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## Pluris Receives Second 2026 Recognition for its Advanced Membrane Wastewater Reclamation Treatment Facility

After having been awarded the “2026 National Membrane Plant of the Year”, by the American Water Works Association and the American Membrane Technology Association, the prestigious Water Environment Federation recognized Pluris’s 5<sup>th</sup> generation water reclamation wastewater treatment membrane plant near Wilmington, North Carolina in the Association’s “Utility of the Future” Program for 2026.

Trudi Bick, spokesperson for the Water Environment Federation notified Pluris’s North Carolina Manager, Kris King that the water Environment Federation will honor Pluris at a ceremony at WEFTEC 2026 in New Orleans, LA, on September 29, 2026.



***Habitat Reclamation Pond with Nine Floating Wetlands and Education Deck for School Field Trips***



An onsite amenity habitat pond with the highly treated effluent is shown above. There are nine floating wetland islands.

Several thousand Koi fish, as well as a number of turtles, frogs, cranes, egrets, geese, and ospreys are in residence at the pond.

An educational deck for local elementary, middle, and high school field trips is shown on the left of the above photograph.

The 1 mgd facility provides treatment to a population of approximately 17,000 and is expandable to 3 mgd to meet future growth in the fastest growing areas in the state.

A short two-minute video is provided with the following link showing the innovation incorporated into the design of the facility.

<https://f000.backblazeb2.com/file/Pluris-webshare/Pluris+Advanced+MBR+Facility.mp4>

Maurice Gallarda, PE, Managing Member of Pluris Capital Group, the parent company, commented that, “This facility represents Pluris’ finest membrane plant since its first one was introduced into North Carolina in 2010. In partnership with Kubota Membranes USA, this plant is the latest in the state of the art for membranes, and that trend is expected to grow and would not be possible without the North Carolina team headed by Kris King.

Anyone in the public that would like to tour this facility may reach Kris King at [kking@plurisusa.com](mailto:kking@plurisusa.com) and Kris will arrange a tour.