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This conceptual rendering shows the future stormwater treatment area at Conover Station.

Conover gets \$400K grant for stormwater

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Conover was selected by the Board of Trustees of the Clean Water Management Trust Fund (CWMTF) to receive a grant for \$415,719 for stormwater treatment at Conover Station.

The grant provides the city with the necessary funds to help protect water quality and construct a stormwater feature, located at the headwaters of McLin Creek on the former Broyhill factory site.

This functional and aesthetically pleasing amenity will be an integral part of an environmentally educational park. Aside from exceeding the treatment requirements of the EPA Stormwater Phase II Rule, the facility will also inform citizens about the impacts that polluted stormwater runoff can have on water quality.

Conover is also seeking additional grant funding that will help fund walking trails and other park amenities to be located around the water feature. The park will be located next door to the future multi-modal transportation facility, Conover branch library and community room that is currently under renovation.

Conover intends to donate a permanent easement, to be established fifty feet outside of the stormwater feature.

The goals of the stormwater feature are to regulate flows and volumes of stormwater runoff,



thereby minimizing downstream erosion, and reducing damage to in-stream aquatic habitat. Improvements in water quality would be observed by the reduction of sediment and nutrients.

Thirteen years ago the General Assembly created the N.C. Clean Water Management Trust Fund (CWMTF) with a mandate to develop a grant program to clean up impaired waters and to protect remaining pristine waters of the state.

Since that time, CWMTF awarded 1,380 grants, totaling more than \$946 million, to hundreds of state agencies, local governments and nonprofit organizations all across North Carolina.

The statewide demand for funding to improve water quality remains high. Two hundred and twenty-seven local governments, state agencies and land trusts requested nearly \$249 million from the CWMTF 2010 Grant Cycle.