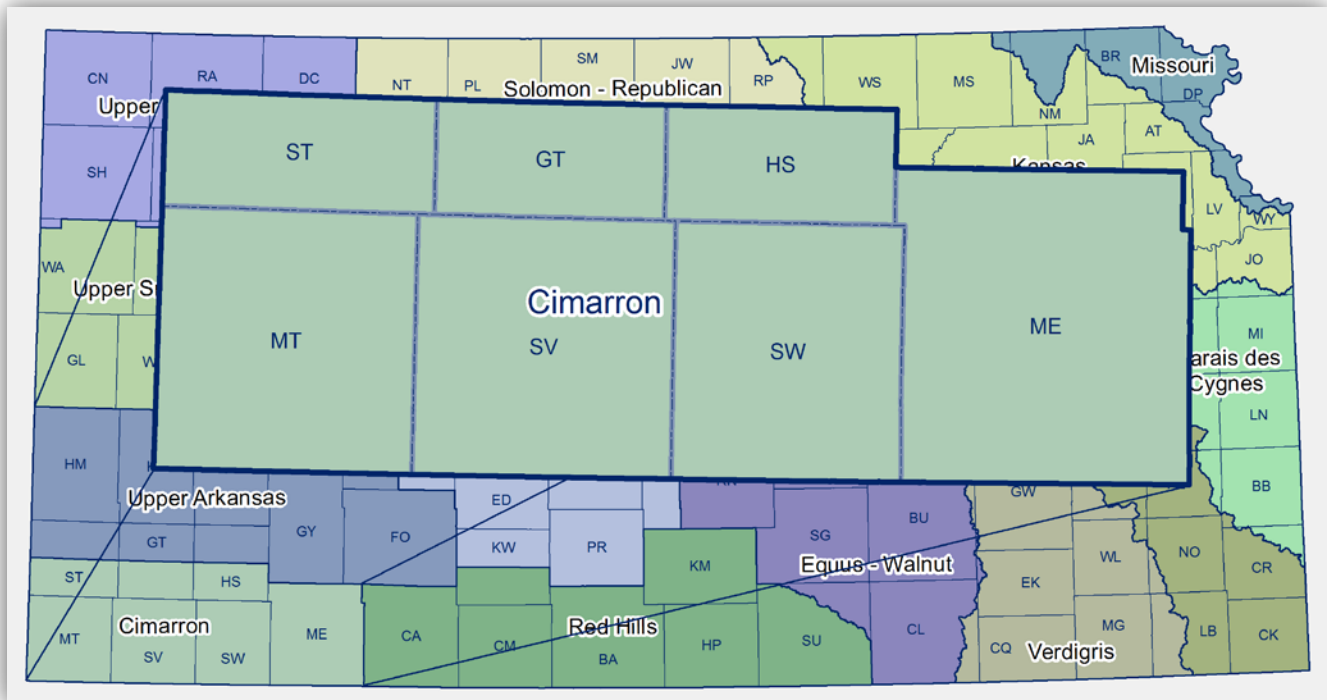


# Cimarron Regional Planning Area

## Guiding Principles

- All goals and solutions towards achieving the goals must be flexible
- Voluntary, incentive and market based solutions are preferred measures for achieving the goals
- Ensure we do not diminish the economic return for all. Overarching goal is to maintain or grow the region's economy



- 1. Reduce the rate of decline of the Ogallala Aquifer in the region through voluntary, incentive-based conservation as assessed every five years.**
2. Extend the usable lifetime of the Ogallala Aquifer in the region through technology adoption (irrigation, industrial, municipal, etc.), new crop varieties and conservation for all uses and for many generations.
3. If individuals elect to conserve then they would be afforded flexibility (e.g. - allowing quantities to be moved, water bank movement, water conservation areas, etc.) Individuals may choose to remain with current water use but not be afforded the flexibilities.
4. As measured through increase in adoption by 50% as assessed each five years, promote the adoption of irrigation efficient technology and invest in university research to evaluate the effectiveness of such technology and crop varieties to develop voluntary incentives and tools to economically reduce water usage. Recommended strategy to achieve Goal - Increase adoption through education by those who are currently using the technology.