

MWA- Macon Water Authority

History

The Macon Water Authority was created by an act of the Georgia General Assembly to serve as a public corporation that provides municipal water and sewerage services for the City of Macon and Bibb County areas.

The origin of the Macon Water Authority dates back to 1880, when water for domestic service was procured from the wells of individual Bibb county citizens. That same year, The Macon Gas Light and Water Company undertook the task of providing water under pressure for the business section of the City by developing what is known as Tuff Springs. The next year, the company installed 53 fire hydrants to supply water for domestic and manufacturing services for a small area south of Spring Street.

In the early 1900's, the Board of Water Commissioners was created by special act of the Georgia Legislature, to be operated by three elected members. In 1973, the Macon-Bibb County Water and Sewerage Authority was created with five members, three of whom were elected and two of whom were appointed – one from the City Council and one from the County Commission. Those respective city and county appointees remain in effect today.

However, in 1979, the state passed legislation requiring representation on the Water Authority by districts. District elections began in 1980, and the number of members was increased to seven – the current number of board members that serve on the Authority today. It was 1992 when the Macon-Bibb County Water & Sewerage Authority was renamed to The Macon Water Authority (MWA), and it has operated under this utility moniker since.

Today, the MWA Water Distribution System has approximately 1,425 miles of water mains and service lines serving approximately 54,000 metered customers. The Authority also operates a sewage collection system, which includes approximately 250 miles of interceptor sewers and approximately 950 miles of sanitary sewer lines serving over 41,000 customers. Macon Soils, a subsidiary of the Authority, handles the recycling of biosolids from wastewater treatment at the Authority's water reclamation or water pollution control facilities, distributing these byproducts to area farmers for agricultural purposes

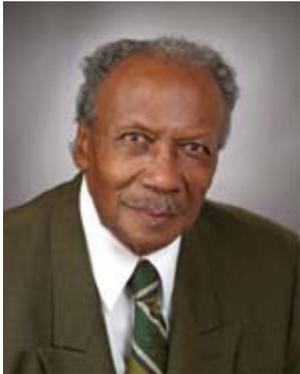
Long Time Leaders

Frank C. Amerson, Jr., Chair (Bibb Co. at Large)



Frank Amerson joined The Macon Water Authority in 1976 and his name has become synonymous with it. As a fitting tribute to his life-long service to the people of Macon and Bibb County, through the Macon Water Authority, the Authority recently re-named its Town Creek Water Treatment Plant to the "Frank C. Amerson, Jr. Water Treatment Plant."

Javors J. Lucas, Vice-Chairman (District 2)



Javors J. Lucas has become a fixture on the Macon Water Authority's Board of Directors since he was first elected in 1982. Mr. Lucas says *"I can't think of a better way to serve the city I love than to serve on this Board", remarks Lucas. "I am honored to have served as long as I have and I look forward to the future."* The Authority's Town Creek Reservoir was recently renamed Javors Lucas Lake in his honor.