

# Joint Municipal Water and Sewer Commission

## Investing for the Future



For more than 25 years, the Commission has delivered reliable, high quality water and wastewater services with a commitment to efficiency and excellent service.

The Commission is taking steps to meet the needs of the next 20 years and beyond

- The number of customers we serve is expected to double over the next 20 years
- We will need more water supply for our growing service area
- Our 20-year Master Plan guides our infrastructure investments to provide the best value for our customers

### **Planning for Additional Water Treatment Now Means Securing Future Water Supply for Lexington County**

**On January 11, 2019 the Commission purchased 47 acres on Counts Ferry Road for the future site of a water treatment plant.**

Allows for easy connection into the existing distribution system to ensure the same, high-quality water supply customers have come to expect.

Developing redundancy and resiliency in our water supply will make our future secure.

The land purchase was funded by cash reserves as a strategic investment to ensure the least financial impact for our customers.

This is the first step in building a new treatment plant, but construction isn't planned for many years to come and the Commission will continue to provide water from the West Columbia treatment plant. By planning for expansion of treatment capacity now our design and construction timelines can be phased.

### **Maintaining existing infrastructure and planning for the future**

The Commission continues to manage significant capital projects that will maintain and upgrade the existing water system. Projects include improvements to pump stations and pipelines and water storage tank construction.

*The Joint Municipal Water and Sewer Commission is a regional partnership of 11 members throughout Lexington County. Since 1993 we've developed a reliable system that provides safe drinking water with a focus on excellent service and affordable rates.*

*Our mission is to provide exceptional service to communities through responsible stewardship of resources.*