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## Questions for my 9th Grade Earth and Environmental Class concerning Freshwater in Jackson County

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Tue, Apr 30, 2019 at 8:47 AM

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Good morning.

My name is Michael Martinez and I am a 9th grader at Blue Ridge Early College. I'm in Mr.Littlefield's science class and my end of year research topic is fresh water in Jackson County.

I had a few questions that I hope you can help me with:

- 1) How did TWASA get established?
- 2) Is Jackson County unique or among most counties in having a board like TWASA?
- 3) Would you consider it the best solution for the county's water treatment or should we consider a change?
- 4) What are the plans for water and sewage treatment in the Cashiers Area?
- 5) What percent of homes use Septic vs Sewage, and are there plans to centralize sewage or have distributed treatment centers?
- 6) Where does Blue Ridge School's water waste go?
- 7) When will Blue Ridge get rid of the water tower?

Thank you so much for your help. My project is due Friday, so any information is helpful. Links to any other resources are appreciated. Thank you for your service.

- Michael Martinez  
Freshman, Blue Ridge Early College

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**Ron Mau - Commissioner** <ronmau@jacksonnc.org>

Tue, Apr 30, 2019 at 4:12 PM

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Michael,

I am travelling today. I will try to get you information when possible.

You may be able to find the founding documents on TWASA website. Look for by-laws and a similar document.

Cashier's sewer- Google TWSA Horsepasture River Cashiers...that should get you to some of the newspaper articles about waster water in Cashiers.

Waste Water at Blue ridge....small private system.

Water tower - grant was applied for and received. School district may have better information.

TWSA - relatively unique, about 12 or so authorities in the state

Pct of house holds on septic vs sewer....no idea.

I will see what else I have on devices or with me. Some of the information you requested I have hard copies of at home but I will not be back before your due date.

Hope this helps.

Ron Mau

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Tue, Apr 30, 2019 at 4:17 PM

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Michael,

Here are some slides from presentation I made regarding TWSA a few weeks ago.

Ron Mau

On Tue, Apr 30, 2019, 8:47 AM Michael Martinez <martinez@student.jcpsmail.org wrote:

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Wed, May 1, 2019 at 8:22 AM

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Thank you for your presentation. I really appreciate it.

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