

News Release

For Immediate Release: March 28, 2018

City of Durham Contains N. Hyde Park Avenue Sewer Spill

DURHAM, N.C. – The City of Durham Department of Water Management reports that approximately 240 gallons of untreated wastewater were discharged into an unnamed tributary that flows into Goose Creek on March 28, 2018, from an overflowing manhole at 1411 North Hyde Park Avenue.

The sewer was found overflowing at approximately 8:30 a.m. on March 28, 2018. The overflow was caused by grease, which was cleared, and the overflow ended at approximately 9:15 a.m. on March 28, 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 March 28, 2018 as required by state regulations/law. For more information, contact Junior Mobley, Superintendent of Water & Sewer Maintenance.

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