



REQUEST FOR LETTERS OF INTEREST - WASTEWATER TREATMENT OPERATORS

The Town of Canton is requesting Letters of Interest (LOI) from certified contract wastewater operators to operate the existing activated sludge biological wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) that currently treats Canton's municipal wastewater.

The WWTP was originally designed to treat wastewater generated from the pulp and paper processing facility that was operated at this site by multiple companies for approximately 115 years. The existing WWTP is approximately 60 years old, and has treated as much as 30 MGD of wastewater prior to discharge to the Pigeon River. The pulp and paper processing facility closed in March of 2023.

The WWTP is currently treating and discharging an average of 1.2 MGD. Influent flow to the WWTP includes Town of Canton municipal wastewater, combined stormwater and wastewater from the decommissioned pulp and paper facilities, and landfill leachate. A copy of the current NPDES permit will be provided upon request to operators that submit an LOI.

The Town of Canton is considering purchase of the existing WWTP, which is located on the west side of the Pigeon River. The Town understands the existing WWTP is largely oversized and in need of upgrades, which are expected to include modifications to the existing facilities and construction of new treatment facilities. The facility is expected to remain as an activated sludge biological wastewater treatment facility. Upgrades could begin as early as 2026. Alternatively, the Town may pursue a packaged and modular plant solution.

The Town anticipates contracting operations of the existing WWTP for a minimum period of one year, with annual renewal options available. Interested operators shall be appropriately certified by the Water Pollution Control System Operators Certification Commission (WPCSOCC) in accordance with all applicable North Carolina rules and regulations, including 15A NCAC 08G.

Interested operators are invited to submit a Letter of Interest to the Town of Canton that includes:

- Name of individual or company
- Number of years in business
- Number of certified biological treatment operators and years of experience for each operator
- List and descriptions of wastewater facilities currently or previously operated
- Any other information deemed relevant

Please submit Letter of Interest by 4:00 p.m. on September 30, 2025, to:

Lisa Stinnett, Town Manager
Town of Canton
85 Summer Street
Canton, NC 28716

After receipt of LOIs, the Town of Canton may contact interested parties to request additional information. The Town of Canton reserves the right to modify, reschedule, or cancel this request at any time.