

Memorandum of Understanding between the members of the Piedmont Triad Regional Water Authority, its members, and the City of Asheboro, North Carolina to collaborate on a joint initiative to evaluate the feasibility of having Asheboro become a member of the Authority

This MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (“MOU”) is made and entered into this 25th day of June, 2024 (the “Effective Date”) by and between the Piedmont Triad Regional Water Authority (“Authority”), the members of the Authority, and the City of Asheboro, North Carolina (“Asheboro”), to document their intention to collaborate on conducting a feasibility analysis of having Asheboro join the Authority. The Authority and Asheboro may be referred to in this document individually as a “Party” and collectively as the “Parties”.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, The Authority is a North Carolina municipal corporation established in December of 1986 by the City of Archdale, North Carolina, the City of Greensboro, North Carolina, the City of High Point, North Carolina, the City of Randleman, North Carolina, The Town of Jamestown, North Carolina, and the County of Randolph County, North Carolina organized under Section 162A-3.1 of the North Carolina Water and Sewer Authorities Act to provide water utility services to its current members; and

WHEREAS, The Authority has recently completed a Board of Directors led Strategic Planning effort; and

WHEREAS, The Authority’s Strategic Plan seeks to “Enhance Regionalization of Water and Wastewater Resources; and

WHEREAS, The North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (NCDEQ) released a report dated May 1, 2024 of the findings of a [Regional Water & Wastewater Infrastructure Concept Plan](#); and

WHEREAS, the Parties believe that an enhanced approach to water resource planning by expanding the membership of the Authority could best serve the region, inclusive of underserved communities.

WHEREAS, The Parties are interested in evaluating the feasibility of adding Asheboro to the membership of the Authority; and

WHEREAS, The Parties endeavor to determine the operational, organizational, financial, governance and legal impacts to the Authority, its members, and the City of Asheboro should Asheboro become a member; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties hereby agree in principle as follows:

To determine the feasibility and impact to the Authority and each of the current members of the Authority, the City of Asheboro, and underserved communities cause by adding the City of Asheboro to the membership of the Authority, the Parties agree to:

- Participate in a joint feasibility study, led by the Authority to determine the feasibility of enhanced regionalization of water resources as described in the NC DEQ study referenced above by adding Asheboro to the membership of the Authority.
- Collaborate in good faith by sharing water and wastewater utility operational, legal, regulatory, financial and organizational information with the Authority enabling the Parties to complete a detailed evaluation of the impacts to each participating jurisdiction should Asheboro join the Authority.
- Engage and collaborate with the Authority and NCDEQ to gain support for potential regional solutions as described in the NCDEQ study referenced above.
- If the Parties agree that Asheboro should become a member of the Authority, work collaboratively to determine the requirements of that membership and any revisions to the overall membership/bylaws of the Authority.
- Receive quarterly updates from the Authority and their consultants on findings of the feasibility analysis.

AGREED, this the 25th day of June, 2024.

Piedmont Triad Regional Water Authority

By: _____
Chairman

By: _____
Executive Director

AGREED, this the _____ day of _____, 2024.

City of Asheboro

By: _____
Mayor

By: _____
City Manager

AGREED, this the _____ day of _____, 2024.

City of Greensboro

By: _____
Mayor

By: _____
City Manager

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City of Archdale

By: _____
Mayor

By: _____
City Manager

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City of Randleman

By: _____
Mayor

By: _____
City Manager

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Town of Jamestown

By: _____
Mayor

By: _____
Town Manager

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City of High Point

By: _____
Mayor

By: _____
City Manager

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Randolph County

By: _____
Chairman

By: _____
County Manager

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City of High Point

By: _____
Mayor

By: _____
City Manager