



# NEW HANOVER COUNTY

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### **OFFICIAL ELECTRONIC MAIL SENT VIA EMAIL. NO HARD COPY TO FOLLOW.**

March 12, 2026

The Honorable Thom Tillis  
United States Senate  
113 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

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The Honorable David Rouzer  
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Dear Senator Tillis, Senator Budd, and Representative Rouzer:

On behalf of the New Hanover County Board of Commissioners, I am pleased to offer our strong support for the Cape Fear Public Utility Authority's (CFPUA) Raw Water Transmission Main Extension Project – Engineering and Design, submitted for consideration under the Fiscal Year 2027 appropriations process through the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Environmental Infrastructure program.

This vital infrastructure project will support the engineering and design of the extension of a new 48-inch raw water transmission main that will provide a critical connection needed to replace and remove 100-year old infrastructure from service, provide regional resiliency and redundancy for the County's primary water supply, and support the full hydraulic design capacity of the Sweeney Water Treatment Plant.

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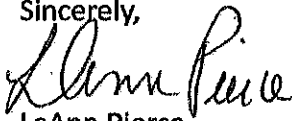
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Federal assistance requested through the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Environmental Infrastructure account will fund engineering and design necessary to prepare this project for construction. This investment will leverage significant local commitment from CFPUA and will help protect public health, support economic growth, and maintain affordable service rates for residents and businesses throughout the region.

New Hanover County strongly supports CFPUA's request and respectfully encourages your favorable consideration of this important investment in the long-term sustainability and resilience of our community's drinking water infrastructure.

Thank you for your continued leadership and service to the residents of North Carolina.

Sincerely,

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LeAnn Pierce

Chair

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Dear Senator Tillis, Senator Budd, and Representative Rouzer:

On behalf of the Lower Cape Fear Water and Sewer Authority (LCFWASA), I am pleased to offer our strong support for the Cape Fear Public Utility Authority's (CFPUA) Raw Water Transmission Main Extension Project – Engineering and Design, submitted for consideration under the Fiscal Year 2027 appropriations process through the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Environmental Infrastructure program.

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LCFWASA is proud to be a partner and primary raw water supplier to New Hanover County, the City of Wilmington and Wrightsville Beach via our service to CFPUA. The requested funding will complement work currently underway at LCFWASA and complete the necessary construction to allow CFPUA to take full advantage of the investments our organization has made on behalf of the region.

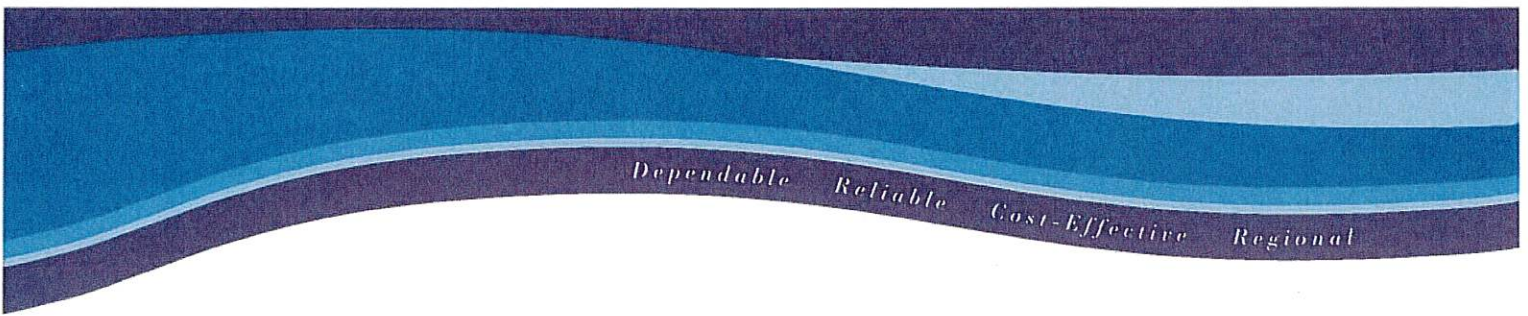
## *Lower Cape Fear Water & Sewer Authority*

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Tim Holloman  
Executive Director  
LCFWASA

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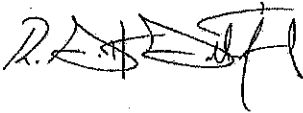
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Sincerely,



R. Scott Satterfield  
Chief Executive Officer

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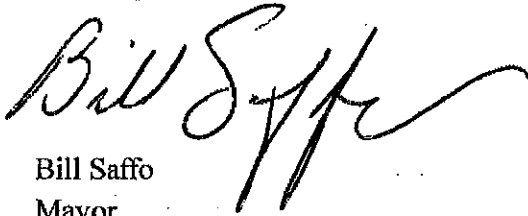
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Bill Saffo  
Mayor  
City of Wilmington