


Crafting Sustainable Water Partnerships

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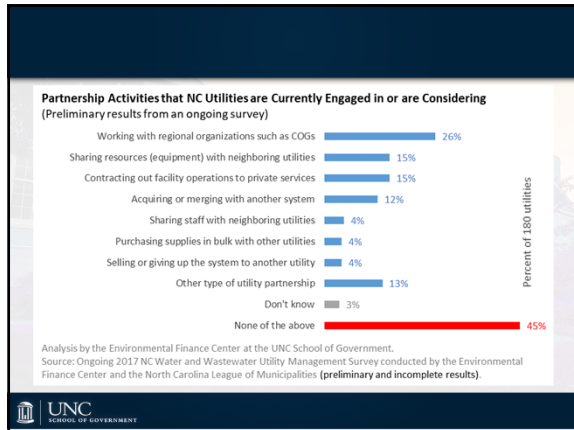
Session Objectives

1. What are the common partnership tools
2. Deciding what tool to use
3. What works
4. What doesn't work so well



Collaborating with other local governments on water/wastewater issues is





One of Many Ways of Categorizing Partnerships...

- Cooperation
 - Mutual aid
 - Open communication
 - Joint planning
- Collaboration
 - Water sales agreement
 - Shared treatment facilities
- Consolidation
 - Joint management

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Show and Tell.....

- Describe a partnership
- What worked
- What could use some improvement
- How could you play a role with struggling systems in your region?



Happy vs. Unhappy Relationships

- Planned vs. shot gun/under pressure
- Full understanding vs. false pretenses (projections)
- Well designed vs. ambiguous and incomplete agreements
- ??
- ??



In the future, our local government should

- Play more of a role in providing water and/or sewer service
- Provide less of a role in providing water service (including transferring responsibility to others)
- Provide the same role we are now





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In ten years, I think there will be

- About the same number of local government utilities
- Somewhat fewer local government utilities
- Much fewer local government utilities

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What best describes the role of your local government in providing water and wastewater service?

- Most important water provider in our area
- One of several water providers in our area that serve a small portion of the county
- Limited role providing service but provide significant support to other providers in the county
- Little involvement in providing service directly or supporting others

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