News Release 

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**Yadkin-Pee Dee Water Management Group to benefit Yadkin-Pee Dee waterways with $100,000 grant from Duke Energy**

Winston-Salem, NC – Yadkin-Pee Dee Water Management Group received a $100,000 grant to continue its commitment to protecting and enhancing regional waterways and the environment. The grant is part of the Water Resources Fund, a $10 million commitment from Duke Energy.

Yadkin-Pee Dee Water Management Group (YPDWMG) is one of 11 organizations across North and South Carolina to collectively receive more than $800,000 in the eighth grant announcement. The Water Resources Fund is a multi-year commitment that will leave a legacy of improved water quality, quantity and conservation in the Carolinas and neighboring regions.

“This grant will help us better serve our communities for years to come” said Bill Brewer, Water Treatment Superintendent for the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Utilities and current Chairman of the Yadkin Pee-Dee Water Management Group. “We thank the Duke Energy Water Resources Fund for its support of our Yadkin Pee-Dee Basin Master Planning efforts and are eager to launch this project for the sustainable use of our regions water resources.”

The funds from this grant will be used to develop a Long-Range Water Supply Master Plan that includes: 1) Master Plan visioning/planning framework, 2) basin-wide long-range water demand projections, 3) Yadkin-Pee Dee hydrologic model update, and 4) Master Plan Development. The Yadkin-Pee Dee Water Management Group's (YPDWMG) mission is to enhance the welfare of Yadkin- Pee Dee River basin residents by jointly planning for sustainable use of water.

“Duke Energy is dedicated to protecting and restoring the rivers and waterways that power our regional economies,” said Stephen De May, president of Duke Energy in North Carolina. “We look forward to our partnership with Yadkin-Pee Dee Water Management Group and the impact this project will have in the region.”

Investment decisions are carefully reviewed by the Water Resources Fund committee, an independent body that includes five environmental experts and two Duke Energy employees. Selected projects are chosen on several criteria, including whether the project is science-based and research-supported.

Duke Energy anticipates one remaining grant announcement to fulfill the $10 million commitment to the Water Resources Fund. Visit [nccommunityfoundation.org](http://www.nccommunityfoundation.org) for more information on how to apply.

**About Yadkin-Pee Dee Water Management Group**

The Yadkin-Pee Dee Water Management Group (YPDWMG) was developed through a collaborative effort by a workgroup of 18 Governmental, public water utility and reservoir operator parties providing service within the Yadkin-Pee Dee Basin.

The Yadkin-Pee Dee Water Management Group works together to plan for the water supply of the Yadkin-Pee Dee River Basin. The group has a goal of defining the basin’s role in a long-term sustainable and secure regional water supply for the Yadkin-Pee Dee region, and by operating under the principles of regional collaboration, sustainable water supply, environmental stewardship, mutual and collective benefit, shared responsibility, equal representation, and financial stability.

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