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News Release

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Water Management Wins 2018 WaterSense® Excellence Award

City Department Celebrates EPA Three-Peat Achievement Today

LAS VEGAS – The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recognized the City of Durham Department of Water Management with a 2018 WaterSense Excellence Award for its creative approach to supporting WaterSense and promoting water efficiency in 2017. Water Management received one of 21 WaterSense awards at the WaterSmart Innovations Conference in Las Vegas. This is the third year in a row that Water Management has achieved this national recognition from the EPA.

Since 2006, Water Management and more than 1,900 other WaterSense partners have helped consumers save more than 2.7 trillion gallons of water, or more than the amount used by all U.S. households for nearly 100 days. In addition to water savings, WaterSense labeled products and homes have helped reduce the amount of energy needed to heat, pump, and treat water by 367 billion kilowatt hours – which is enough to power more than 34.1 million homes for a year – and save \$63.8 billion in water and energy bills.

“Through innovation and commitment, our partners are helping to transform the marketplace for water-efficient, high-performing products and homes,” said Veronica Blette, WaterSense program manager. “The WaterSense Sustained Excellence, Partner of the Year, and Excellence Award winners are leading the charge to save water, energy, and money for future generations.”

Water Management was honored as a 2018 WaterSense Excellence winner for excellence in education and outreach in Durham.

“Our Water Efficiency and Conservation team works passionately throughout the year with schools, at events, and one-on-one with customers to ensure we have an efficient and resilient city, and I am very proud that EPA WaterSense has chosen to recognize our program once again,” said James Lim, Water Efficiency and Conservation Program Administrator. “Earning this award three years in a row is a testament to the dedication of our team to educating our community about the value of water. These accomplishments wouldn’t be possible without their commitment and enthusiasm.”

For information about WaterSense, visit www.epa.gov/watersense.

About Water Management

The Department of Water Management is responsible for the operation and maintenance of Durham's water supply, water treatment and water reclamation (wastewater treatment) facilities, collection and distribution systems (including meter reading), and customer billing services. The department has a wide variety of support divisions and programs to maintain the existing infrastructure that provide these integral services, and strives to be a responsible steward of the City's physical assets. For information, visit <http://durhamnc.gov/944/> and follow @DurhamWater on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

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