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October 16, 2026

Michael King, Town Administrator
Town of Princeton
PO Box 67
Princeton, NC 27569

Subject: Engineering Report Funding Approval
Town of Princeton
Water System Improvements
DWI Project No(s).: VUR-D-0013;SRF-D-2093

Dear Mr. King:

The Division of Water Infrastructure (Division) has completed its review of the engineering report and environmental document for the subject project received on August 17, 2026. Based upon the review, the Division has determined that the above-referenced project is eligible for funding as follows:

Eligible:

Replacement of approximately 350-LF of existing 2-inch galvanized waterline with 2-inch PVC waterline near Bartholomew Drive.
Replacement of approximately 450-LF of existing 4-inch DIP bottleneck with 6-inch PVC waterline near North Elm Street.
Replacement of approximately 750 manual-read meters with AMI meters.
Installation of associated equipment and software.

Non-Eligible:

Paving of roadways in excess of the excavated area; spare parts, service contracts, and maintenance contracts; and extended warranties.

Based upon a detailed review of the future bid documents, the Division may determine that portions of the project are not eligible for funding and the total funding amount may be reduced.

Please note that funding is contingent on meeting the schedule provided in your Letter of Intent to Fund, or your approved Funding Deadline Extension approval letter (if applicable), as tabulated below:

Milestone	Date
Design-and-Bid Package Submittal	July 15, 2027
Design-and-Bid Package Approval	November 15, 2027
Advertise Project, Receive Bids, Submit Bid Information, and Receive Authority to Award	March 15, 2028
Execute Construction Contract(s)	June 15, 2028

Please submit Plans and Specifications via the new Online Supporting Documentation Submittal Form located at https://edocs.deq.nc.gov/Forms/DW-Document-Upload-Form. The link to the online submittal form and a list of frequently asked questions can also be accessed from the Division's "I Have Funding" page, https://www.deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/water-infrastructure/i-have-funding.

If you have any questions, please contact Walker Brown, either by telephone at 919.707.3891 or by e-mail at walker.brown@deq.nc.gov

Sincerely,

Renee Parkman

Renee Parkman, P.E., Supervisor
Drinking Water Projects Unit

Attachments: Categorical Exclusion

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Categorical Exclusion

North Carolina Division of Water Infrastructure

Project Applicant:	*Town of Princeton*
Date:	*October 16, 2026*
Project Name:	*Water System Improvements*
Project Number:	*SRF-D-2093*
Estimated Project Cost:	*$912,580*
Estimated Funding Amount:	*$745,485*

Project Description:

This project will replace approximately 350 LF of existing 2-inch galvanized waterline with 2-inch PVC waterline near Bartholomew Drive and approximately 450 LF of existing 4-inch DIP bottleneck with 6-inch PVC waterline near North Elm Street. The project will also replace approximately 750 manual -read meters with AMI meters and install associated equipment and software.

The above-named applicant will receive funding assistance from the State Revolving Fund. The North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Water Infrastructure (**Division**) has conducted a review of the project in accordance with the NCGS §159G-38. The Division has determined that this project is below the minor construction activities threshold outlined in the 15A NCAC 01C .0408; therefore, the project is exempt from inter-agency review, and the preparation of additional environmental documents is not required.

This determination shall become effective upon its distribution by the Division and will be available on the Division's website (https://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/water-infrastructure/division-water-infrastructure/environmental-documents). This determination can be revoked at any time adverse information is made available. The documentation to support this decision will be on file with the Division, and is available for public scrutiny upon request.

Comments concerning this decision may be addressed in writing to Ms. Stephanie Suter, Deputy Director, Division of Water Infrastructure, North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality, 1633 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699. Alternatively, she can be reached via telephone at 919.707.9044 or via e-mail at stephanie.suter@deq.nc.gov.

Sincerely,

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