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Claudia Hager, County Manager
Durham County
200 East Main Street
Durham, NC 27701

Dear Ms. Hager,

The Division of Water Resources (DWR) *Water Resources Development Grant Program*, in partnership with the Division of Mitigation Services *Flood Resiliency Blueprint*, of the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (NCDEQ) are pleased to announce that **\$600,000** in financial assistance for a flood resiliency project located in your jurisdiction has been approved.

We congratulate Durham County on its sponsorship of the **Whispering Pines Stream Restoration Project**. This grant will provide financial assistance to restore approximately 1,700 linear feet, plant 1.6 acres of riparian buffer and install a bioretention area and four bioswales to create 1 acre-foot of water storage volume along Little Lick Creek within the Whispering Pines Mobile Home Park. Your ongoing efforts to improve flood resiliency and reduce flooding in your jurisdiction are to be commended.

DWR will be contacting your staff concerning the administrative requirements, including the signing of a grant contract with the State, for the use of state funds for this project. This award letter is not a guarantee of funding, and the issuance of any contracts is subject to funding availability.

We look forward to working with you on this project. If you have questions, please contact Amin Davis at 919-707-9132 or via email at amin.davis@deq.nc.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Richard E. Rogers, Jr.'.

Richard E. Rogers, Jr.
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