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News Release

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City of Durham Contains Sewer Spill on Aiken Avenue

DURHAM, N.C. – The City of Durham Department of Water Management reports that on June 1, 2018 approximately 250 gallons of untreated wastewater were discharged from a manhole on an Aiken Avenue outfall into the Goose Creek Tributary A divergence.

The manhole was found overflowing at approximately 11 a.m. The overflow was caused by a grease and debris blockage in the sewer main, which was cleared at approximately 11:50 a.m. The surrounding area is being remediated.

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 June 1, 2018 as required by state regulations/law. For more information, contact Junior Mobley, Superintendent of Water & Sewer Maintenance.

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