

May 5, 2025

North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality
Division of Water Resources
319(h) Grant Application

To Whom It May Concern:

As the elected Board of County Commissioners representing Durham County, North Carolina residents, we are sharing this letter to communicate our strong support for the County's application for 2025 Clean Water Act-Section 319 (h) Nonpoint Source Grant Funding to fund a bioretention area and educational material in the identified disadvantaged community of Whispering Pines.

The proposed project meets Durham County Stormwater's guiding principles of Efficiency and Environmental Justice by prioritizing both water quality and service to disadvantaged communities within Durham County and leveraging stormwater utility dollars to maximize grant funds. A bioretention area in the Whispering Pines Mobile Home Park will capture runoff and reduce nutrients from the homes and roadways. The development of these educational materials to be utilized within Whispering Pines will empower residents with knowledge about stormwater management practices, fostering a sense of environmental responsibility and active participation in the community's well-being. County Stormwater anticipates this proposed project will bring water quality education and nutrient reduction solutions to an overburdened and underserved community in Durham County.

Durham County prides itself on our ongoing commitment and efforts to protect and improve the environment. It is our earnest hope that you will strongly consider the County's application for this grant program knowing that the funded efforts will have a lasting effect on water quality in Durham County.

Sincerely,

Nida Allam, Chair
Durham County Board of Commissioners