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STREAM RESTORATION PROJECT BEGINS AT WILLOWBROOK PARK

BURLINGTON, NC—The City of Burlington has contracted with Carolina Environmental Contracting, Inc. to perform stream restoration and stabilization of the creek banks in Willowbrook Park.

Beginning as soon as May 2 the community will begin to see equipment and activity in the park as Carolina Environmental Contracting, Inc. prepares the project site, performs field surveying, and installs erosion and sedimentation control measures.

Following the site preparation, tree cutting, grading and streambank restoration measures will begin. “Many trees will need to be removed due to damage or disease and in order to properly secure the stream bank. However, this provides a wonderful opportunity for tree planting. Over 100 trees will be planted as a part of this project. We will be providing beautiful trees for generations to come”, said Jeff Parsons, Cemetery and Grounds Supervisor for the City of Burlington.

Although initial work installing erosion and sedimentation control measures and tree cutting will be throughout the Park. The subsequent grading and streambank restoration is generally planned to proceed from upstream (Front Street) to downstream (Church Street) in sections. The stream restoration project will continue into the summer months.

Crews are approved to work during the hours of 7:00am to 7:00pm, Monday through Friday. Weekend work is not currently in the scope of this project. If weekend work becomes necessary, it will require pre-approval by the Water Resources Department.

Residents and visitors can expect to see truck traffic in the area as well as traffic control measures to ensure the safety of pedestrians, crews, and motorists during the project. “Every effort will be made to minimize neighborhood traffic impacts. However since this is a major construction project, there will be construction-related equipment moving along and adjacent to City streets. Residents are asked to be alert and cautious when traveling on streets in the Willowbrook Park area”, said Bob Patterson, Water Resources Director.

“Once completed, the stream bank restoration and arboretum projects will replace the removed vegetation with a beautiful mix of trees, shrubs, and grasses that should thrive in an urban park setting”, reiterated Patterson.

The Willowbrook Park Arboretum is a project of the New Leaf Society in partnership with the City of Burlington. It will span the entire length of the park from South Church St. to Front St. It will feature plantings, sculptures, walking trail, bridges, limited creek access, children’s play areas, restroom/activity building, and open green spaces. This new feature will be unique to Burlington and Alamance County.

Learn more about the Willowbrook Arboretum and stay up to date on progress at www.BurlingtonNC.gov/Arboretum or www.newleafsociety.org.

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