

**CITY COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING
300 WEST CROWELL STREET
MONROE, NORTH CAROLINA 28112
JANUARY 13, 2026 – 4:30 P.M.**

AGENDA

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1. Water Supply Update
2. Enhanced Medical Services Provided by Monroe Fire Department
3. America250
 - A. Committee Update
 - B. Proclamation Commemorating 250th Anniversary of Declaration of Independence Signing
4. Discussion to Amend City of Monroe Holiday Schedule to Add January 2



STAFF REPORT

TO: City Council

VIA: Mark Watson, City Manager

DATE: January 13, 2026

FROM: Robert Miller, General Manager of Energy Services and Water Resources

PREPARED BY: Robert Miller, General Manager of Energy Services and Water Resources

SUBJECT: City of Monroe - Water Supply Update

SUMMARY STATEMENT

Staff will provide an update on the City's Water Supply and current drought conditions.

REVIEW

Staff will provide an update on the current conditions, an overview of the water supply, steps taken to address the drought conditions, and future steps to be taken for short term and long term solutions.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council authorize the City Manager to declare a water shortage, if the City reaches 180 days of water supply remaining.

Attachment 1: 2026-01-13 Water Supply Update

Attachment 2: City of Monroe Ordinance Title V Section 56 – Water Shortage Response Plan – Stages 2 – 5 Actions

Water Supply Update

City Council
January 13, 2026



Outline

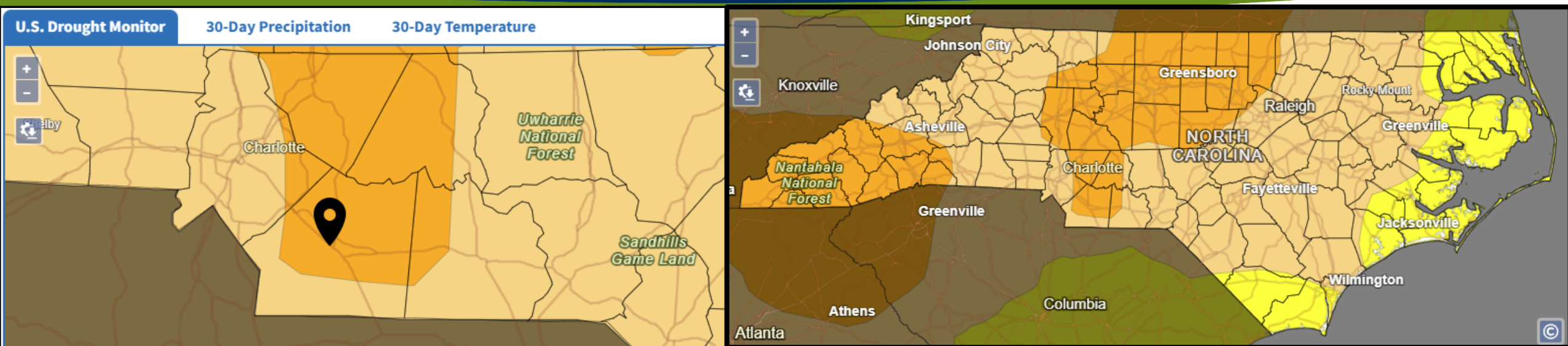
1. Purpose
2. Drought Conditions
3. City of Monroe Water Supply, Assets/System
4. Water Supply Contracts
5. Watershed River Basins/IBT
6. Water Shortage Response Plan and Requirements
7. Actions Taken/Next Steps
8. Questions

Purpose

The purpose is to provide the City Council an update on the existing Water Supply for the City of Monroe. The City of Monroe is currently experiencing drought conditions. This presentation will cover the Drought Conditions, Water Reservoirs, Water Treatment Plant, Support Assets, the Water Supply System, and the Conservation Plan and Requirements.

The goal is to provide an overview of existing conditions and future steps being taken to address immediate and long term needs for the City of Monroe.

Current Drought Conditions



The U.S. Drought Monitor depicts the location and intensity of drought across the country using 5 classifications: Abnormally Dry (D0), showing areas that may be going into or are coming out of drought, and four levels of drought (D1–D4).

The U.S. Drought Monitor is a joint effort of the National Drought Mitigation Center, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Source(s): [NDMC](#), [NOAA](#), [USDA](#)

Severe Drought

<https://www.drought.gov/>

Current Drought Conditions (cont.)

100%

of people in Union County
are affected by drought

-
- No change since last week
 - No change since last month

Monroe has received
approximately 5" of rain
since September 1, 2025.

6th

driest November on
record, over the past 131
years

↓ 2.3

inches from normal

Union County
averages 3" of rain
in the month of
November

11th

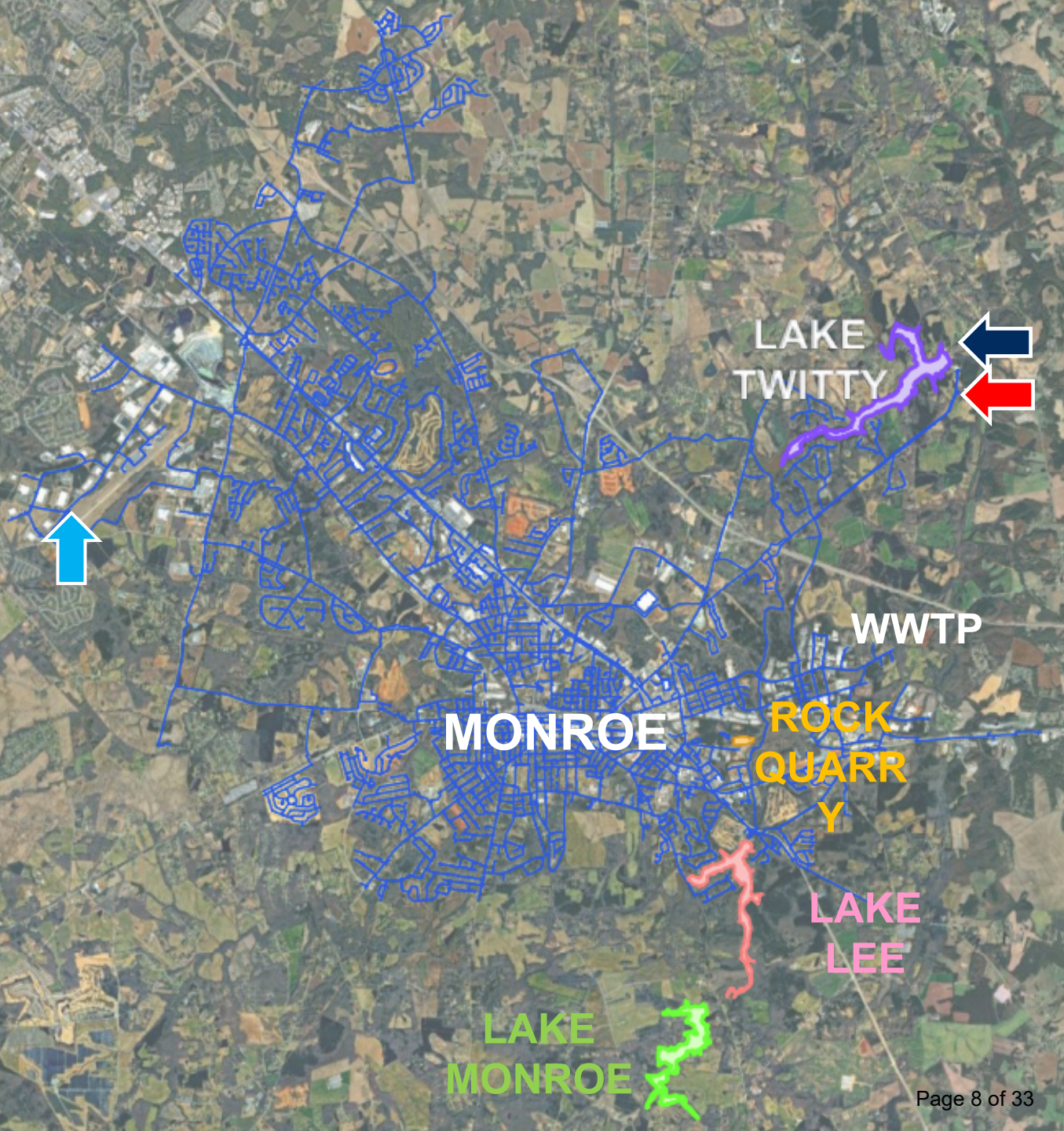
driest year to date over the
past 131 years (January-
November 2025)

↓ 9.7

inches from normal

Union County
averages 45" to
50" per year

Water Supply



LAKE TWITTY

LAKE LEE

LAKE MONROE

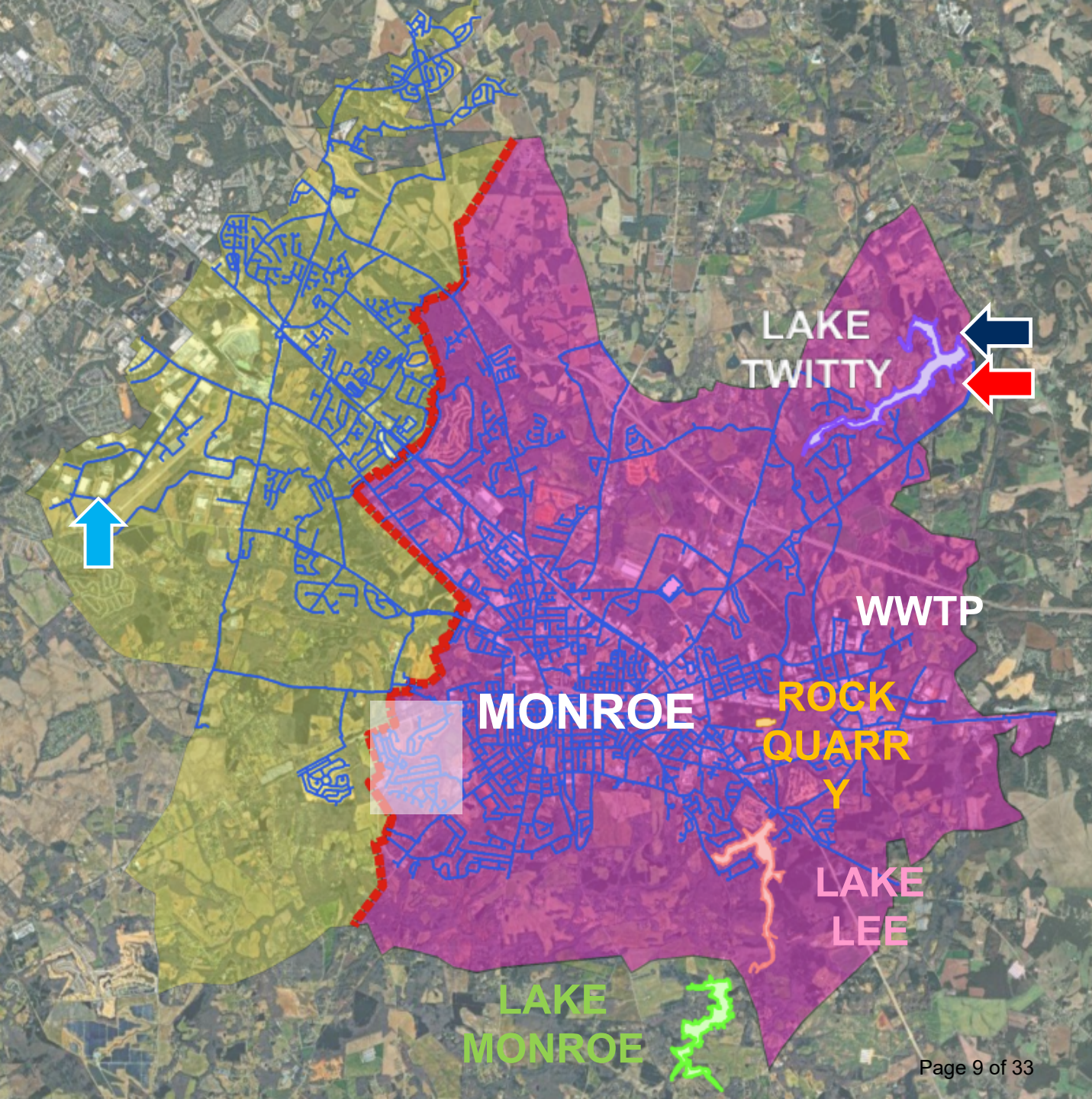
↑ UNION COUNTY CATAWBA = 1.99 MGD

← CITY OF MONROE NPDES TO RICHARDSON CREEK = 0.5 MGD

ROCK QUARRY = 0.5 to 2 MGD

← UNION COUNTY EMERGENCY IBT YADKIN

Water Zones



West Zone

East Zone

Additional Area added to the West Zone

John Glenn Water Treatment Plant/Lake Twitty

John Glenn WTP began operations in 1973.

The design rating is 11.2 MGD and constructed for a maximum treatment capacity of 13 MGD.

The WTP typically discharges 0.5 to 0.7 MGD to Richardson Creek.

Lake Twitty watershed is 34 sq. miles.

The Lake Twitty Dam was constructed in 1972 and has some maintenance work to be completed.



Lake Lee/Lake Monroe

Lake Lee and Lake Monroe watersheds are a combined 52 sq. miles.

The Lake Lee Dam was constructed in 1929 and is beyond the expected service life. The dam has been recommended for replacement.



The Lake Monroe Dam was constructed in 1958 and has substantial repair work to be completed.

Monroe Storage Tanks

The City of Monroe owns and operates six (6) finished Water storage tanks:

Tank	Year Built	Height	Capacity in Gallons
Patton Ave	1968	140'	1,000,000
Nelson Heights	1968	160'	500,000
Camp Sutton	1946	210'	500,000
Goldmine Rd.	1988	150'	2,000,000
Airport	1972	150'	250,000
Rocky River	2007	184'	1,000,000

The total finished water storage is 5,250,000 gallons

Rock Quarry

The Rock Quarry has been acquired by the City of Monroe from the state of North Carolina.

The Rock Quarry is near 10 acres and has approximately 120 million gallons of water. The quarry is fed from a natural spring.

The Rocky Quarry is an approved Emergency Water Source for the City of Monroe. With installation of temporary pumps & pipes, the water from the Rock Quarry can be pumped to Lake Lee to supplement raw water supply. The water would be discharged through a cascade structure adjacent to Lake Lee for aeration. Water quality samples are taken throughout this process.



Union County Contracts/IBT

Contract Capacity

ARTICLE VI WATER CAPACITY AND SERVICE DELIVERY POINTS

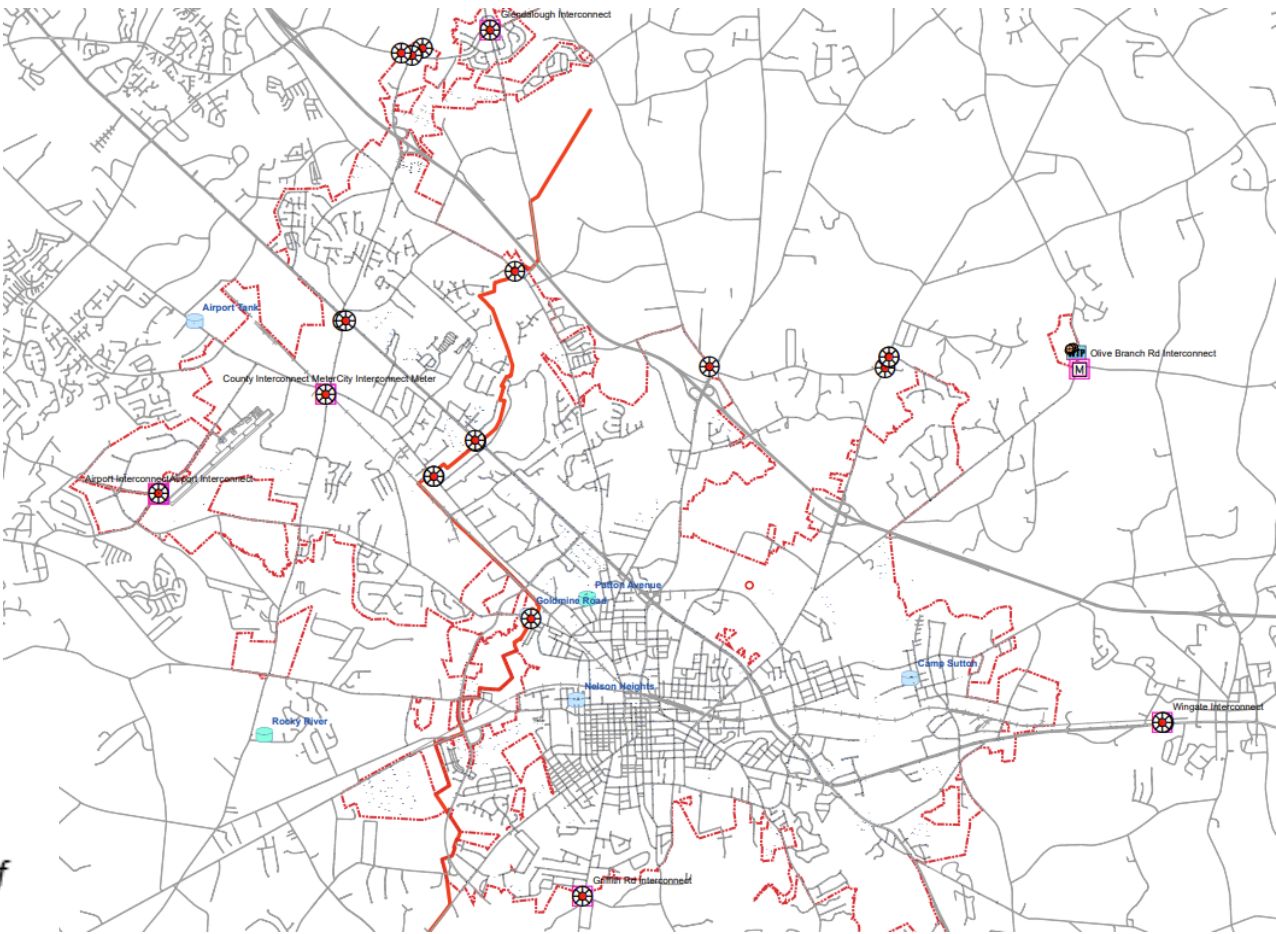
6.1 Water Supply to Monroe:

Union agrees to provide and maintain the water supply facilities needed to provide the following allocated capacities of water supply, treatment and transmission to Monroe consistent with the terms of this Agreement:

Supply Location/ Service Delivery Point	Allocated Capacity Maximum Flow		
	Instantaneous	Daily Total	Date Available
Flow Meter Vault Goldmine/Airport Road	2.59MGD/1800 GPM	1.99MGD	April 30, 2014

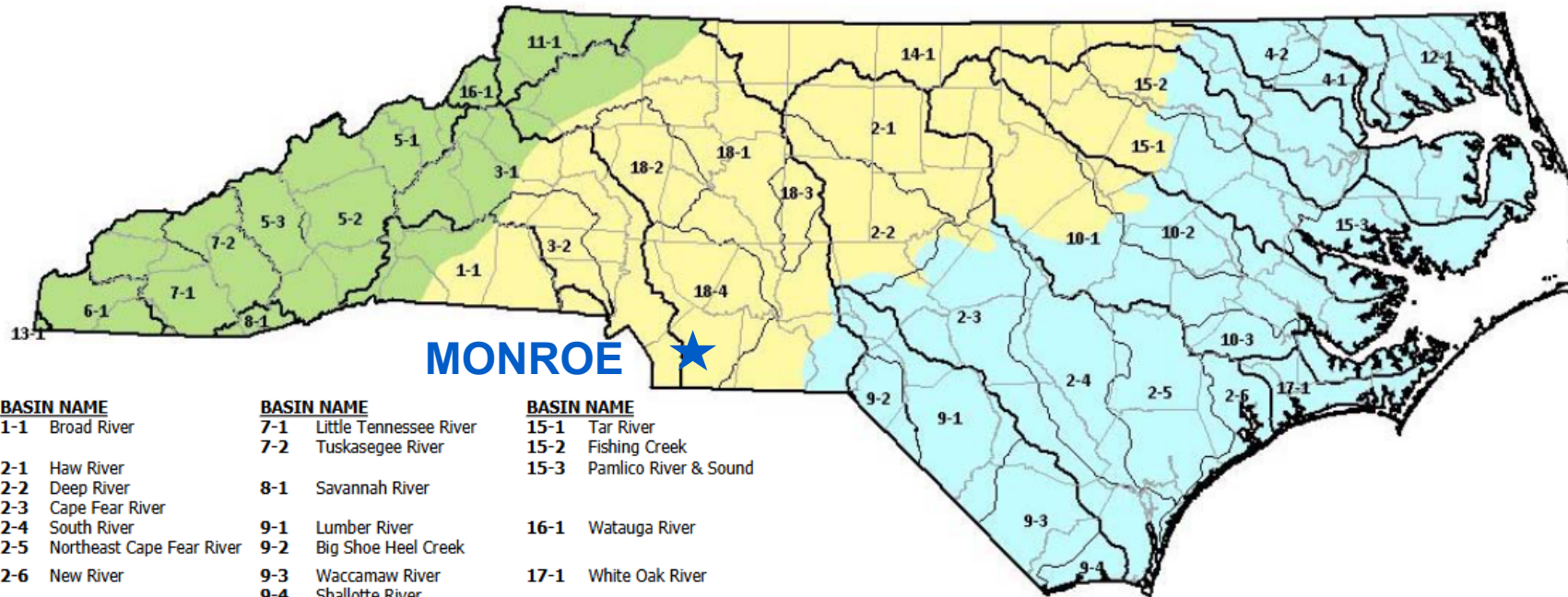
IBT Certificate

"Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 143-215.22L(n)(7), the Applicants will not resell the water that would be transferred pursuant to the Certificate to another public water system. Even though the City of Monroe owns water transmission infrastructure in the Rocky River Basin (18-4), any water provided by Union County to the City of Monroe will be transferred as part of an existing contract agreement to provide no more than 2.0 mgd of water from Union County's Catawba River Water Treatment Plant to an interconnection point located within the Catawba River Basin (3-1). This IBT Certificate does not authorize Union County to sell to the City of Monroe water that is transferred from the Yadkin River Basin (18-1)."



NC River Basins

Designated Interbasin Transfer River Basins
As defined in G.S. §143-215.22G



<u>BASIN NAME</u>		<u>BASIN NAME</u>		<u>BASIN NAME</u>	
1-1	Broad River	7-1	Little Tennessee River	15-1	Tar River
		7-2	Tuskasegee River	15-2	Fishing Creek
2-1	Haw River			15-3	Pamlico River & Sound
2-2	Deep River	8-1	Savannah River		
2-3	Cape Fear River	9-1	Lumber River	16-1	Watauga River
2-4	South River	9-2	Big Shoe Heel Creek		
2-5	Northeast Cape Fear River	9-3	Waccamaw River	17-1	White Oak River
2-6	New River	9-4	Shallotte River		
				18-1	Yadkin River
3-1	Catawba River	10-1	Neuse River	18-2	South Yadkin River
3-2	South Fork Catawba River	10-2	Contentnea Creek	18-3	Uwharrie River
4-1	Chowan River	10-3	Trent River	18-4	Rocky River
4-2	Meherrin River				
		11-1	New River		
5-1	Nolichucky River	12-1	Albemarle Sound		
5-2	French Broad River				
5-3	Pigeon River	13-1	Ocoee River		
6-1	Hiwassee River	14-1	Roanoke River		

The shaded areas indicate the **Mountain**, **Piedmont**, and **Coastal Plain** Regions

Monroe's water supply lakes are all located in the Rocky River Sub-Basin, which is part of the Yadkin River Basin.

Monroe also purchases a limited amount of water from Union County, which comes from the Catawba River Basin.

Monroe's WWTP discharges into the Rocky River sub-basin and ultimately into the Yadkin River Basin.

Inter Basin Transfer (IBT)

Q. What is an interbasin transfer?

A. An interbasin transfer is the movement of surface water from one river basin into another. The actual transfer is the amount of water not returned to its source basin.

The most typical situation occurs when a water system has an intake and wastewater discharge in different basins, but other situations also cause transfers. One is where a system's service area covers more than one basin. Any water used up or consumed in a portion of the service area outside of the source basin would be considered part of a transfer (e.g. watering your yard). Transfers can also occur between interconnected systems, where a system in one basin purchases water from a system in another basin.

At some level, interbasin transfers can begin to have detrimental effects on the downstream environment and downstream users. The Regulation of Surface Water Transfers Act ensures that large transfers with this potential are subject to thorough technical and environmental review. The Act defines 38 separate river basins.

Water Shortage Response Plan

The City Council has adopted the Water Shortage Response Plan as Chapter 56 of the City of Monroe Ordinance.

§ 56.01 DECLARATION.

Whenever the water supply of the city is declining due to conditions which may adversely affect the continued availability of water for human consumption, sanitation, health and fire protection, it may become necessary to declare a water shortage and implement conservation requirements under the standards set in this chapter. (Ord. O-2002-51, passed 8-20-02 ; Am. Ord. O-2007-35, passed 12-4-07)

The City Manager is authorized and empowered, after communication to the Mayor and City Council, to give notice to the general public of the existence and severity of the water shortage. In order to protect the health, safety, and livelihood of the people supplied water by the City, the City Manager may place in effect the restrictive provisions hereinafter authorized.

Compliance with the provisions of this chapter shall be enforced by personnel as designated by the City Manager (Code Enforcement).

Water Shortage Response Plan and Requirements

A water supply shortage shall be declared to exist when the reserve water supply available to the City reaches the point where continued declines in supply may jeopardize the ability to provide citizens and businesses with water needed to protect health and safety without curtailing water demand.

Water Shortage Stage	Response Level	Days of Water Supply Remaining	Rate % Increase
Stage 1	Voluntary	180	0%
Stage 2	Mandatory	160	5%
Stage 2A	Mandatory	130	5%
Stage 3	Mandatory	100	15%
Stage 4	Emergency	75	30%
Stage 5	Rationing	50	50%

Conservation Measures/Water Protection in Place

Conservation Measures

Lawn Watering

Vehicle Washing

Street, Sidewalk, Building Washing

Filling Pools, Fountains, or Ponds

Bathroom and Showering

Clothes Washing

Water Protection In Place

City Council Approved the Tiered Rate Structure for FY 26

- The Tiered Rate Structure is based on the Cost of Service per class of customer, promotes water conservation.

Lakes and Vegetative Buffers

Lake Rules and Regulations

City of Monroe Stormwater Management Program (MS4)

Leak Prevention through Pipeline Replacement Program

Steps Already Taken

1. Re-valving system to maximize full 1.99 MGD from Union County Catawba Airport Interconnect.
 - Adds approximately 0.5 MGD
2. Re-Direct NPDES discharge at WTP back into Lake Twitty.
 - Adds approximately 0.6 MGD
3. Open Lake Monroe valve to flow into Little Richardson Creek to Lake Lee.
4. Installed flash-boards on Lake Lee dam to retain water, preventing spillover.
5. Obtained high Level estimates for temporary piping from Rock Quarry to Lake Lee
 - \$320,000 for 1 month.
 - Recurring \$90,000/mo.
 - One Time: \$230,000

Immediate Next Steps

1. Enter Stage 1 Water Shortage Response at 180 day supply mark.
 - Currently approximately **190** day mark.
2. Routine Reporting to City Council
3. Setup Emergency Water Supply at Rock Quarry
 - Action taken 2007, last drought occurrence.
 - Expected after Stage 1, entering Stage 2.
4. Emergency IBT
 - Monroe requests approval of both Union County and NCDEQ for emergency IBT from Yadkin.
 - NOT EXPECTED UNLESS WE HIT STAGE 2A-4.
 - Water Supply Agreement between UC and Monroe stipulates several interconnects from Yadkin water supply. UC IBT Certificate prevents sale of retail Yadkin water to Monroe.

Long Term Next Steps

Solicit Request for Qualifications for a Source Water Supply Plan

- Evaluate capacity, reliability, resilience, and long term sustainability for the City of Monroe Raw Water Supply
- Existing Lake Volume Surveys
- Evaluation of Rock Quarry as Permanent Water Supply
- Alternate Water Supply Options
 - IBT
 - WWTP Discharge
 - Rocky River
 - Other
- Regulatory and Permitting Assessment
- Cost and Risk Analysis

Advertise: January 6, 2026

Submittals Due: February 6, 2026

Public Enterprise Committee: March 3, 2026

City Council Approval: March 10, 2026

Study Expected Timeline: 10 months = January 2027

Recommended Action

City Council authorize the City Manager to declare a Water Shortage if the City is at 180 days of water supply remaining.

Questions



§ 56.18 TABLES.

Water Shortage Stage 2

Table 2	Residential		Commercial/Industrial	
Type of Watering or use	Allowed	Time Restrictions	Allowed	Time Restrictions
Automatic irrigation system	Yes	(5)	Yes	(5)
Sprinkler watering	Yes	(5)	Yes	(5)
Hose watering	Yes	(5)	Yes	(5)
Hand watering	Yes	None	Yes	None
Non-potable water	Yes	None	Yes	None
Vehicle washing (1)	No	Not allowed	Yes	None
Washing down of streets, sidewalks, buildings etc.	No	Not allowed	No	Not allowed
Filling or topping off pools (2)	No	Not allowed	No	Not allowed
Filling of topping off fountains or ponds (2)	No	Not allowed	No	See footnote
Pressure washing (3)	No	Not allowed	Yes	None
Health and safety needs (4)	Yes	None	Yes	None
Footnotes.				
(1) Commercial car washes or business must be permanently located.				
(2) Allowable only to maintain aquatic life.				
(3) Commercial pressure washers may continue to operate if activity required for health and safety.				
(4) Requires documentation of health and safety needs.				
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(Ord. O-2007-35, passed 12-4-07)

Water Shortage Stage 2A

Table 2A	Residential		Commercial/Industrial	
Type of Watering or use	Allowed	Time Restrictions	Allowed	Time Restrictions
Automatic irrigation system	No	Not allowed	No	Not allowed
Sprinkler watering	No	Not allowed	No	Not allowed
Hose watering	No	Not allowed	No	Not allowed
Hand watering	Yes	None	Yes	None
Non-potable water	Yes	None	Yes	None
Vehicle washing (1)	No	Not allowed	Yes	None
Washing down of streets, sidewalks, buildings etc.	No	Not allowed	No	Not allowed
Filling or topping off pools (2)	No	Not allowed	No	Not allowed

Filling of topping off fountains or ponds (2)	No	Not allowed	No	See footnote
Pressure washing (3)	No	Not allowed	Yes	None
Health and safety needs (4)	Yes	None	Yes	None
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Water Shortage Stage 3

Table 3	Residential		Commercial/Industrial	
Type of Watering or use	Allowed	Time Restrictions	Allowed	Time Restrictions
Automatic irrigation system	No	Not allowed	No	Not allowed
Sprinkler watering	No	Not allowed	No	Not allowed
Hose watering	No	Not allowed	No	Not allowed
Hand watering	Yes	None	Yes	None
Non-potable water	Yes	None	Yes	None
Vehicle washing (1)	No	Not allowed	Yes	None
Washing down of streets, sidewalks, buildings etc.	No	Not allowed	No	Not allowed
Filling or topping off pools (2)	No	Not allowed	No	Not allowed
Fire hydrant meter accounts	No	Not allowed	No	Not allowed
Dust control or earth compaction	No	Not allowed	No	Not allowed
Filling of topping off fountains or ponds (2)	No	Not allowed	No	See footnote
Pressure washing (3)	No	Not allowed	Yes	None
Health and safety needs (4)	Yes	None	Yes	None
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Water Shortage Stage 4

Table 4	Residential		Commercial/Industrial	
Type of Watering or use	Allowed	Time Restrictions	Allowed	Time Restrictions
Automatic irrigation system	No	Not allowed	No	Not allowed
Sprinkler watering	No	Not allowed	No	Not allowed
Hose watering	No	Not allowed	No	Not allowed
Hand watering	Yes	None	Yes	None
Non-potable water	Yes	None	Yes	None
Vehicle washing (1)	No	Not allowed	Yes	None
Washing down of streets, sidewalks, buildings etc.	No	Not allowed	No	Not allowed
Filling or topping off pools (2)	No	Not allowed	No	Not allowed
Fire hydrant meter accounts	No	Not allowed	No	Not allowed
Dust control or earth compaction	No	Not allowed	No	Not allowed
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Water Shortage Stage 5

Table 5	Residential		Commercial/Industrial	
Type of Watering or use	Allowed	Time Restrictions	Allowed	Time Restrictions
Automatic irrigation system	No	Not allowed	No	Not allowed
Sprinkler watering	No	Not allowed	No	Not allowed
Hose watering	No	Not allowed	No	Not allowed
Hand watering	No	Not allowed		Not allowed
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STAFF REPORT

TO: City Council

VIA: Mark Watson, City Manager

DATE: January 13, 2026

FROM: Ronald D. Fowler, Fire Chief

PREPARED BY: Alice Withers, Administrative Assistant II - Fire

SUBJECT: Enhanced Medical Services provided by Monroe Fire Department

SUMMARY STATEMENT

Staff will discuss options to enhance Emergency Medical Services provided by the Fire Department and seek direction from Council.

REVIEW

City Council previously directed staff to research options to enhance emergency medical services provided by the Fire Department. Following research and discussion with Union EMS personnel regarding options to enhance these services, Staff along with Union EMS Director David Hyatt, provided pertinent information to the Public Safety Committee at their December 1, 2025 meeting. Staff provided follow-up information and options to enhance services to the Public Safety Committee at their January 5, 2026 meeting.

The Public Safety Committee recommended that Staff provide these options to City Council for Council's consideration.

RECOMMENDATION

For information purposes and direction from Council.



STAFF REPORT

TO: City Council

VIA: Mark Watson, City Manager

DATE: January 13, 2026

FROM: Lisa Stiwinter, Planning and Development Director

PREPARED BY: Keri Mendler, Planner

SUBJECT: America250 Committee Updates

SUMMARY STATEMENT

On July 4, 2026, we will celebrate 250 years since the signing of the Declaration of Independence. In the Fall of 2025, City Council requested a committee be formed to plan various events to celebrate this momentous occasion throughout the city. Staff will provide an update on committee meetings to date.

REVIEW

On November 11, 2025 City Manager Mark Watson made committee appointments, which include the following individuals:

- Mayor Robert Burns
- Councilman James Kerr
- Councilman Franco McGee
- Keri Mendler, Senior Planner
- Lisa Stiwinter, Planning and Development Director
- Jason Puckett, Communications Supervisor
- Ashley Nowell, Downtown Director
- Pete Hovanec, Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Director
- Randy Davis, Recreation General Manager
- Tim Papas, Center Theater Operations Supervisor
- Leann Yandle, Monroe Aquatics and Fitness Center Superintendent
- Lauren Fike, Science Center Supervisor
- Tyson Carrier, Athletics & Special Events Supervisor

The committee met two times before Christmas to brain storm various activities that could take place in 2026 including July 4th festivities and activities leading up to the Fourth; staff will provide a brief overview of planned events at the meeting. The committee also finalized a mission statement and chose logos for various branding and advertisement materials.

The committee also requested a proclamation be adopted by City Council. Staff has prepared a proclamation for Council adoption.

RECOMMENDATION

The America250 Committee requests adoption of the Proclamation.

Attachments:

1. Proclamation P-2026-01

Prepared by: KM 12/31/25

**PROCLAMATION COMMEMORATING
250TH ANNIVERSARY OF DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE SIGNING
P-2026-01**

WHEREAS, on July 4, 1776, the Declaration of Independence was signed, marking the birth of the United States and affirming that all people are endowed with inherent rights, including life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; and

WHEREAS, the year 2026 marks the 250th anniversary of this defining moment in our nation's history, providing an opportunity to reflect upon the ideals that shaped the founding of the United States and continue to guide our democracy today; and

WHEREAS, the 250th anniversary is being recognized at the national and state levels, with communities across the nation encouraged to honor the sacrifices, achievements, and civic spirit of those who have contributed to the American story over the past 250 years; and

WHEREAS, local governments play a vital role in upholding democratic values, encouraging civic participation, and preserving community history for current and future generations; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the City of Monroe City Council that July 4, 2026, and the year 2026 be recognized as a time to commemorate the 250th Anniversary of the Signing of the Declaration of Independence, and that the City of Monroe will commemorate this milestone through civic engagement, educational, and community-oriented events throughout the year to reaffirm our commitment to the ideals upon which the United States was founded.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, duly adopted by the Monroe City Council during the January 13, 2026 City Council Strategic Planning Meeting and signed by the Mayor on behalf of the Monroe City Council.

Attest:

Robert A. Burns, Mayor

Bridgette H. Robinson, City Clerk



STAFF REPORT

TO: City Council

VIA: Mark Watson, City Manager

DATE: January 13, 2026

FROM: Franco McGee, Council Member
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PREPARED BY: Bridgette H. Robinson, City Clerk

SUBJECT: Discussion to Amend City of Monroe Holiday Schedule to Add January 2

SUMMARY STATEMENT

Discussion to consider amending the City of Monroe Holiday Schedule.

REVIEW

City Council is requested to discuss amending the City of Monroe Holiday Schedule to add January 2nd as a paid City Holiday beginning in 2027.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council is requested to discuss and take possible action to amend the City of Monroe Holiday Schedule to add January 2nd beginning in 2027.