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Basin Recovery

(Lincolnton) Lincoln County, like many other jurisdictions in the North Carolina Piedmont, has experienced several beneficial rainfall events over the past several weeks. This has allowed the Catawba-Wateree River Basin to improve from the recent drought. Lincoln County follows the Catawba-Wateree Drought Management Advisory Group (CW-DMAG) protocol for drought management in the Catawba-Wateree River Basin. CW-DMAG has issued a statement that the Catawba-Wateree River Basin recovered to Normal conditions on August 18, 2025. The CW-DMAG news release is attached for additional details. The Catawba-Wateree River Basin is no longer considered in a drought and therefore all voluntary drought conservation restrictions that were issued on April 1, 2025 have been lifted. Lincoln County would like to thank our customers for partnering with us to conserve water during Drought Stage 0 conditions. Drought indicators and demand on our water system will continue to be monitored by the County and CW-DMAG. The public will be notified of any changes in the basin's condition. Please call Lincoln County Public Utilities at 704-736-8495 if you have questions.