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RAINWATER HARVESTING SYSTEM DEMONSTRATION OCT. 15

WAKE FOREST, NC – October 13, 2009 – Area residents and other interested citizens are invited to attend a special program and demonstration featuring the Town of Wake Forest's rainwater harvesting system on Thursday, Oct. 15. The free event will be held at 10 a.m. at the Public Works Operations Center, 234 Friendship Chapel Road.

Town staff, along with officials from the Wake County Division of Soil and Water Conservation, will present a short program to be followed by the rainwater harvesting system demonstration.

Wake Forest recently installed the system at the Public Works Operations Center. The set up involves a series of 10" gutters that drain into two 5,000-gallon cisterns and one 1,200-gallon cistern. The rainwater collected in these tanks is used in the Town's street sweeper, boring machine, and brine system. Wake Forest also uses the saved water to wash its fleet of motor vehicles, including police cars and utility trucks.

Altogether, the rainwater harvesting system is expected to save over 100,000 gallons of water/year.

For more information about Wake Forest's rainwater harvesting system, contact Betty Pearce at (919) 554-6120 or bpearce@wakeforestnc.gov.

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