



# News Release

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## **Three Community Meetings Scheduled on Gray's Creek Water System Bond Referendum**

On Nov. 8, voters in the Gray's Creek Water & Sewer District will decide on a \$21 million bond referendum to fund a district water system.

The public is invited to three community meetings to learn more about the proposed water system project. The meetings start at 7 p.m. on the following dates:

- Sept. 27 at Gray's Creek Elementary School, 2964 School Rd., Hope Mills
- Oct. 13 at Gray's Creek Fire Department #18, 7010 Fire Department Rd., Hope Mills
- Oct. 27 at Gray's Creek Elementary School, 2964 School Rd., Hope Mills

The Gray's Creek Water & Sewer District was formed in 2009, and the County Commissioners serve as the governing board. The proposal calls for a district water system to be constructed in five phases over approximately 15 years, with each phase constructed on a three-year schedule or as close to that as possible.

The first phase will cost approximately \$6 million, to be funded over a 40-year period by loans from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development.

District residents were mailed brochures covering frequently asked questions about the project, such as estimated costs, fees, timelines, and use of existing wells.

For more information, visit [www.co.cumberland.nc.us/public\\_utility.aspx](http://www.co.cumberland.nc.us/public_utility.aspx). You will find the district's water use ordinance, maps and a listing of streets in Phase 1A and 1B. Or, call the Public Utilities Department at 678-7637.

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