



Alamance County Board of Commissioners

ACTION ITEM AGENDA ITEM

MEETING DATE: 4/7/2025

DATE SUBMITTED: 3/28/2025

FROM: Bruce Walker

DEPT: County Management

AGENDA TITLE: North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality Division of Water Infrastructure Spring 2025 Application for Funding

TO: Alamance County Board of Commissioners

ISSUE/ACTION REQUESTED:

Permission to Apply to the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality Division of Water for Funding in an approximate amount of \$900,000 for a waterline to be extended to six (6) residences to ensure clean drinking water for those residential wells that have been impacted by Emerging Contaminants (PFAS) along Swepsonville-Saxapahaw Rd. (see attached map). NCDEQ has encouraged us to apply for this grant.

There is no required county match for these funds. The application deadline is April 30th 2025.

BACKGROUND/PURPOSE OF REQUEST:

Conversations between County Staff, NCDEQ, and the Town of Swepsonville indicate that the Town of Swepsonville will be supportive of this project and will allow the County to tie onto an existing Town waterline to extend water to the six (6) residences whose wells have been impacted. All Emerging Contaminant Funding will be offered as 100% Principal Forgiveness Loans. Applications will be scored based on the established Priority Rating System.

PFAS is a group of emerging chemical compounds in the news over the last few years at the State and Federal levels. In late summer of 2024, NCDEQ set Maximum Standards goals for levels of PFAS in drinking water. The Haw River assembly tested residential drinking wells based on these new standards. After their testing yielded levels above the new standards, they notified NCDEQ, their state representatives, and Alamance County. NCDEQ also tested these wells and then contacted Alamance County, and they are working with us on additional testing.

Funding associated with this application will be used to extend potable water from the Town of Swepsonville's water system near the intersection of Swepsonville-Saxapahaw Road and Alfred Road, for a waterline to be extended to six (6) residences to ensure clean drinking water for those residential wells that have been impacted along Swepsonville-Saxapahaw Road. The NCDEQ has encouraged us to apply for this funding/grant opportunity.

RECOMMENDATION:

If the Board approves Alamance County to apply for the Funding/Grant then please approve resolution for the Grant that is needed to receive the funds and manage the project. This is needed for the funding/grant materials we are submitting to NCDEQ.

ATTACHMENTS: