River Bend Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes September 18, 2025 Town Hall 5:00 p.m.

Present Council Members: Mayor Mark Bledsoe

Buddy Sheffield Brian Leonard Kathy Noonan Jeff Weaver

Absent Council Member: Lisa Benton

Town Manager:

Finance Director:

Police Chief:

Town Clerk:

Town Attorney:

Delane Jackson

Mandy Gilbert

Sean Joll

Kristie Nobles

David Baxter

Members of the Public Present: 8

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bledsoe called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 18, 2025, at the River Bend Town Hall with a quorum present, followed by invocation and the pledge of allegiance.

RECOGNITION OF NEW RESIDENTS

Pamela Powers and Joseph Lopes – introduced themselves and stated that they are from Massachusetts and moved to River Bend in May.

VOTE – Addition to the Agenda

Councilman Weaver motioned to amend the agenda by adding Flood Resiliency Action Plan as item 12(C). The motion carried unanimously.

VOTE – Approval of Agenda

Councilman Weaver motioned to accept the agenda as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- A. Mayor Bledsoe presented the annual Constitution Week Proclamation
- B. Donna Steebins with the Daughters of the American Revolution gave a presentation on the history of the Constitution of the United States and information on the local Richard Dobb Speight Unit.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Victoria Stuppy – 298 Shoreline Drive – Addressed the Council in opposition of the town spending \$30,000 on the July 4, 2026, event.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Mayor presented the Council with the Consent Agenda. Councilwoman Noonan moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously. Within this motion, the following items were approved:

A. Approve:

Minutes of August 14, 2025, Work Council Meeting Minutes of August 21, 2025, Regular Council Meeting

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

The Manager reviewed the town's leaf and limb ordinance, stating that there have been some ongoing violations. He urged residents to review the ordinance and rules that are on the leaf and limb schedule and please follow them to avoid being fined.

Chief Joll reviewed the monthly statistics for the police department. He stated that National Night Out is on October 7, 2026, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

FINANCE - Councilman Leonard

Financial Report – Finance Director, Mandy Gilbert, presented the financial statement for the month of August to the Council. She stated the total of the Town's Cash and Investments as of August 31, 2025, were \$2,584,049 and Ad Valorem Tax Collections for FY25-26 were \$2,147 and Vehicle Ad Valorem Tax Collections were \$12,435.

VOTE- Budget Amendment 25-B-03

The Manager stated that the presented budget amendment will reverse Budget Amendment 25-B-02 that was for the pickleball court construction. He stated that the Council voted to withdraw the project due to no communication with the contractor and rejected all other bids.

Councilman Leonard motioned to approve Budget Amendment 25-B-03 as presented. (see attached)

VOTE- Accept Easement and Authorize Drainage Project

The Manager stated that he and the Town Attorney had been in negotiations with the Plantation Landing HOA for an easement which would give the town authority to make drainage improvements that will affect Mulberry. He stated that the Council would need to accept the easement to begin the drainage improvements.

Councilman Leonard motioned to accept the easement as presented and to authorize the Town Manager to proceed with the drainage project on Mulberry as recommended by the engineer.

DISCUSSION – July 4th, 2026, Festivities

Councilman Leonard stated that he has no plan in place for the town's July 4, 2026, activities and he would like the town to recognize the significance of the event since it is the 250th anniversary of the United States. He stated that the Council agreed to a budget of \$30,000 during the work session but they do not have to spend that amount. He stated that Council also needs to decide what date the town will hold the event. After discussion among the Council, they agreed to proceed with the usual type event on July 3, 2026, and have the annual parade and event with some upgrades that are within the town's normal budget of \$5,000.

PARKS & RECREATION – Councilman Weaver

Councilman Weaver stated that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board met on September 3 at 6:30 p.m. and have several upcoming events, including the Annual Community Yard Sale, Bingo, and a Fall Festival. He stated that the board is in need of members and volunteers.

RIVER BEND COMMUNITY ORGANIC GARDEN

Councilman Weaver gave the following report from the September meeting:

Garden activity slowed as harvest quantities decreased, and some members went on vacation. 149 work hours were recorded for August. The fall and winter planting plan is complete. The garden will be operational all winter. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 6th at 1:30 pm in the Municipal building. Guests are always welcome at meetings and in the garden.

VOTE - Flood Resiliency Action Plan

The Manager stated the Flood Resiliency Action Plan presented would earn the town five additional points on the Phase II Wastewater Treatment Plant grant application that is due by September 30, which is prior to the Councils next meeting.

Councilman Weaver motioned to adopt the Flood Resiliency Action Plan as presented. The motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Councilman Sheffield moved to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:41 p.m.

Kristie J. Nobles, MMC

Town Clerk



TOWN OF RIVER BEND BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 25-B-03 FISCAL YEAR 2025 - 2026

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Town of River Bend, North Carolina that the 2025-2026 Budget Ordinance as last amended on July 17, 2025, be amended as follows:

Summary

General Fund	2,707,895
General Capital Reserve Fund	154,144
Law Enforcement Separation Allowance Fund	540
Water Fund	712,800
Water Capital Reserve Fund	25,000
Sewer Fund	788,550
Sewer Capital Reserve Fund	26,000
Total	4,414,929

Section 1.

General Fund

Anticipated Revenues

S	
AD VALOREM Taxes 2025-2026	1,153,846
AD VALOREM Tax-Motor Vehicle	140,000
Vehicle Registration Fee	30,800
Animal Licenses	1,500
Sales Tax 1% Article 39	225,177
Sales Tax 1/2% Article 40	132,451
Sales Tax 1/2% Article 42	112,435
Sales Tax Article 44	16,436
Sales Tax Hold Harmless Distribution	125,643
Solid Waste Disposal Tax	2,200
Powell Bill Allocation	109,000
Beer and Wine Tax	13,490
Video Programming Sales Tax	45,303
Utilities Franchise Tax	135,931
Telecommunications Sales Tax	6,530
Court Refunds	500
Zoning Permits	5,000
Miscellaneous	9,000
Interest- Powell Bill Investments	5
Interest-General Fund Investments	45,859
Contributions	900
Wildwood Storage Rents	18,144
Rents & Concessions	18,000
Sales Tax	11,365
Sale of Capital Assets	12,000
Transfer From Capital Reserve Fund	130,500
Appropriated Fund Balance	205,880
Total	2,707,895

Section 1.	General Fund (continued)	
Authorized Ėx	penditures	
	Governing Body	81,200
	Administration	348,725
	Finance	161,290
	Tax Listing	19,500
	Legal Services	44,000
	Elections	0
	Police	839,700
	Public Buildings	75,125
	Emergency Services	5,370
	Animal Control	27,820
	Street Maintenance	317,675
	Public Works	290,325
	Leaf & Limb and Solid Waste	76,725
	Stormwater Management	88,300
	Wetlands and Waterways	3,025
	Planning & Zoning	62,415
	Recreation & Special Events	14,200
	Parks & Community Appearance	76,000
	Contingency	25,156
	Transfer To General Capital Reserve Fund	151,344
	Transfer To L.E.S.A. Fund	2,707,895
	Total	2,707,895
Section 2.	General Capital Reserve Fund	
Anticipated R	evenues	
	Contributions from General Fund	151,344
	Interest Revenue	2,800
	Appropriated Fund Balance	0
	Total	154,144
Authorized Ex		120 500
	Transfer to General Fund	130,500 23,644
	Future Procurement	154,144
	Total	104,144
Section 3.	Law Enforcement Separation Allowance Fund	
Anticipated R	evenues:	
	Contributions from General Fund	0
	Interest Revenue	540
	Total	540
Authorized Ex	kpenditures:	
	Separation Allowance	0
	Future LEOSSA Payments	540
	Total	540

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Section 6.	Sewer Fund	
Anticipated Reve	enues:	
	Utility Usage Charges, Classes 1 & 2	255,040
	Utility Usage Charges, Classes 3 & 4	39,981
	Utility Usage Charges, Class 5	28,328
	Utility Usage Charges, Class 8	10,146
	Utility Customer Base Charges	298,921
	Taps & Connection Fees	1,250
	Late payment Fees	8,222
	Interest Revenue	23,006
	Sales Tax	4,050
	Sale of Capital Asset	0
	Transfer from Sewer Capital Reserve	25,000
	Appropriated Fund Balance	94,606
	Total	788,550
Authorized Expe	enditures:	
	Administration & Finance [2]	533,650
	Operations and Maintenance	229,400
	Transfer to Fund Balance for Capital Outlay	0
	Transfer to Sewer Capital Reserve Fund	25,500
	Total	788,550
	[2] Portion of department for bond debt service:	115,429
Section 7.	Sewer Capital Reserve	
Anticipated Rev	enues:	
	Contributions From Sewer Operations Fund	25,500
	Interest Revenue	500
	Total	26,000
Authorized Expe	enditures:	
	Transfer to Sewer Operations Fund	25,000
	Future Expansion & Debt Service	1,000
	Total	26,000

Section 8. Levy of Taxes

There is hereby levied a tax at the rate of twenty-eight cents (\$0.28) per one hundred dollars (\$100) valuation of property as listed for taxes as of January 1, 2025, for the purpose of raising the revenue listed as "Ad Valorem Taxes 2025-2026" in the General Fund Section 1 of this ordinance. This rate is based on a valuation of \$413,245,000 for purposes of taxation of real and personal property with an estimated rate of collection of 99.72%. The estimated collection rate is based on the fiscal year 2023-2024 collection rate of 99.72% by Craven County who has been contracted to collect real and personal property taxes for the Town of River Bend. Also included is a valuation of \$50,000,000 for purposes of taxation of motor vehicles with a collection rate of 100% by the North Carolina Vehicle Tax System.

Section 9. Fees and Charges

There is hereby established, for Fiscal Year 2025-2026, various fees and charges as contained in Attachment A of this document.

Section 10. Special Authorization of the Budget Officer

- A. The Budget Officer shall be authorized to reallocate any appropriations within departments.
- **B.** The Budget Officer shall be authorized to execute interfund and interdepartmental transfers in emergency situations. Notification of all such transfers shall be made to the Town Council at its next meeting following the transfer.
- C. The Budget Officer shall be authorized to execute interdepartmental transfers in the same fund, including contingency appropriations, not to exceed \$5,000. Notification of all such transfers shall be made to the Town Council at its next meeting following the transfer.

Section 11. Classification and Pay Plan

Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for all Town employees shall be 2.8% and shall begin the first payroll in the new fiscal year. The Town Manager is hereby authorized to grant merit increases to Town employees, when earned, per the approved Pay Plan.

Section 12. Utilization of the Budget Ordinance

This ordinance shall be the basis of the financial plan for the Town of River Bend municipal government during the 2025-2026 fiscal year. The Budget Officer shall administer the Annual Operating Budget and shall ensure the operating staff and officials are provided with guidance and sufficient details to implement their appropriate portion of the budget.

Section 13. Copies of this Budget Ordinance

Copies of this Budget Ordinance shall be furnished to the Clerk, Town Council, Budget Officer and Finance Officer to be kept on file by them for their direction in the disbursement of funds.

Adopted this 18th day of September, 2025.

Mark Bledsoe, Mayor

Attest

Kristie J. Nobles, Town Clerk, MMC, NCCMC

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Town of River Bend



Flood Resiliency Action Plan (FRAP)

Town of River Bend, North Carolina 45 Shoreline Drive River Bend, NC 28562

252-638-3870

www.riverbendnc.org

September 18, 2025

1.0 Purpose

This Flood Resiliency Action Plan (FRAP) is designed to assist the town in identifying critical public infrastructure, specifically its water and sewer systems, part of which lie within areas that are vulnerable to flooding. Herein, collectively, these features will be referred to as "assets". The assets have been mapped and identified as a whole and in greater detail within sections of the FRAP. The town used the map data to develop an action plan to mitigate flood damage to its assets.

With funding from the North Carolian Division of Water Infrastructure, the town completed an Asset Inventory Analysis (AIA) of its water and sewer systems in 2025. The town is currently developing an AIA for its stormwater system. These AIA's were professionally developed through the collaboration of a professional engineering firm and town staff. The AIA's include maps of the systems. This mapping is essential to both the town's daily operation and maintenance of the systems, as well as for long-term planning, such as is the purpose of this FRAP.

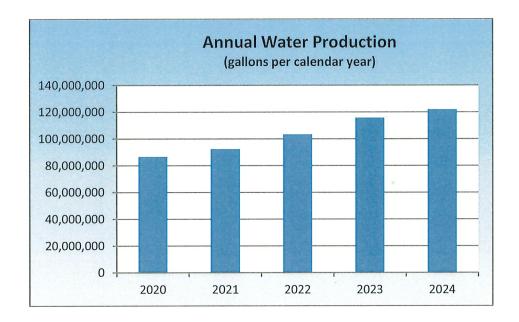
After asset identification, town staff assessed the assets relative to their overall importance to the town's operations, their vulnerability to flooding and their importance in the delivery of critical services. Based on this prioritization, the town can use that data to help develop long-term budget planning through the annual budget process and through even longer-term planning through the town's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

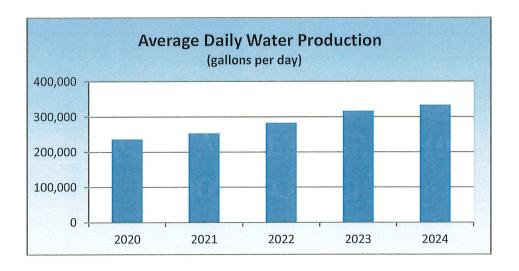
The FRAP will serve as a planning tool but due to numerous variables, the projects may not necessarily be completed in the exact order of priority. For example, if grant funding is received or anticipated to address a project, the town may move onto another project while those funds are being utilized. Also, as the town is developed and population density changes and new infrastructure is installed or existing infrastructure is stressed, being pragmatic about project prioritization may become necessary.

This plan will be reviewed annually by the Town Manager and Public Works Director with the intent to update the project priority list at least every five years. Since assets have long life expectancy, the goal is to plan for projects up to 10 years out.

2.0 Water System

The town's water system consists of 3 wells, 3 treatment units, 2 elevated water tanks (with a combined capacity of 400,000 gallons) and 19 miles of pipe. The system has a capacity to produce 925,000 gallons per day. The town utilizes ground water as its source of raw water. As of 2024, the town has about 1,500 water customers and produced an average of 335,937 gallons of water per day. See historical data below.

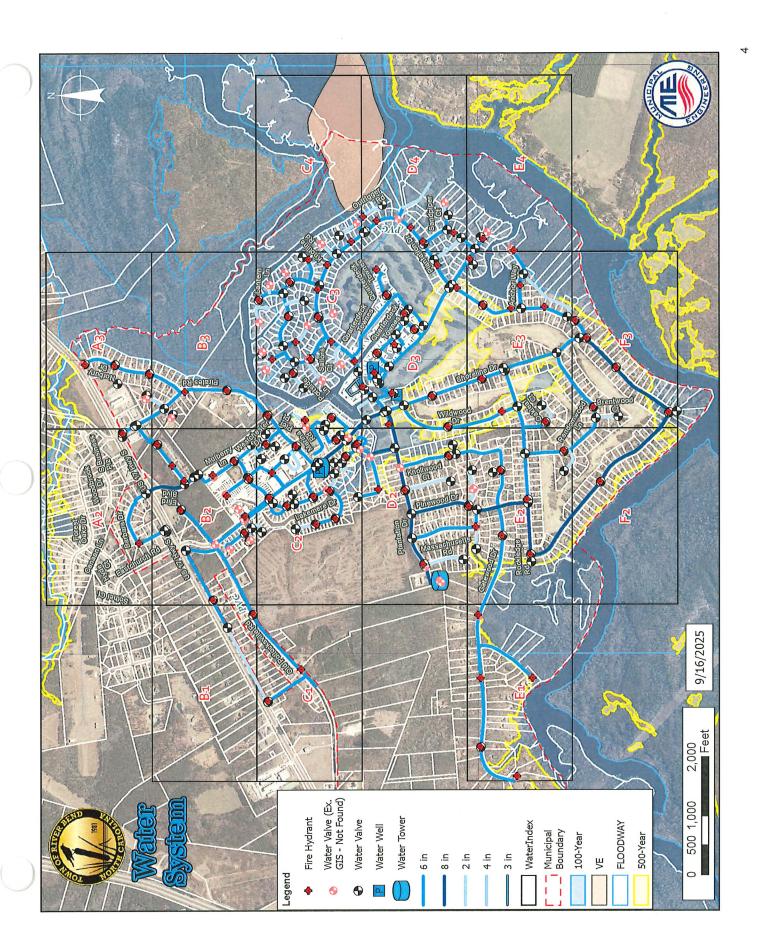


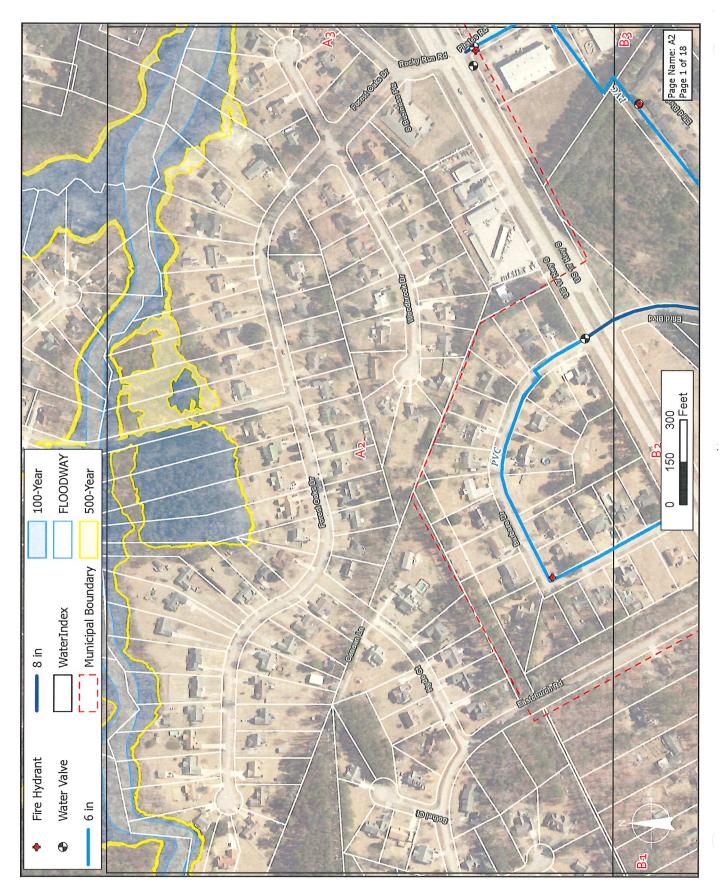


About 30% of the town's water system is located within the 100-year floodplain. That includes 2 of 3 wells and 2 of 3 treatment units which are within the 100-year floodplain and therefore are more vulnerable to flooding.

2.1 Water System Maps

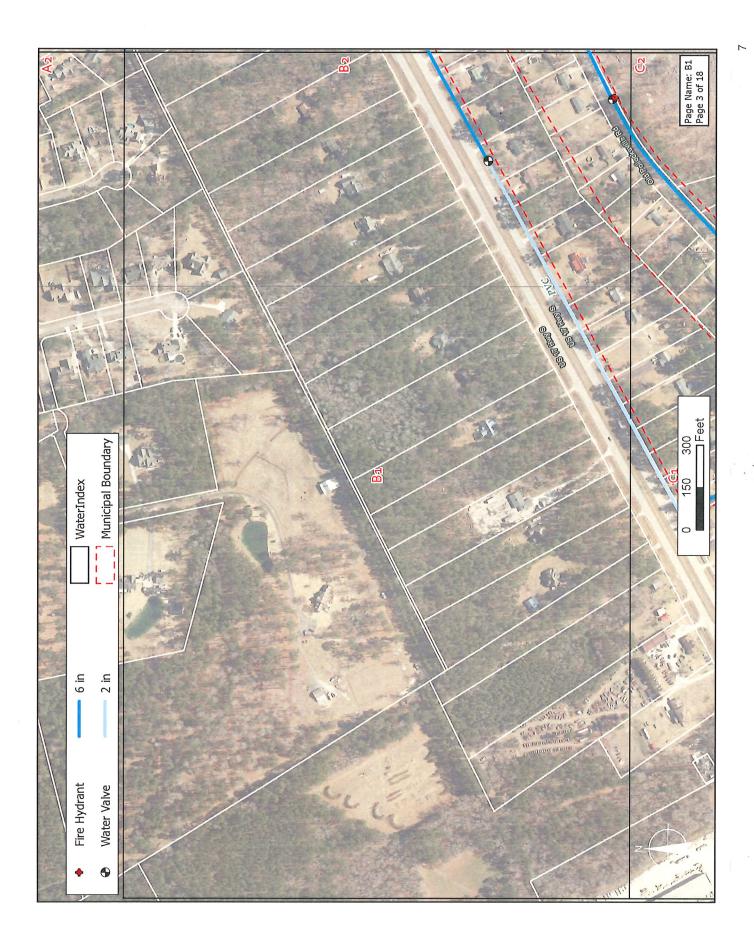
Following are maps of the water system. The first map shows a bird's eye view of the entire water system. The following 18 pages show close-up details of each map panel.



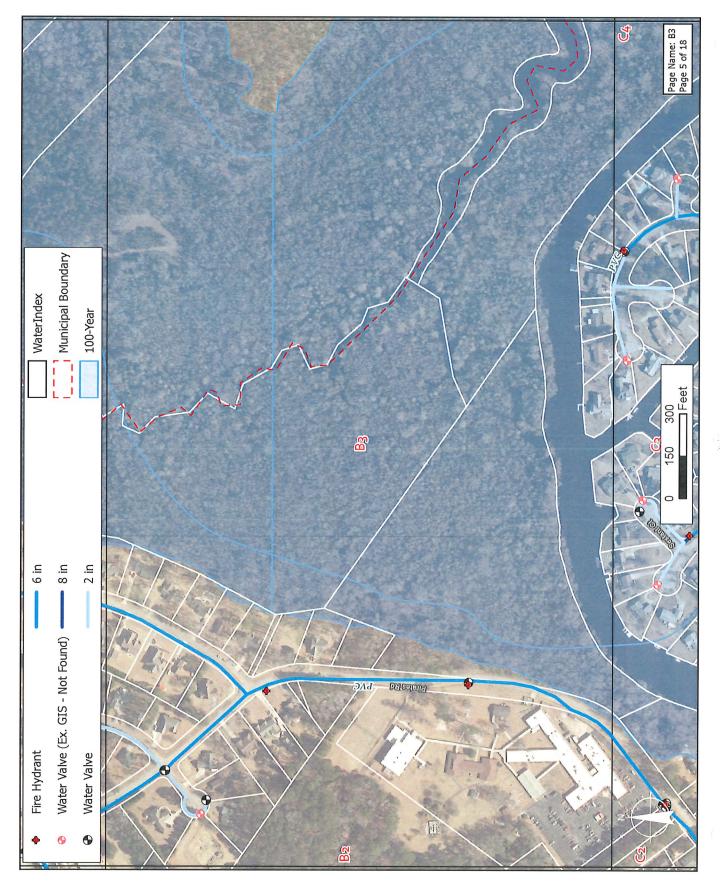


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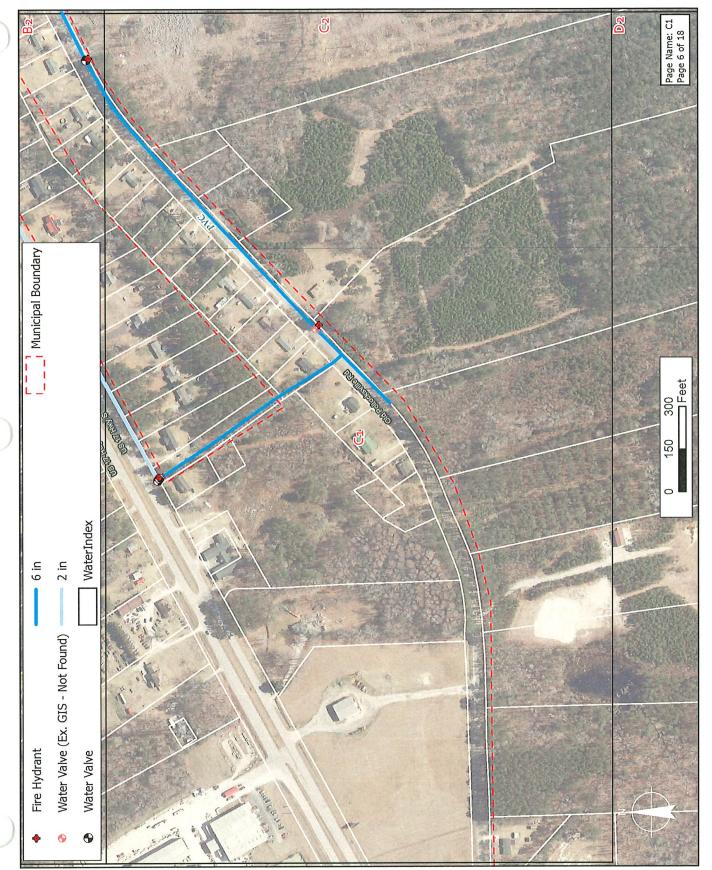
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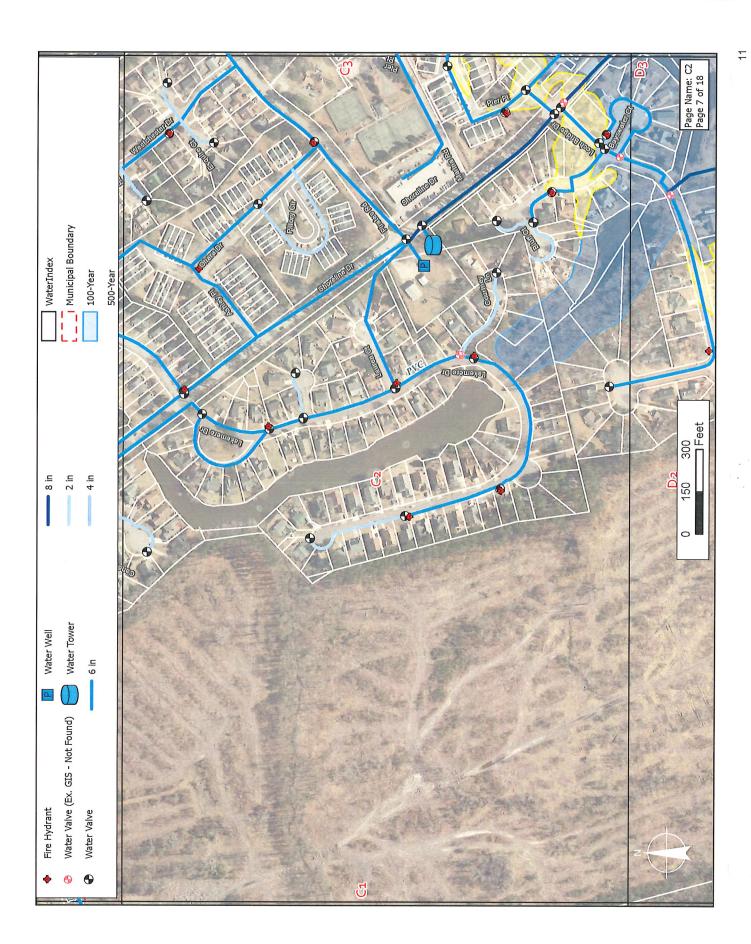


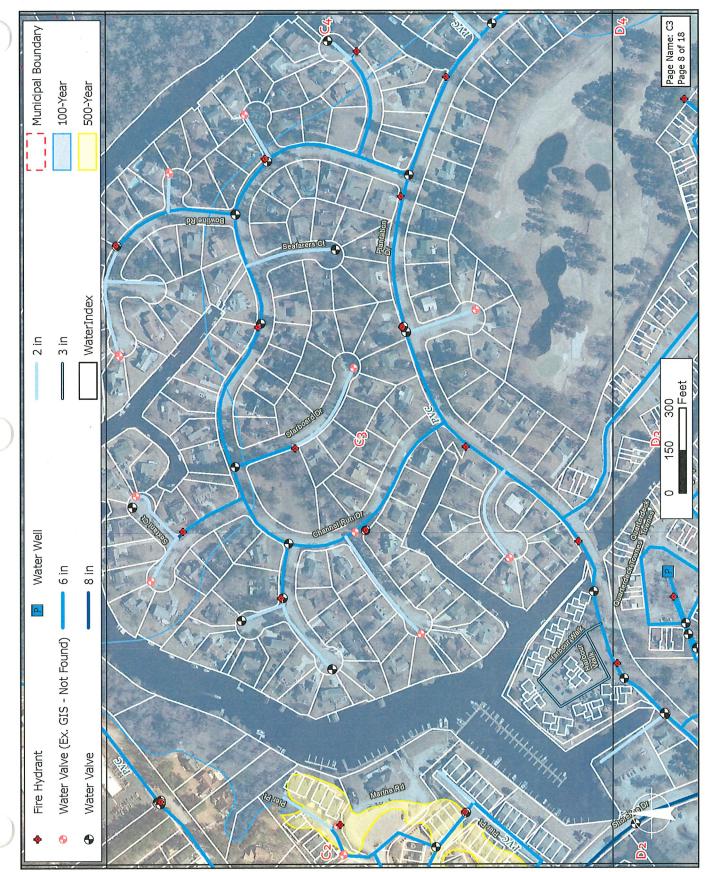
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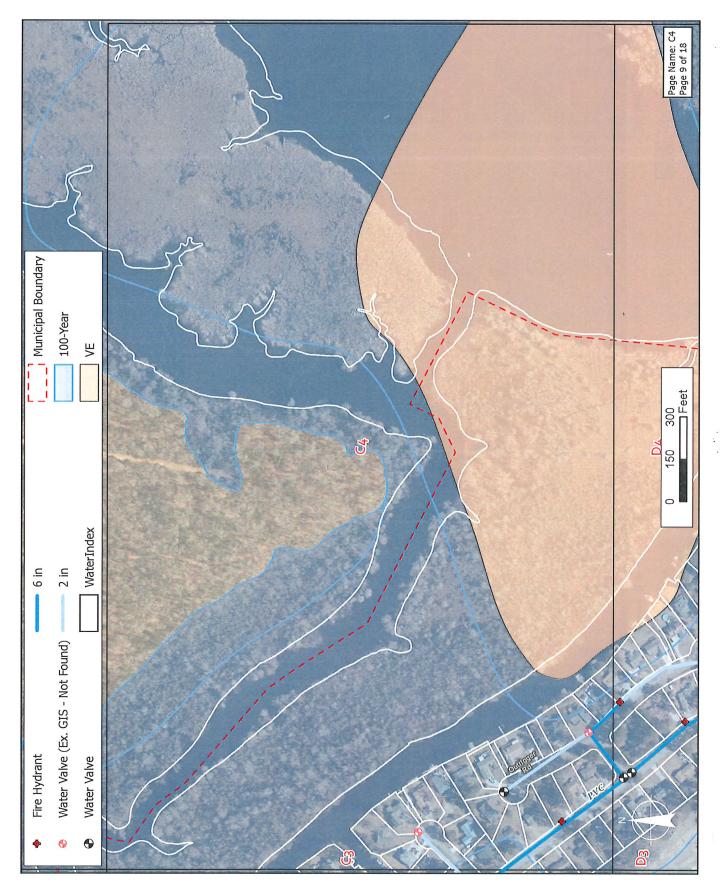


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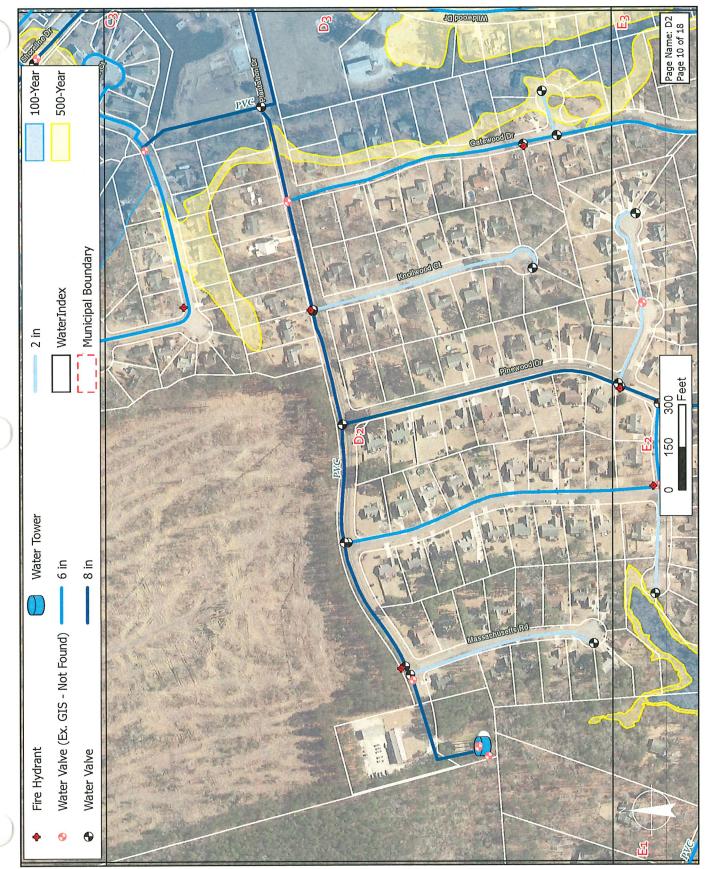


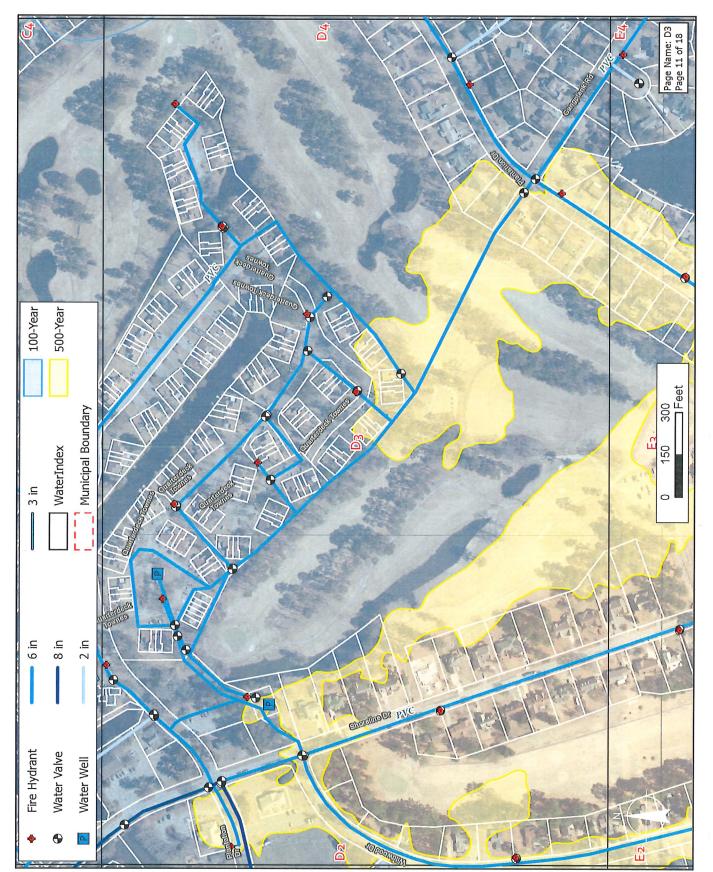


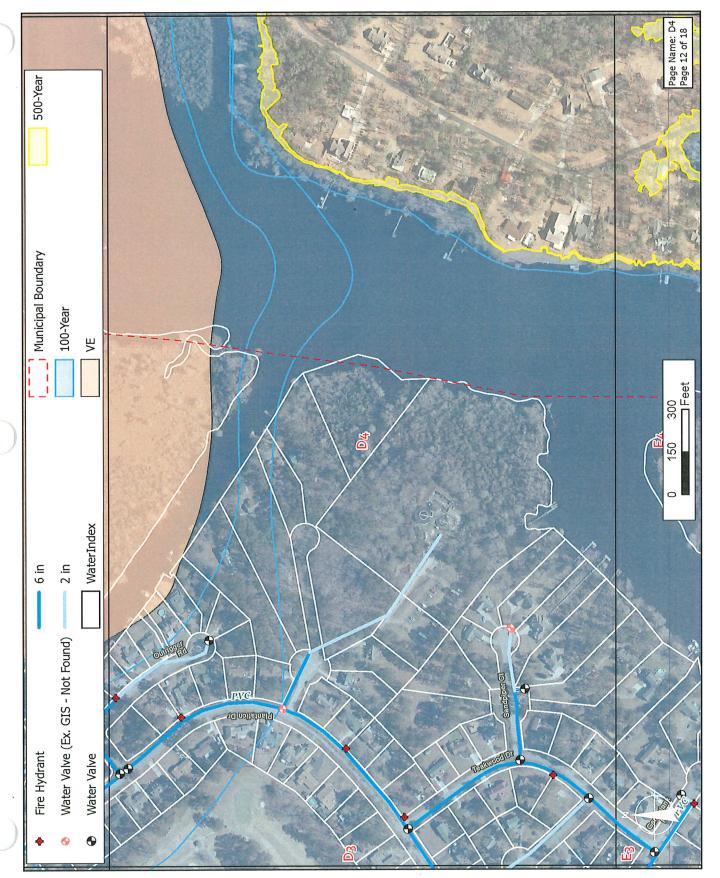


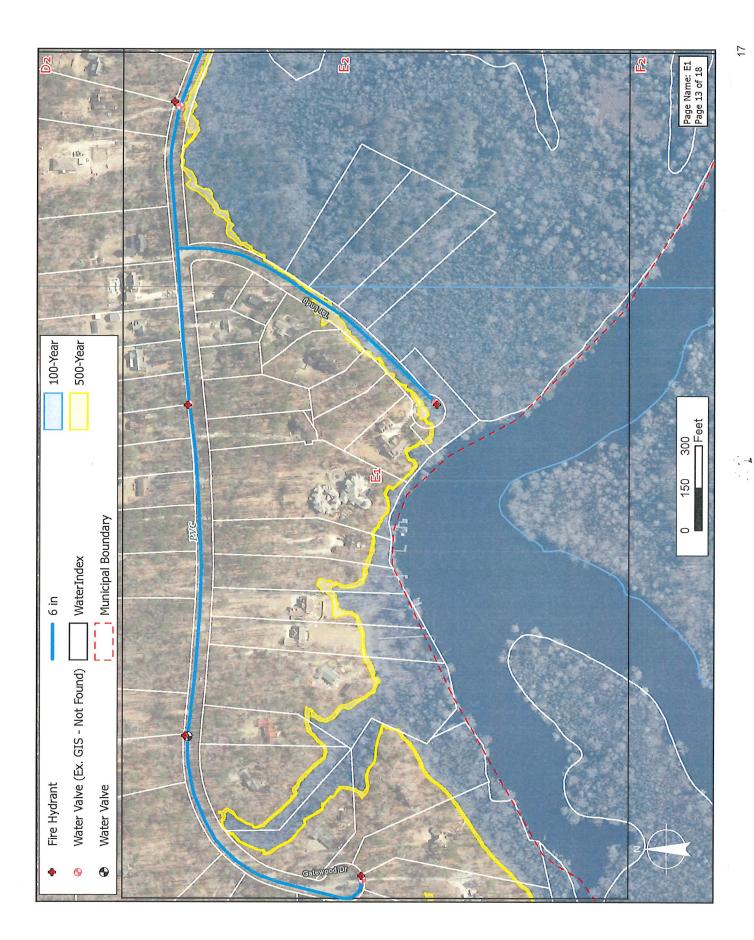


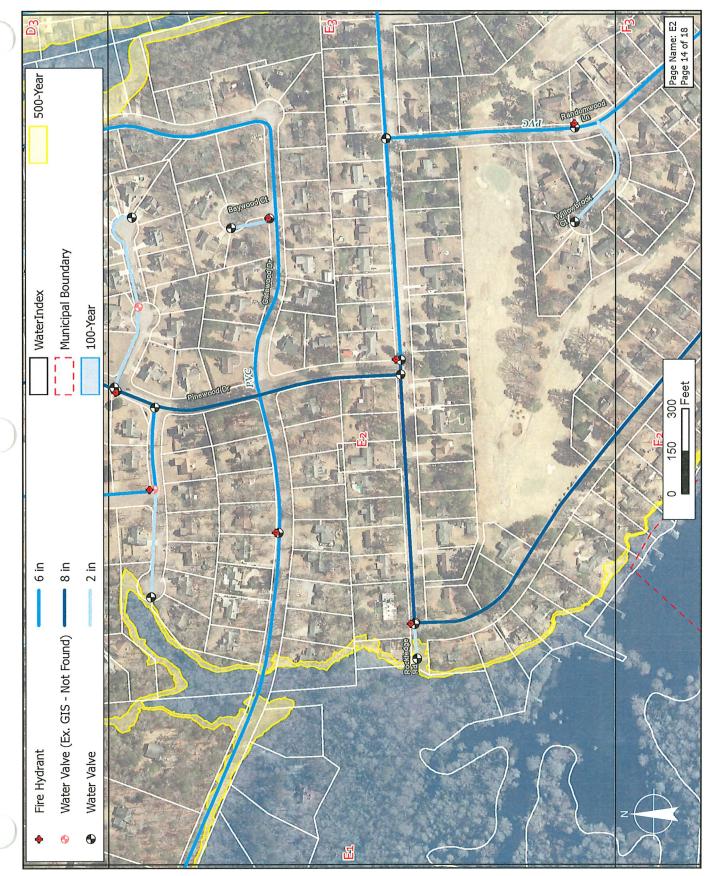
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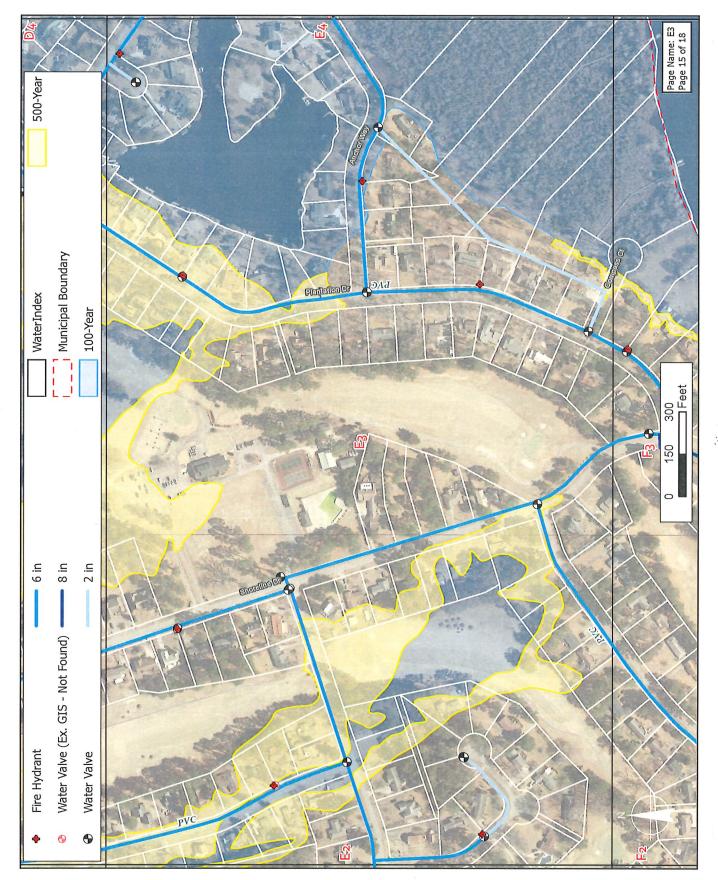


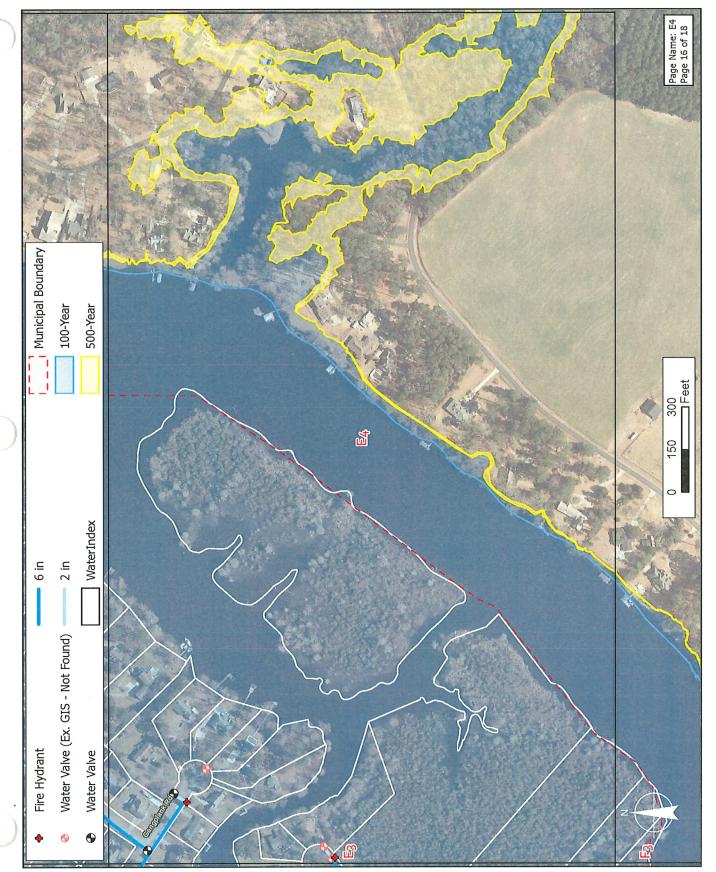


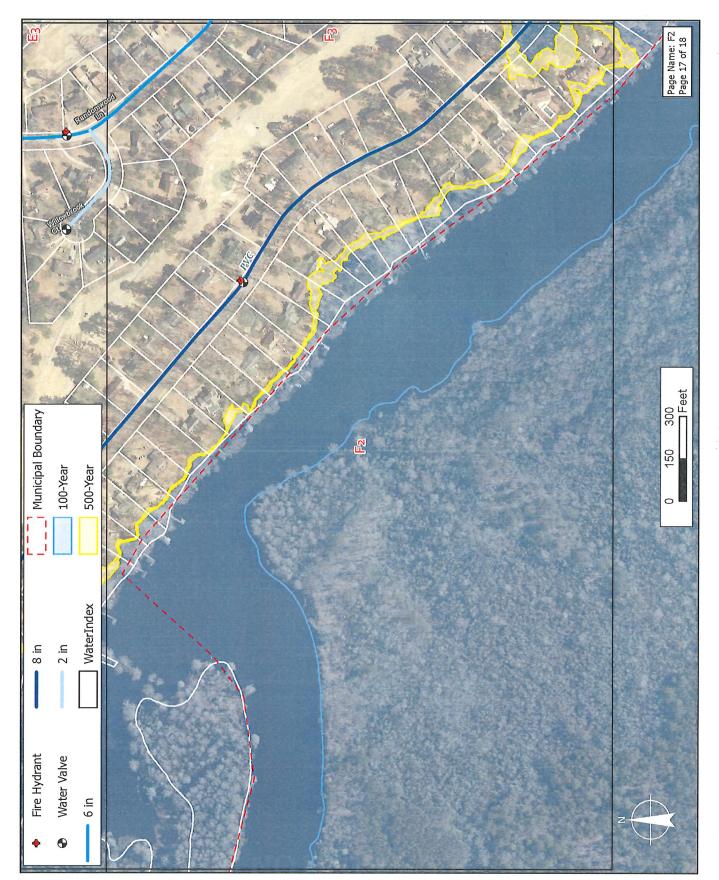


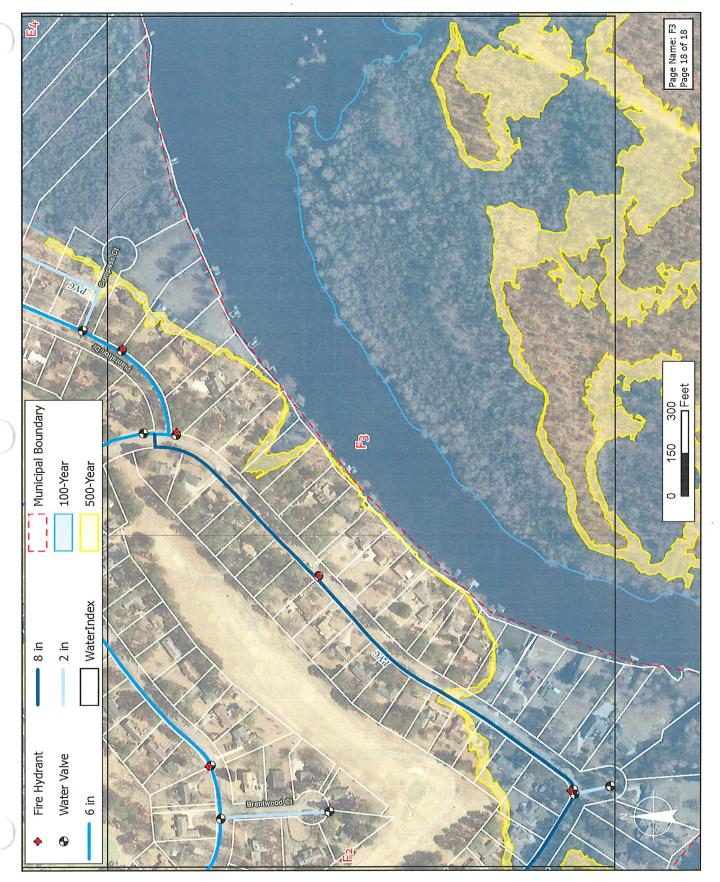












2.2 Water Asset Vulnerability

Following is a list of the most vulnerable components of the town's water system in order of priority action for resiliency.

Priority	Asset	Address	Flood Zone	Project	Estimated
Rank				Scope/Action	Cost
1	Well # 1	52 Shoreline Drive	AE	relocate	\$ 2,000,000
2	Well #2	30B Quarterdeck	AE	relocate	2,000,000
3	Treatment Unit #1	52 Shoreline Drive	AE	relocate	5,000,000
4	Treatment Unit #2	52 Shoreline Drive	AE	relocate	5,000,000
5	Well #3	25B Shoreline Drive	Χ	relocate	2,000,000
6	Treatment Unit #3	25B Shoreline Drive	X	relocate	5,000,000
7	Backup Generator for #1 & #2	52 Shoreline Drive	AE	relocate	100,000
8	Backup Generator for #3	25B Shoreline Drive	Χ	relocate	100,000
				GRAND TOTAL	\$ 21,200,000

2.3 Water System Action Plan

The most effective flood mitigation strategy is to relocate vulnerable assets to outside of the flood hazard area. The town has received funding to construct a new water treatment plant and 2 new wells on property that is located outside of the 500-year flood plain. This project will relocate all assets listed above that are within the AE flood zone to a Zone X area.

In the future, when system expansion is required, the town will consider the location of new equipment relative to its flood hazard vulnerability and take steps to either avoid location within a floodplain or flood proof structures that must be located within a floodplain. Part of the floodproof strategy will include elevating system components above the base flood elevation, plus an additional 2 feet of freeboard, in accordance with the town's Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance.

2.4 Water System Capital Improvement Planning

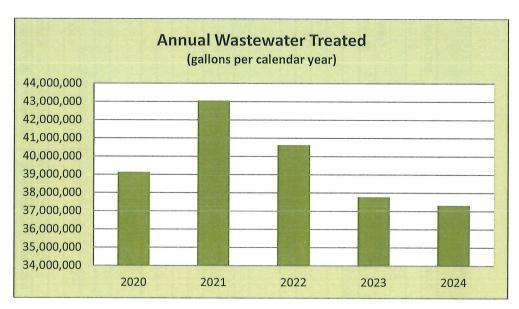
The town maintains a Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for the water system. The CIP is projected out for a 10-year period. The town uses this CIP to plan and budget for capital projects within the system, which includes projects that achieve flood resiliency.

Water Capital Improvement Plan 2025-2036

Water Fund			Similardo			Luine		
		Year	Year			Years		E
1 - : : · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		2024-2025	2025-2026	2026-2027	2027-2028	2028-2029	2029-2030	2031-2036
Appropriation: Annual		75,000	15,000	20,000	20,000	25,000	30,000	150,000
Appropriation: Grant/Loan/Other Funds		9,252,105	2,000,000					
Appropriation: For Vehicles (50/50 with sewer)	rer)	5,000	5,500	5,500	6,000	6,500	6,500	49,500
	FY Appropriation:	\$ 9,332,105	\$ 2,020,500	\$ 25,500	\$ 26,000	\$ 31,500	\$ 36,500	\$ 199,500
Previous Year	Previous Year Ending Balance	\$ 200						
Capital Projects	Prior Project yr.							
Administration:								
Vehicle Replacement (split Water/Sewer)	Perschedule					24,500	20,500	22,000
Backhoe (split with water and general)	21-22							60,000
Treatment								
Well#1 Replacement			1,000,000					
Well #2 Replacement			1,000,000					
Treatment House Corrosion Prevention	20-21							18,000
Filter Media Rehab	24-25 (all 3)	60,000						
Well #1 Pump Replacement	13-14	,						
Water Treatment Plant Improvements	24-25	9,252,105						
Sampling Station Replacement	23-24						10,000	
Distribution				ž				
Line Extension (2 on Old Pollocksville Rd.)			25,000	25,000				
Howell Center and Riverstone Backflow	11-12							
Industrial Meter Replacement					000'9			
Elevated Tank Projects							30,000	
	FY Expenditures:	9,312,105	2,025,000	25,000	6,000	24,500	60,500	100,000
Any reserves shown in ending balance line		2024-2025	2025-2026	2026-2027	2027-2028	2028-2029	2029-2030	2031-2036
are accounted for in fund balance	Ending Balance	\$ 20,500	\$ 16,000	\$ 16,500	\$ 36,500	\$ 43,500	\$ 19,500	\$ 143,000
Adopted by Council 2/25/25								

3.0 Sewer System

The town's sewer system consists of 1 wastewater treatment plant (WWTP), 8 lift stations, and 11 miles of pipe. The system has a capacity to treat and discharge 330,000 gallons per day. As of 2024, the town has about 1,000 sewer customers and treated an average of 102,096 gallons of sewer per day. See historical data below.

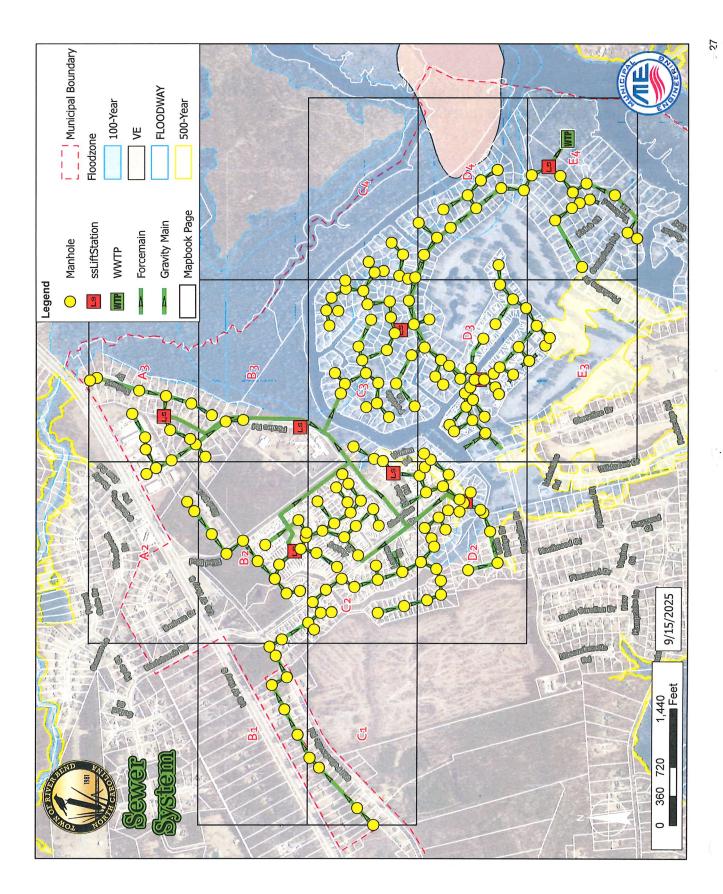


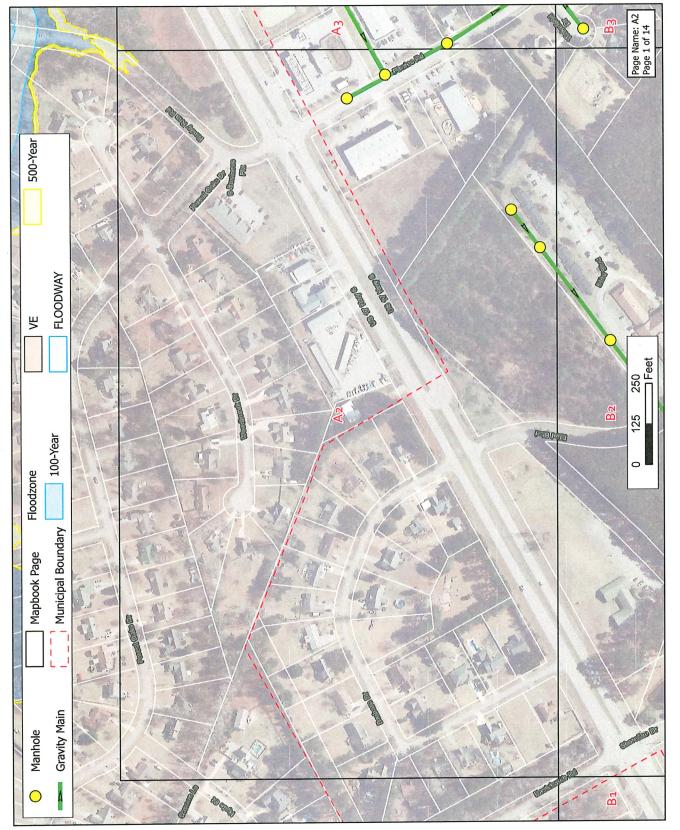


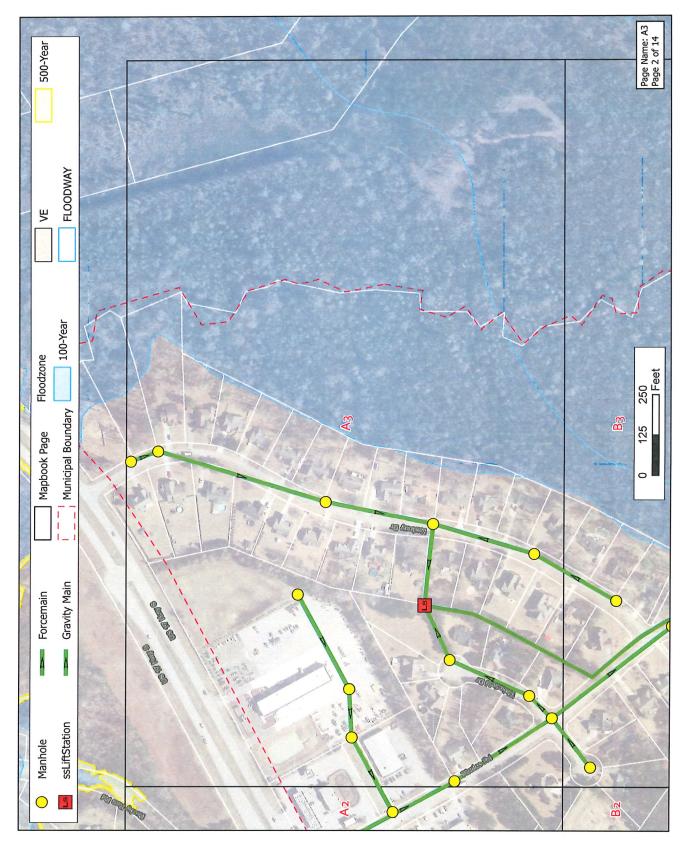
The town's WWTP and 4 lift stations are located within the 100-year flood plain and therefore are more vulnerable to flooding.

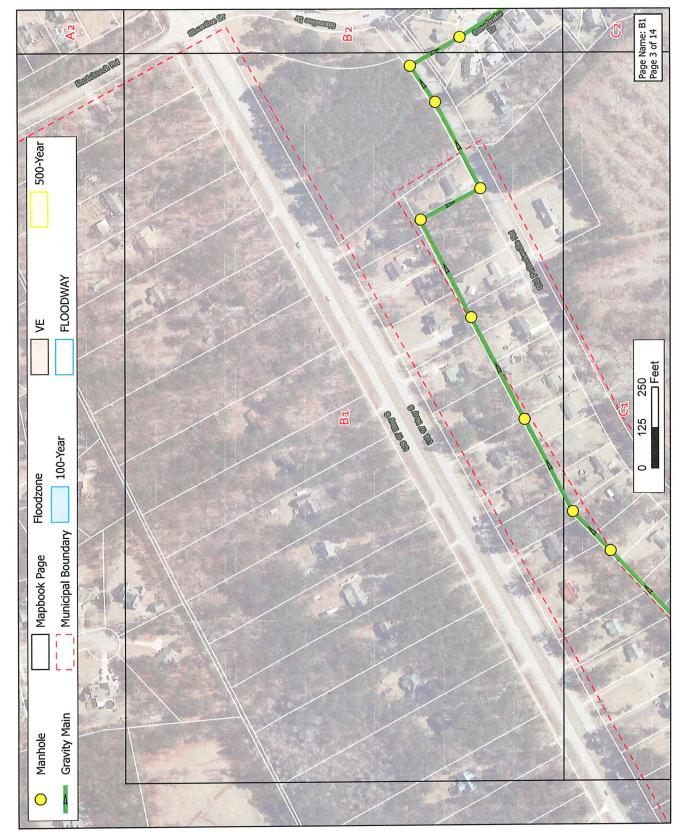
3.1 Sewer System Maps

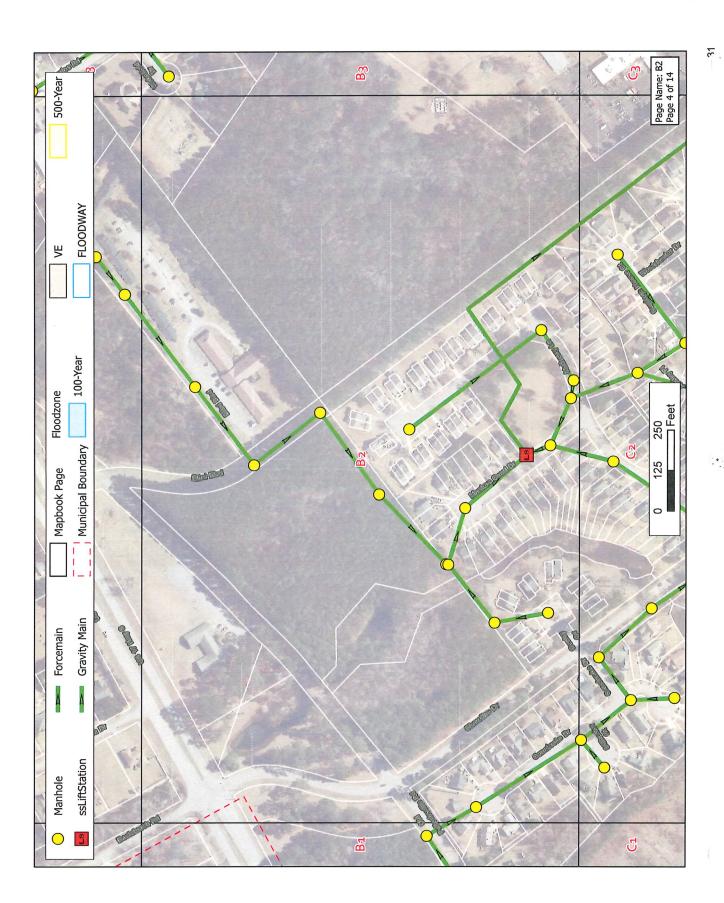
Following are maps of the sewer system. The first map shows a bird's eye view of the entire sewer system. The next 14 pages show close-up details of each map panel.

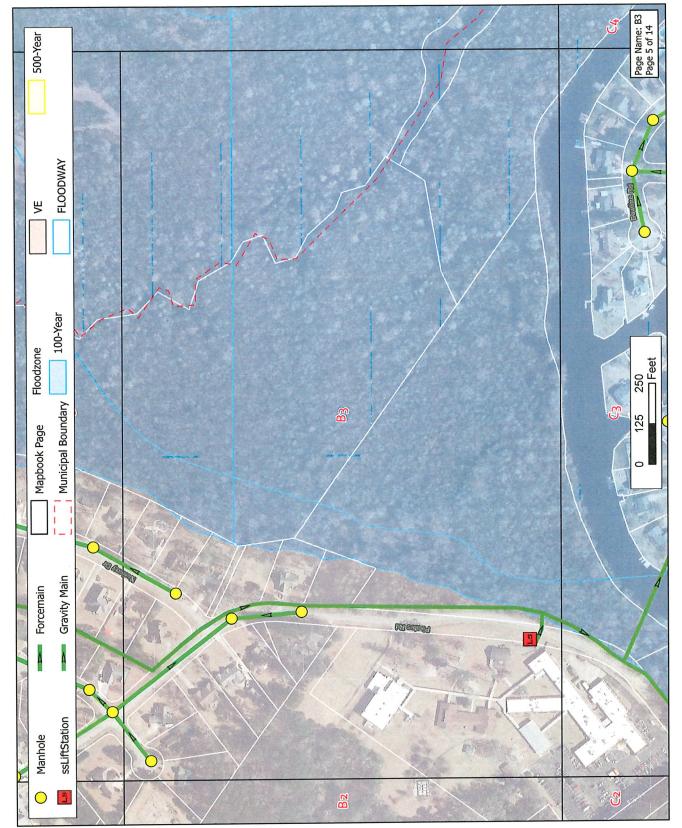


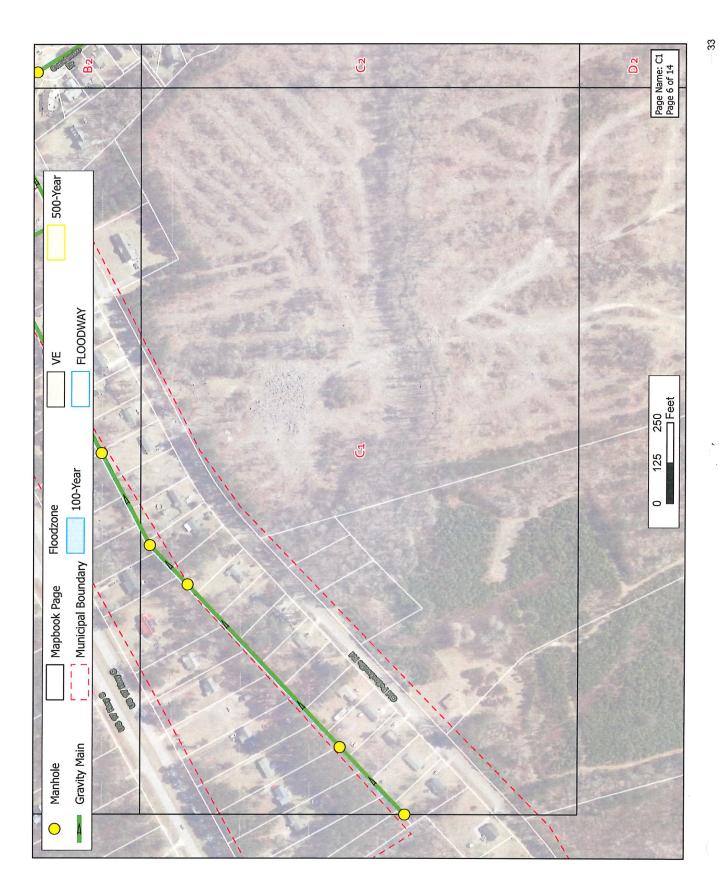


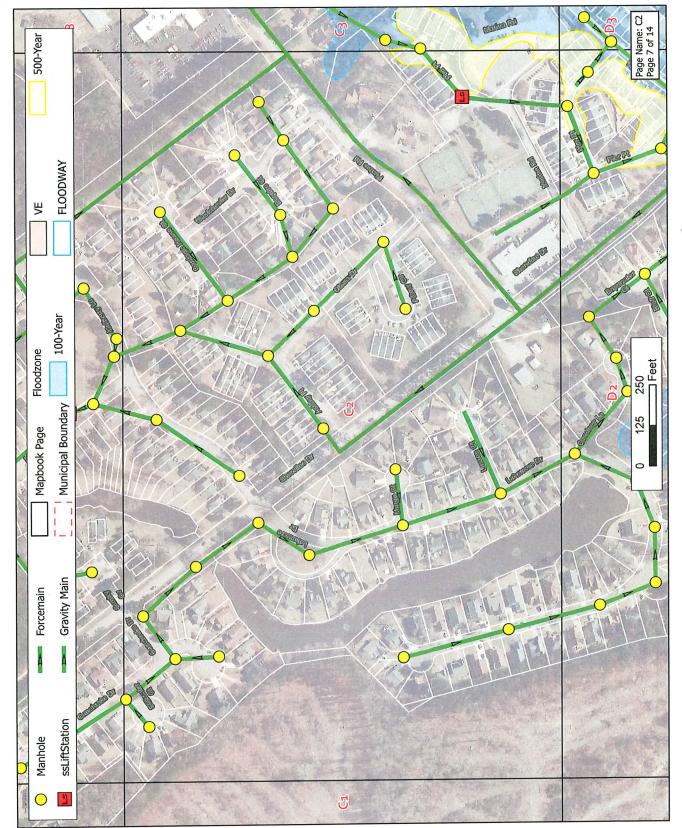


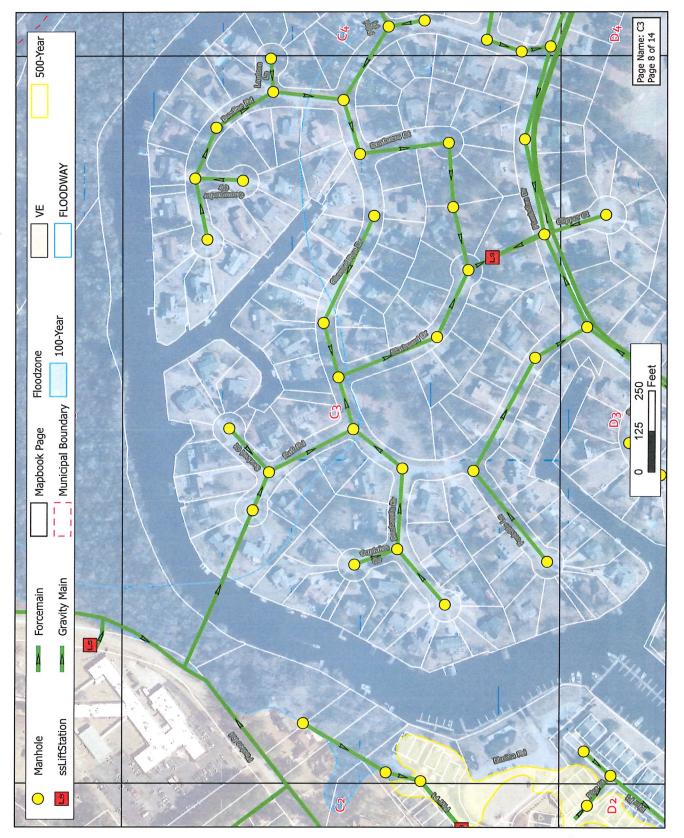


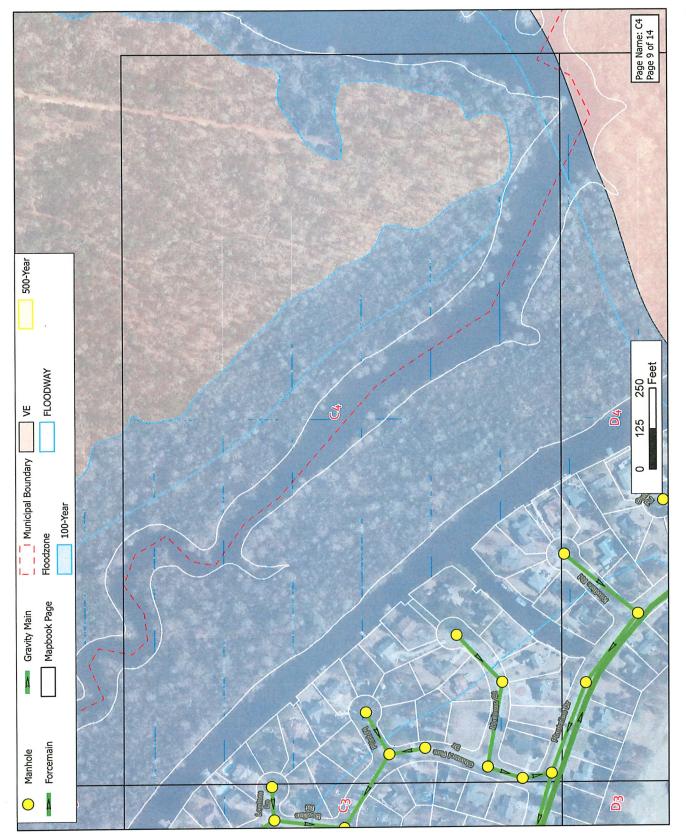


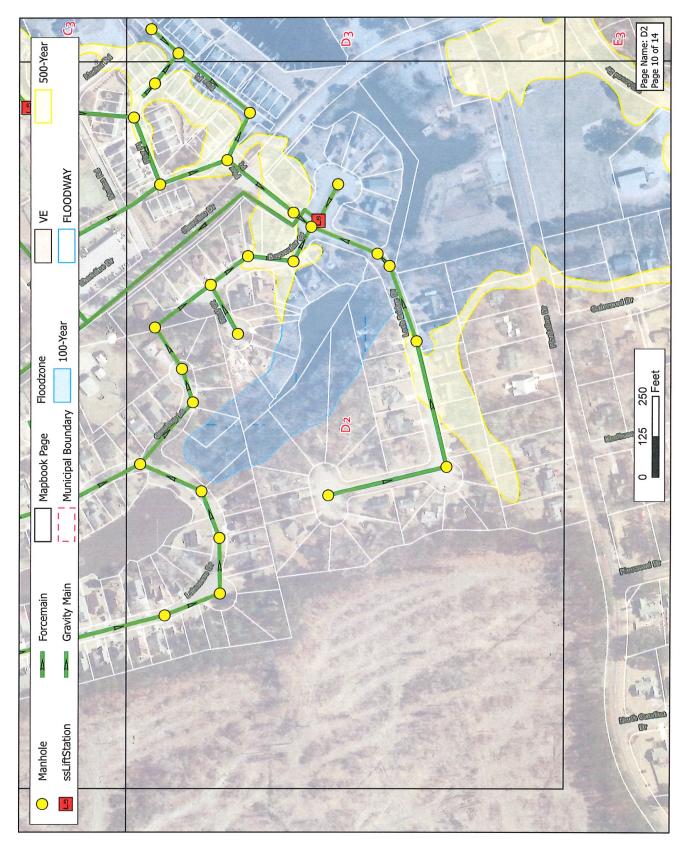


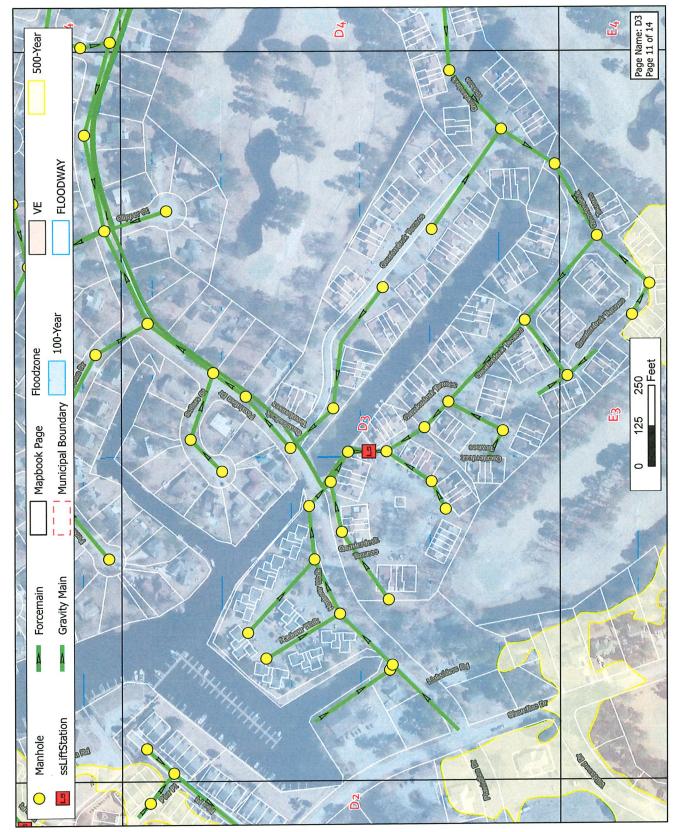


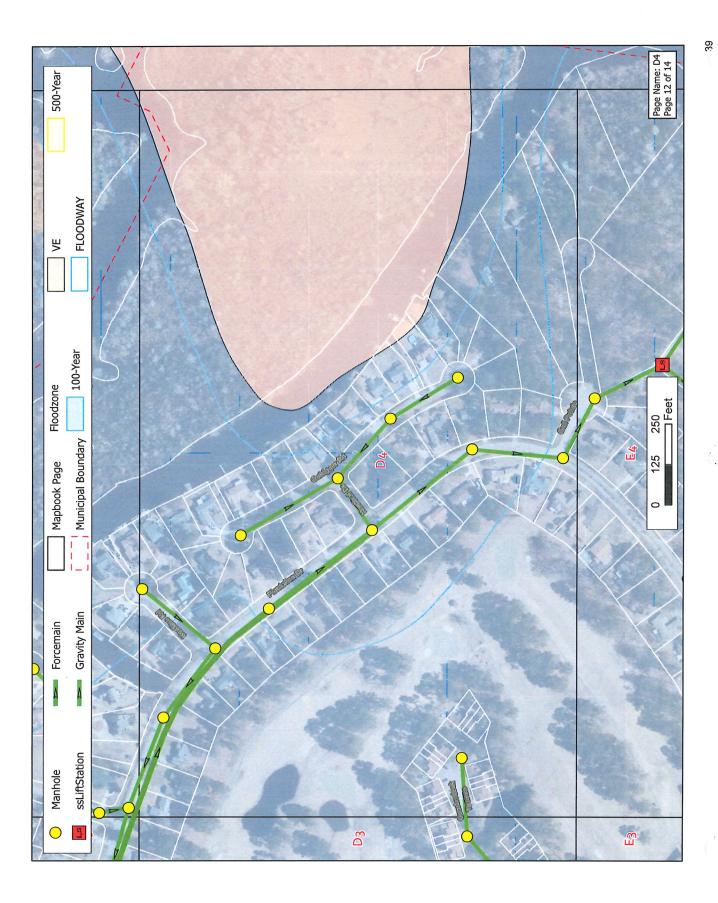


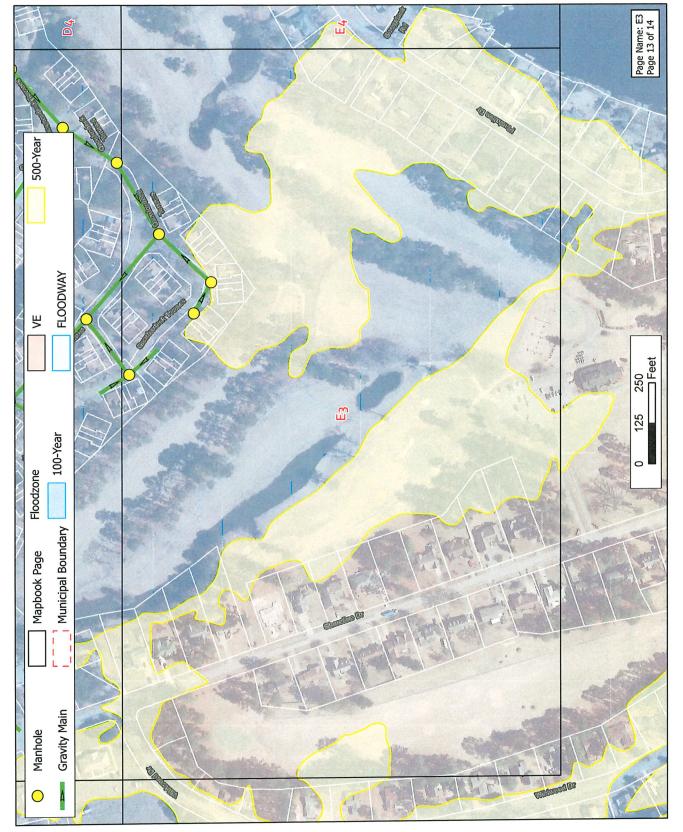


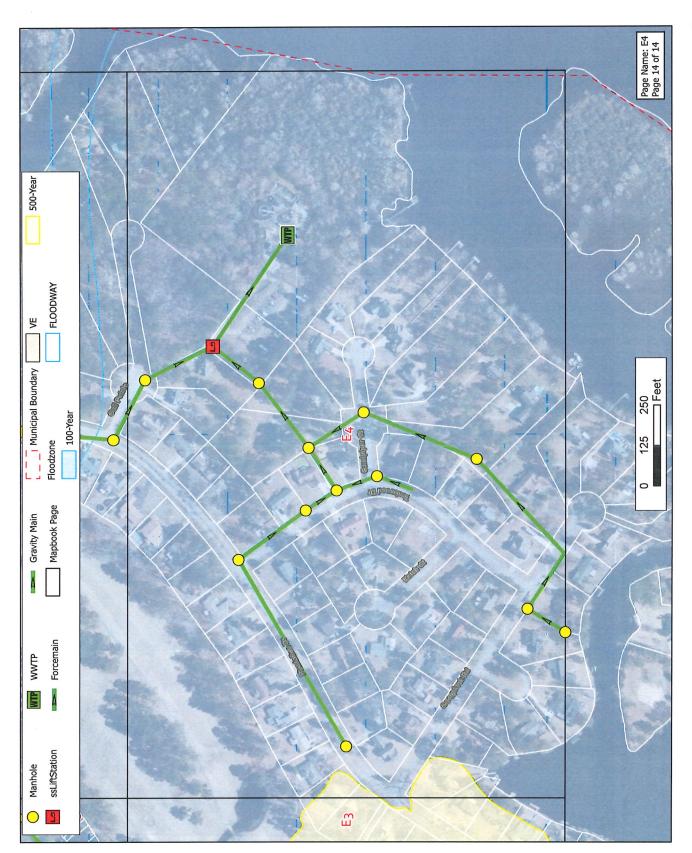












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3.2 Sewer Asset Vulnerability

As shown in the chart below, the town's WWTP is located within an AE designated flood zone. However, prior its construction, the footprint for the facility was built-up and much of the WWTP is located at an elevation that is above the base flood elevation. Essentially, the WWTP is located on an "island" and is therefore less vulnerable to flooding than its location alone may initially appear. The land around it has a low elevation and is vulnerable to flooding. While parts of the WWTP have a lower risk of flooding, this "island" condition means that the facility is often inaccessible during flood events.

Following is a list of the most vulnerable components of the town's water system in order of priority action for resiliency.

Priority	Asset	Address	Flood Zone	Project	Estimated
Rank				Scope/Action	Cost
1	Wastewater Treatment Plant	102 Gull Pointe	AE	Elevate/Floodproof	\$ 5,000,000
2	Lift Station #1	102 Gull Pointe	AE	Seal	125,000
3	Lift Station #2	111 Starboard Drive	AE	Seal	125,000
4	Lift Station #3	22 B Quarterdeck	AE	Seal	125,000
5	Lift Station #6	200 Lochbridge	AE	Seal	125,000
6	Lift Station #5	109 Wakefield Drive	X	Seal	125,000
7	Lift Station #4	26B Masters Court	Χ	Seal	125,000
8	Lift Station #7	43 Pier Pointe IV	X	Seal	125,000
9	Lift Station #8	140 Pirates Road	X	Seal	125,000
				GRAND TOTAL	\$ 6,000,000

In addition to the assets listed above, the town has numerous manholes which lie within the 100-year floodplain. All of those manholes have been sealed.

3.3 Sewer System Action Plan

The most effective flood mitigation strategy is to relocate vulnerable assets to outside of the flood hazard area. The town has received funding to rehabilitate parts of its existing wastewater treatment plant (WWTP). The existing WWTP is located within the 100-year floodplain. Relocation of that entire facility is cost prohibitive. During the current rehabilitation project, the town plans to elevate and/or floodproof any existing WWTP components within Phase I of the project. The town is seeking funding for Phase II of that project, which will include elevation and/or floodproofing of components within Phase II.

In the future, when system expansion is required, the town will consider the location of new equipment relative to its flood hazard vulnerability and take steps to either avoid location within a floodplain or flood proof structures that must be located within a floodplain. Part of the floodproof strategy will include elevating system components above the base flood elevation, plus an additional 2 feet of freeboard, in accordance with the town's Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance.

Within the sewer collection system, there are numerous manholes. Over the years, the town has taken steps to seal manholes that are located within the 100-year flood plain. The town will continue to monitor those manholes and complete annual inspects to ensure that each manhole is sealed and will reseal as needed.

3.4 Sewer System Capital Improvement Planning

The town maintains a Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for the sewer system. The CIP is projected out for a 10-year period. The town uses this CIP to plan and budget for capital projects within the system, which includes projects that achieve flood resiliency.

Sewer Capital Improvement Plan 2025-2036

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN		Prior	Upcoming			Future		
Sewer Fund		Year	Year			Years		
		2024-2025	2025-2026	2026-2027	2027-2028	2028-2029	2029-2030	2031-2036
Appropriation: Annual	•	20,000	20,000	30,000	30,000	35,000	35,000	216,000
Appropriation: Grant Funds		9,108,500	10,000,000					
Appropriation: Vehicles (50/50 with water)		5,000	5,500	5,500	6,000	6,500	6,500	49,500
	FY Appropriations:	\$ 9,133,500	\$ 10,025,500	\$ 35,500	\$ 36,000	\$ 41,500	\$ 41,500	\$ 265,500
Previous	Previous Year Ending Balance	\$ 3,500						
Capital Projects	Prior Project yr.							
Administration:								
Vehicle Replacement (split Water/Sewer)	Per schedule					24,500	20,500	22,000
Backhoe (split with Water/General)	21-22							60,000
Collection:								
Upgrade Lift Station (lining, pumps, electrical, etc.)	13-14		25,000			30,000		35,000
Lining Sewer Manholes				17,000			19,000	40,000
Backup Generator								50,000
Treatment:								
WWTP Enhancemnets Phase I	24-25	9,108,500						
WWTP Enhancemnets Phase II			10,000,000					
Soft start for WWTP blowers/blower motor	15-16							
WWTP Lift Station rehab	15-16				40,000			
Backup Generator								60,000
	FY Expenditures:	9,108,500	10,025,000	17,000	40,000	54,500	39,500	267,000
Any reserves shown in ending balance line		2024-2025	2025-2026	2026-2027	2027-2028	2028-2029	2029-2030	2031-2036
are accounted for in fund balance	Ending Balance	\$ 28,500	\$ 29,000	\$ 47,500	\$ 43,500	\$ 30,500	\$ 32,500	\$ 31,000
Adopted by Council 2/25/25								

4.0 Conclusion

The Town recognizes that its geographic location, as shown on the following vicinity maps, increases its vulnerability to flooding. The town is located in close proximity to the North Atlantic Ocean and is therefore vulnerable to impacts from hurricanes. The town is also located along the Trent River, and close to the Neuse River and Pamlico Sound. These water bodies pose risk of flooding, which could be unrelated to hurricanes and could occur year round. Examples of such risks are: riverine flooding, Nor'easters, tidal flooding and sea level rise. Due to these and other vulnerabilities, the town is a participating member in the Pamlico Sound Hazard Mitigation Plan (PSHMP). That plan addresses potential impacts from many sources, which include: flooding, hurricanes and climate change, including sea level rise. The town uses that plan to help develop its long-range strategy to mitigate against flood damage to its assets. The PSHMP is updated on a 5-year cycle and identifies specific projects in River Bend that will contribute to flood resiliency and mitigation. Many of the PSHMP priority projects in our FRAP are identified in the PSHMP.

Additionally, the town works with and relies upon data from FEMA, and North Carolina Emergency Management to prepare for flood impacts and other natural disasters which could impact its assets. The town also seeks funding from state and federal agencies to assist in making its assets more resilient to flood damage.

The Town of River Bend is largely a residential community with a very small business/industrial footprint. The town is mostly developed and has little vacant, acreage available for future development. The town does not expect any land use changes that would substantially alter the current land use conditions. The town does have, and enforces, zoning regulations as well as a Flood Hazard Damage Prevention Ordinance. The zoning regulations limit the maximum amount of impermeable coverage on individual lots to 24%. The town will continue to monitor land use conditions and how they impact flood resiliency and make adjustments, as necessary, to reduce such impacts on its assets.

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River Bend location relative to North Atlantic Ocean

River Bend location relative to Pamlico Sound

