

Union County
Public Works
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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Why is Union County partnering with the Town of Norwood in Stanly County?

Union County is partnering with the Town of Norwood to access and transfer water from Lake Tillery. In turn, the Town of Norwood will gain new water intake infrastructure and an ongoing revenue stream to support other critical projects.

Is there enough water for drought conditions?

Extensive water modeling of the Yadkin River and Lake Tillery indicates that adequate water is available to support water supply needs, including during drought conditions. Union County also has a Water Use Ordinance that requires reduction in water use by its customers during drought conditions to preserve the water supply.

When will construction begin?

If an Interbasin Transfer (IBT) certificate is issued, Union County and the Town of Norwood will continue additional permitting and design efforts. Construction is anticipated to begin in early 2019.

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July 2016



A MESSAGE FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Our efforts to bring Union County a long-term, sustainable water supply have made significant progress since our last newsletter and we have exciting updates to share with you.

We're pleased to report the NC Department of Environmental Quality issued a record of decision to accept the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) submitted by Union County. The EIS describes the effects that our plan, along with other potential options, will have on the environment. The EIS is used by government agencies to ensure that our proposed solution is the best one for everyone involved.

The acceptance of the EIS will allow Union County to submit a petition to the Environmental Management Commission (EMC) for an interbasin transfer (IBT) from the Yadkin River. Union County is expecting to receive the certificate in early 2017. In short, we're on the right track.

The EMC issued a draft determination on the IBT Certificate and will hold three public hearings in late August and early September so that everyone in Union County and the Town of Norwood can stay up to date and informed on the process. We encourage you to attend the public hearings, ask questions and voice your opinion on the project.

The Town of Norwood has been a tremendous partner throughout this process, and we appreciate their collaboration and contributions over the last four years to make our project a success.

We still have a long way to go but we're proud of the progress we've made in securing a safe and sustainable water supply.

Thank you for your interest. Please look through this newsletter to learn more about the project and how you can become involved.



Ed Goscicki, Executive Director
Union County Public Works



A MESSAGE FROM THE TOWN OF NORWOOD

The Town of Norwood is first to recognize the importance of sustainable water for all citizens regardless of where they reside. Borders and county lines become invisible in projects such as the Yadkin Regional Water Supply project.

Norwood is blessed to have Lake Tillery within our municipal borders and we appreciate the lasting relationships that have been established during the collaborative process with Union County.

Union County residents should take great pleasure in knowing that they have perhaps one of the most well managed and forward thinking Public Works departments in the United States, one of which has endeavored to secure the future needs of Union county for decades to come.

Considering the magnitude of this project, the Town of Norwood cannot say enough great things about the professionalism and organizational talents that Union County has brought to the table.



The Town of Norwood is very appreciative to be a partner with the good people of Union County and we invite you to visit our quaint little town during your next daytime excursion. - **John Mullis**, Commissioner Town of Norwood

YADKIN REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY PROJECT in Norwood

Union County and the Town of Norwood hosted a Community Information Meeting on Wednesday, April 16, 2016, at the Norwood Community Building in Norwood, NC. Residents were able to meet with members of the project team and a formal presentation was given followed by a question and answer session. For those unable to attend the meeting in person, an online version of the meeting was made available on the project website. To view the meeting handout, boards, presentation and online meeting, visit the project website at www.yadkinwater.com/resources.php.

ARBOR DAY FESTIVAL

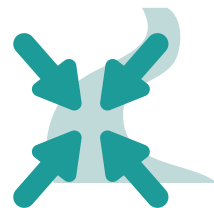
Yadkin Regional Water Supply project team members attended Norwood's Arbor Day Festival on Saturday, April 23. The three day festival featured live music, local entertainment, food and craft vendors, and much more. Over 3,000 residents from Norwood and surrounding towns attended the free festival.



PROJECT BENEFITS:



A LONG-TERM WATER SUPPLY FOR RESIDENTS.



REDUCED DEPENDENCY ON THE CATAWBA RIVER



INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING FOR NORWOOD

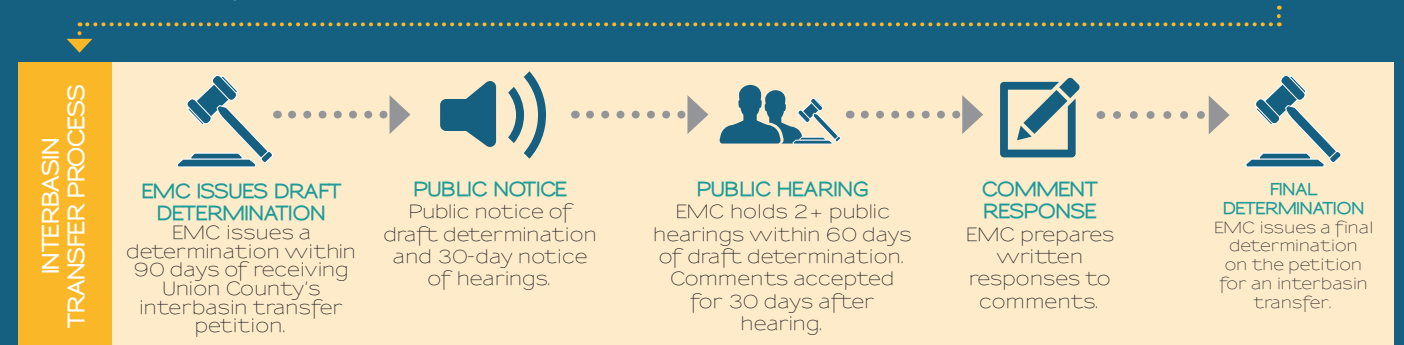


SUPPORT FOR CONTINUED ECONOMIC GROWTH IN UNION COUNTY AND NORWOOD

STATE REGULATORY PROCESS

Union County is required by the State of North Carolina to undergo an environmental review process to analyze potential alternatives and their impact on the human environment. This process results in Draft and Final Environmental Impact Statements (EIS) that document

the details of the analysis. The Final EIS will be reviewed by the Environmental Management Commission (EMC) alongside the petition for an Interbasin Transfer Permit. The EMC reviewed these documents and issued a Record of Decision in April 2016. As part of the regulatory process, there are multiple opportunities for the public to review and comment, which are demonstrated in the graphic below.



YOU ARE INVITED: UNION COUNTY IBT PUBLIC HEARINGS

The North Carolina Department of Water Resources and the Environmental Management Commission will host three public hearings for Union County's Interbasin Transfer certificate. Residents are invited to attend the public hearing to learn more about the project and submit comments.

Tuesday Aug. 23rd
6:00 p.m.

SOURCE BASIN (Upstream)

Norwood Community Building
247 West Turner St.
Norwood, NC 28128

Wednesday Aug. 24th
6:00 p.m.

SOURCE BASIN (Downstream)

Anson County Hampton B. Allen Library
Downstairs Theatre
120 South Greene St.
Wadesboro, NC 28170

Thursday Sep. 1st
6:00 p.m.

RECEIVING BASIN (Rocky River)

Union County Government Center - Room 118 - Board Room
500 North Main St.
Monroe, NC 28112

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Residents are invited to attend an upcoming IBT public hearing held in Union County or to visit the project website and leave a comment.

If you do not wish to receive future messages, please visit the project website and leave a comment indicating your desire to be removed from the mailing list.

STAY INFORMED

Stay up to date on the Yadkin Regional Water Supply project by visiting the project website at www.yadkinwater.com. The project website features:

- A Project overview video
- Upcoming public meeting dates
- Project maps
- And much more!



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