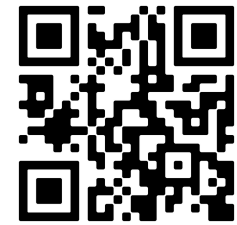


# Soil & Property Testing Underway

Walltown, East End, East Durham, Lyon, and Northgate Parks






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## Soil Assessment Plan

The work plan for the City's multi-park soil assessment is complete.

This plan directs and outlines Mid-Atlantic on how they'll perform this study, to include but not limited to:

-  **Where they'll collect samples** (including playground sites)
-  **How they'll collect samples** using the guidance, best practices, and methodology of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) and N.C. Department of Environmental Quality (NCDEQ).
-  **When, where, and how elements in addition to lead will be analyzed.**

This plan extensively builds upon the data initially collected by the former Duke student by going beyond their initial research and using industry best practice tools and methodology approved and supported by the EPA and the NCDEQ. Second, the plan's scope of work was informed by a collection of resident feedback, subject matter experts, and public health officials.

## Timeline

Week of  
July 17



Week of  
July 24



Week of  
August 21

Mid-Atlantic to begin implementing the work plan and collecting soil samples (weather dependent) at Northgate, Lyon, East End, East Durham and Walltown parks. Sample collection will not interfere with normal park use.

Anticipated completion of soil sampling (weather dependent).

Soil analysis to be completed and the findings made available to the NCDEQ and the City of Durham.

## Anticipated Next Steps

Once sample collection and analysis are complete, the City will publicly share the findings and provide any future plans, next steps, or further study recommendations through:

- Public meeting(s)
- Directly contacting neighborhood representatives and liaisons near the five parks
- Neighborhood Improvement Services Department community engagement teams
- Community partners and networks
- DPR's Soil & Property Testing webpage
- Social media posts on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Instagram Threads, and Nextdoor from @CityofDurhamNC and @dprplaymore channels
- City Connect and/or Durham Digest newsletter articles
- News release issued to local print, television, and radio media outlets