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### **Construction Underway on Beatty's Ford Beach Project**

(Denver) Lincoln County in partnership with Duke Energy announce construction is underway for the Beatty's Ford Beach Project located at the end of Unity Church Road in Denver. Beatty's Ford Beach will include a public swim beach area, accessible fishing pier, a concession building with bathrooms, additional paved parking and a looped drive for safe entering and exiting of the park. The new amenities will allow public swimming access to Lake Norman and future program offerings from Lincoln County Parks and Recreation. As part of Duke Energy's Catawba-Wataeree license, issued by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in 2015, the Company is working to enhance public recreation, as well as habitat for fish and other aquatic life. Beatty's Ford Park is one of more than 30 sites along the river and lakes that will be improved before 2038. Construction is slated for completion in the Fall of 2024 and the swim beach will open to the public in May 2025. Upon completion, Beatty's Ford Beach will become the third public access area for swimming on Lake Norman.

"We are very excited for this project as it will add another amenity for Lincoln County families and visitors. Lake Norman is the largest man-made lake in the state of North Carolina, and creating a safe and enjoyable access for the public to enjoy adds to the caliber of our community," said Parks and Recreation Director John Davis.

Duke Energy and Lincoln County Parks and Recreation ask the public please follow posted signage at the construction site and stay clear of construction crews to allow for safety.