



# News Release

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## **Durham Seeks Stormwater Restoration Project Input for Former Duke Diet & Fitness Center**

*April 2 Info Session Set to Review South Ellerbe Project Concept Plan*

DURHAM, NC - Residents who want to comment on the proposed concept plan for the [South Ellerbe Stormwater Restoration Project](#) should mark their calendars now for a public information session next month.

The session will be held on Monday, April 2 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Durham County Human Services Building, located at 414 E. Main St. Free parking is available in the visitor's lot on the corner of East Main and Dillard streets.

The purpose of the meeting is to present the concept plan for the stormwater restoration site. The plan incorporates input from residents, who provided feedback to project team during a design workshop held in September 2017. At next month's session, attendees will learn more about what is planned for the stormwater restoration and hear about the schedule for [demolition of the former Duke Diet and Fitness Center building](#). City staff and members of the consultant design team will also be available to answer questions.

According to [Sandra Wilbur](#), project manager with the [Stormwater & GIS Services Division](#) of the City's Public Works Department, this project site lies along a South Ellerbe Creek tributary that flows into Falls Lake, and this restoration will transform the space into an asset to the community and the environment. "In addition to increasing green space in a heavily developed area of Durham, the project will benefit Ellerbe Creek and South Ellerbe Creek by filtering pollutants, such as sediment and nutrients," said Wilbur.

For additional information on the project and other updates, visit the South Ellerbe Stormwater Restoration [webpage](#) or contact Wilbur at (919) 560-4326, ext. 30286 or [Sandra.Wilbur@DurhamNC.gov](mailto:Sandra.Wilbur@DurhamNC.gov). Persons who require assistance to attend should contact (919) 560-4197 or [ADA@DurhamNC.gov](mailto:ADA@DurhamNC.gov) no later than 48 hours before the meeting.

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