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## **New Report Highlights Benefits of Utility Consolidation.**

The US Water Alliance and the Environmental Finance Center at the University of North Carolina have released a new report titled [Strengthening Utilities through Consolidation: The Financial Impact](#). The report synthesizes the financial impacts of consolidating water utility service by looking at the real-world, diverse experiences of eight communities from across the country.

There are tens of thousands of water utilities and authorities in the United States. According to many experts across the sector, collaboration could be essential to securing the nation's water future. Consolidating water utilities is one of many options communities may consider to pool resources, streamline decision-making, and increase efficiency.

While complex, consolidation may be an appropriate consideration when the community value proposition outweighs costs. The report is intended to inform water leaders about the financial effects of consolidating utility service.

For more information on the US Water Alliance visit [uswateralliance.org](https://uswateralliance.org).

For more information on the EFC, visit [efc.sog.unc.edu](https://efc.sog.unc.edu).

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