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**For Fiscal Year Ending**  
**September 30, 2024**

**Lowcountry Regional Water System  
513 Elm St West  
Hampton, SC 29924**

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## INTRODUCTION

This annual report of the Lowcountry Regional Water System is submitted to the governing bodies of its members as provided by Section 6-25-140 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended and by Article X Section 4 of the Bylaws of the Lowcountry Regional Water System.

This report is the twelfth annual report prepared by Lowcountry Regional Water System since its creation in 2012 and represents the eleventh full year of operations. All information and data contained herein is the best-known information at the time of compilation. The financial statements were audited by The Brittingham Group, L.L.P., Certified Public Accountants.

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The Audited Financial Statement for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 is included as part of this Annual Report and may be found as Appendix A.



## **MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of the Lowcountry Regional Water System is to provide the Lowcountry Region's water needs to improve quality of life, economic development, and improve the viability of providing safe, clean, and reliable water services to the citizens of the region.

## **Vision**

Create and sustain a viable and competitive regional water system for Hampton County created by enabling legislation known as the Joint Authority Water and Sewer Act.

## **Operating Philosophy and Values**

- Excellence in Customer Service
- Professional Management
- Well Trained Staff
- Operational Excellence in System Operations
- Regulatory compliance with Local, State and Federal Regulations
- Implementation of Industry Best Practices
- Technical Expertise with a Commitment to Technical Training and Certification for Employees
- Forward Looking as Evidenced by Long Term Master Planning for Operations, Capital and Growth
- Financially Strong in Managing Revenue, Expenses, assets and Liabilities
- Independent Rate Setting By the Board of Commissioners that Each Charter Town Appoints
- Cost Based Rates for Water and Wastewater Utilities
- Alignment of Infrastructure Master Plans with Growth Plans of Hampton County Future
- Interconnections between Towns Where Beneficial
- Commitment to Capital Improvement Plans for System Operations with Externally Generated Funding to Ensure Long Term Viability
- Committed to the Community as a Corporate Citizen and a Key Player in Economic Development of the Region
- LRWS has a Leadership Role in the Economic Development of the County and Region. The Availability of Water and Sewer Service is a key Factor in the Site Selection Process for New and Expanding economic Development Projects.
- Committed to Safety in LRWS Operations and in Enhancing Public Safety for the Communities Through Improved Water quality and Fire Protection

## **MEMBERSHIP**

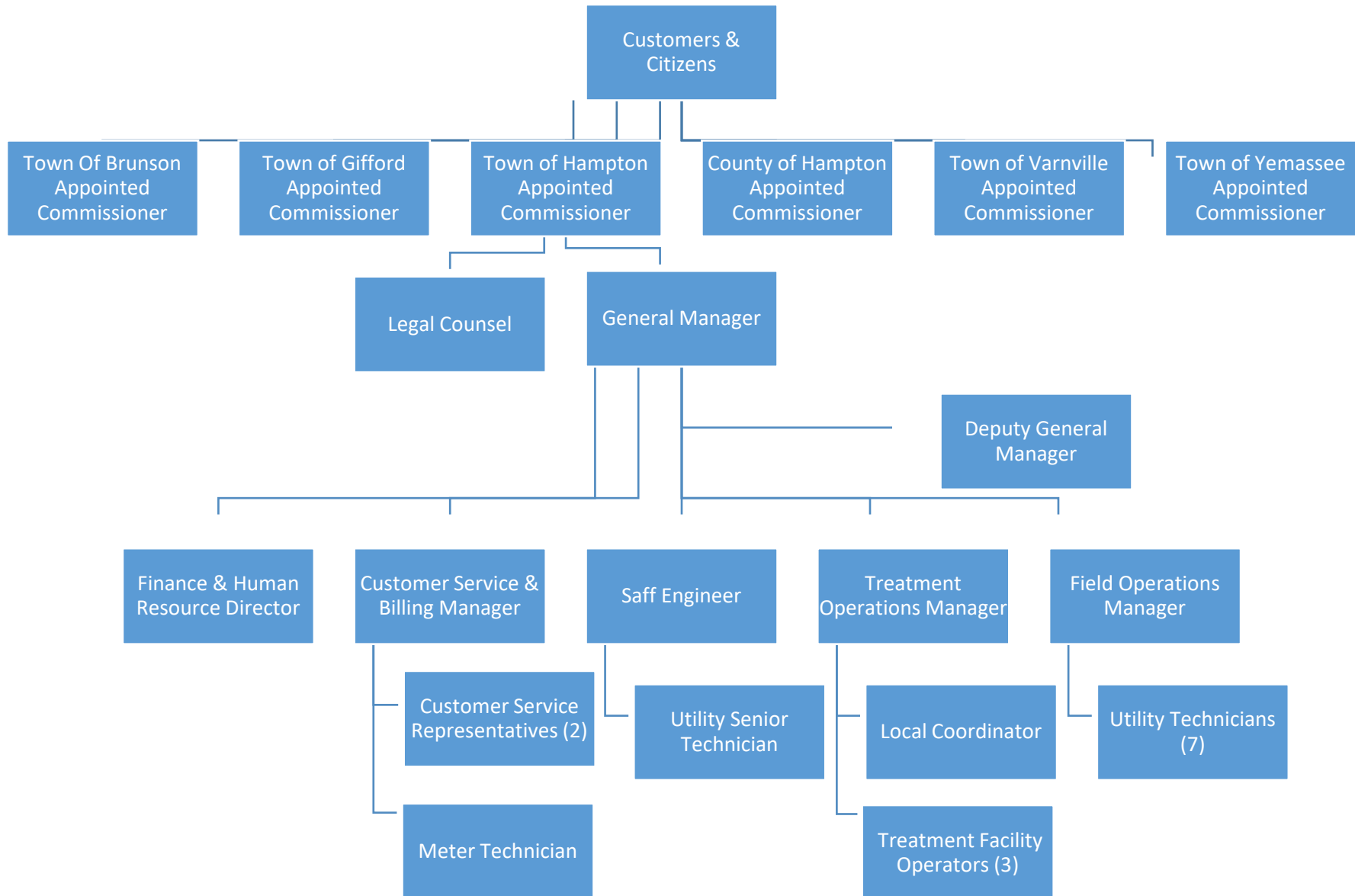
The Lowcountry Regional Water System was officially chartered February 17, 2012, with the issuance of its Corporate Certificate by the State of South Carolina through the Office of Secretary of State. The governing bodies of the Town of Brunson, Town of Hampton, Town of Varnville, Town of Yemassee and the County of Hampton resolved to form a Joint System under the Joint Authority Water and Sewer Systems Act for the purpose of creating a regional water and sewer system for Hampton County and surrounding areas by consolidating the operations of certain water and sewer providers in the area, and by acquiring water and sewer systems and extending service to new customers, and otherwise exercising all other powers available to the Joint System under law. On October 31, 2012, the Corporate Certificate was amended to include the Town of Gifford as a member of the Lowcountry Regional Water System.

The powers of the System as provided by law shall be exercised by a Commission consisting of one (1) Commissioner (each a "Commissioner") from each of the Members of the System. Each Member shall appoint an elected member of such Member's governing body to serve as its Commissioner, with each such Commissioner's service on the Commission to be ex officio of their role as an elected official of such Member's governing body. Each Commissioner shall be appointed by resolution of the governing body of the Member which the Commissioner represents. In addition, each Member may, by resolution, designate an alternate representative(s) ("Alternate Commissioner") who shall perform the duties of the Member's Commissioner in the absence of the Member's Commissioner, who shall also be an elected official of such Member's governing body, serving ex officio. Each Commissioner and Alternate Commissioner shall be recognized as such upon delivery to the Commission of a certified copy of a resolution of the Member's governing body appointing such Commissioner or Alternate Commissioner. Each such Commissioner and Alternate Commissioner shall so serve until the Commission has received a certified copy of a resolution of the Member's governing body removing such Commissioner or Alternate Commissioner or appointing a successor. Any manager or administrator of a Member shall be an ex officio non-voting Members of the Commission with seat and voice but not vote.

### **Commissioners**

Town of Brunson	Rocky Hudson- Chairman
Town of Hampton	Robert Brown- Vice Chairman
Town of Gifford	Horny Mitchell- Commissioner
Town of Varnville	Nathaniel Shaffer-Commissioner
Town of Varnville	Faye Gooding- Alternate
Town of Yemassee	John Paul Murray- Commissioner
County of Hampton	Darrin Williams
County of Hampton	Noah Alexander

## ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE





# MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION and ANALYSIS

This section presents management's analysis of the Lowcountry Regional Water System's financial condition and activities for the year.

## **Financial Highlights**

The financial information in this report represents the eleventh full year of operation since the Lowcountry Regional Water System officially took over physical operations on June 01, 2013.

Management and Staff are committed to finding ways to create efficiencies and promote savings. Utilizing basic principles and concepts of LEAN, we constantly review our operations and services to eliminate waste and effectively deliver value by incorporating changes or modifications to procedures, operations, personnel and equipment.

- Operating Revenues were \$4,161,064
- Operating Expenses were (\$4,021,714)
- Operating Income loss was: \$139,350
- Non-Operating Revenues were: \$3,165,044
- Non-Operating Expenses were: (\$287,964)
- Net non-operating revenue was: \$2,877,080
- Net Position, Beginning of the Year: \$14,279,122
- Net Position, End of Year: \$17,415,552
- The System's investment in capital assets as of September 30, 2024, amounts to \$27,094,870 (net of accumulated depreciation). Investments in capital assets includes land, construction in progress, buildings, and equipment as well as water and sewer systems. The total increase in capital assets for the current year was approximately 11.26 percent.

## **Infrastructure Highlights**

- Construction was completed on an economic development project to extend sewer service to Alpha Genesis. The project included construction of a pump station and sewer force main to service the company's Hampton Primate Center.
- Construction was begun on two projects funded by the State Revolving Fund: rehabilitation of the Lowcountry Regional Industrial Park (LRIP) Lift Station that provide wastewater conveyance in the Hampton County Industrial Area and the Jackson Avenue Elevated Tank that provides water supply storage in the Town of Hampton. These projects will fully renovate the infrastructure associated with the LRIP lift station and Jackson Avenue elevated tank. Supplemental funding for the LRIP LS was provided by Dominion Energy and for the Jackson Avenue Tank by the Town of Hampton.



- A project was designed and bid that will construct a wastewater force main along Highway 278 between the Towns of Brunson and Hampton. Once complete, the new pipeline will convey wastewater from the Town of Brunson to be treated at the Hampton WWTP, allowing the Brunson WWTP to be closed. The project is the final phase of the Town of Brunson WWTP & Sewer Rehab project funded by USDA, SRF and EDA.
- A project is in development to construct a new 1.0 MG elevated tank in the Southern Carolina Industrial Campus and a 16" water transmission main along Hwy 68. The project will increase water storage capacity in the Hampton County Industrial Area, provide water service along the Hwy 68 corridor, and provide a redundant water supply to the Town of Yemassee. The project is being partially funded by a \$10,000,000 SCIIP grant.



Many projects are being implemented for the improvement of water and wastewater infrastructure. The following table provides information on these improvements.

Project Description	Estimated Cost	Funding Status	Project Status
<b>Town of Brunson Wastewater Treatment &amp; Sewer Rehab</b>	\$7,541,600	Funded	Construction
<b>Sewer Service Extension to Alpha Genesis</b>	\$951,344	Funded	Completed
<b>LRIP Lift Station Rehab</b>	\$917,780	Funded	Construction
<b>Jackson Ave Elevated Tank Rehab</b>	\$550,500	Funded	Construction
<b>Yemassee WWTP Improvements</b>	\$3,000,000	Partially Funded	Design/Permitting
<b>Highway 68 Elevated Tank and Water Transmission Main</b>	\$11,785,000	Partially Funded	Design/Permitting
<b>Total Amount of All Projects</b>	<b>\$24,746,224</b>		

## BUDGETARY PROCEDURES

The Lowcountry Regional Water System Fiscal Year begins October 1st of each year and ends on September 30<sup>th</sup> of the subsequent calendar year.

The annual operations budget is developed under the guidance of the General Manager. In June of each calendar year, department heads are provided with preliminary information for review and development of their department's projected operational and capital needs for the ensuing fiscal year. These requests will be reviewed, compiled, and developed into a preliminary budget document. This preliminary budget document will then be reviewed by the General Manager. Internal discussions with the Department Heads will be held to ensure and clarify the needs of the departments and a final draft will be developed. Once a final draft is developed the General Manager will submit this draft with supporting information to the Commission of the Lowcountry Regional Water System. The Commission will review the draft budget and decide if a rate adjustment beyond any pre-approved adjustments may be required. If a rate adjustment may be required, the General Manager shall provide a proposed rate adjustment to the full Commission for review, approval, and adoption.

### BUDGET

The following table represents the Commission adopted budgeted operating revenues and expenditures and the actual operating revenues and expenditures for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u>
<b><u>Revenues</u></b>		
<b>Water Revenue</b>	\$1,547,366	\$1,590,625
<b>Wastewater Revenue</b>	\$2,073,347	\$1,999,532
<b>Operating Revenue</b>	\$408,356	\$579,708
<b><u>Totals</u></b>	<b><u>\$4,029,070</u></b>	<b><u>\$4,169,865</u></b>
<u>Item</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u>
<b><u>Expenditures</u></b>		
<b>Water Treatment</b>	\$205,976	\$490,522
<b>Water Distribution</b>	\$933,002	\$677,936
<b>Wastewater Treatment</b>	\$921,978	\$953,694
<b>Wastewater Collection</b>	\$709,695	\$834,137
<b>Administrative</b>	\$1,258,347	\$1,321,217
<b><u>Totals</u></b>	<b><u>\$4,028,998</u></b>	<b><u>\$4,277,506</u></b>

## OUTSTANDING INDEBTEDNESS

The following table presents information on the debt obligations of the Lowcountry Regional Water System as of September 30, 2024.

<b>Town/ LRWS</b>	<b>Lien Holder/ Issuer</b>	<b>Year/ Series</b>	<b>Original Notes/Bond s</b>	<b>Outstanding Notes/Bonds 9/30/2</b>	<b>Interest Rate</b>	<b>Final Maturity</b>
<b>LRWS</b>	USDA	2021	\$2,095,000	\$1,924,877	1.5%	2058
<b>LRWS</b>	USDA	2023	\$2,741,000	\$2,670,944	2.75%	2063
<b>LRWS</b>	USDA	2018	\$6,480,000	\$5,984,696	2.75%	2059
<b>LRWS</b>	BAN	2024	\$2,700,000	\$641,244	6.79%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>Original Notes &amp; Bonds</b>			<b>Outstanding Notes &amp; Bonds as of September 30, 2024</b>		
	<b>\$11,316,000.00</b>			<b>\$11,221,761.00</b>		

**SCHEDULE OF WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES**

**As of October 01, 2023**

Description	RESIDENTIAL COMMERCIAL
	WATER
<b>Basic Facility Monthly Charge:</b>	
<i><u>Residential Meter Size:</u></i>	
3/4" x 5/8"	\$ 15.25
<i><u>Commercial Meter Size:</u></i>	
3/4"	\$ 16.94
1"	\$ 28.23
1-1/2"	\$ 56.46
2"	\$ 90.34
3"	\$ 180.67
4"	\$ 282.30
6"	\$ 564.60
8"	\$ 903.60
10"	\$ 2,371.32
	WATER
<b>Volumetric Charge \$/Unit (1,000 Gallons):</b>	
<i><u>Residential:</u></i>	
\$/Per Unit	\$ 4.272
<i><u>Commercial:</u></i>	
\$/Per Unit	\$ 4.577
Description	FIRE SPRINKLER CONNECTION
	FIRE SPRINKLER
<b>Basic Facility Monthly Charge:</b>	
LRIP / SCIC	\$ 329.45

**SCHEDULE OF WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES**  
**As of October 01, 2023**

Description	RESIDENTIAL <sup>1</sup> COMMERCIAL
WASTEWATER	
Basic Facility	
Monthly Charge:	
<u>Residential Meter Size:</u>	
3/4" x 5/8"	\$ 20.40
<u>Commercial Meter Size:</u>	
3/4"	\$ 23.16
1"	\$ 38.59
1-1/2"	\$ 77.18
2"	\$ 123.49
3"	\$ 246.99
4"	\$ 385.92
6"	\$ 771.84
8"	\$ 1234.94
10"	\$3,241.71
WASTEWATER	
Volumetric Charge	
\$/Unit (1,000 Gallons):	
<u>Residential:</u>	
\$/Per Unit	\$ 7.003
<u>Commercial:</u>	
\$/Per Unit	\$ 7.498

<sup>1</sup> The residential sewer volumetric charge is capped at 8,000 gallons. The maximum residential sewer charge based on 8,000 gallons is \$76.424.

## TOTAL CUSTOMER COUNT BY TOWN

Town	Residential Water Customers	Commercial Water Customers	Total	% of Residential Water Customers	% of Commercial Water Customers	% of Water customers By System Total
Brunson	218	16	234	8%	4%	7%
Gifford	121	7	128	4%	2%	4%
Hampton	1185	252	1437	43%	55%	45%
H County	0	9	9	0	2%	1%
Varnville	756	105	861	28%	23%	27%
Yemassee	451	62	513	17%	14%	16%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2731</b>	<b>451</b>	<b>3182</b>			

Source: QS1Billing Report for September 01, 2024, through September 30, 2024. Includes accounts that were made inactive and/or direct or final billed.

## TOTAL CUSTOMER COUNT BY CONSUMPTION

Gallons	Residential Water	Total %		Commercial Water	Total %	%	Combined Total	Total %	%
0-999	459	17%	<b>66%</b>	215	48%	<b>71%</b>	674	21%	<b>67%</b>
1,000-1,999	504	18%		51	11%		555	17%	
2,000-2,999	464	17%		30	7%		494	16%	
3,000-3,999	382	14%		21	5%		403	13%	
4,000-4,999	271	10%		10	2%		281	9%	
5,000-5,999	167	6%		11	2%		178	6%	
6,000-6,999	138	5%		11	2%		149	4%	
7,000-7,999	85	3%		10	2%		95	3%	
8,000 +	261	10%		92	21%		353	11%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>2731</b>			<b>451</b>			<b>3182</b>		

Source: QS1-Billing report for all accounts September 1, 2024, through September 30, 2024. Vetrostone is billed at a flat rate monthly therefore, consumption is not known. Meters are read at the end of each month and billed the following month. Totals in this report represent usage for the month of August 2024 that was billed in September 2024.



## TOWN OF BRUNSON CUSTOMER COUNT BY CONSUMPTION

Gallons	Residential	%	%	Commercial	%	%	Total	%	%
0-999	35	16%	<b>67%</b>	8	50%	<b>75%</b>	43	18%	<b>68%</b>
1,000-1,999	37	17%		2	13%		39	17%	
2,000-2,999	44	20%		1	6%		45	19%	
3,000-3,999	31	14%		1	6%		32	14%	
4,000-4,999	16	7%		1	6%		17	7%	
5,000-5,999	12	6%		0	0%		12	5%	
6,000-6,999	10	5%		1	6%		11	5%	
7,000-7,999	6	3%		0	0%		6	3%	
8,000 +	27	12%		2	13%		29	12%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>218</b>			<b>16</b>			<b>234</b>		

Source: QS1-Billing report September 1, 2024, through September 30, 2024.



## TOWN OF GIFFORD CUSTOMER COUNT BY CONSUMPTION

Gallons	Residential	%	%	Commercial	%	%	Total	%	%
0-999	20	17%	<b>70%</b>	6	86%	<b>100%</b>	26	20%	<b>70%</b>
1,000-1,999	29	24%		1	14%		30	23%	
2,000-2,999	18	15%		0	0%		18	14%	
3,000-3,999	17	14%		0	0%		17	13%	
4,000-4,999	14	12%		0	0%		14	11%	
5,000-5,999	4	3%		0	0%		4	3%	
6,000-6,999	6	5%		0	0%		6	5%	
7,000-7,999	2	1%		0	0%		2	2%	
8,000 +	11	9%		0	0%		11	9%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>121</b>			<b>7</b>			<b>128</b>		

Source: QS1-Billing report September 1, 2024, through September 30, 2024.



## TOWN OF HAMPTON CUSTOMER COUNT BY CONSUMPTION

Gallons	Residential	%	%	Commercial	%	%	Total	%	%
0-999	227	19%	<b>66%</b>	125	50%	<b>71%</b>	352	25%	<b>68%</b>
1,000-1,999	212	18%		28	11%		240	17%	
2,000-2,999	183	15%		14	6%		197	14%	
3,000-3,999	162	14%		11	4%		173	12%	
4,000-4,999	116	10%		5	2%		121	8%	
5,000-5,999	81	7%		4	1%		85	6%	
6,000-6,999	55	5%		9	4%		64	4%	
7,000-7,999	42	3%		6	2%		48	3%	
8,000 +	107	9%		50	20%		157	11%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1185</b>			<b>252</b>			<b>1437</b>		

Source: QS1-Billing report September 1, 2024, through September 30, 2024.



## TOWN OF VARNVILLE CUSTOMER COUNT BY CONSUMPTION

Gallons	Residential	%	%	Commercial	%	%	Total	%	%
0-999	109	14%	<b>64%</b>	46	43%	<b>70%</b>	155	18%	<b>65%</b>
1,000-1,999	128	17%		12	11%		140	16%	
2,000-2,999	137	18%		10	10%		147	17%	
3,000-3,999	114	15%		6	6%		120	14%	
4,000-4,999	81	11%		4	4%		85	10%	
5,000-5,999	46	6%		5	5%		51	6%	
6,000-6,999	42	6%		1	1%		43	5%	
7,000-7,999	22	3%		2	2%		24	3%	
8,000 +	77	10%		19	18%		96	11%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>756</b>			<b>105</b>			<b>861</b>		

Source: QS1-Billing report September 1, 2024, through September 30, 2024.



Mill Pond Lift Station

## TOWN OF YEMASSEE CUSTOMER COUNT BY CONSUMPTION

Gallons	Residential	%	%	Commercial	%	%	Total	%	%
0-999	68	15%	<b>68%</b>	27	44%	<b>68%</b>	95	19%	<b>68%</b>
1,000-1,999	98	22%		7	11%		105	20%	
2,000-2,999	82	18%		5	8%		87	17%	
3,000-3,999	58	13%		3	5%		61	12%	
4,000-4,999	44	10%		0	0%		44	8%	
5,000-5,999	24	5%		1	2%		25	5%	
6,000-6,999	25	6%		0	0%		25	5%	
7,000-7,999	13	3%		2	3%		15	3%	
8,000 +	39	8%		17	27%		56	11%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>451</b>			<b>62</b>			<b>513</b>		

Source: QS1-Billing report September 1, 2024, through September 30, 2024.



## HAMPTON COUNTY CUSTOMER COUNT BY CONSUMPTION

Gallons	Commercial	%	%
0-999	3	33%	<b>44%</b>
1,000-1,999	1	11%	
2,000-2,999	0	0%	
3,000-3,999	0	0%	
4,000-4,999	0	0%	
5,000-5,999	1	11%	
6,000-6,999	0	0%	
7,000-7,999	0	0%	
8,000 +	4	45%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>		

Source: QS1-Billing report September 1, 2024, through September 30, 2024.





## ANNUAL WATER PRODUCTION

System	Gallons Produced	Gallons Residential Sales	Gallons Commercial Sales	Total Gallons from Sales	Gallons Flushed-Used by Operators	Gallons Inefficiency	% Inefficiency
<b>Brunson</b>	23,923,120	10,840,682	5,796,503	16,637,185		7,285,935	30%
<b>Gifford</b>	20,315,240	4,631,659	111,997	4,743,656		15,571,584	77%
<b>Hampton</b>	119,793,060	52,636,678	26,475,168	79,111,846		40,681,214	34%
<b>Hampton County</b>	15,833,110	0	12,923,926	12,923,926		2,909,184	18%
<b>Varnville</b>	73,089,572	35,473,575	16,551,950	52,025,525		21,064,047	29%
<b>Yemassee</b>	68,641,983	19,000,660	36,048,474	55,049,134		13,592,849	20%
<b>Total</b>	<b>321,596,085</b>	<b>135,507,180</b>	<b>84,984,092</b>	<b>220,491,272</b>		<b>101,104,813</b>	<b>31%</b>

Source: 2023-2024 Operations Report    2023-2024 Monthly Production Data



Deep Well



Deep Well



## ANNUAL WASTEWATER TREATED

System	Gallons Received	Gallons Residential Sales	Gallons Commercial Sales	Gallons MISC	Total Gallons Res/Com/Misc	Gallons Treated Inefficiency	% Inefficiency
Brunson	59,131,420	9,289,618	5,776,452	0	15,066,070	44,065,350	75%
Gifford		4,082,311	111,997	0	4,194,308	(4,194,308)	
Hampton	326,884,000	48,649,343	21,850,792	0	70,500,135	256,383,865	78%
Hampton Cnty	0	0	10,322,629	0	10,322,629	(10,322,629)	-
Varnville	127,286,000	28,740,127	16,661,200	0	45,401,327	81,884,673	64%
Yemassee	66,315,820	13,991,315	22,642,988	0	36,634,303	29,681,517	45%
<b>Total</b>	<b>579,617,240</b>	<b>104,752,714</b>	<b>77,366,058</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>182,118,772</b>	<b>397,498,468</b>	<b>69%</b>

Source: 2023-2024 Operations Report & 2023-2024 Monthly Production Data      Wastewater Treatment Plant (Below)



## DAILY WATER & WASTEWATER PRODUCTION & SALES AVERAGES

System	Gallons Water Produced	Gallons Water Sold Residential	Gallons Water Sold Commercial	Gallons Wastewater Treated	Gallons Wastewater Received Residential	Gallons Wastewater Received Commercial
<b>Brunson</b>	65,543	29,700	15,881	162,004	25,451	15,826
<b>Gifford</b>	55,658	12,689	307	0	11,184	307
<b>Hampton</b>	328,200	144,210	72,534	895,573	133,286	59,865
<b>Hampton Cnty</b>	43,378	-	35,408	28,281	-	28,281
<b>Varnville</b>	200,245	97,188	45,348	348,729	78,740	45,647
<b>Yemassee</b>	188,060	52,057	98,763	181,687	38,332	62,036
<b>Total</b>	<b>881,085</b>	<b>335,844</b>	<b>268,241</b>	<b>1,616,274</b>	<b>286,993</b>	<b>211,962</b>

Source: 2023-2024 Operations Report & 2023-2024 Monthly Production

## INFRASTRUCTURE

Infrastructure Description	Quantity
Elevated Water Storage Tanks	9
Hydro-pneumatic Water Storage Tanks	1
Potable Water Production Wells	13
Process Water Production Wells	1
Wastewater Treatment Facilities	3
Wastewater Lift Stations	22
Water Distribution Mains (Miles)	100
Wastewater Collection Mains (Miles)	96
Ground Storage Tanks	1
Fire Pump	1
Fire Hydrants	447



## SYSTEM CAPACITIES

### WATER PRODUCTION CAPACITY

System	Production Capacity (Gallons Per Day)
Town of Brunson	122,000
Town of Gifford	432,000
Town of Hampton	919,000
Hampton County (Lowcountry Regional Industrial Park) (Southern Carolina Industrial Campus)	288,000
Town of Varnville	458,000
Town of Yemassee	203,000
<b>Total Production Capacity of All Systems</b>	<b>2,422,000</b>

### WASTEWATER TREATMENT CAPACITY

System	Production Capacity (Gallons Per Day)
Town of Brunson	110,000
Town of Hampton	2,000,000
Town of Yemassee	500,000
<b>Total Production Capacity of All Systems</b>	<b>2,610,000</b>

## BILLINGS and COLLECTIONS

### Water Billings and Collections Summary for Past 5 Years

YEAR	TOTAL BILLED	TOTAL COLLECTED	PERCENTAGE COLLECTED
2024	\$5,100,433.24	\$5,179,820.12	101.5%
2023	\$4,703,593.24	\$4,636,927.40	99%
2022	\$3,388,499.10	\$3,409,207.53	100.6%
2021	3,136,542.38	\$3,075,802.34	98 %
<b>2020</b>	<b>\$3,086,459.09</b>	<b>\$3,056,294.40</b>	<b>99%</b>

Source: LRWS QS1 Billing & Accounting Software Report 2023-2024 **Note:** Total collected includes payments received for old and/or delinquent accounts. Delinquent accounts are collected through the MASC Setoff Debt collections program.



## WATER & SEWER CHARGES COMPARED WITH OTHER SYSTEMS

Residential Water & Sewer Charges Based on 5,000 Gallons per Month Usage

Utility System	Water Charges	Sewer Charges	Total
Lowcountry Regional Water System	\$36.60	\$55.40	\$92.00
Town of Fairfax	\$21.45	\$26.57	\$48.02
Town of Allendale	\$24.46	\$30.70	\$55.16
City of Barnwell	\$23.75	\$29.50	\$53.25
Town of Ridgeland	\$25.14	\$43.18	\$68.32
Town of Estill	\$24.45	\$33.33	\$57.78
Town of Ehrhardt	\$29.60	\$29.93	\$59.53
City of Bamberg	\$34.55	\$62.28	\$96.83
City of Charleston	\$25.40	\$83.99	\$109.39
City of Columbia	\$21.83	\$42.03	\$63.86
Beaufort Jasper W&S Authority	\$35.50	\$55.05	\$90.55
Dorchester County Water & Sewer Dept	\$47.05	\$66.15	\$113.20
Lexington County Joint Municipal W&S	\$52.06	\$54.61	\$106.67

Source: SC Rural Infrastructure Authority Office of Local Government 2024 Municipal Water and Sewer Rate Survey

## TOP TEN WATER USERS 2024 Compared to 2023

Water Consumption for 12 Consecutive Months

Customer	Water Used Annually 2024	Customer	Water Used Annually 2023
Carolina Textile Care, LLC	10,379,455	Carolina Textile Care, LLC	10,048,400
Alpha Genesis, Inc.	9,088,180	Alpha Genesis, Inc.	9,243,131
Hampton Regional Medical Center	5,830,020	Brunson Laundry	5,021,403
Brunson Laundry	4,977,918	Southeastern Housing	4,406,062
Love's Travel Stop	3,952,550	Love's Travel Stop	3,472,734
Love's Travel Stop Irrigation	2,905,830	Varnville Area Housing #1	2,277,159
Southeastern Housing & Community Development	2,870,838	Hampton Regional Medical	2,129,020
Hampton County Courthouse Irrigation	2,411,655	Fennell Elementary School	1,770,830
Fennell Elementary School	2,169,059	Varnville Area Housing 2	1,344,762
Varnville Area Housing 2	1,705,948	Love's Travel Stop Irrigation	985,400

Source: LRWS QS1 Billing Software



**Appendix A**  
**AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**



**LOWCOUNTRY REGIONAL WATER SYSTEM**

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**YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024**

**WITH**

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