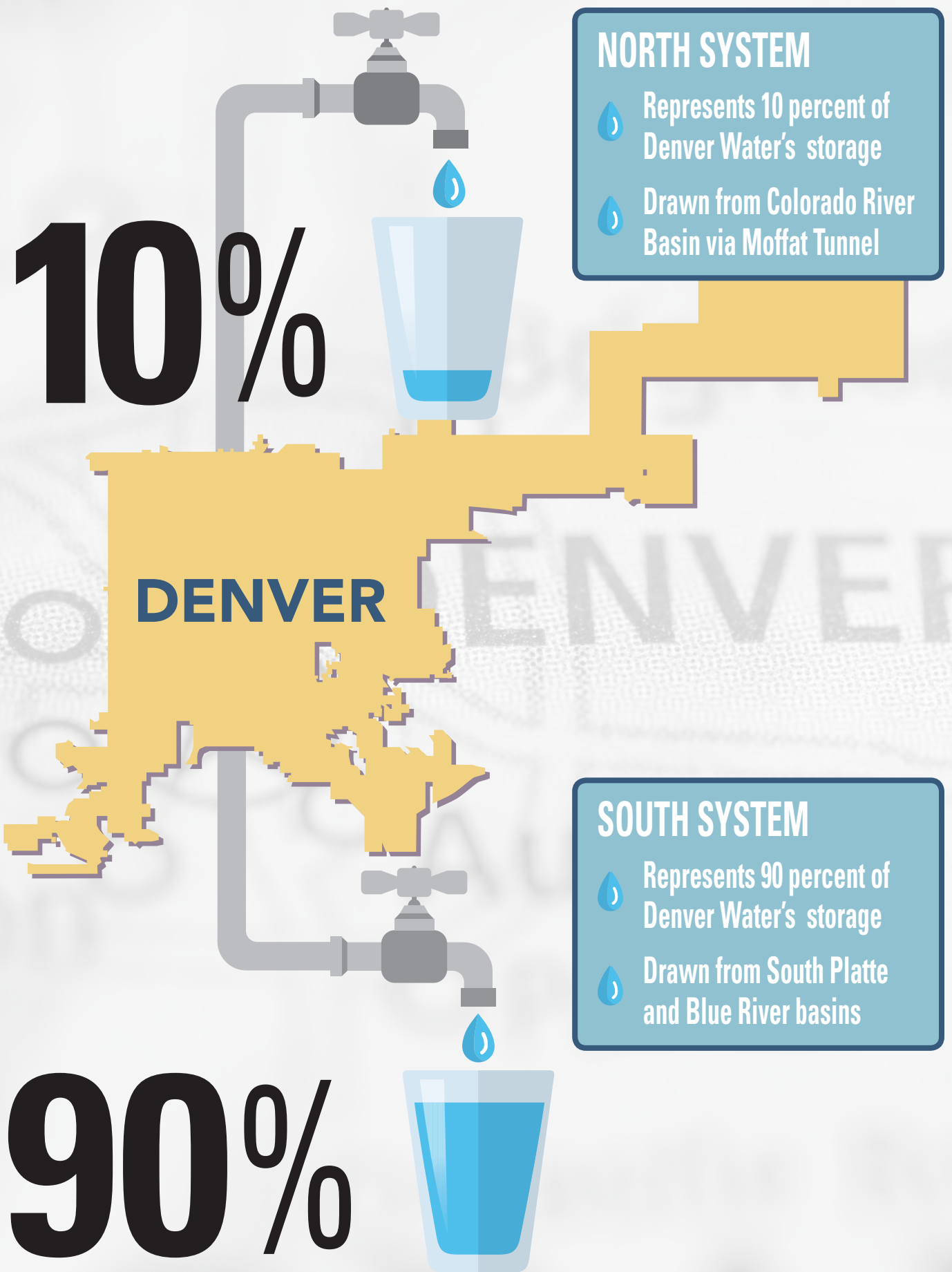


A SYSTEM OUT OF BALANCE

Gross Reservoir Expansion Project provides balance to the system, protects against shortfalls and insulates against potential catastrophic events such as wildfires that could force **Denver Water** to shut down portions of our system.



WARNING FROM MOTHER NATURE

The 1996 Buffalo Creek Fire and the 2002 Hayman Fire charred thousands of acres of land, which resulted in more than 1 million cubic yards of sediment accumulating in Strontia Springs Reservoir on our South System. Increased sediment creates operational challenges, causes water quality issues and clogs treatment plants.

Had the sediment been much worse, our South System water treatment facilities would have been forced offline. Given the current imbalance, our North System would be ill-equipped to fill the gap.

Increasing Gross Reservoir's storage capacity will improve system balance in anticipation of future similar events.