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News Release

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City of Durham Contains Sewer Spill at Githens School Lift Station

DURHAM, N.C. – The City of Durham Department of Water Management reports that approximately 29,500 gallons of untreated wastewater were discharged into an unnamed tributary that flows into New Hope Creek on April 15, 2018, from the Githens School Lift Station at 4820 Old Chapel Hill Road.

The lift station was found overflowing at approximately 11:00 p.m. on April 15, 2018. The overflow was caused by heavy rains, which flooded the station's dry well and caused equipment to fail. The overflow ended at approximately 3:00 a.m. on April 16, 2018. A bypass pump is in place until the lift station can be put back into operation.

The N.C. Department of Environmental Quality Division of Water Resources was notified of the event on April 16, 2018 as required by state regulations/law. For more information, contact Bob Slaughter, Superintendent of Lift Station Maintenance.

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