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## **Reservoir Expansion Named Best Project**

**MONROE, N.C. (August 9, 2019)** – The ongoing expansion of the reservoir at the Catawba River Water Treatment Plant has been named best water/environment project by Engineering News-Record Southeast. The regional publication announces winners of the best construction projects every year.

“This recognition by ENR acknowledges all of the hard work by the construction team in conjunction with both Union County and the Lancaster County Water and Sewer District,” said Andy Neff, Director of Water and Wastewater Operations for Union County Public Works. “We’re very proud of the accomplishment. This extremely important project provides resiliency for our water supply and is a result of years of planning.”

The Catawba River Water Treatment Plant is a water treatment facility located in Van Wyck, South Carolina. It supplies clean, treated water to residents and businesses in Union County; as well as Lancaster County, South Carolina. The treatment plant is a joint venture owned and operated by Union County and the Lancaster County Water and Sewer District.

Construction is underway on a new reservoir at the facility that will hold one billion gallons of raw water. The reservoir will encompass 92 acres and will incorporate a new 66 million-gallon-per-day raw water pump station to feed the treatment facility. The new reservoir will provide a constant supply of raw water to the treatment plant; not only during a drought, but when water quality conditions in the river may make treatment difficult or impossible, such as high sediment contents from rain-induced runoff and chemical or fuel spills.

Construction of the new reservoir is expected to be completed in the fall of 2019.

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