



Summer 2023 Newsletter

Community Meeting to Discuss the Proposed Rezoning for New Drinking Water Facility Site

The Western Intake Partnership (WIP) recently conducted a community meeting on July 20th to discuss a rezoning application for two parcels located near the intersection of N Pea Ridge Road and Seaforth Road. This is the planned location of the Jordan Lake Water Supply Project Regional Water Treatment Facility. A letter was sent to neighboring property owners on July 1, 2023, inviting them to attend. The meeting was held at the Chatham Community Library. Attendees had the opportunity to learn about the rezoning request, ask questions, and share concerns.

The land was purchased by Orange Water and Sewer Authority (OWASA), one of the WIP Partners, in 1989 with future water treatment plans in mind. Now, with the area growing, the WIP intends to construct a water treatment facility on this property by 2031. The Partners are seeking Chatham County's approval to change the property's zoning to "Light Industrial – Conditional District" to accommodate the new facility. The overarching goal of the Jordan Lake Water Supply Project is to provide a sustainable water supply solution for the community's

evolving needs. By engaging in open communication and considering valuable input from residents, the Partnership aims to create a facility that is in harmony with the surrounding community.

You can view the presentation from the public meeting on the WIP website.

westernintakepartnership.com/application/files/4716/9090/4525/WIP_Rezoning_Community_Input_Meeting-July-20-2023.pdf



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Envision Sustainability Framework

The Partners continue to incorporate the Envision Sustainability Framework in the development of the Jordan Lake Water Supply Project by evaluating how to make the project sustainable and resilient while also being cost-effective. The Envision Sustainability Framework is a nationally-recognized approach the Partners are using to guide design and stakeholder engagement and assist in understanding the impacts of the project on the natural environment and surrounding communities.

Learn more about sustainable infrastructure and the Envision Framework.

sustainableinfrastructure.org/envision/overview-of-envision/



WIP Awarded NCDEQ Grants

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) have both provided a unique opportunity for infrastructure funding for stormwater, drinking water, and wastewater studies. The North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is administering these funds through the State's various funding programs for water and wastewater systems. Each of the Partners applied to the Merger/Regionalization Feasibility Grant program, administered by DEQ, to support the work to further develop the regional partnership opportunity presented by the Jordan Lake Water Supply Project. The Partners are excited to have received awards totaling \$1.35 million in grant funding.

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NC Division of Parks and Recreation, Jordan Lake State Recreation Area, Staff Photo

If you're looking for the perfect place to escape the hustle and bustle of the Triangle, try Jordan Lake. You may feel as if you've stepped into an undiscovered oasis of fun. Year-round, it's a popular destination for fishermen, hikers, and outdoor enthusiasts. It's conveniently located - even those just looking for an afternoon away from city life can enjoy all Jordan Lake has to offer. During the summer, visitors can take advantage of the seven beaches located along the lake. In the colder months, there are over 14 miles of hiking trails with options for all levels of hikers.

Visit the North Carolina State Parks page for Jordan Lake. ncparks.gov/state-parks/jordan-lake-state-recreation-area

We Want to Hear from You

Creating an environment that promotes, supports, and advances equity and inclusion is vital to the success of the WIP! Receiving feedback will help us have a better understanding of community needs and potential impacts as the project progresses. That is why we want to hear from you!

Please fill out our Community Outreach Survey on the WIP website. westernintakepartnership.com/get-involved/community-survey



Partnership Website



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