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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **TOWN OF MOORESVILLE ENDS WATER RESTRICTIONS BUT ENCOURAGES CONTINUED CONSERVATION**

The Town of Mooresville has ended mandatory water restrictions for its more than 12,000 water customers after the Catawba-Wateree Drought Management Advisory Group (CW-DMAG) announced Tuesday that improved groundwater and stream flow conditions have lessened the basin's drought to a Low Inflow Protocol (LIP) Stage 1. The Town encourages customers to continue voluntary water conservation efforts in accordance with the Town's Stage I Voluntary Water Conservation ordinance.

Ed Bruce, CW-DMAG coordinator, announced that recent rains "have significantly improved conditions from the severe drought of the past two years, but spring's increasing evaporation and a period of below average precipitation in combination with increasing downstream flow releases could quickly stress the basin just as it did two years ago." Future rainfall patterns will dictate whether conditions continue to improve or whether the basin level results in our region falling back into a moderate or severe drought.

"The Town of Mooresville is following the recommendations announced by our local drought advisory group," said Public Services Director John Vest. "We are relieved that the conditions have improved and we can end the long-standing water usage restrictions. At this time, our Stage I Voluntary Water Conservation plan is appropriate."

The Town's Stage I Voluntary Water Conservation ordinance encourages residents to use water wisely and participate in numerous water conservation efforts including, but not limited to:

- ❖ Inspecting and repairing faulty and defective faucets and toilets causing water waste;
- ❖ Installing water-saving devices in toilets and showerheads;
- ❖ Using a shower for bathing and limiting a shower to no more than five minutes;
- ❖ Turning off faucets while shaving, rinsing dishes or brushing teeth;
- ❖ Limiting sprinkler irrigation of lawns to what is necessary for lawn survival, typically two days per week;
- ❖ Watering shrubbery with recycled household water; and
- ❖ Limiting vehicle washing.

To view the entire conservation ordinance, visit the Town's website at [www.ci.mooresville.nc.us](http://www.ci.mooresville.nc.us).

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