



Just like the company where he works, Alex Dye is no stranger to Easley. In fact, the operations engineer for Easley Combined Utilities (ECU) moved to Easley when he was in the third grade, graduated from Easley High School in 1988 and graduated from Clemson University with a civil engineering degree in 1992.

Here's what Alex has to say about ECU, his role there and life in Easley.

How would you describe the Easley area to someone who isn't familiar with it?

In short, I would say it's a community—a real community where folks support and look out for each other. Easley's a growing area, but even so, I feel like I know so many people here by name. In fact, the current mayor was my driver's ed teacher and the high school football coach when I was in high school.

What does a day in your job look like?

Every day I get together with our supervisors to make sure they have everything they need to stay on top of maintaining our utility system. I keep our general manager abreast of all ECU maintenance and renewal activities, as well as new utility construction ongoing or anticipated in the future. I also review plans and specifications for any new area developments to ensure that they comply with ECU standards, and assist our inspector in making sure all new utilities are installed as designed. And finally, I assist our wastewater superintendent and water distribution superintendent in equipment installation or renovation projects at our water and wastewater treatment plants.

What is your favorite memory growing up in the area?

I made a lot of trips to Joe's Ice Cream Parlor on Main Street when I was a kid—and I still do today. I also hung out at Ken's Pizza where the Toyota dealership is located now. And I spent a lot of time at Easley High School football games—and, again, still do today. I have a son who is a senior there now who is planning to go to Clemson this fall, and two sons in eighth grade.

What do you enjoy most about what you do?

We have a great family of tight-knit folks at ECU that take great pride in their work. Our guys won't sleep if a customer loses their power, water or wastewater services, until services are restored. Our general manager makes sure that all ECU employees have the needed tools to serve ECU customers well with the utmost efficiency. And our superintendents work hard in ensuring that ECU customers are served well.

EMPLOYEE PROFILE

NAME

Alex Dye

TITLE

Operations Engineer

FAMILY

I have been married to my wife, Amy, for 21 years. We have 3 sons, Andrew, Daniel and David.

COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS

We are active in our church, Easley First Baptist, where I grew up. I also serve on the Baptist Easley Hospital Foundation Board and the Easley Housing Authority Board.

HOBBIES

I enjoy working out at the local YMCA, as well as playing tennis, cycling, swimming and waterskiing. We enjoy attending and cheering on Easley High and Clemson University sports—especially football!