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News Release

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City of Durham Contains Sewer Spill Near 606 United Drive

DURHAM, N.C. – The City of Durham Department of Water Management reports that approximately 600 gallons of untreated wastewater were discharged into Northeast Creek North Prong Tributary A on April 13, 2018, from an overflowing manhole on a sewer outfall behind 606 United Drive.

The sewer was found overflowing at approximately 4:00 p.m. on April 13, 2018. The overflow was caused by a blockage of grease, which was removed, and the overflow ended at 6:00 p.m. on April 13, 2018. 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 13, 2018 as required by state regulations/law. For more information, contact Junior Mobley, Superintendent of Water & Sewer Maintenance.

