

SANFORD/PITTSBORO WATER AND WASTEWATER UTILITY MERGER

Q&A

Q: What is the Sanford/Pittsboro water and wastewater utility merger?

A: The merger would combine Pittsboro's and Sanford's water systems as one and combine Pittsboro's and Sanford's wastewater systems as one. The City of Sanford would own and control these merged systems.

Q: Why merge?

A: Together, we are stronger and will operate a more viable system with improved operating and financial resilience than two independently operated systems.

Q: How would the merger impact the City of Sanford?

A: The merger would further the City of Sanford's position as a regional utility provider. This would provide opportunities for economies of scale and revenue diversification.

Q: How would the merger impact the Town of Pittsboro?

A: The merger would provide a path for sustainable utility systems in Pittsboro. This would mean quality services and stabilized rates. The merger would help address Pittsboro's current and future needs.

Q: What is the risk to the City Sanford?

A: The benefits of a merged system may not be realized as quickly if growth is slower than anticipated.

Q: What are the risks to the Town of Pittsboro?

A: The rate of growth could affect rate parity. Pittsboro loses its autonomy, but it gains a pathway for sustainable growth.