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News Release

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Durham Offers Free Environmental Job Training

Applications Accepted Until June 15; Information Sessions Set for March 24, 26 & April

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DURHAM, N.C. – Durham residents interested receiving certifications needed for full-time employment in the environmental field should apply now for the City of Durham’s Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training Program.

The 12-week free training program, provided through a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, will teach the skills needed to secure full-time employment in the environmental field, including assessment and cleanup. This training will provide certifications that allow participants to qualify as environmental technicians or for employment in the recycling, wastewater treatment or construction industries. Certifications include wastewater treatment plant operator, hazardous Waste Operations and emergency response (HAZWOPER) 40-hour training, asbestos worker abatement, lead worker abatement, Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) 10-hour training for general industry, and first aid/CPR.

Residents interested in speaking with City staff about this training program are invited to attend one of four information sessions: Tuesday, March 24 at 5 p.m. at the Southside Community Outreach Center, located at 201 W. Enterprise St.; Thursday, March 26 at 5 p.m. at Antioch Baptist Church, located at 1415 Holloway St.; Tuesday, April 7 at 9 a.m. at Joe’s Diner, located at 2100 Angier Avenue; and Tuesday, April 7 at 6 p.m. at Holton Career and Resource Center, located at 401 N. Driver St.

Applications are now available at

http://durhamnc.gov/ich/cb/oewd/Pages/Development_Job_Training_Application.aspx and are due by 5 p.m. on Monday, June 15. Classes begin on Monday, August 3 and will meet from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, on the main campus of Durham Technical Community College.

For more information contact Adult Employment Program Coordinator Jason Wimmer with the City's Office of Economic and Workforce Development at (919) 560-4965, ext. 15218 or by email at Allen.Wimmer@DurhamNC.gov.

About the Office of Economic & Workforce Development

Guided by the City's Strategic Plan, the Office of Economic & Workforce Development helps ensure that Durham has a strong and diverse economy by increasing the city's tax base through several revitalization initiatives, including new development efforts in the central city area. The department also plans and promotes cultural awareness and events, identifies and recruits target industries as well as assesses and trains Durham residents to fill new jobs. For more information, visit <http://www.DurhamEconomicDevelopment.org>.

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