

Hydrilla in the Eno River Watershed Public Information Open House

A Public Information Open House will be held on **March 21, 2019 at 6:30 pm** to allow interested members of the public to learn more about the on-going project to manage the invasive aquatic plant Hydrilla in the Eno River watershed. This meeting will be held at the Whitted Building at 300 West Tryon Street in Hillsborough. Directions are available on-line at: <https://gis.orangecountync.gov:8443/servicelocator/default.aspx>



Hydrilla is a highly invasive aquatic weed native to Asia. It grows quickly and reproduces easily. Hydrilla is listed by regulatory agencies as a “noxious aquatic weed”, making it illegal to transport, grow or sell hydrilla. Hydrilla has been found in Lake Orange, West Fork Eno Reservoir, the Eno River and in private ponds in the Eno watershed. Without continued management, Hydrilla will continue to spread within the Eno River watershed, including Falls Lake, negatively impacting important natural resources and recreational activities.

The Eno River Hydrilla Management Task Force, a group of Federal, State, and local government representatives, continues to evaluate and manage the presence of Hydrilla in the Eno River watershed. Since 2014 the Task Force has used an EPA-approved herbicide to manage Hydrilla within a section of the Eno River. Task Force representatives will be able to provide information concerning Hydrilla to owners of private ponds.

Further info: <http://nc-ipc.weebly.com/eno-river-hydrilla-project.html>
<http://www.weedscience.ncsu.edu/aquaticweeds/default.asp>

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