

Town of Boone



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Town of Boone's Ricky L. Miller Water Treatment Plant AWOP Award

Named after the current Director of Public Works, Ricky L. Miller, who has served the Town of Boone for 35 years, the Town of Boone's Ricky L. Miller Water Treatment Plant has been awarded the "Gold Star" honor for the North Carolina Area Wide Optimization Award (AWOP).

The North Carolina Division of Water Resources, housed within the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (NCDEQ), has honored 66 water treatment plants for surpassing federal and state drinking water standards in 2021. The division's Public Water Supply Section awarded the facilities the prestigious NC AWOP Award which is part of a state effort to enhance the performance of existing surface water treatment facilities.

Additionally, for 2021, the state recognized 16 facilities with the "Gold Star" honor, which is an award for systems that have received the NC AWOP Award for 10 or more consecutive years. In total, there are more than 5,200 regulated public water systems in North Carolina.

"Congratulations to our water treatment plant staff for this outstanding achievement! We take pride in the water we provide our citizens, and we are all honored to receive this Gold Star award." - Josh Eller, Deputy Director of Public Utilities.

For more information, please contact our Public Utilities office at (828) 268-6250. To learn more about the NC AWOP award, please visit [NC DEQ Press Releases](#).