

# UNION COUNTY

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### Press Release

## Construction Company Selected for Catawba River Water Treatment Plant Reservoir

**MONROE, N.C. (July 19, 2016)** -- Union County Public Works announced it has selected the company for the construction of the Catawba River Water Treatment Plant (CRWTP) reservoir. The County has awarded the contract to Philips & Jordan, Inc. in the amount of \$34,502,303.00. This cost will be split equally (\$17,251,151.50 each) between Union County and our joint venture partner Lancaster County Water and Sewer District. Construction is set to begin in late fall.

The CRWTP is a water treatment facility located in Van Wyck, SC. It supplies clean, treated water to the residents and businesses of Union County, NC and Lancaster County, SC. A new reservoir is being constructed to hold one billion (1,000,000,000) gallons of raw water. It will encompass 92 acres and incorporate a new 66 million-gallon-per-day raw water pump station to feed the treatment facility.

The new reservoir will provide a constant supply of raw water to the treatment plant in times of low flow or drought. The increased capacity will mean 10 times more water reserve than the existing reservoir is capable of providing. It also increases water supply reliability to help meet water demands during emergency situations. This will be addressed by installing redundant pipelines, a standby pump and electrical back-up power at the Reservoir Pumping Station.

#### **About Union County Public Works**

Union County Public Works (UCPW) provides water supply, wastewater treatment, solid waste management and facilities management services to the unincorporated areas and many of the incorporated areas of Union County. UCPW is the water and wastewater utility service provider to all of the municipalities in Union with the exception of Monroe, Marshville, and Wingate. UCPW has nearly 120 employees and a total operating budget which is primarily funded through rates and fees charged for services. UCPW receives only a small portion of revenue from the tax supported general fund for the Facilities Management Division.

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