NOTICE OF PROPOSED MAJOR AMENDMENT TO THE WACCAMAW REGION SECTION 208 WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN.

The Waccamaw Regional Council of Governments (Waccamaw Regional COG) is reviewing an application for a major amendment to the Waccamaw Region Section 208 Water Quality Management Plan (Section 208 Plan). Grand Strand Water and Sewer Authority’s (GCWSA) major amendment request is to expand the Longs Wastewater Treatment Plant (NPDES permit: SC0040878), located at 350 Nancy Lane Longs, SC 29568, from its current permitted treatment capacity of 950,000 Gallons Per Day (GPD) to 3,000,000 GPD. The current permitted Ultimate Oxygen Demand load of 222 lbs per day will remain unchanged.

An ongoing Memorandum of Understanding between SC DHEC and Waccamaw Regional COG is in place which requires proposed sewer construction projects, new or reissued National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits, and wastewater facility upgrades to be reviewed for conformance with the Section 208 Plan. SC DHEC is the final approval entity and administrator of all water and wastewater permits issued in the State of South Carolina. The Section 208 Plan can be viewed at: [http://wrcog.org/transportation-planning/air-quality-coalition/](http://wrcog.org/transportation-planning/air-quality-coalition/)

A public meeting will be held to provide information about this proposed project. This meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 8, 2017 at 6pm at the Horry County North Strand Recreation Center which is located at 102 Wampee Road Little River, SC 29566. The final review of this proposed Section 208 Plan major amendment will occur at the Waccamaw Regional COG Board of Directors meeting on Monday, September 11, 2017 at 7:00pm at the Waccamaw Regional COG office building located at 1230 Highmarket Street, Georgetown, SC 29440.

All written comments received by August 18, 2017 will be considered by the Waccamaw Regional COG Board of Directors when making the final decision regarding the Section 208 Plan major amendment. All official comments should be submitted in writing to: Daniel Newquist, Waccamaw Regional Council of Governments, 1230 Highmarket Street, Georgetown, SC 29440 or via email at dnewquist@wrcog.org. Individuals may request to be notified of the final decision regarding this Section 208 Plan major amendment proposal.