

Surry County currently has two water and sewer districts created by the Surry County Board of Commissioners.

### **Flat Rock/Bannertown Water and Sewer District**

The Flat Rock/Bannertown Water and Sewer District is located on the eastern side of Surry County with Flat Rock lying east and Bannertown lying south of the City of Mount Airy. Surry County, the City of Mount Airy, and the District agreed to extend public water and sewer, which will facilitate development and provide needed services to existing and future residents, allow for planned economic development, and bring health benefits to the citizens in the areas of Flat Rock and Bannertown. Many residents have inadequate sewer facilities and contaminated water supplies that pose serious health concerns that will be alleviated by the project.

The water and sewer project is planned to be constructed in two phases. Phase I will serve an approximately 631 water customers at the estimated cost of \$4,700,000 and approximately 118 sewer customers at an estimated cost of \$2,500,000. Phase II will serve an approximately 729 water customers at the estimated cost of \$3,990,600 and approximately 732 sewer customers at an estimated cost of \$7,196,400.

The District has obtained a financing commitment for Phase I from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) that is comprised of a \$4,599,000 grant and a low interest loan of approximately \$2,548,000. The project is currently in the bidding phase and projected to be under construction in spring 2006.

### **Interstates Water and Sewer District**

The Interstates Water and Sewer District is located on the northwestern side of Surry County west of the City of Mount Airy at the interchanges of I-77 and I-74 and NC Highway 89. This district was created because of its location and economic potential. The county and district are currently exploring funding sources to assist with the costs to provide public water and sewer facilities to serve the local businesses and residences in the area. The infrastructure will help the district reach its highest and best commercial and industrial use and allow for new development which will offer new job opportunities for the local residences and surrounding counties and add substantially to the tax base of Surry County.