



# Tennessee Duck River Development Agency

## Introduction & Overview

### INTRODUCTION

The Tennessee General Assembly created the Tennessee Duck River Development Agency (DRA) in 1965 as a comprehensive regional development agency. Its broad powers include the "control and development of the water resources" of those portions of the Duck River Watershed lying in Bedford, Coffee, Hickman, Marshall, and Maury Counties. Any county or municipality in the Duck River Basin or any governmental entity from which flows any tributary stream of the river, or any county adjoining the river basin may become a sponsoring and participating entity. In 1998, the DRA Board of Directors adopted the following mission statement:

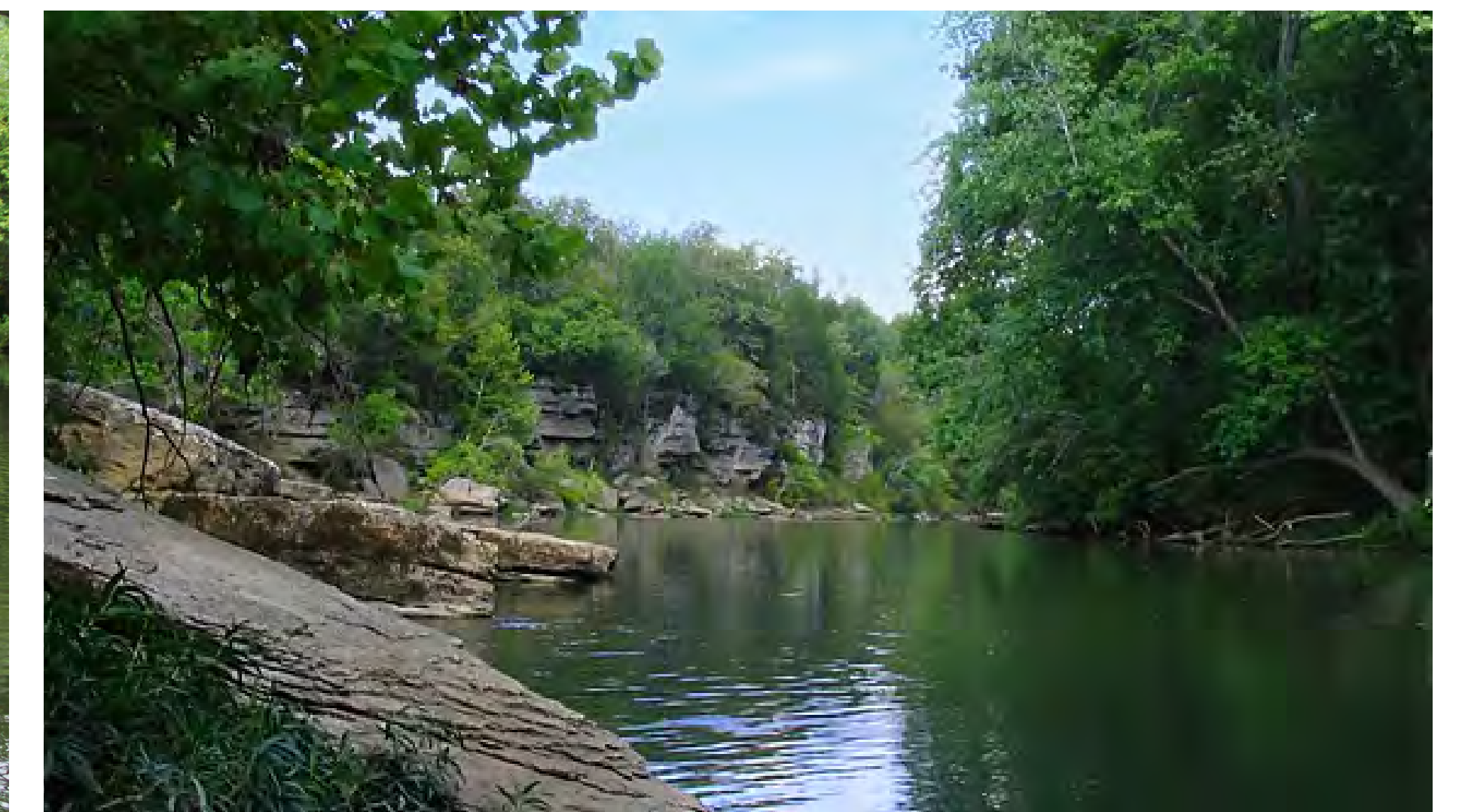
*"To develop, protect, and sustain a clean and dependable water resource for all citizens of the Duck River region."*

The Agency is governed by a 17 member board of directors appointed by the governor. There are two citizens from each of the five participating counties (Coffee, Bedford, Marshall, Maury, and Hickman). There are two county mayors and two city/town mayors serving in the participating area. Two citizens who reside anywhere in the state of Tennessee serve as at-large positions on the board along with a member of the governor's staff. The Agency is managed by Doug Murphy, the Executive Director.

The DRA represents seven water utilities that serve approximately 250,000 people and industries that include car manufacturers, food processing plants, and other businesses utilizing water for production. The seven water utilities contribute five cents per one thousand gallons of water sold into a trust that provides funding for water supply and water quality projects as well as operating expenses for the Agency. Over \$11 million resulting from these contributions have been set aside for water supply infrastructure projects in the Duck River Region.

In November 1999 the DRA/Water Systems partnership was further strengthened with the establishment of the Duck River Agency Technical Advisory Committee ("DRATAC"), which includes the water system managers. DRATAC provides advice, guidance and assistance to the DRA Board and has been a key to the success of the Agency.

The Agency sponsored the formation of the Duck River Watershed Water Resources Council (WRC) in May 2002. The WRC is a voluntary group, which includes all of the federal, state, and local agencies and private organizations working on water supply quantity and quality issues in the watershed. Its purpose is to foster cooperation and coordination of the member's activities as they attempt to fulfill their missions relating to ground and surface water resources.



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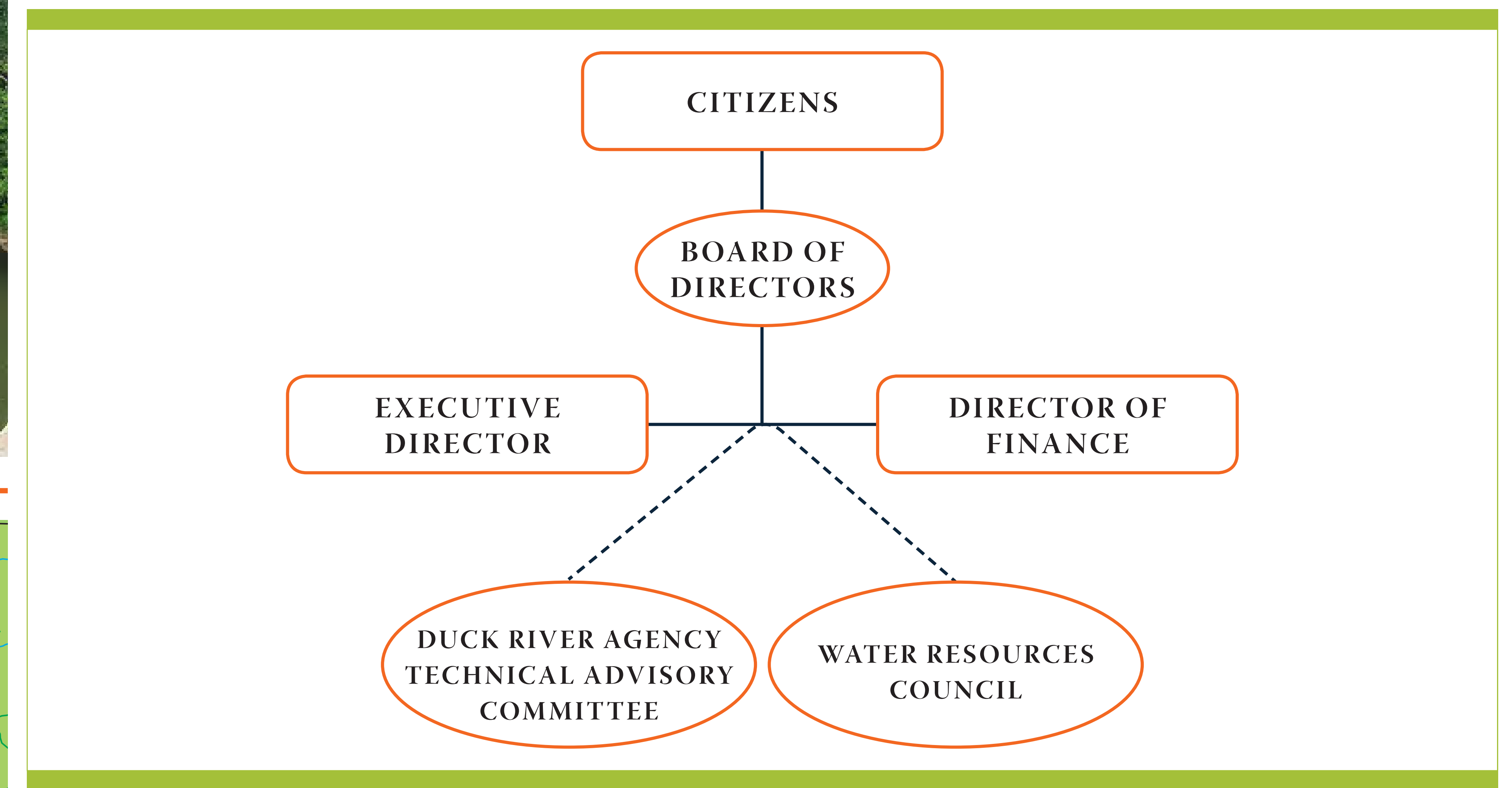
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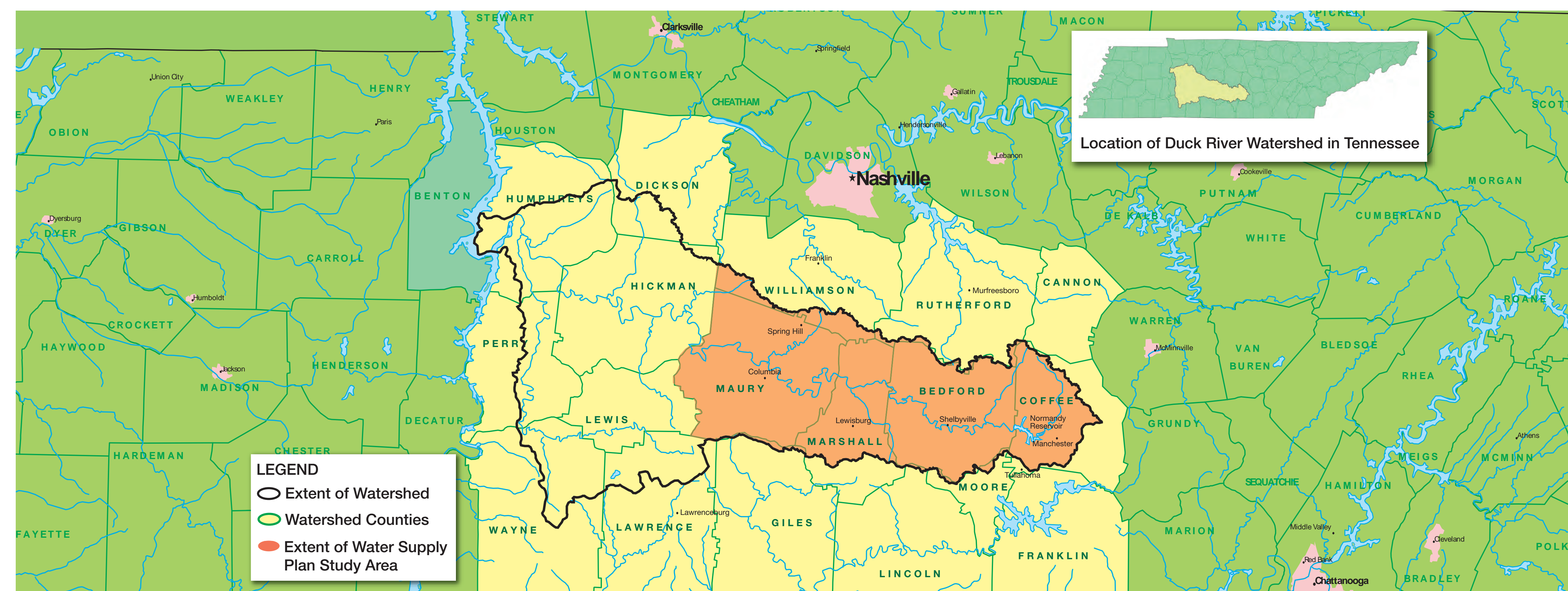
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Duck River Agency Technical Advisory Committee consists of each of the water systems in the Duck River Region.

The Water Resources Council is made up of federal, state, and local agencies that share responsibility for the watershed, concerned environmental organizations and other stakeholder organizations, and individuals working to improve the watershed.



### STUDY AREA



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[www.duckriveragency.org](http://www.duckriveragency.org).

