

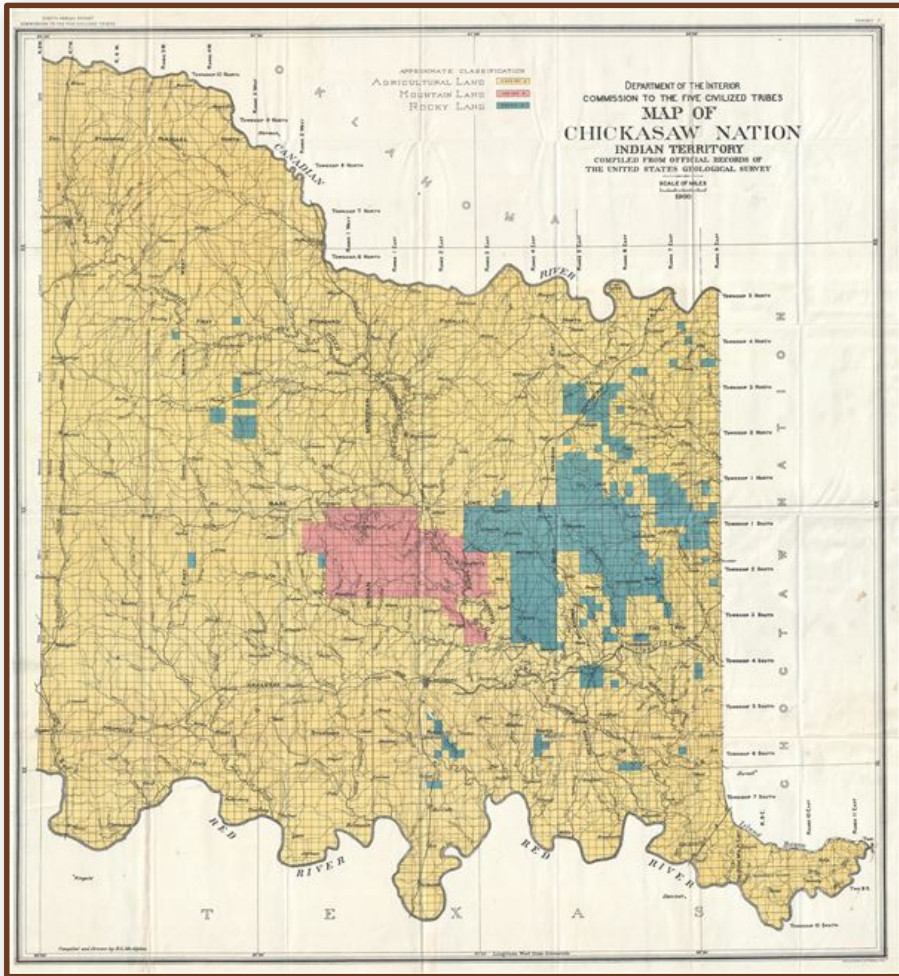


Chickasaw Nation Natural Resources Office

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Chickasaw Nation Natural Resources Office: Implementation through water planning

- *The NRO's "lens"* – Science-based water planning in support of implementing the recent water settlement
 - *Treaty territory water systems* and the *ecological and economic systems* on which they depend
 - A long-term focus that values *sustainability*
 - A strategic approach that seeks to promote *consensus and unity* in objectives through broad engagement of key stakeholders
 - A set of research and project priority criteria that support the mission of enhancing the *quality of lives of Chickasaw citizens*, though with a regional-level rather than individual-level focus, i.e., *resource assessments, infrastructure security, and best practices development*



Sustainability & Unity

Scientific Data Collection, Healthy Water Systems, Grassroots Supported Decisions, Destination Recreation, Economic Development

Arbuckle Simpson Aquifer Phase II, Lake of the Arbuckles Watershed Association, Advocates for Blue River, Sulphur/Chickasaw NRA, Tishomingo Area Projects Committee

Natural Resources Office's Lens: Science-based regional water planning and community stakeholder coordination that leverages and adds to our existing efforts.

Chickasaw Nation Natural Resources Office: Project – Lake of the Arbuckles Watershed Association

- *Technical and resource support*
 - Impaired Waterbody - State 303(d) list for Dissolved Oxygen
 - Challenges to Sustainability & Economic Viability
- *Project coordination (though not direct management)*
 - Stakeholder Engagement
 - U.S. Bureau of Reclamation – WaterSMART Cooperative Management Program
 - Development of Watershed Restoration Plan and Best Management Practices
- *Bottom line*
 - Leverage Chickasaw Nation interests and “bandwidth” to support treaty territory community efforts to ensure secure and reliable municipal water systems for sound economic growth and long-term ecological health
 - Providing support, not “doing for”

Chokma'shki'!
Thank you!

