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# Information Paper

## North Dakota Flood Control Sites: Lake Ashtabula, Homme Lake, Souris River

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### Location/Project Components

Homme Lake is two miles west of Park River, North Dakota, on the South Branch of the Park River. Walsh County, North Dakota, leases land to operate a recreation area with overnight camping, a day-use area and a boat launch.

Lake Ashtabula (Baldhill Dam) is 12 miles northwest of Valley City, North Dakota, on the Sheyenne River. It has several overnight camping, swimming, boat launching, picnic and playground facilities. About 2,500 acres are used for wildlife management.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) owns and operates the Upper Souris River and J. Clark Salyer Wildlife Refuges. Lake Darling is approximately 20 miles northwest of Minot, North Dakota. J. Clark Salyer is 65 miles northeast of Minot, North Dakota. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has operation, maintenance, rehabilitation and replacement responsibilities as defined in a 1989 memorandum of understanding and subsequent defining documents.

Homme and Ashtabula are multiple-purpose sites with flood risk management, recreation and environmental stewardship business functions.

Lake Ashtabula site staff provides operation and maintenance activities for all three sites. The USFWS staffs Souris River, and the Corps supports some cyclical and noncyclical maintenance costs. Lake Ashtabula staff also provides significant support to readiness (emergency) response activities in local river basins. Lake Ashtabula provides a backup water supply for communities on the Sheyenne and Red Rivers.

Since their construction, the reservoirs have prevented flood damages as shown below:

Homme Lake	\$ 2,355,000
Lake Ashtabula	\$ 459,880,000
Souris River	\$ 162,101,000

### Fiscal

Site	13 Alloc	14 Alloc	15 Alloc	16 Alloc	17 Pres Budget
Lake Ashtabula	1,355k	1,233k	1,302k	1,533k	1,510k
Homme Lake	267k	236k	351k	284k	285k
Souris River	323k	344k	366k	382k	357k

### Status

Funding in FY17 supports baseline operations and maintenance to complete water management, operations and maintenance of public use areas, real estate management and all support programs to operations.

Additional funding in FY17 will be used to complete:

- Boundary surveying and wildlife and habitat management on lands at Lake Ashtabula;
- Complete the replacement of the two downstream slide gates, operators and grating at Homme Dam.
- If funded complete the design for the replacement of the Lake Darling Dam bulkheads on the Souris River Project.



*Lake Darling Dam & Control Structure - Souris River Project.*