

# Yadkin Regional Water Supply Project

## FAQs: Farming & Pipeline Construction

### What is the Yadkin Regional Water Supply Project?

The Yadkin Regional Water Supply Project is a partnership between Union County and the Town of Norwood to provide a long-term, sustainable supply of water to residents in Union and Stanly counties. It includes...

			
A new water intake and pump station on Lake Tillery in Norwood.	A water supply pipeline to deliver water to Union County.	A water treatment plant in Union County.	A drinking water pipeline to deliver water to Union County's distribution system.

### Why will pipeline construction take place on the property I farm?

In 2019 and 2020, property owners along the water pipeline routes granted utility easements to the project. These easements are legal agreements that allow the project to construct, operate and maintain utility infrastructure in designated easement areas. If you are a tenant farmer, stay in touch with your landlord for property-specific construction information.



### Will I be compensated for the easement or disruptions caused by construction?

Property owners have already been compensated for the easements they granted to the project. If a property owner made stipulations related to farming in the easement agreement, they may have received compensation for disruptions to those activities. No additional compensation will be provided.

## How will the project team provide information about construction activities?

The project team will communicate directly with property owners who granted utility easements. Property owners will be responsible for providing information to their tenants.

Property owners will receive:

- A notification postcard before construction activity begins nearby.
- Contact from a construction team member to coordinate things like driveway access, fence relocation and utility impacts.

Anyone can find information about the project, including a map of construction progress, online at [yadkinwater.com](http://yadkinwater.com).

## How long will construction last?

Construction on individual properties will typically last for a few days to a couple of weeks depending on the length of the easement, the terrain and the type of construction that will occur. The entire project will take about three years to complete, with estimated completion in 2023.

## I found survey stakes or markers on the property I farm. What should I do?

Before work begins, the construction contractor may stake the boundaries of the easement on the property you farm. Please do not remove stakes or markers.

## Will I be allowed to plant crops in the easement area prior to construction?

You can plant crops in the easement area however, the easement will be cleared for construction. Please coordinate with your landlord if you have a concern about planting on a certain date.

## Will I be allowed to farm over the easement?

After construction, crops may be grown in the easement, although trees and other plants with deep roots will not be permitted. The top of the pipe will typically be 2.5 to 4 feet underground, although the actual depth of the pipeline will vary based on topography and other natural factors along the route.

## How will the easement area be restored after construction?

The construction contractors will strip, stockpile and replace the topsoil they excavate from the easement area during pipeline installation. The grade of the easement area will be returned to its pre-construction elevations.

## **I have seeded the easement area for grazing. Will my seed mix be replaced in kind once construction is complete?**

If the property owner stipulated the replacement of specific groundcover in the easement agreement, the construction contractor will adhere to those terms.

### **Where can I learn more?**

Visit the project website to watch a video about utility easements ([yadkinwater.com/utilityeasements.html](http://yadkinwater.com/utilityeasements.html)) and get information about the construction process ([yadkinwater.com/construction.html](http://yadkinwater.com/construction.html)).