

Utilities Department Status Report for Oct. 2025 (covering Sep. 2025)

PROJECT/	
CATEGORY	STATUS
WTP	All is well.
WWTP	Getting River pumping station back online is of top priority. A contract with Carolina Civilworks has been executed and they are aware of the urgency.
West Fork of the Eno Reservoir	 The reservoir is at approximately 51' as it was lowered some in anticipation of another storm which ended up a non-event. 53' is the normal Phase 2 pool elevation. Water has been hovering just below spilling for a few months now. On Oct. 6 inspections of both WFER and LBJ were performed by our dam consultant. Results forthcoming. A letter was sent to one adjacent property owner at WFER outlining the town's responsibilities for continued maintenance of a drive and culvert pipe installed as part of an easement agreement with the owner when WFER was built. The town is not responsible for continued upkeep.
Misc	 The Lawndale sewer rehabilitation project SRF loan was approved by the LGC on Sep. 9. A contract has been sent to Hinterland Group to execute. Will be working on resident outreach followed by a preconstruction meeting. Draft HMGP applications were uploaded to the state system for the River PS and the Starfield BPS. A request for public assistance was submitted to the state for TS Chantal damages. A workplan for the dedicated EPA STAG funding the town received for the Starfield booster pumping station has been prepared and submitted. We are working on additional forms for the funds. Changes to town code regarding sewer lateral responsibility are forthcoming in the Oct. work session. A consultant, Freese and Nichols, will be presenting a brief overview of their work to evaluate replacement of Hasell St. Water Tank and US70 Water Main. Our other consultant, Hazen and Sawyer will present recommendations for the water system master planning project. This is a requirement of receiving grant funding from the state to do the studies. This will be scheduled for the Oct. 27 work session. The Department is scanning its remaining flat file drawings.
Staffing	 We have several new faces and a returning face in the collection and distribution division. The Utilities Director will be on intermittent FMLA between 10/6 and 10/24.