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# News Release

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## **Durham Tap Water Ranked Best in State for Taste**

*City Wins Top Honor at Annual Statewide Conference for Water Professionals*

DURHAM, N.C. – Who has the best tasting tap water in North Carolina? That would be Durham; specifically, water from the City of Durham Department of Water Management’s Wade G. Brown Water Treatment Facility, which just took top honors at the 98<sup>th</sup> annual Conference of the North Carolina American Water Works Association – Water Environment Association (NC AWWA-WEA), which ran from November 4-7. A veteran panel of taste testers sampled 15 entries from water utility providers across the state and chose Durham as No. 1.

This is the third time Durham’s tap water has been named the best tasting in the state, since the NC AWWA-WEA competition began in 1985. The City also took first place honors in 2006 and 1999. Durham earned second place in 1990 and 1985, and third place in 2012, 2010, 1995, and 1994.

Second place in this year’s competition went to the Neuse Regional Water & Sewer Authority in Kinston. Fayetteville – Public Works Commission won third place.

### **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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