# Durham Parks Update Pre-Regulatory Landfill Program





## **Presentation Outcomes**

- 1. Status of parks
- 2. How we got here
- 3. Moving parts/unknowns to date
- 4. Potential short-term and long term considerations
- 5. Next steps

### Method

- 1. Timeline format
- 2. Included public communication & engagement
- 3. Providing park images & supporting documents

#### June

- City-at-large becomes aware of a published document from Duke University from Walltown Neighborhood on:
- 1. Walltown
- 2. East End
- 3. East Durham
- City contracts Mid-Atlantic to build and expand on science and adds:
- 4. Lyon Park
- 5. Northgate Park

#### July

- 1 Page Public post/update
  - Mid-Atlantic workplan summary of work to be performed
  - Commitment to communication
  - Anticipated results

#### August

- Posted memo and 1-page plan
  - Mid-Atlantic Report submitted to NCDEQ
  - Additional areas at each park closed
  - Northgate Playground closed

#### September

- Started with DEQ
  - Further/multiple assessments needed (rankings)





October November December • Memo to City Manager's Office and public update (11/17) • Public Meeting at City Hall (11/20) • City receives DEQ "Risk Scores" • NCDEQ begins visits to 5 parks to assess • Qualify for PRLF • DEQ surveys .25 acre grids entire park Next 2-3 months DEQ surveys to establish a "Risk Score" ■ December - January survey .25 acre grid, -top 12"





#### January February March April • Memo and 1-pager posted • Based on March reports, public update (2/1) additional areas closed • Preliminary reports from • Ongoing sampling, no 1. EPA lowers limit to 200 ppm December - January surveys • Community group and DEQ 2. DEQ Risk Scores updates of .25 acre-12" meeting 4/2 & 4/23 3. Prohibit additional access • EPA lowers accepted lead 4. Established community • City internal meeting with Decided to close all level to +200ppm group NIS and CMO playgrounds, test existing 5. City outreach to County for material, remove, test blood tests "deep soils", replace all fill 6. CIP request of \$5 million





# 5/2 & 5/14 Community group meetings 5/22 Virtual City-wide meeting DEQ surveyed additional property at East End and East Durham Parks 6/10 Community group meeting 7/3 & 7/2 Community group meeting 7/15 Community group meeting 7/15 Community group meeting

• DEQ begins Geophysical

Surface & down 22'

locations

Estimates boundaries

trench and boring

Survey



- 7/3 & 7/11 update emails to Community group
- 7/15 Community group meeting
- Testing existing playground materials continues

#### August

- Closed additional areas, 1 page summary public post, Updated community group
- August October: in-person engagements
- Playground existing materials tested below any hazardous levels
- DEQ begins removing existing Playground materials and tests "deep soils" beyond 12"
- Notified DPS



DEQ provides preliminary

costs ~\$10M+



#### September

- Waste Delineation Activities starts at East Durham Park
- Playground "Deep Soils" testing continues
  - Playground materials replaced and filled
- Internal meeting for risk assessment for staff of maintenance of parks

#### October

- East Durham Park Waste Delineation Activities completed
- Playground materials removal complete, deep soil testing completed; & new materials added (no reports to date)
- Northgate community meeting
- Community meeting with DEQ

#### November

- Received Waste Delineation Activities figures for East Durham Park
  - WDA (drilling) takes place at remaining 4 parks.
- DEQ sent letters to adjacent properties
- Update emails to community group on 11/1 & 11/15

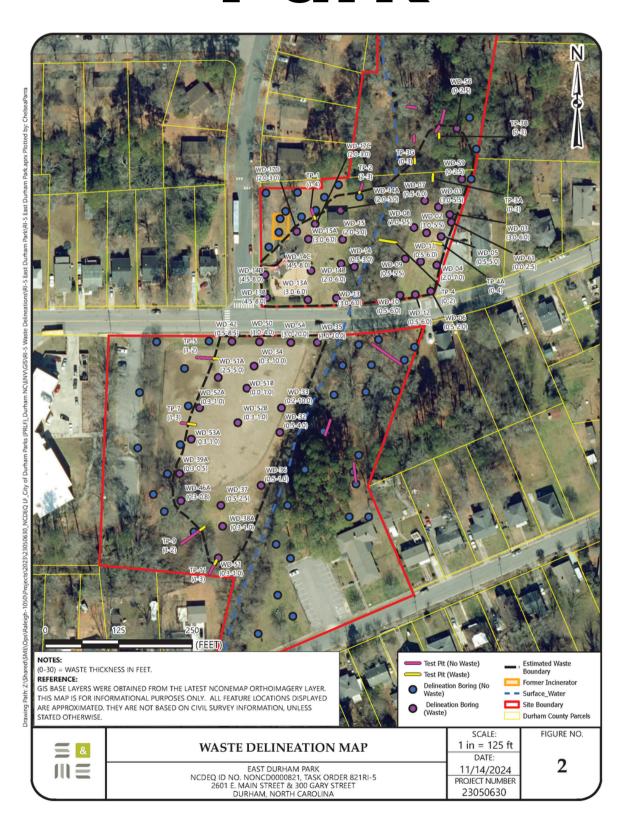
#### December

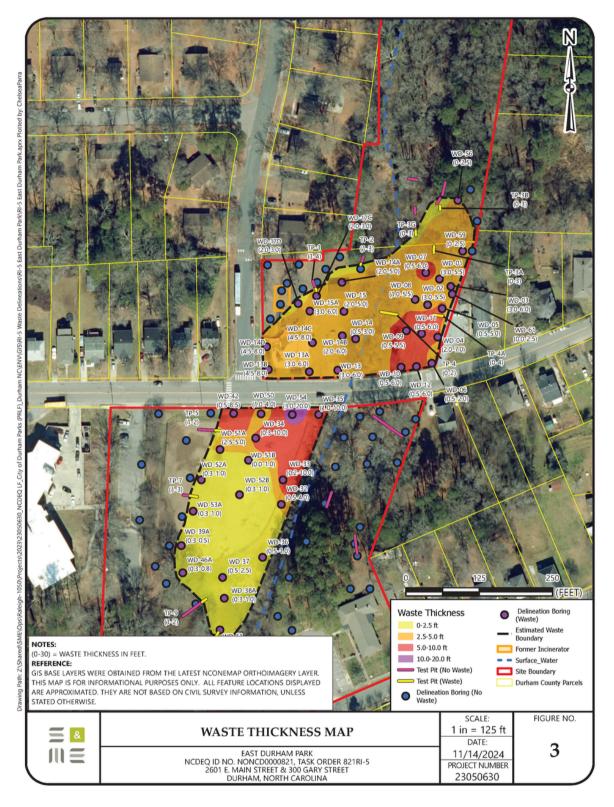
- Waste Delineation
   Activities report received for East Durham Park (trenches)
- Waste Delineation Activities figures only without trench and test pits for other 4 parks
  - Scheduled for January
- \$7 million DPR CIP request for FY25/26



#### Test Pit (Waste) Former Incinerator GIS BASE LAYERS WERE OBTAINED FROM THE LATEST NCONEMAP ORTHOIMAGERY LAYER. Surface Water THIS MAP IS FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY. ALL FEATURE LOCATIONS DISPLAYED ARE APPROXIMATED. THEY ARE NOT BASED ON CIVIL SURVEY INFORMATION, UNLESS Site Boundary Durham County Parcels FIGURE NO. 1 in = 125 ft SITE MAP - BORINGS AND TEST PITS DATE: EAST DURHAM PARK NCDEQ ID NO. NONCD0000821, TASK ORDER 821RI-5 2601 E. MAIN STREET & 300 GARY STREET DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA $M \equiv$ 11/14/2024 PROJECT NUMBER 23050630

# East Durham Park





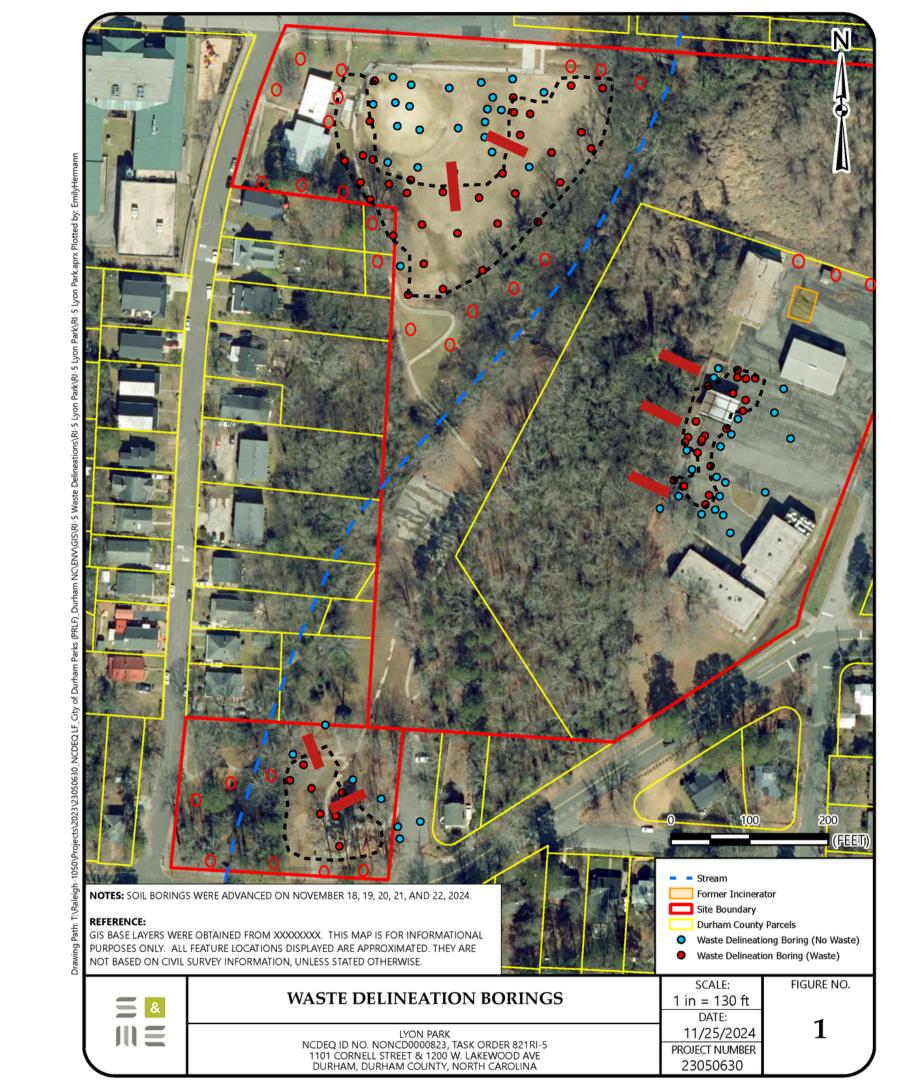
# Northgate Park

Waste Delineation Boundary



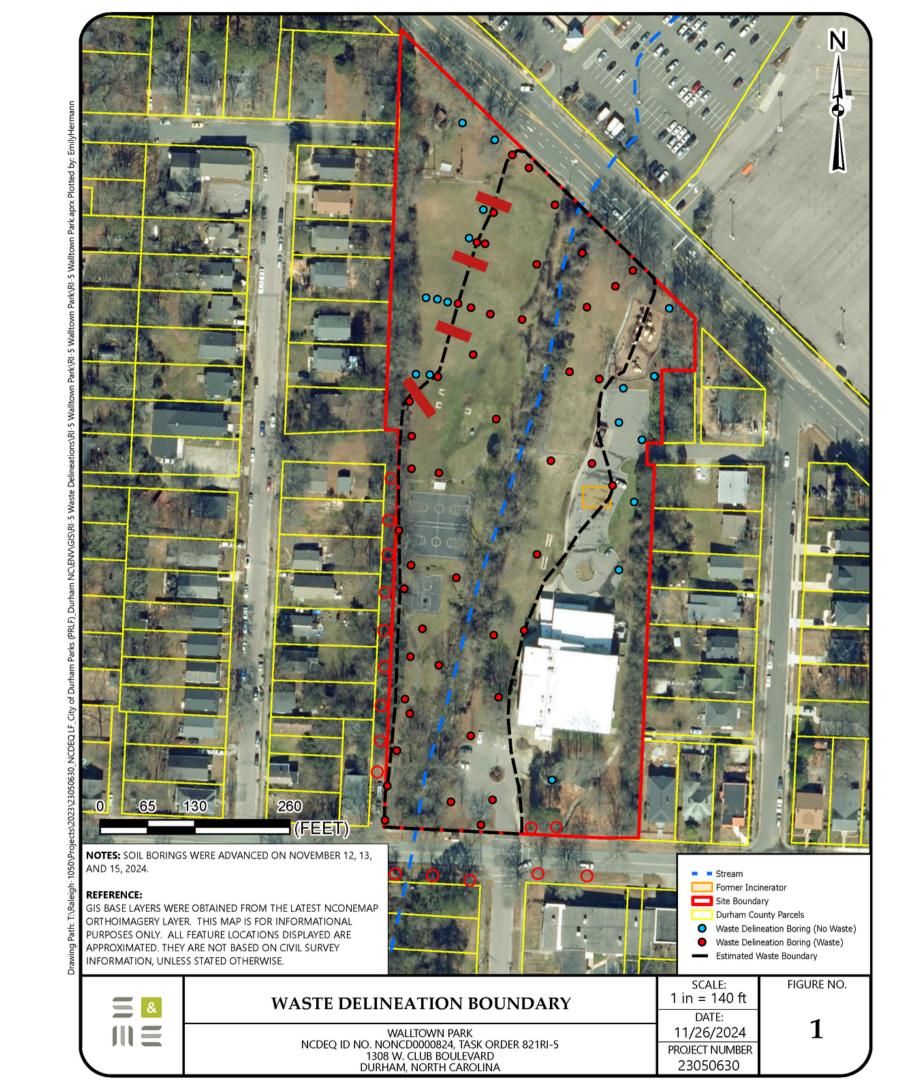
# Lyon Park

**Waste Delineation Borings** 



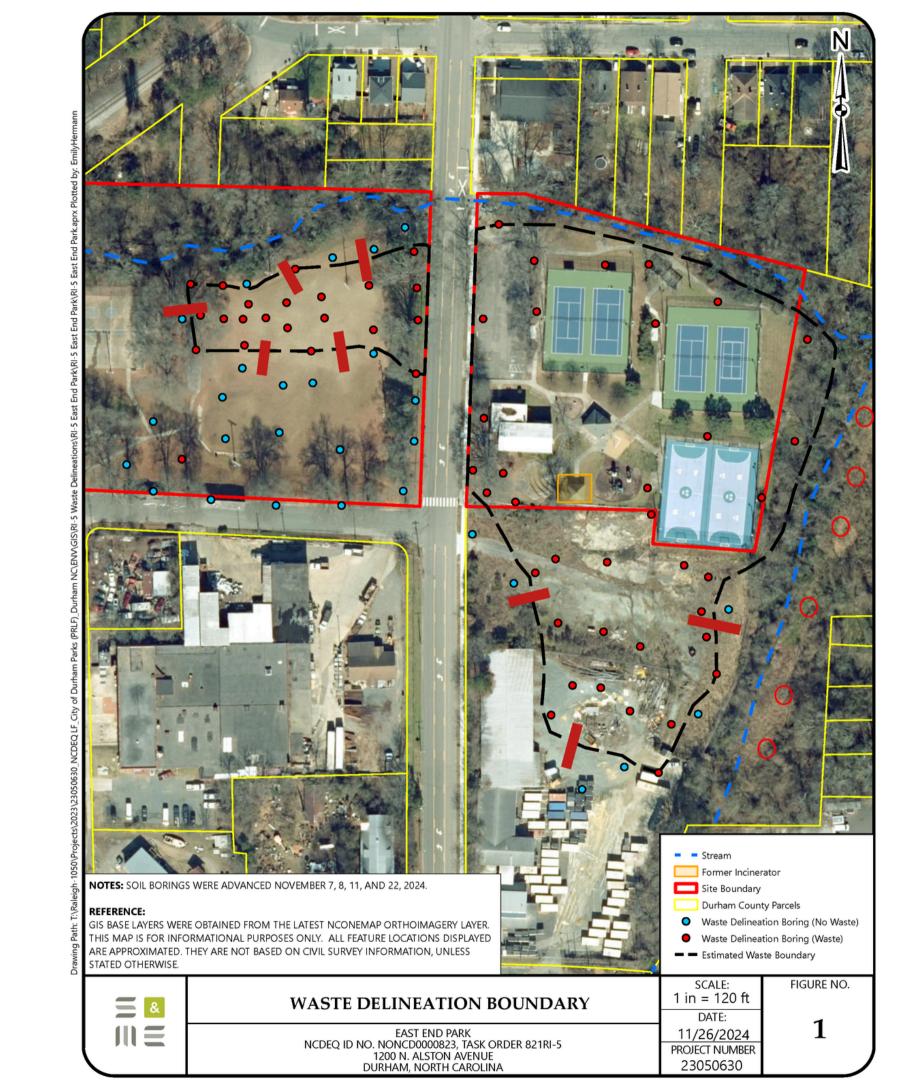
## Walltown Park

**Waste Delineation Boundary** 



## **East End Park**

**Waste Delineation Boundary** 



#### January

• Start trenches and test pits at remaining 4 parks (Waste Delineation Activities)

#### January Community Meeting

DEQ to explain: WDA report +Soil Cover Eval.
 +Background sampling using East Durham as an example.

#### Next

- Analysis of ground water (wells), surface water, soil gas probes
  - Water and Soil Gas probes = 1 year of monitoring
- Spring 25: Potential Final Waste Delineation Activities results +Soil Cover evaluation +background soil sampling + above ground vapor survey =
  - Most detailed understanding to potentially make decisions on re-opening areas of parks and some playgrounds (depending on results).





# Summer & Fall Engagements

Summer	/Fall 2024	PRLP Engagement
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Event	Location	Date Time	e Reach/Attendance	Host
EAST DURHAM & EAST END				
Zumba Toning	Holton	9/4/2024 6-6:45 p.m.	. 10	DPR
Step Aerobics	Holton	9/4/2024 7-7:45 p.m.	10	DPR
LYON PARK				
Free Food Market	CFLC at LP	8/29/2024 2:45-4 p.m.	. 30	West End Community Foundation
National Night Out	815 Carroll Street	10/1/2024 4PM - 6PM	10	West End & Lyon Park Legacy Proje
PMC Grand Opening	906 Carroll Street	9/7/2024 10AM - 2PM	VI 300 attendees	Pauli Murray Center
NORTHGATE				
Northgate Park Neighborhood Association	Durham Civitan Club	10/17/2024 7 p.m.	50	Northgate Park Neighborhood
Tennis Court Reso.	Northgate Park	9/15/2024 10:30 a.m.	60	Eno Community Tennis Assoc.
WALLTOWN				
Walltown Community Reunion	Walltown Rec	9/28/2024 11 a.m 2 p	p.m.	Walltown Community
Walltown Small Area Plan Meeting	Walltown Rec	9/7/2024 10:30 a.m:	12 p.m.	Durham Planning Dept.
GENERAL				
Project Earth Enviro Fair	Gross Hall Energy Hub	8/22/2024 3-5 p.m.	100	Duke
CM Freeman Town Hall	W.D. Hill Rec Center	8/22/2024 7-8 p.m.	25	CM Freeman