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## NEWS RELEASE REDUCTION IN WATER RESTRICTIONS

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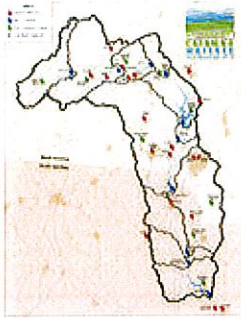
Lincoln County, like many other jurisdictions in the North Carolina Piedmont, has experienced significant rainfall over the last several weeks. Due to this increased precipitation, and the continued prudent use of water by the customers of Lincoln County Public Works over the past several months, Lincoln County officials are lowering Conservation Measures from the current Stage 1 Voluntary Restrictions to Stage 0 Drought Watch for customers of the Lincoln County Water System.

We want to thank our customers for the great cooperation we have received over the last several months as we have worked together in this water conservation effort. We also strongly encourage our water customers to continue to conserve using the actions listed in the VOLUNTARY WATER CONSERVATION guidelines as outlined in the Lincoln County Water Conservation Ordinance.

Lincoln County follows the CW-DMAG protocol for a Stage 0 Drought Watch. Drought indicators and demand on our water system will continue to be monitored by the County, and the public will be notified of any future changes. *Please review the Schedule of Fees and Charges for Water and Sewer Services (effective September 30, 2015) for rate changes under voluntary restrictions that may affect your water and sewer monthly bill. Rates can be found at [www.lincolncounty.org](http://www.lincolncounty.org).* The CW-DMAG news release is attached for additional details.

Please call Lincoln County Public Works at 704-736-8497 if you have questions.

# Welcome



The Catawba-Wateree Water Management Group (CWWMG) serves 4,750 square miles that drain into the Catawba river, providing water for neighbors from Morganton, NC to Camden, SC.

The CWWMG exists to identify, fund, and manage projects that help extend and enhance the capacity of the Catawba-Wateree River to meet human water needs (water supply, power production, industry, agriculture, and commerce) while maintaining the ecological health of the waterway.

## News Releases

### Drought Status Upgraded

December 1, 2015 - Drought status for the Catawba-Wateree River Basin has been upgraded to Stage 0 of the Low Inflow Protocol (LIP) according to the Catawba-Wateree Drought Management Advisory Group (CW-DMAG).

The CW-DMAG works collaboratively to monitor and respond to drought conditions. Under the LIP, data is collected and measured for three drought triggers; the results dictate the drought stage. The three drought triggers include the amount of remaining usable water in the lakes, stream flow averages, and the U.S. Drought Monitor for the Catawba-Wateree River Basin.

### Water Supply Master Plan Addendum Released

June 2015 - The Catawba-Wateree Water Management Group (CWWMG) published the Catawba-Wateree River Basin Water Supply Master Plan in May 2014. This document identified the current challenges associated with a limited water supply especially during periods of drought. It also identified a series of recommendations that could extend the regional water supply capacity of the Catawba-Wateree River Basin into the next century. The plan took several years to complete and was guided by the CWWMG and an external Stakeholder Advisory Team.

Once published, the CWWMG undertook a public outreach effort that included a press release, numerous public presentations, and other external communications.

The CWWMG also sought resolutions of support for the plan from the governing bodies of each of the CWWMG members. This initial public outreach effort allowed for extensive input by other regional stakeholders regarding the Water Supply Master Plan.

Since the plan is scheduled to be updated routinely, the CWWMG published an addendum to the document in June in an effort to capture the feedback received during this initial roll-out. The primary goal of the addendum is to address any necessary corrections and clarifications that have been identified and to provide valuable input into the next update of the Water Supply Master Plan. Read the complete addendum at the following link: [WSMP Addendum](#).