



## Letter from the Executive Director

Dear valued customers,

With fall approaching I want to express our deep appreciation for the trust you put in ACSA's services every day. Your support allows us to provide clean, safe, reliable water for thousands of folks across our service area.

You may have heard mentions of PFAS ("forever chemicals") in national news coverage. Rest assured, our dedicated team is taking proactive measures to ensure your water meets and exceeds EPA and VDH standards. Additionally we continue to make progress on our capital improvement projects that will upgrade important water and wastewater infrastructure here in Albemarle County. Through these measures and key investments, we will continue to provide dependable, quality service where and when you need us in the years to come. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

*Quin Lunsford*

Quin Lunsford, Executive Director



### Briarwood Water Main Replacement

Your annual rate adjustments with the ACSA directly fund critical infrastructure upgrades like the Briarwood Water Main Replacement project. This investment replaces aging water mains that have caused service disruption for Briarwood residents — meaning your money is being spent on improving our communities.

Through this project and the installation of additional fire hydrants, Briarwood residents will experience improved fire protection, less service interruption and an increase in water service reliability. By replacing these key components, we can provide clean, safe, reliable water for the long term. *This project is on track for completion in 2026.*



## PFAS: Don't Panic — Prevent!

While we maintain high water quality standards, we also stay vigilant about potential contaminants that may be of concern to our customers. PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, also known as "forever chemicals") can be found in everyday household items — including takeout food containers, Band-Aids, shampoo, nonstick cookware and water-resistant products — but their possible presence in drinking water has received attention as well. Due to how slowly PFAS break down over time and how widespread they are, pinpointing a single source of contamination is difficult. Although on rare occasion PFAS have been detected in our water, levels never exceeded new federal safety thresholds.

While PFAS detections in Albemarle County are rare, we continue to stay ahead of the issue by investing in proactive solutions. From regular testing with our partners at Rivanna Water and Sewer Authority to long-term system planning, we work behind the scenes to ensure your water remains clean, safe and reliable. One important method is the use of GAC (granular activated carbon) treatment, which acts as a barrier against PFAS and other contaminants.

Because PFAS can travel downstream and affect entire watersheds, protecting our water is a shared responsibility. You can help us limit PFAS by choosing PFAS-free alternatives when shopping — such as swapping nonstick cookware for regular alternatives, using PFAS-free personal care products and properly disposing of household chemicals through local hazardous waste programs. These choices can help safeguard our region's waterways.

Visit our [website](#) to learn more about PFAS and prevention strategies.



## Calling All Artists: "Imagine a Day Without Water"

ACSA is proudly partnering with the City of Charlottesville and Rivanna Water & Sewer Authority for our annual "Imagine a Day Without Water" youth art contest! This creative competition invites students of all ages to explore the vital role water plays in our daily lives through artistic expression.

Submissions should showcase incredible creativity while building awareness about water conservation.

**Contest submissions will be due Monday, October 27, 2025.**

Encourage our youth to participate in this exciting opportunity to celebrate our most precious resource.

For additional details and submission guidelines, please [visit our website](#) for more information.