

Durham Hosts Third Fork Creek Stream Restoration Meeting Sept. 23

Public Information Session Set to Share Plans to Protect Nearby Trail & Foot Bridges

DURHAM, N.C. – Durham residents interested in learning how the City of Durham plans to restore a portion of Third Fork Creek to better protect its nearby trail and foot bridges should mark their calendars now for a public information session later this month.

On Tuesday, September 23, 2014 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Southwest Regional Library, 3605 Shannon Rd., residents will have the opportunity to learn about the concept plan and provide input for the Third Fork Creek Stream Restoration Project. The project will help the City's Public Works Department identify and select stream stabilization and trail modification strategies in order to reduce sediment buildup on the nearby trail and protect the trail and foot bridges from damaging storm events.

The project area includes Third Fork Creek and the surrounding floodplain between Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway and Cardinal Drive. Surrey Green, Hope Valley and Hope Valley Farms are a few of the neighborhoods bordering the project area.

"Erosion and dirt piling up on the trail after rain events threaten Third Fork Creek Trail," said Project Manager Greg Sousa with the Public Works Department's Stormwater and GIS Division. "This restoration will improve the user experience and protect the City's infrastructure investment in this great community resource."

For information and project updates, visit <http://bit.ly/thirdfork> or contact Sousa at (919) 560-4326, ext. 30271 or by email at Gregory.Sousa@DurhamNC.gov. Persons who require assistance to attend the meeting should call (919) 560-4197, ext. 21254, TTY (919) 560-1200, or email ADA@DurhamNC.gov no later than 48 hours before the event.

About the Public Works Department Stormwater and GIS Services Division

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