



TOWN OF
HILLSBOROUGH

Utilities Department Status Report for Apr. 2024 (covering Mar. 2024)

PROJECT/ CATEGORY	STATUS
WTP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Paving of asphalt and curbing was performed on deteriorated sections into and behind the plant.
WWTP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Nothing of note.
West Fork of the Eno Reservoir	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The reservoir is spilling. ○ Cleanup of brush around the fencing, water's edge and touch up of the tower entrance is being performed. ○ Staff would like to arrange a site visit for the BOC to see the completed reservoir.
Developments/ Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Collins Ridge developer still has not requested acceptance of Phase 1A well over a year after it was placed into service. A letter was sent to the developer indicating our hesitation to allow future phases without meaningful steps to acceptance of the completed phase. ○ Staff is running some sewer hydraulic modeling scenarios related to the Capkov and now Comet proposal. ○ The financial rate model has been heavily vetted and still under modifications. ○ Flow monitors have been placed in sewer outfalls for four months to compare flow to the prior modeling study completed a few years back the week of April 8 to help determine current capacity.
Lead Service Line Inventory	<p>Staff met with its consultant who is making progress on an initial swipe at our inventory needs for lead service lines. Federal regulations require the town to inventory all water services on the public AND private side and report to the state by October 16, 2024. Over the summer, additional public information and survey will need to be distributed regarding this assessment. Once the inventory is known, the town will need to notify customers that have an unknown service line material and prepare a plan of replacement for any lead service lines found. We also want to publish the map and our consultant has a dashboard created for this when we are ready.</p>
Fiber Installs	<p>Lumos is on a self-imposed moratorium for the moment so Google and Brightspeed are the only two fiber companies in town. Brightspeed has been utilizing above ground cabling when possible but there are areas where they must go below ground. Expecting more damages to services.</p>
Staffing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The administrative position for utilities been advertised with an overwhelming response thus far. The position is open until May 19. ○ Utilities is no longer fully staffed as we now have a collection crew opening.
Funding	<p>Utilities has selected Hazen and Sawyer to complete design for River pumping station and Kimley-Horn to complete design for the OWASA booster station. OWASA has requested we not call it that so we are considering Starfield BPS as a name because it will be placed near Starfield Circle off Old Hwy 86. Other funded projects (water system master planning, Hassell and US 70) are underway.</p>
Water and Sewer Advisory Committee (WSAC) Activities	<p>Two out of town vacancies are open. WSAC is scheduled in June and generally will receive updates to projects and budget. WSAC and the BOC have a joint meeting in August.</p>