# Long-Range Water Supply Plan Update: Information to Chapel Hill Town Council Ruth Rouse, Planning and Development Manager

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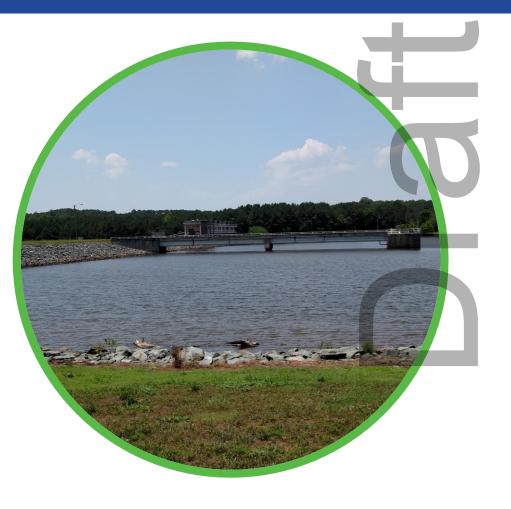




Carrboro-Chapel Hill's not-for-profit public service agency delivering high quality water, wastewater, and reclaimed water services.

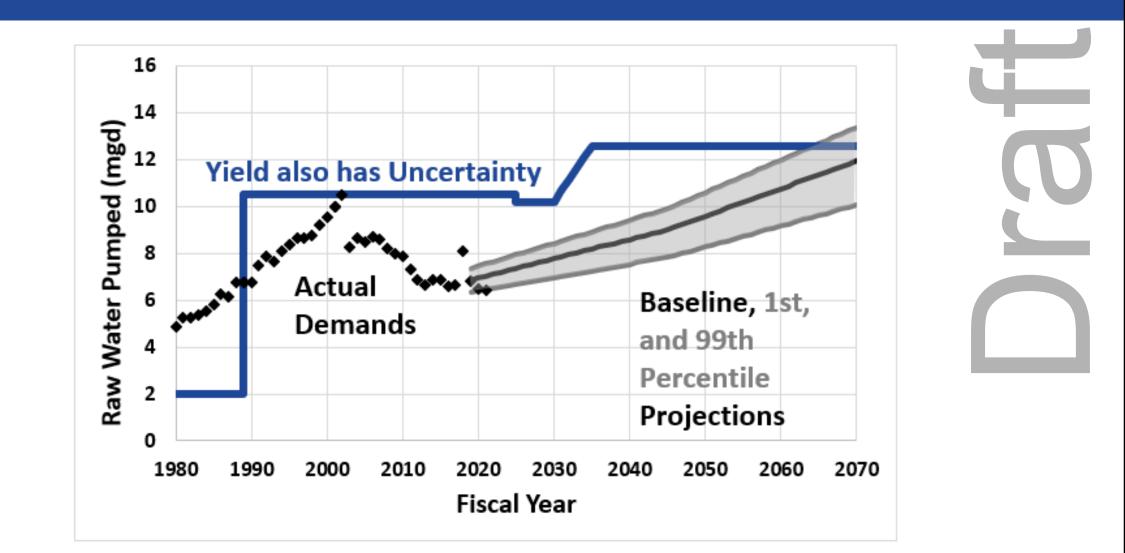
# **Key Messages**

- We have a low risk of running out of water.
- Our largest vulnerability is in extended drought.
- After methodical and inclusive process, Jordan Lake is best option to augment our current supplies.
- A group of local utilities is partnering to design and build new treatment facilities on Jordan Lake.

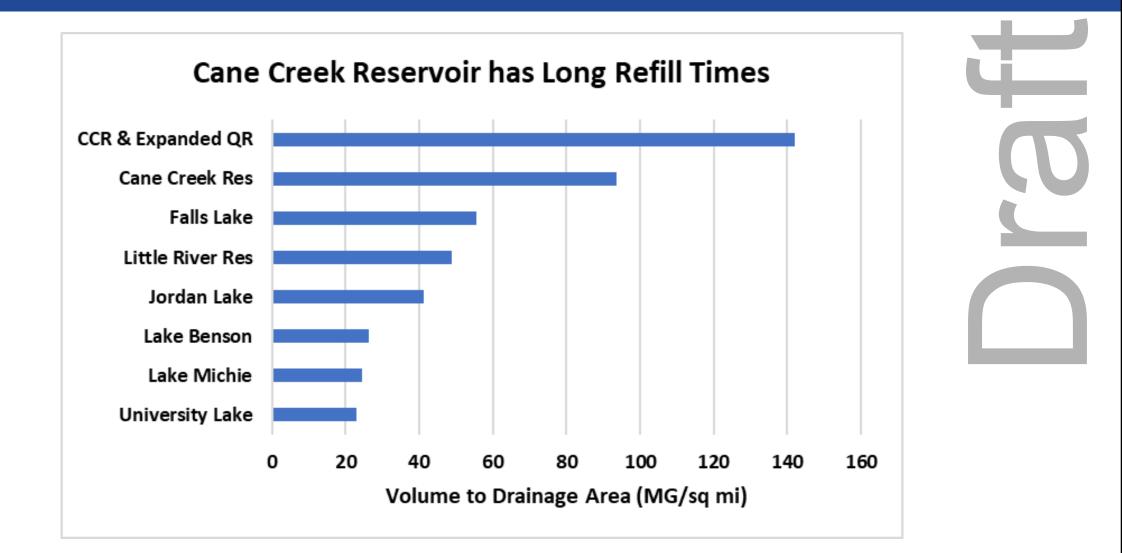


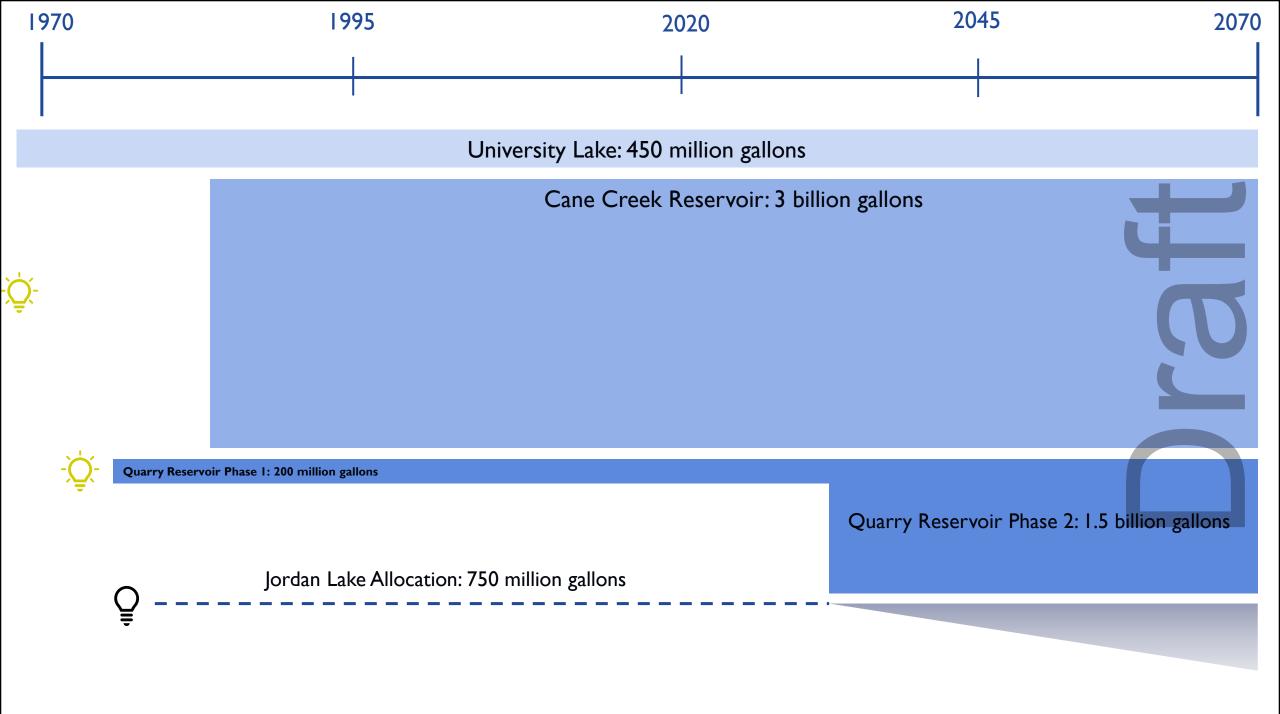


#### Our Planned Water Supply Meets Demands Under Most Conditions



### Our Current Water Supply Risk is the Long Refill Time of Cane Creek Reservoir



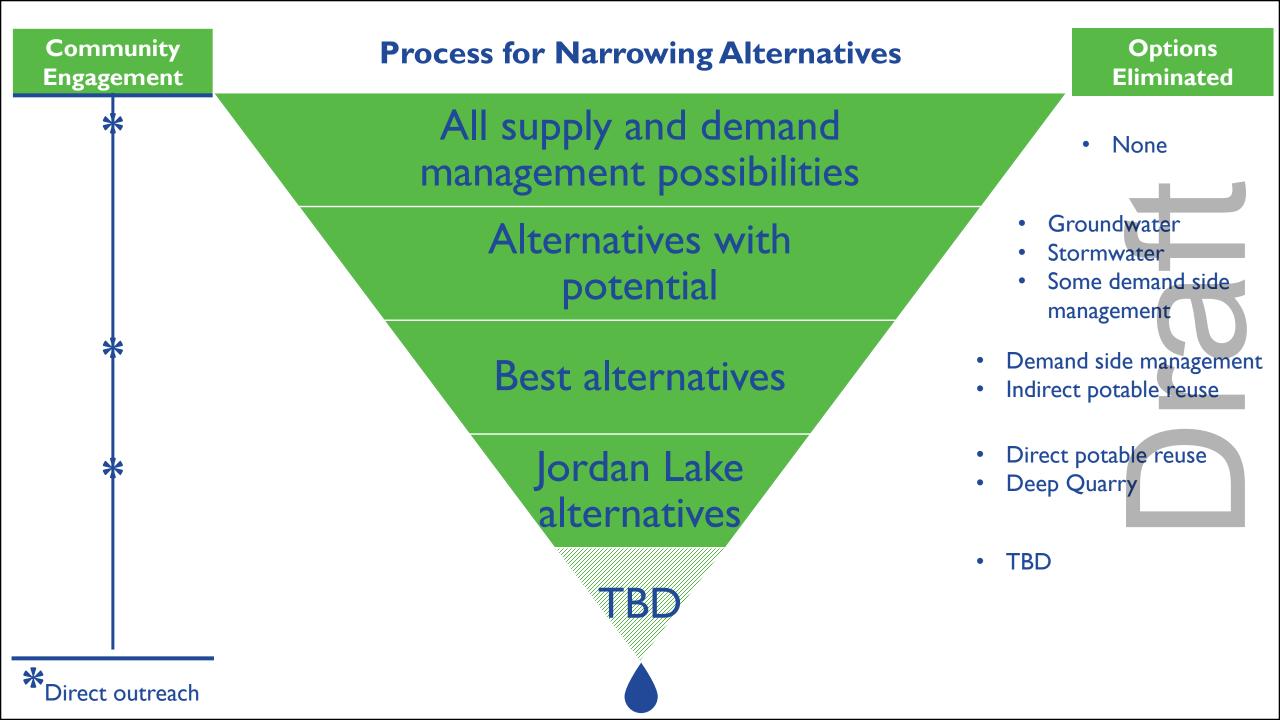


## Jordan Lake Water Quality



- Hundreds of thousands of people drink treated water from Jordan Lake daily
- Reviewed drinking water quality from Cary and Chatham County
- Drinking water from Jordan Lake meets all state and federal criteria
- Proposed WTP being designed to remove contaminants of emerging concern





# Western Intake Partnership (WIP)

- City of Durham, Chatham County, and Town of Pittsboro
- Working since 2014 on regional approach
- Plans to build new Drinking Water Treatment Plant
  - Phase 1: 2031
  - Phase 2: 2050
- OWASA beginning discussions with WIP



## Interests in Western Intake Partnership Discussions

- OWASA has access to its Jordan Lake allocation.
- We maintain our allocation of Jordan Lake water.
- Intake and transmission infrastructure are built to meet OWASA's demands.
- Impact on near-term water rates is minimized.
- Our working relationships with our utility partners are important to OWASA, and we are committed to maintaining them.
- We share with those partners a commitment to providing our customers high quality drinking water.

# **Questions and Discussion**

- Do you have any questions on our longrange water supply planning process?
- What feedback would you like shared with the OWASA Board of Directors regarding our Long-Range Water Supply Plan?
- Other?

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