

# **Summer 2024 Newsletter**

# WIP Works with Government Agencies on Environmental Permitting Progress

The Western Intake Partnership (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. The Partnership will submit two non-recreational outgrant (NRO) applications to USACE for approval. These USACE Outgrants will authorize use of federally-owned land on and around Jordan Lake for the WIP water supply facilities and outline certain terms for the facilities' construction and operation on the land.

The NRO application for the Finished Water Transmission pipeline will be created directly by the Partners. Due to existing agreements between USACE and the State of North Carolina regarding Jordan Lake as a water source, the Raw Water Intake NRO application will be submitted by the State on behalf of the WIP. The WIP project team has submitted the Raw Water Intake NRO application materials to NCDEQ for review and approval. Once the Raw Water Intake NRO application is signed by the State, both applications will be submitted to USACE for its review and approval. USACE's review of the applications will include an opportunity for public review and comment.

The Partners are currently planning for another public information meeting in early Fall 2024. Visit the **Western Intake Partnership website** for more information in the coming months.





# Engineering and Interlocal Agreement Updates

A working group of Partnership staff and legal counsel continues working to complete the WIP Interlocal Agreement (ILA), a critical document that will cement cooperation and shared objectives among its members. The Partners are targeting presenting the WIP ILA to their respective governing boards by fall 2024.

Hazen and Sawyer have finalized their Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) for water intake and transmission infrastructure, and CDM Smith is submitting their water treatment facility PER this month. These reports document the Partners' progress in evaluating the optimal alternatives for the Jordan Lake Water Supply project and are critical in cementing the cooperation and shared objectives of all members. The PERs include useful engineering information for the Partners, such as:

- Design alternatives for the water intake, water treatment technologies, finished water pumping, pipeline installation using trenchless technologies, etc.
- Hydraulic modeling results and analysis
- Opinion of Probable Construction Cost (OPCC)
- Preliminary drawings
- Envision sustainability features

### **Enjoy Jordan Lake**

If you're looking for a perfect place to escape the hustle and bustle of the Triangle, take a visit to Jordan Lake. 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 easily enjoy all Jordan Lake has to offer. During the summer, visitors can take advantage of many hiking trails, recreation areas, and beaches located along the lake.

Check out all Jordan Lake has to offer by visiting the **Jordan Lake State Recreation Area website.** 



#### **Partnership Website**



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