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### **Public Information Session Set For Durham's Ellerbe Creek Watershed Improvement Project**

*April Meeting to Provide Progress Report and Solicit Citizen Input*

Durham, N.C. – Durham residents interested in revitalizing the health of Ellerbe Creek will get a chance to make their opinions known thanks to an upcoming public meeting in early April.

The City of Durham's Department of Public Works will host a public information meeting regarding the Ellerbe Creek Watershed Improvement Project on Wednesday, April 2, 2008, at 6 p.m. in the second floor Committee Room of City Hall.

This meeting will provide residents and interested stakeholders a progress report on the project, which began in December 2007 with field crews assessing streams and stormwater devices in the Ellerbe Creek watershed. The field evaluation and assessment activities that began in December have now been completed and the results will be shared with the meeting attendees.

According to Sandi Wilbur, project manager with the Engineering and Stormwater Division of the City's Department of Public Works, this meeting will also allow input on additional locations for watershed restoration and the criteria to be used for prioritizing watershed restoration opportunities. "Since the primary goal of this project is to revitalize the health of Ellerbe Creek and to comply with water quality regulations, citizen input in shaping and prioritizing the watershed restoration project is an important component," Wilbur said.

This is the second public information meeting for this project. The next meeting will be held in mid-summer to gather input on the watershed restoration opportunities identified, and the final public information meeting will be held near the conclusion of the project in the Spring of 2009.

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