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Durham Hosts New Hope Creek and Little Creek Watershed Improvement Plan Meeting

*Virtual Session Shares Future Steps to Improve Water Quality;
Online Project Survey Available Until October 31*

DURHAM, N.C. – Residents who want to learn about the efforts to improve the New Hope Creek and Little Creek watersheds in Durham are invited to a virtual public information session later this month.

Hosted by the Stormwater and GIS Services Division with the City of Durham Public Works Department, the [virtual session](#) will be held on Wednesday, September 23 from noon to 12:45 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to present results of the stream field studies and gather input from residents. To pre-register for this Zoom meeting, visit <http://bit.ly/newhopecreekinfo>.

According to Project Manager [Lance Fontaine](#) with the Stormwater & GIS Services Division, the meeting will outline how the watershed improvement plan will provide a roadmap for future projects. “Field work completed this winter serves as a basis for the plan. Field crews surveyed 45 stream miles for overall stream quality, evidence of stream bank erosion, water quality problems, and restoration potential. They also studied 130 sites to find out if stormwater control measures could be built or improved,” Fontaine said. “Next steps are to include public input and build computer models that help our division select projects that best protect water resources.”

For more information, visit the project [web page](#) or contact Fontaine at (919) 560-4326, ext. 30257 or by [email](#). If residents cannot attend the virtual meeting later this month, but wish to provide feedback, they are encouraged to take the online project [survey](#) by October 31.

About the Public Works Department Stormwater and GIS Services Division

The [Stormwater and GIS Services Division](#) with the City of Durham Public Works Department is guided by the City’s [Strategic Plan](#) goals of stewardship of the City’s physical and environmental assets and innovative and high-performing organization. Activities include storm drainage design and plans review; inspecting and maintaining City-owned drainage systems; enforcing stormwater ordinances and regulations; education and outreach; stream monitoring, restoration, and watershed master planning; maintaining multiple layers of the City’s geographic information; and stormwater billing. To learn more, follow on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

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