



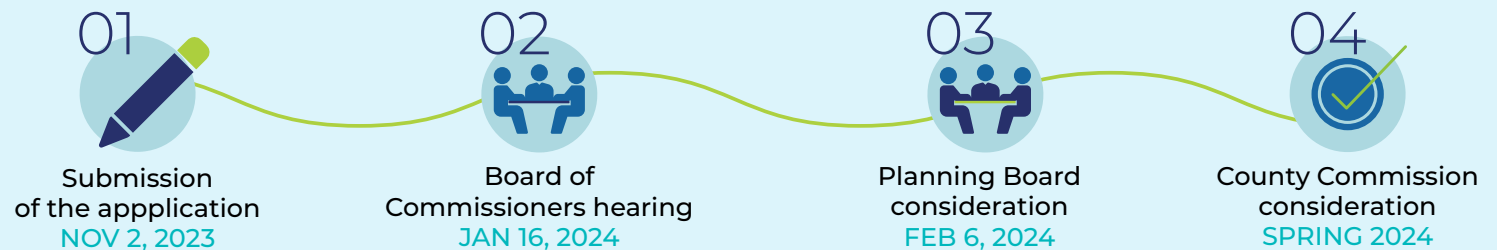
# Winter 2024 Newsletter

## WIP Rezoning Update

The Western Intake Partnership (WIP) applied to Chatham County in November 2023 requesting that the site of the future Regional Water Treatment Facility be rezoned for Conditional Light Industrial usage. The rezoning will align with the site's intended purpose so that the Western Intake Partners can move forward with their long-planned project to meet the future water supply and treatment needs of this growing region.

Over the past two months, WIP representatives have appeared before the Chatham County Board of Commissioners and Planning Board to present information and answer questions pertaining to the application. Members of the community also had an opportunity at these meetings to comment on the application and the Jordan Lake Water Supply Project. The project is scheduled for County Commission consideration on March 18. The rezoning process is anticipated to conclude by Spring 2024.

### Rezoning Application **Process to Approval**



## WIP Works with Government Agencies to Request Project Approvals

The WIP project team is actively collaborating with state and federal agencies to advance the construction of the proposed water supply facilities on and near Jordan Lake, where the land is owned by the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), including land USACE leases to the State of North Carolina. By mid-year, the Partnership plans to submit 'non-recreational outgrant' applications to the USACE. USACE outgrant will outline certain terms for the facilities' construction and operation on the land. The non-recreational outgrant applications incorporate a draft Environmental Assessment (EA) prepared by the WIP team in compliance with federal regulations which documents environmental and cultural resources in the project area, anticipated environmental impacts from the construction of the intake/raw water facilities and treated water transmission pipeline, and measures expected to be taken to minimize and mitigate impacts. Following the public comment period and USACE review of the draft EA and comments received, the document will be finalized to support the issuance of the outgrants. The non-recreational outgrant applications and EA will be submitted to the USACE for review, with a forthcoming public review period. Additionally, North Carolina state agencies such as NC Division of Water Resources, NC Parks and NC Wildlife Resource Commission, will review the applications, ensuring a comprehensive evaluation from both the public and regulatory perspectives.





## WIP Announces Contracts and Delivery Methods for Jordan Lake Water Supply Project

The Partners recently announced their approach for packaging the WIP Jordan Lake Water Supply Program construction contracts and delivery methods for each, to ensure a transparent and competitive procurement process. Four contracts are anticipated to be awarded. These contracts will use one of two methods to plan, design, and build each part of the project:

### Progressive design-build

This is a modern approach where the design and construction of the project are combined into one contract. The company chosen works with WIP from the start to design the project and then builds it. This method is planned for the water intake system and the water treatment facility, with the selection of companies expected in 2025.

### Design-bid-build

This more-traditional delivery method separates the design and construction phases. First, the project is fully designed. Then, companies bid to perform the construction based on the completed designs. This method is planned for the treated water transmission pipeline and for the water storage tanks, with construction company selection expected in 2027.



Emphasizing their commitment to an equitable process, the WIP plans to host multiple informational sessions and opportunities in 2024 for the engineering and contracting community to learn more about the WIP projects and engage directly with the project team. These initiatives are designed to foster a fair and open environment for potential contractors and engineers, ensuring the project's success while upholding the City of Durham's standards for minority and women-owned business participation.



### Partnership Website



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