

CITY OF CLINTON

LOCAL WELLHEAD PROTECTION PROGRAM

On June 28, 2016, the Environmental Affairs Advisory Board met to begin the process of developing a Local Wellhead Protection Program to protect the City's 12 water supply wells. In addition to members of the staff, the Environmental Affairs Advisory Board for the City of Clinton serves as the Wellhead Protection Planning Team. The task of this committee is to collaborate with one another using the skills in his/her area of expertise in order to provide the public with the necessary education concerning wellhead protection.

The vision of the planning team is to develop a feasible systematic approach to a proactive, and preventive, Wellhead Protection Plan and to protect the quality of the City's drinking water sources. To help cultivate the citizens of the City of Clinton to be environmentally conscious and responsible when it comes to protecting wells and other nearby sources of groundwater. To successfully educate citizens about the specific land practices that could be detrimental to groundwater sources, providing the knowledge necessary for one to make an informed decision as it pertains to best management practices for handling contaminants that are produced by households and businesses daily. The City of Clinton hopes to develop collaborative relationships with citizens in order to protect its drinking water and to enthruse citizens about their responsibility in protecting groundwater sources from contamination.

With the assistance of the North Carolina Rural Water Association, the City of Clinton's thorough and elaborate Local Wellhead Protection Program Plan was approved by the Public Water Supply Section of the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality on June 28, 2018, exactly two years from the beginning of its development. This program details current and future areas of protection around each of the City's water supply wells, an inventory of current and potential contaminant sources, an analysis of each contaminant sources risk, public education and management strategies to assist with contamination prevention, an emergency contingency plan, and a plan to maintain and update the program continually. The City of Clinton provides numerous educational materials for its citizens made available on the following website: http://www.cityofclintonnc.com/services/public_works_and_utilities/protecting_your_water_from_source_to_tap.php

The following documents have been submitted as support to the nomination form and project description:

- Clinton's Local Wellhead Protection Program Plan Table of Contents
- Details of Plan Implementation
- Details of Public Participation
- "A *Spotlight on the City of Clinton and Its Community Outreach Plan that has Come Alive*" featured in the Fall 2016 Edition of the NCRWA magazine The Tarheel Pipeline

The City of Clinton is not only concerned about the wellbeing of its water supply, but source water as a whole. The City of Clinton is a Keep America Beautiful Affiliate, a participant in World Water Monitoring Day, a member of the Lower Cape Fear River Program, as well as NACWA, NCWOA, and NCRWA.