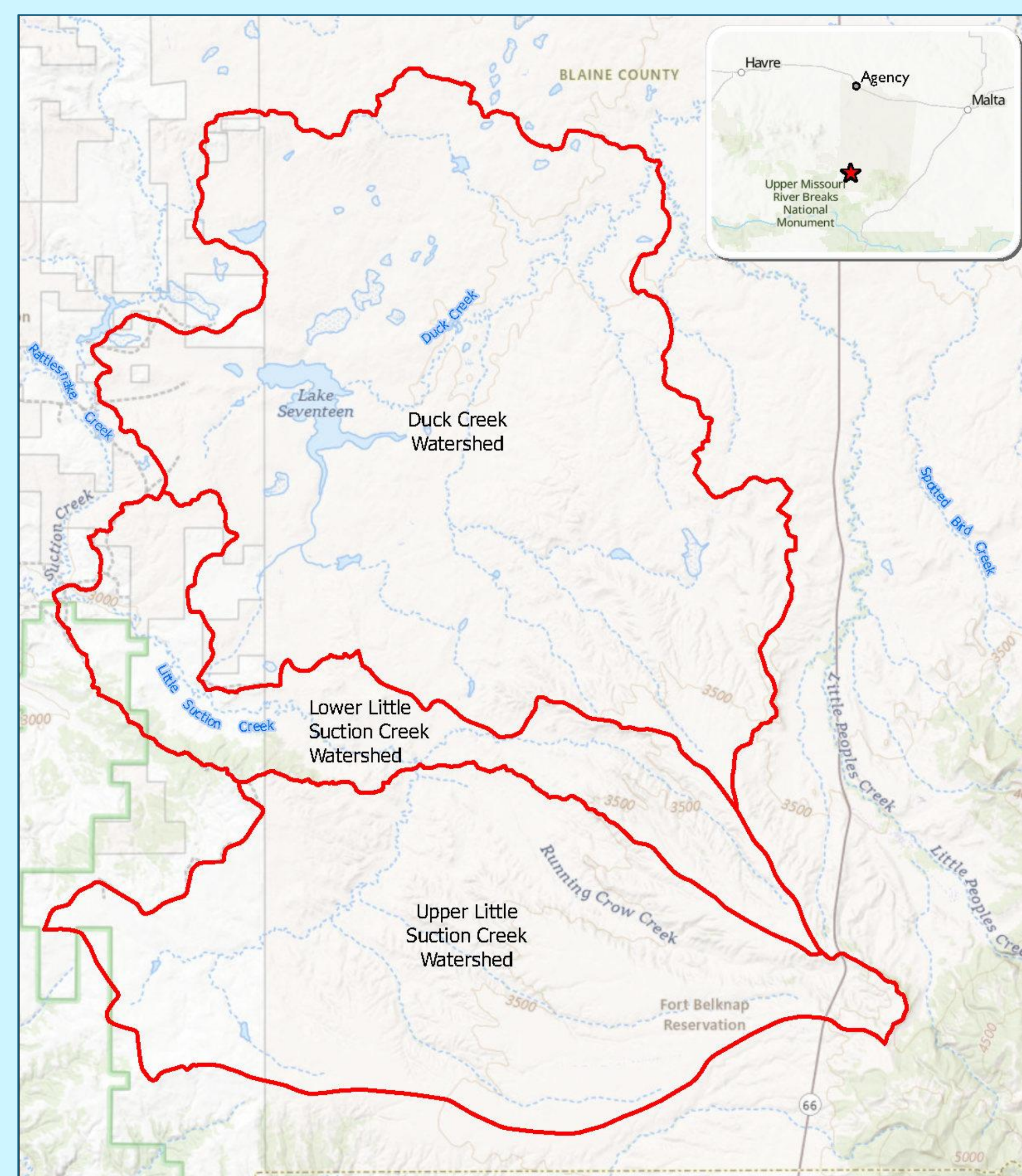
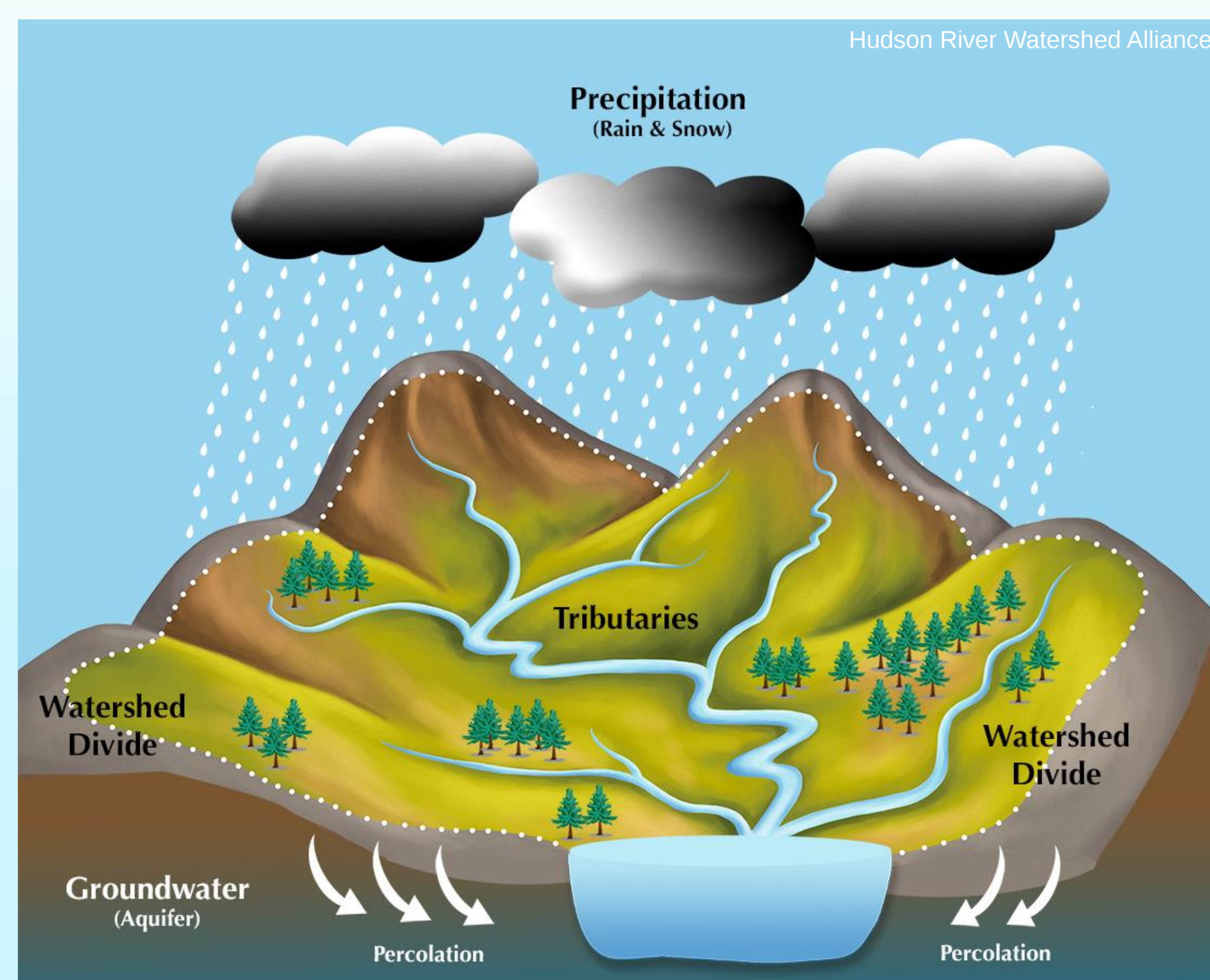




Lake Seventeen & Little Suction Creek Watershed Plan-Environmental Assessment (EA) Scoping Meeting

Watershed Planning & National Environmental Policy Act

What is a Watershed?



The watershed Plan-EA is a planning-level study which will follow the overlapping requirements and guidelines of:

1. National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)
2. Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act (Public Law 566)
3. Principles, Requirements, and Guidelines for Water and Land Related Resources Implementation Studies

NEPA

- Established an environmental review process for actions undertaken by federal agencies
- Promotes better decision making through analysis, comment from expert agencies, and public involvement
- In accordance with NEPA, an EA will be prepared that will inform decision makers and the public about:
 - Environmental, social, and economic impacts of the alternatives
 - Measures to avoid or minimize adverse impacts

Watershed Planning Process:

PHASE I

- Identify goals and objectives
- Identify resource problems and opportunities
- Develop the project's purpose and need
- Complete public scoping and initiate agency consultation

PHASE II

- Gather baseline data on environmental, social, and economic resources
- Perform modeling and analyze resource data

PHASE III

- Develop a range of alternatives
- Evaluate the alternatives for potential impacts

PHASE IV

- Prepare Draft Plan-EA
- Public comment period on the Draft Plan-EA
- Incorporate public comments on Draft Plan-EA and prepare Final Plan-EA
- Prepare Finding of No Significant Impact / Decision to Select Preferred Alternative