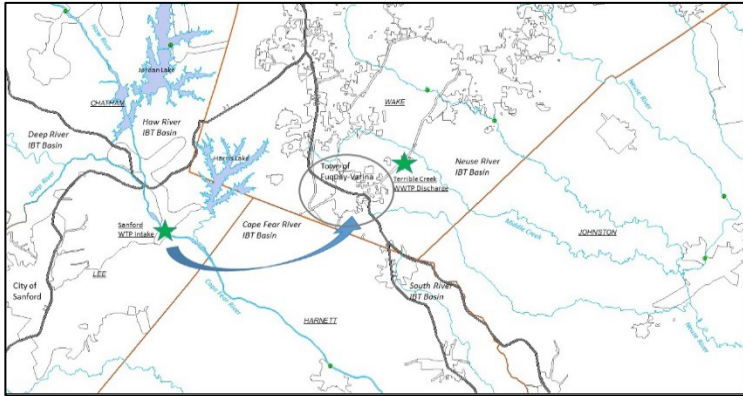


NCDEQ to hold public hearings on draft environmental impact statement for Fuquay-Varina Interbasin Transfer Certificate request



1 Map of proposed interbasin transfer

NCDEQ Division of Water Resources (DWR) IBT request

To meet future projected future water supply demands, Town of Fuquay-Varina is seeking approval for an Interbasin Transfer Certificate in order to transfer water supply from the Cape Fear River basin to the Neuse River basin in excess of the transfer threshold allowed by statute.

What is the IBT request for?

Fuquay-Varina’s preferred alternative to resolve its projected water supply shortfall is to source its water supply

from the Tri-Rivers (i.e., City of Sanford) Water Treatment Plant in the Cape Fear River basin. A portion of the discharge and consumptive demand from the town is within the Neuse River basin. As a result, this alternative requires an Interbasin Transfer (IBT) Certificate. The town is seeking approval to transfer 6.17 million gallons per day from the Cape Fear River basin to the Neuse River basin based on 2055 demand projections.

PUBLIC HEARING DETAILS

In-person: Comments may be submitted in-person at one of the following hearings: 6 p.m., Dec. 4, Fayetteville Technology Community College, Cumberland Hall Auditorium, 2220 Hull Road, Fayetteville, N.C., 28303; 6 p.m., Dec. 9, Ground Floor Hearing Room, Archdale Building, 512 N. Salisbury Street, Raleigh, N.C., 27604; 6 p.m., Dec. 11, Chatham County Agriculture & Conference Center, 1192 U.S. Hwy 64 West Business, Pittsboro, N.C. 27312. Speaker registration will open at 5:30 p.m. onsite via sign-in sheet.

Online: The hearing on Dec. 9 in Raleigh will be made available by livestream for viewing and listening only. Those who wish to provide verbal comments must attend in-person and register to speak at the hearing.

Mail and email: Mail comments to: Maya Holcomb, Division of Water Resources, 512 N. Salisbury St., Raleigh, N.C., 27604, or email maya.holcomb@deq.nc.gov. Comments must be postmarked or emailed by April 1, 2026.

How can the public view the draft EIS?

The draft EIS is available on DEQ’s website (QR code at right). The hydrologic model used to evaluate alternatives in the draft is also available on request. Training sessions on accessing the virtual model will be available, but registration is required. Please email maya.holcomb@deq.nc.gov to enroll.



Questions? Contact Laura Oleniacz, public information officer, at laura.oleniacz@deq.nc.gov, 919-707-8604.



