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PUBLIC SERVICES CREATES “TRASH TRAPPER” TO COLLECT LITTER IN CITY WATERWAYS

HIGH POINT, N.C. (March 1, 2018) – In an effort to remove more trash from City waterways and tributaries, the Stormwater and Streets divisions of the Public Services department have created a CARP: Catchment and Retrieval Project. These trash-trapping devices can be left in streams to collect floating litter, and were made from materials already on hand in the Streets division.

The first iteration of the CARP was placed in the West Fork of the Deep River in October. The trapper is just upstream from City Lake, has corrugated pipe that funnels debris in and the bottom rear portion has been removed to allow animals that make their way in to escape. By November 15, a second, lighter and more maneuverable CARP was also placed in the Deep River. This version is anchored just downstream of the original CARP. Another CARP has recently been placed in Richland Creek, and with each prototype adjustments are made to find the best size and construction materials.

The CARPs are monitored weekly, or after a large rain event, by the Stormwater and Environmental Services divisions, recording litter totals and stream and weather conditions. The amount and types of litter are also recorded, and positioning of the CARPs are adjusted as necessary. Since the end of October, about 20 bags of trash and recyclables have been removed.

For more information, please contact Public Services at 336.883.3166.

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