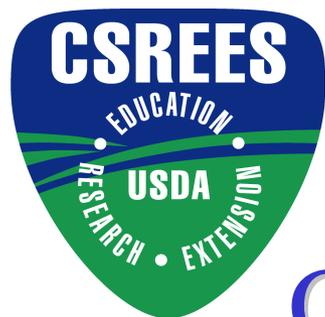




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# Current Status of the CSREES Water Program

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# *Integrated Programs Solve Today's Problems*

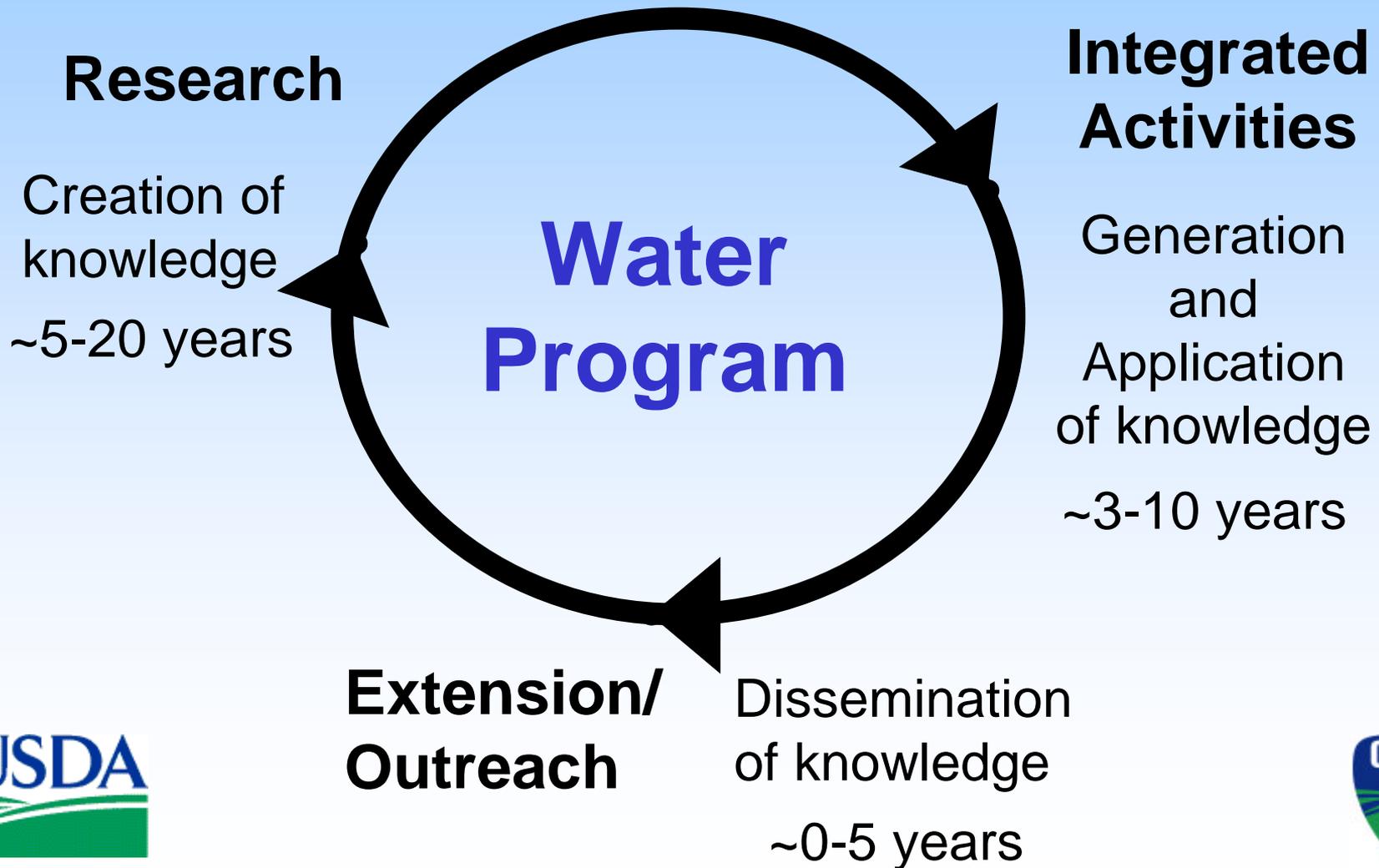


# Water Program Mission

- To create and disseminate knowledge that insures a safe and reliable source of water of the appropriate quality, to meet the needs of
  - Food and fiber production,
  - Human health, use, and economic growth, and
  - Maintenance and protection of natural environmental systems.
- CSREES' unique niche is conducting research, education, and extension programs to protect and improve water resources in agricultural, rural, and urbanizing watersheds (including forest lands, rangelands, and croplands).



# Knowledge Continuum for Water Research, Education, and Extension



# Program Philosophy: Local Action, Regional Accountability, National Coherence

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- Identify major water resource issues to be addressed by USDA-CSREES Water Resources Program
- Define narrow focus areas for projects (e.g., CEAP)
- Fund focus areas for 3-4 years to build a “cohort” of projects within a focus area
- Synthesize and extend knowledge to stakeholders – identify critical uncertainties – refocus priorities

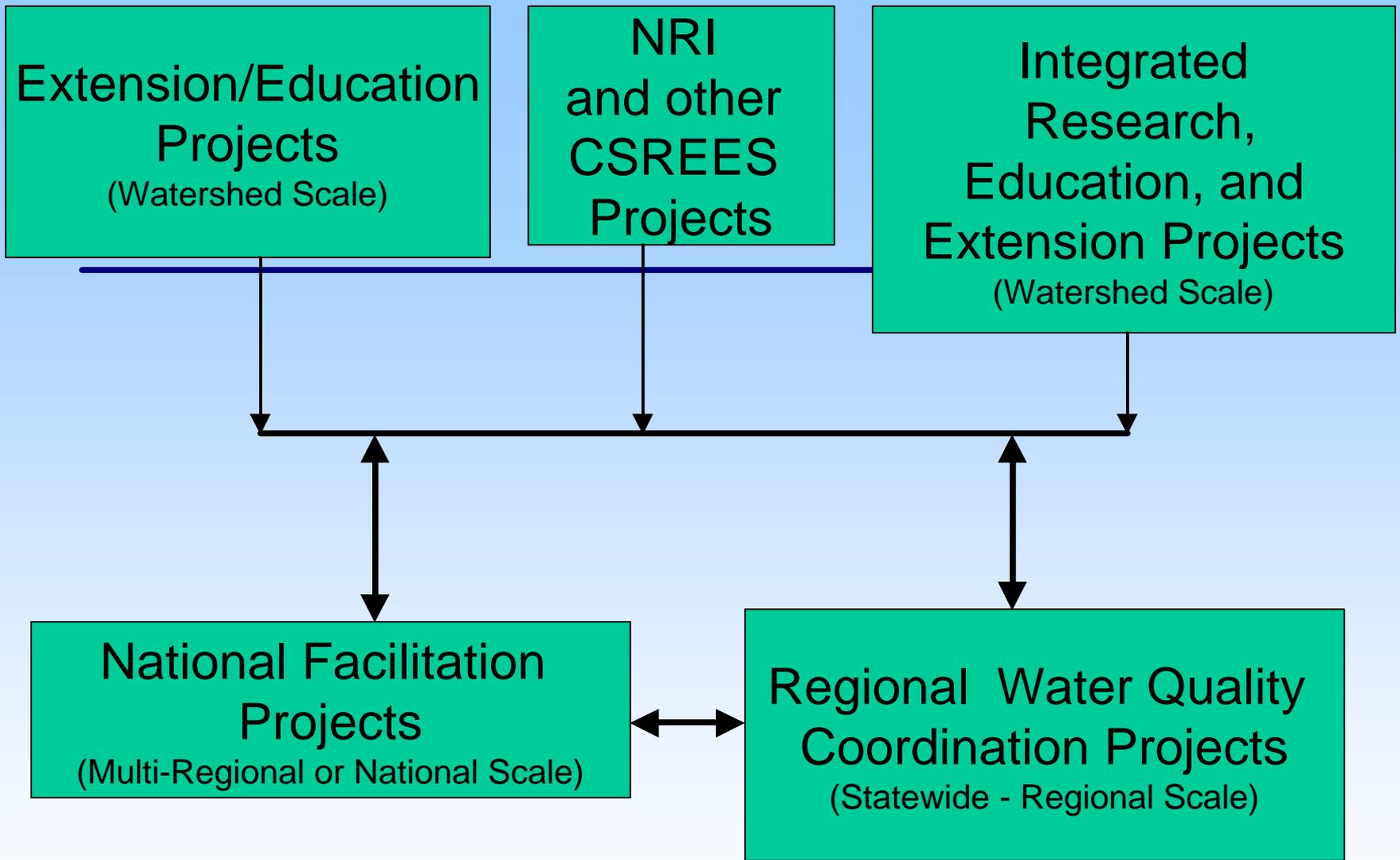


# NIWQP Funding Promotes A National Network With Land Grant Universities

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- NIWQP Funding
  - Regional Water Quality Coordination Projects
  - National Facilitation Projects
  - Extension/Education Projects
  - Integrated Research, Education, and Extension Projects





# CSREES National Water Program Network



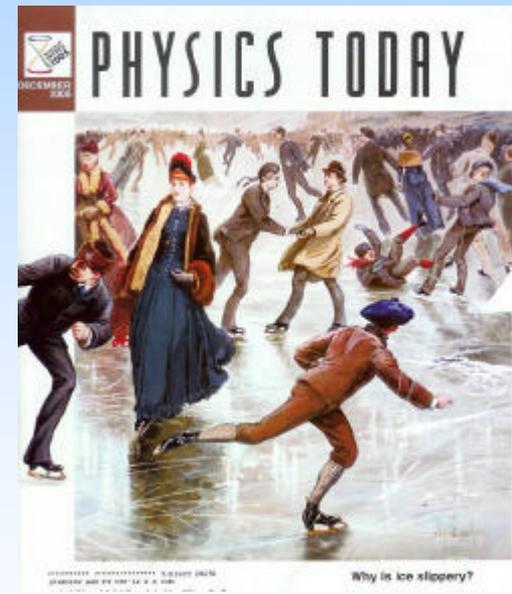
# Synergy Among Projects

- Knowledge created through funded projects is shared at the community and watershed scale via education and outreach activities of projects
- Extension/Education projects and Integrated Research, Education, and Extension projects share and coordinate accomplishments with National Facilitation projects and Regional Water Quality Coordination projects
- National Facilitation and Regional Water Quality Coordination projects coordinate activities to achieve synergistic effects of greater knowledge transfer and use among stakeholders and practitioners

# What's New in the NIWQP?

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- Extension-Education projects are back!
  - New focus: Adoption Outreach, check the RFA
- Alignment with eXtension
  - Explore communities of practice and communities of interest



# Enjoy the Conference!

- Mike O'Neill  
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