

September 20, 2021

Maria O. Gaither
Town Manager
PO Box 2287
Shallotte, NC 28459

Re: Merger/Regionalization Feasibility Grant Program

Dear Town Manager Gaither:

Brunswick County is pleased to receive your request to partner with the Town of Shallotte for the purposes of applying for funding from the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (NCDEQ) from the Merger/Regionalization Feasibility Grant program. As noted in your request, Brunswick County has a history of working with the Town of Shallotte as the provider of wholesale water services. Brunswick County understands that a study performed through the Merger/Regionalization Feasibility Grant program will evaluate the viability of all systems involved in the potential merger of the water utility system.

Brunswick County is prepared to partner with the Town of Shallotte by providing cooperation necessary for the completion of the grant program application and completion of a merger/regionalization feasibility grant funded study, if awarded. Please find the enclosed resolution by the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners to support exploring the potential merger of the utility systems by authorizing county staff to coordinate with the Town of Shallotte.

Brunswick County acknowledges that recommendations made by the Merger/Regionalization Feasibility Grant study regarding the merger of the systems will not constitute a commitment by Brunswick County to act on the findings of the study.

Sincerely,

John Nichols, PE, CPESC
Utilities Director