



TOWN OF  
**HILLSBOROUGH**

**Utilities Department Status Report for Dec. 2024 (covering Nov. 2024)**

<b>PROJECT/ CATEGORY</b>	<b>STATUS</b>
WTP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Both rebuilt raw water pumps are installed.</li> <li>○ The Hasell St booster pump is running on one pump due to the other pump's shaft breaking. A standby system has been placed in case of issues with the remaining pump. This station is responsible for pushing water to our north pressure zone and storage tank. The rebuilt pump is not due back until late November.</li> </ul>
WWTP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Phase 2 of the wastewater plant master plan is kicking off.</li> <li>○ The site is hosting a pilot project for failing septic systems. See social media post of 12/4/24.</li> <li>○ Jeff is participating in a workgroup for the UNRBA next steps for Falls Lake rule revisions.</li> </ul>
West Fork of the Eno Reservoir	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The reservoir is approximately 1 foot below normal.</li> </ul>
Developments/ Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Fees for Persimmon at Cates Creek have not yet been paid sans engineering review fees.</li> <li>○ The lead service line inventory has been submitted to the state but evaluations remain underway.</li> <li>○ The Adron F. Thompson facility was granted a variance for setbacks from the Board of Adjustment.</li> <li>○ Field work is underway for both River and Starfield pumping stations. Negotiations with the property owner for Starfield booster station has been started.</li> <li>○ Report comments were provided to the consultant for Hasell St. water tank and US70 water main.</li> <li>○ A recent ruling on fluoride will have EPA reassessing acceptable recommended levels. The town will review any new recommendations and present to the board, if necessary, at that time, any suggested changes to its protocol. Currently, we are compliant with the limits and recommendations for fluoridation from the NC DHHS and dental industry and have included fluoride in our treatment process for decades as well as report annually on levels as required.</li> </ul>
Staffing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Kim Copeland has joined us in the new administrative position.</li> <li>○ The Utilities Director is on intermittent FMLA to assist her husband with a new cancer diagnosis. During times of extended absence, she will designate key contacts in her stead, but generally will be on E-mail, regardless.</li> <li>○ At least two utilities staff members have assisted in western NC to assist in restoration efforts two separate times. Troy Miller is going to assist Asheville with backflow assembly assessments in December and January.</li> <li>○ Terry Rich returned to his former utility inspector position.</li> </ul>
Water and Sewer Advisory Committee (WSAC) Activities	<p>Two out of town vacancies are open and there have been no applicants in the past several months. WSAC is scheduled for 12/5 and generally will receive general updates. WSAC's routine work has generally been accomplished and there are discussions underway whether to transition to an ad hoc committee.</p>