

Additional Materials:

Town of Littleton

Town of Littleton, North Carolina

LGC Update for Period

May 1, 2026 - September 1, 2026

Audit Progress

- Beverly Stroud has been working on the 22-23 audit with the intention of having her work completed in September
- Thompson, Price, Scott, Adams, Co. PA, Auditors, Wilmington, NC have been collecting information over the past several months and it appears the 22-23 audit is still on track for January 2027 completion.
- Needed information requested from the 21-22 audit requested has been received
- The 23-24 audit is scheduled to begin in January with completion date of June 2027.
- Attached is the FY 25 & FY 26 Budget VRS Actual reports and graphs, as well as the Audit Appeal Hearing Summary

Water/Wastewater Grant Funded Project Update

Wastewater Update:

- **Second Monday of each month update session: Tyndall Lewis (McDavid Associates, Inc.), Cole Williams (McDavid Associates, Inc.), Evan Krueger (Turner-Murphy Company), Mark Thomas (McDavid Associates, Inc. Project Inspector), Ben Farmer (COG), Joe Dooley (COG), Helen Paige (COG) Heidi Hogan (Mayor), Ophelia Gould-Faison (public works commissioner), Chris Williams (Halifax County water/wastewater)**
- **NCDWI-funded WWTP Improvements Project was on schedule until the August progress meeting where it was announced that the company manufacturing/supplying the treatment equipment for the project is experiencing delays in production and will not deliver integral treatment equipment until early 2027. Project completion date changed from January 2027 to August 2027 due to delays associated with the treatment equipment manufacturer.**
- **Bids received for Contract No. 14 – Sanitary Sewer Improvements on August 18. Contract is expected to be awarded in next thirty (30) days.**
- **Bids received for Contract No. 15 – Pump Station Improvements on August 18. Contract is expected to be awarded in next thirty (30) days.**

Water Update:

- **120 Water identified one (1) lead service line and twenty-one (21) galvanized service lines requiring replacement in Littleton's water system.**
- **Funding received from NCDWI to replace the previously identified lead service line and galvanized service lines (\$589,600.00) as well as finding/replacing additional lead service lines/galvanized service lines that 120Water could not adequately inventory during the system inspection process (\$1,859,000.00).**

- **Proposals received for Contract No. 20 – Advanced Metering Infrastructure on August 18. Contract is expected to be awarded in next thirty (30) days. The new metering system will be installed such that it can interface with Halifax County’s existing metering system.**
- **Valves are currently being “cut-in” at strategic locations to isolate/abandon aging two-inch (2”) galvanized water lines throughout Littleton. The Town has experienced leaks and line breaks related to the two-inch (2”) galvanized water lines in recent years. Comprehensive water line replacement plans will be developed to replace major distribution lines throughout the Town’s system after all two-inch (2”) galvanized lines have been isolated and/or abandoned.**

Littleton ORC Position:

Notice about the ORC position has gone out and interested parties have called for additional information. Littleton Mayor and Water/Wastewater Commissioner requested a meeting with RRSD, Thomas Wrenn and Steve Ellis, for assistance in identifying the level of certification required and sites to post the notice.

Thomas Wrenn, Steve Ellis and Chris Williams have agreed to review the ORC applications and participate in the interview process

Current plant operator will remain to work with QRC and continue to upgrade his certifications

Proposed Water/Wastewater Merger with Halifax County

- **Mayor Hogan, Commissioner Gould-Faison, Chris Williams (Halifax Public Works, QRC) Dia Denton (Halifax County Manager) _ Glyn Rowllins (Halifax County Attorney) and Sharon Lin (Town of Littleton attorney) met in Halifax to discuss moving forward with the merger. Areas of concern were discussed and the attorneys**

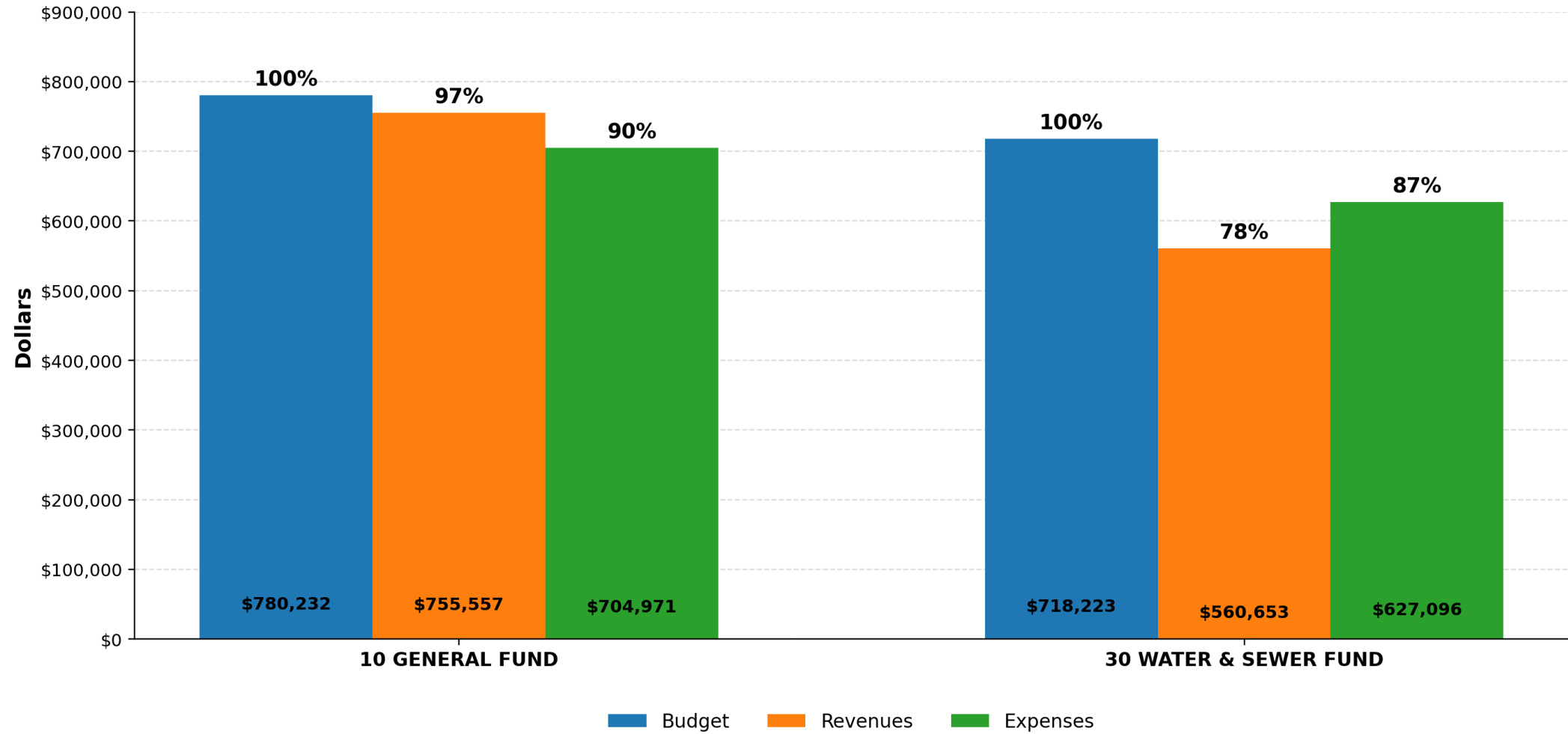
stated there were several points they needed to work out before presenting it to the boards. Regionalization and the merger process was new territory for all involved and we realized that there was more work needed to proceed with a more detailed MOU.

- Mayor Hogan and Commissioner Gould-Faison arranged a meeting with the team from Bethel, NC to discuss steps and issues of concern in their merger with Greenville. Former Bethel Mayor, Gloristine Brown, former Bethel Town Manager, Tom Asbell, and Bob Taylor, DEQ, were a valuable resource in guiding us to the next step needed to take to move the merger forward
- Two conference calls arranged by the LGC resulted in narrowing down specific questions (issues) to be considered in moving forward with the merger
- A Merger Feasibility Study was suggested as it would provide information helpful in the acquisition of the assets by the county. Recent rise in Water and Sewer rates by the Town of Littleton is to our benefit in applying for additional funding. Ben Farmer (COG) will handle the feasibility study.
- The Town of Littleton has contacted Attorney Brian Pridgen (Wilson, NC) with experience in municipal law and property acquisition, to draw up a proposal to assist us in the process of merging our water/wastewater system with that of Halifax County.
- **Note:** As we address questions regarding the merger, we are getting closer to the best direction to take in resolving various issues. One constant that continues to surface from all involved is that the actual final regionalization will take 3 to 5 years to be completed.

Moving Forward...

- **We will continue to monitor the progress of the upcoming audits and provide information requested in a timely manner**
- **The monthly Grant funded Water/Wastewater progress meetings will continue**
- **Following each of the monthly project progress meetings, the Mayor, Town Water/Wastewater Commissioner, Chris Williams from Halifax public works, and a representative from McDavid Associates and the COG will meet to discuss a predetermined question regarding the proposed merger. Discussion in the September meeting will focus on the process of combining the Town of Littleton's water reading and billing with that of Halifax. There are several options and Halifax will be asked to pose these options with the procedures needed to implement and anticipated cost involved.**

Budget vs Actual Graph FY 2025 Budget vs. Actual Totals



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