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## **Construction to Begin on New Water Treatment Plant for Yadkin Regional Water Supply Project**

**MONROE, N.C. (October 5, 2020)** – Leaders from Union County and the Town of Norwood will join for a groundbreaking ceremony to celebrate the beginning of construction on a new water treatment plant on October 7, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. The new water treatment plant will have the capability to treat 12 millions of gallons of water per day and will be located in the New Salem area of Union County. It is a part of the Yadkin Regional Water Supply Project (YRWSP), which is a partnership between Union County and the Town of Norwood in Stanly County to meet current and future water needs with a sustainable, long-term supply of water.

“Breaking ground for construction of the new public water treatment facility is made possible only through a mutually beneficial partnership that crosses municipal and county boundaries.” said Mark Watson, Union County Manager. “We do not have a large, sustainable source of water within the County’s boundaries, so a partnership like this is absolutely necessary. We have been planning to bring our current residents a new ample supply of safe drinking water for more than a decade and I’m excited to see this construction project get underway.”

The YRWSP also includes a new intake facility and pump station in the Town of Norwood on Lake Tillery and an approximately 30-mile water supply pipeline to bring water to the new treatment plant in Union County. An approximately 10-mile drinking water pipeline will connect to Union County’s existing distribution system to deliver water to thousands of water customers in Union County’s Yadkin River Basin. In total, the YRWSP will be an approximately \$300 million investment; the majority of which will be funded through bond debt, meaning current and future Union County water and sewer customers will contribute to paying for the infrastructure.

“It’s a significant investment and it’s necessary to meet the needs of our customers in a growing county,” said Hyong Yi, Union County Public Works Administrator. “We know our customers’ water needs are projected to exceed our current supply within the next few years.”

Union County studied 12 different water supply alternatives and completed a detailed environmental impact statement before determining the YRWSP is the best option for a second source of water to meet the needs of current and future Union County water customers.

CDM Smith with Crowder Construction, leaders in the utility and pipeline construction industry, will lead construction of the project. For more information on the YRWSP, visit [yadkinwater.com](http://yadkinwater.com).

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