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News Release

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City of Durham Contains Sewer Spill at 1705 Dean Street

DURHAM, N.C. – The City of Durham Department of Water Management reports that on May 14, 2018 approximately 222 gallons of untreated wastewater were discharged from a manhole at 1705 Dean Street into an unnamed tributary that flows into Third Fork Creek.

The manhole was found overflowing at approximately 2 p.m. The overflow was caused by a debris blockage in the sewer main, which was cleared at approximately 3:20 p.m. 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 May 14, 2018 as required by state regulations/law. For more information, contact Junior Mobley, Superintendent of Water & Sewer Maintenance.

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