



News Release

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City of Durham Contains Sewer Spill at Morreene Road

DURHAM, N.C. – The City of Durham Department of Water Management reports that approximately 1,500 gallons of untreated wastewater were discharged into Sandy Creek on January 22, 2018 from an overflowing manhole near 1400 Morreene Road.

The sewer was found overflowing at approximately 10:35 a.m. on January 22, 2018. The overflow was due to roots in the line, and the overflow ended at 11:00 a.m. on January 22, 2018. The surrounding area has been remediated and there are no immediately visible adverse environmental impacts or hazards to persons or property.

The City of Durham's Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG) outreach program provides education on the proper disposal of grease and other materials. Only water, human waste, and toilet paper are permitted to be discharged into the sewer system. FOG program staff will take appropriate enforcement action when necessary. Additionally, Water & Sewer Maintenance crews proactively inspect and clean sewer lines throughout the collection system to help prevent blockages.

The N.C. Department of Environmental Quality Division of Water Resources was notified of the event on January 22, 2018 as required by state regulations/law. For more information, contact Junior Mobley, Superintendent of Water & Sewer Maintenance.