

## **Awards & Recognition**

Brunswick County Public Utilities is pleased to display the many accolades that have been awarded from state agencies throughout the years. Brunswick County Public Utilities strives to treat its source water above current state and federal standards in accordance with the Safe Drinking Water Act and Natural Primary Drinking Water Standards.

### **2025 Awards:**

#### ***Golden Manhole Society Award: Donald Dixon***

Presented by NC One Water in recognition of the outstanding contributions to the advancement of the systems, design, education, training, certification, construction, operations, maintenance, and management of water distribution systems or wastewater collection systems.

#### ***Raymond E. 'Red' Ebert Award: Mickey Thompson***

Presented by NC One Water in recognition of significant contributions to the practice of operating a water distribution or wastewater collection system.

#### ***Outstanding Wastewater Distribution Operator of the Year: Jake Elliott***

Presented by NC One Water in recognition of outstanding contributions to the successful operation and maintenance of wastewater collection systems.

#### ***Disaster Preparedness Award***

Presented by NC One Water in acknowledgement of outstanding achievements in advancing disaster preparedness initiatives, and thereby strengthening our preparedness

### **2024 Awards:**

#### ***Utility of the Future Today Award***

Presented by **Water Environment Federation “the water quality people”**

#### ***Source Water Protection Award of Excellence***

**The N.C. Source Water Collaborative presents a Groundwater Planning to Brunswick County**

In recognition of initiatives to protect North Carolina’s drinking water and the watersheds that support it through their **Brunswick County Wellhead Protection Ordinance** project

#### ***Water Distribution System of the Year***

In recognition of protecting health and the environment through pro-active practices of management, operations, and maintenance beyond minimum standards.

***Outstanding Water Distribution Operator of the Year: Cody Knox***

In recognition of outstanding contributions to the successful operation and maintenance of water distribution systems.

***Disaster Preparedness Award***

In acknowledgement of outstanding achievements in advancing disaster preparedness initiatives, and thereby strengthening our preparedness

**2023 Awards:**

***Outstanding Wastewater Distribution Operator of the Year: John Gregory***

Presented by The North Carolina Section of American Water Association & The North Carolina Water Environment Association in recognition of outstanding contributions to the successful operation and maintenance of wastewater collection systems.

***Outstanding Water Distribution Operator of the Year: Ronnie Fulford***

Presented by The North Carolina Section of American Water Association & The North Carolina Water Environment Association for his ability and devotion in the operation of a Water Distribution System

***Disaster Preparedness Award***

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**2021 Awards:**

***Certificate of Facility Optimization- Turbidity Removal: 4 Years Optimized***

**North Carolina's Area Wide Optimization Program**

Brunswick County Water System Treatment Plant

**2019 Awards:**

***Certificate of Facility Optimization- Turbidity Removal: 3 Years Optimized***

**North Carolina's Area Wide Optimization Program**

Brunswick County Water System Treatment Plant

## **2018 Awards:**

### ***George W. Burke Jr. Facility Safety Award presented to Brunswick County Public Utilities Sewer Collections Division***

Presented by **Water Environment Federation “ the water quality people”** in recognition of the Excellence of its Active and Effective Safety Program and Safety Record

### ***Outstanding Water Distribution Operator of the Year: Adam Sellers***

Presented by The North Carolina Section of American Water Association & The North Carolina Water Environment Association for his ability and devotion in the operation of a Water Distribution System

### ***Outstanding Wastewater Collection Operator of the Year: Bobby Faircloth***

Presented by The North Carolina Section of American Water Association & The North Carolina Water Environment Association in recognition of outstanding contributions to the successful operation and maintenance of wastewater collection systems.

### ***Wastewater Laboratory Analyst Excellence Award: Anna Leroux***

Presented by NC AWWA for outstanding efforts in the area of wastewater and environmental aquatic analysis.

## **2017 Awards:**

### ***Distribution System of the Year- Large System***

Presented by NC AWWA-WEA in recognition of protecting public health and the environment through pro-active practices of management, operations, and maintenance beyond minimum standards.

### ***Certificate of Facility Optimization- Turbidity Removal: 2 Years Optimized North Carolina’s Area Wide Optimization Program***

Brunswick County Water System Treatment Plant

## **2016 Awards:**

### ***Distribution System of the Year- Large System***

Presented by NC AWWA-WEA in recognition of protecting public health and the environment through pro-active practices of management, operations, and maintenance beyond minimum standards.

## **2015 Awards:**

### ***Distribution System of the Year- Large System***

Presented by NC AWWA-WEA in recognition of protecting public health and the environment through pro-active practices of management, operations, and maintenance beyond minimum standards.

### ***Collection System of the Year- Medium System***

Presented by NC AWWA-WEA

### ***Certificate of Facility Optimization- Turbidity Removal: 1 Years Optimized North Carolina's Area Wide Optimization Program***

Northwest Water Treatment Plant

## **2014 Awards:**

### ***Distribution System of the Year- Large System***

Presented by NC AWWA-WEA in recognition of protecting public health and the environment through pro-active practices of management, operations, and maintenance beyond minimum standards.

## **2013 Awards:**

### ***Distribution System of the Year- Large System***

Presented by NC AWWA-WEA in recognition of protecting public health and the environment through pro-active practices of management, operations, and maintenance beyond minimum standards.

## **2008 Awards:**

### ***Clean Water State Revolving Fund PISCES Award***

Performance and Innovation in the SRF Creating Environmental Success

In Recognition of: Construction of Advanced Treatment Reclamation Facility & Regional Wastewater Treatment & Collection System

## **2006 Awards:**

### ***Safety Award***

Presented by American Water Works Association in recognition of our safety achievements

## **2004 Awards:**

### ***Al DeRatt Award: Donald Dixon***

Presented by NCRWA for dedication and service to the people and wastewater systems in North Carolina.