Long-Range Water Supply Plan Update: Information to Chapel Hill Town Council

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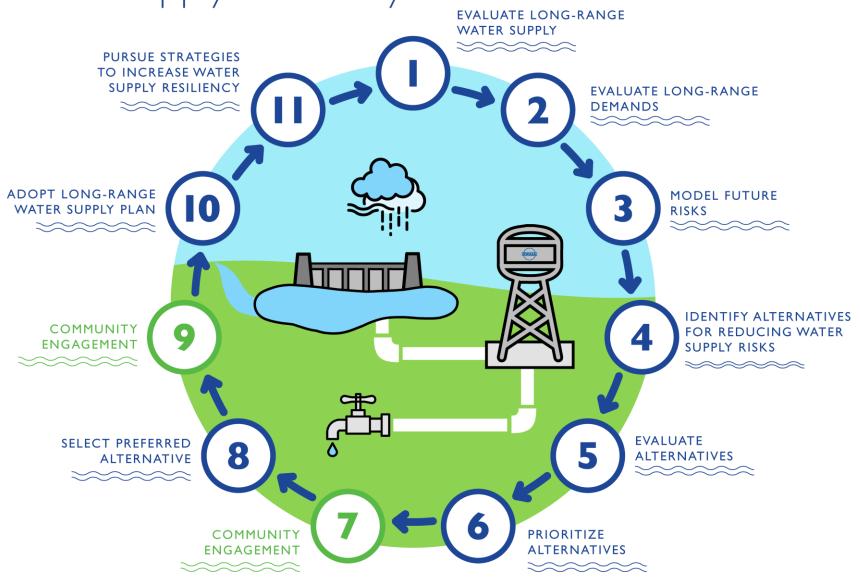
Carrboro-Chapel Hill's not-for-profit public service agency delivering high quality water, wastewater, and reclaimed water services.

Key Messages

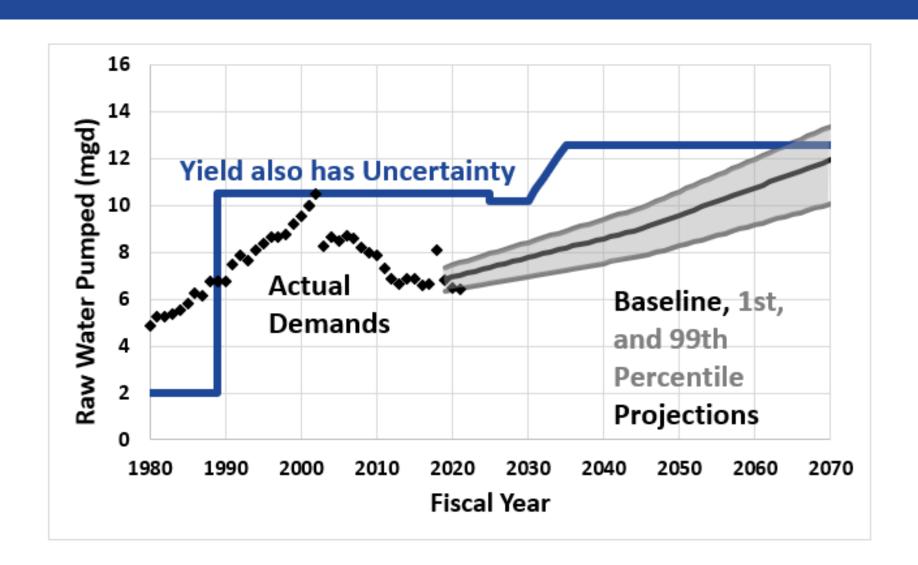
- We have a low risk of running out of water.
- Our largest vulnerability is in extended drought.
- After methodical and inclusive process, Jordan Lake is best option to augment our current supplies.
- A group of local utilities is partnering to design and build new treatment facilities on Jordan Lake.



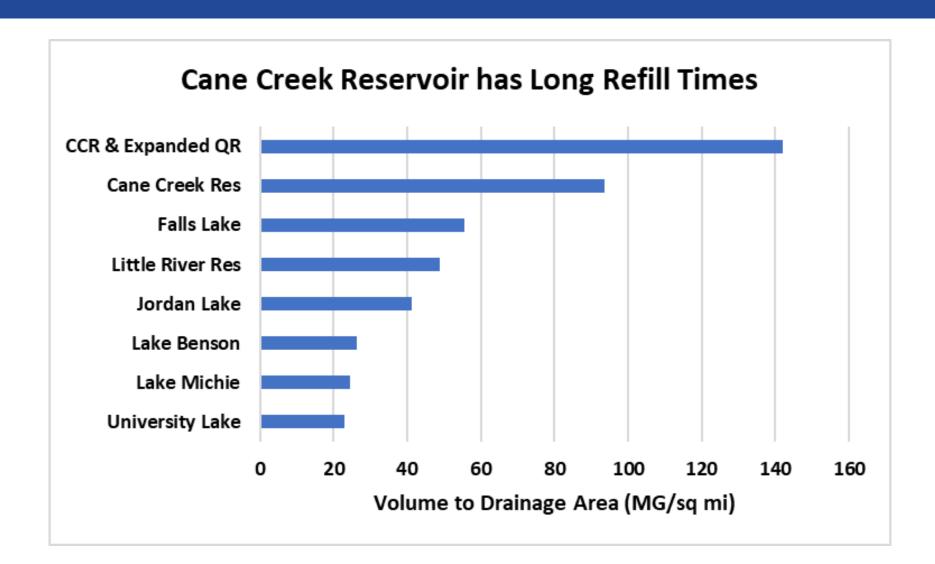
Ensuring Long-Range Water Supply Resiliency

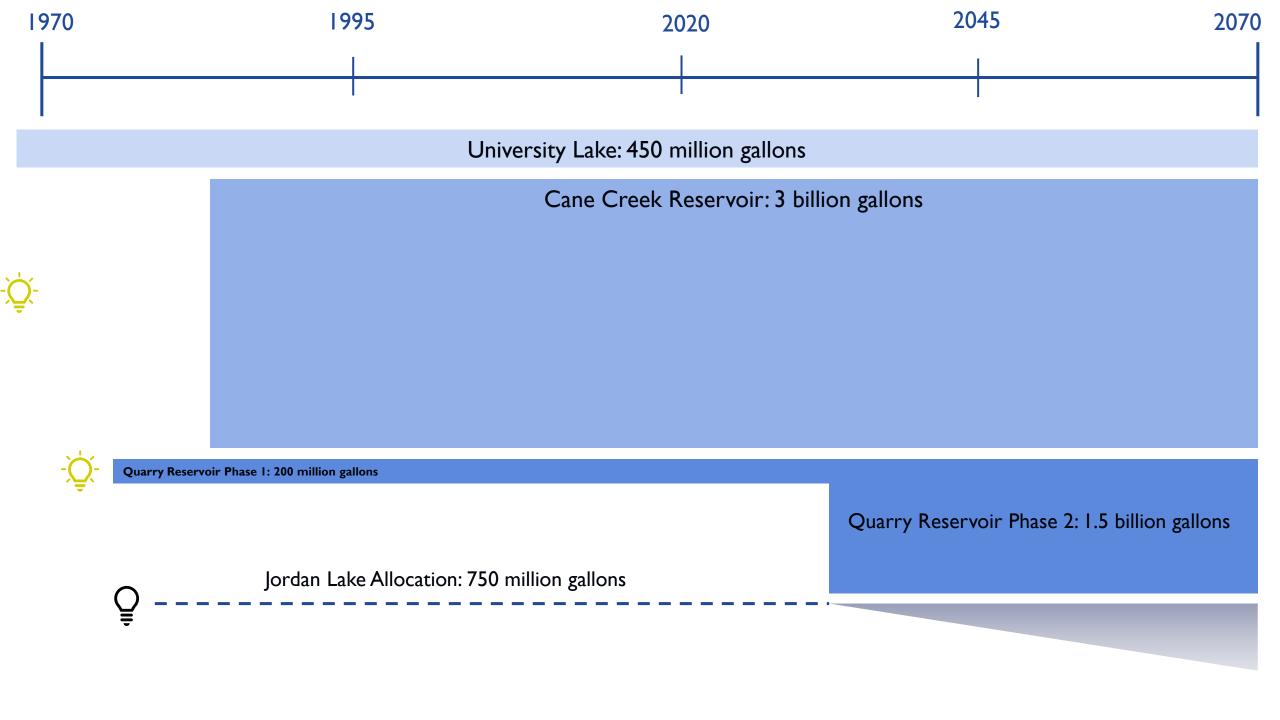


Our Planned Water Supply Meets Demands Under Most Conditions



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



Community **Process for Narrowing Alternatives E**ngagement All supply and demand management possibilities Alternatives with potential Best alternatives Jordan Lake alternatives Direct outreach

Options Eliminated

None

- Groundwater
- Stormwater
- Some demand side management
- Demand side management
- Indirect potable reuse
- Direct potable reuse
- Deep Quarry
- TBD

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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