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## News Release

For Immediate Release: April 18, 2017

### **City of Durham Contains Sewer Spill on Atlantic Street Outfall**

DURHAM, N.C. — The City of Durham Department of Water Management reports that approximately 3,600 gallons of untreated wastewater were discharged into an unnamed tributary to Rocky Creek on April 17, 2017 on a sewer outfall near Atlantic Street.

The sewer was found overflowing at approximately 2 p.m. on April 17, 2017. The overflow was caused by vandalism and foreign objects blocking the sewer line. The manhole was cleaned to remove the blockage and the overflow ended at 6 p.m. on April 17, 2017. 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 April 18, 2017 as required by state regulations/law. For information, contact Junior Mobley, assistant superintendent of Water & Sewer Maintenance.