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Durham Soil & Water Conservation District (DSWCD) to benefit the Cape Fear waterways with \$100,000 grant from Duke Energy Foundation

Durham Soil & Water Conservation District, Durham NC received a \$100,000 Water Resources Fund grant to continue its commitment to protecting and enhancing regional waterways and the environment.

“This grant will help us better serve our community for years to come,” said Danielle Adams, Vice Chair DSWCD Board. “We thank Duke Energy for its support and are eager to launch this project so that we can continue serving our local waterways.”

The Durham & Wake Soil and Water Conservation Districts will use the grant to implement the Community Conservation Assistance Program (CCAP) for BMP installation in the Jordan Lake Watershed, specifically in the Upper New Hope Creek sub watersheds. CCAP is a voluntary, incentive-based program designed to improve water quality through the installation of various best management practices (BMPs) on urban, suburban and rural lands not directly involved with agriculture production. Eligible landowners may include homeowners, businesses, schools, parks and publicly owned lands. CCAP educates landowners on water quality, stormwater management and retrofit practices to treat stormwater runoff. Interested landowners apply for financial and technical assistance for the installation of BMPs to protect water quality.

“The Water Resources Fund is an investment in healthier waterways and a better quality of life for communities,” said Shawn Heath, president of the Duke Energy Foundation. “We look forward to our partnership with Durham Soil & Water Conservation District and the impact this grant will have in the Jordan Lake Watershed.”

The [Water Resources Fund](#) is a \$10 million commitment from Duke Energy to improve water quality, quantity and conservation in the Carolinas and neighboring regions.

About

The Durham Soil and Water Conservation District's mission is "To conserve, enhance, and promote the natural resources of Durham County by providing technical assistance, environmental education information and economic incentives to County citizens and by exhibiting a diversified program to meet its changing needs."

The Wake Soil and Water Conservation District's mission is "To protect the natural resources of Wake County through voluntary technical, educational, and funding assistance to citizens, businesses, communities, municipalities and partners."

About the Duke Energy Foundation

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