

News Release

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Durham Tap Water Ranked Best in State for Taste for Second Consecutive Year *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 Water Management Department’s Daniel M. Williams Water Treatment Plant.

For the second year in a row, Durham took top honors at the Annual Conference of the North Carolina American Water Works Association – Water Environment Association (NC AWWA-WEA), which took place from November 3-6 in Raleigh. A veteran panel of taste testers sampled 11 entries from drinking water providers across the state and chose Durham as the best.

This is the fourth 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 2018 with water from its Brown Water Treatment Plant as well as 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 City of Raleigh, and the City of High Point won third place. This was the Association’s 99th annual conference with more than 1,500 water and wastewater professionals, consultants, educators, and vendors attending the conference to learn about advances in the professions that provide vital services for public health and ensure economic viability in the communities they serve.

To learn more about the department’s efforts to provide high-quality drinking water 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to the Bull City, visit the department’s [webpage](#).

About Water Management

The [Water Management Department](#) 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, follow @DurhamWater on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

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