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WAKE COUNTY, NC NAMED 2016 CRUMBINE AWARD WINNER Food, Lodging and Institution Section Program Recognized with Top Public Health Honor

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The Food, Lodging, and Institution Section of Wake County, NC's Department of Environmental Services has been selected as the recipient of the 2016 Samuel J. Crumline Consumer Protection Award for Excellence in Food Protection.

For more than 60 years, the Samuel J. Crumline Consumer Protection Award, named for one of the most renowned public health sanitarians in the United States, has been presented to a local public health unit by a jury of leading environmental health officials and public health sanitarians. This award is the most prestigious recognition that a public health unit can receive. Crumline winners serve as models of excellence for other public health and safety programs across the nation.

"It is an honor to receive the prestigious Samuel Crumline Award for our program's commitment to excellence in food safety in Wake County," said Andre Pierce, Director of EH&S. "The goal of serving safe and wholesome food can only be achieved in collaboration with industry partners, policy makers, and regulators. This award is a testament to those relationships that support and promote food safety every day for citizens and visitors to Wake County."

Wake County will receive the Crumline Award at the Annual Educational Conference of the National Environmental Health Association, June 13-16 in San Antonio. Award presentations will also be made at the annual meetings of the International Association for Food Protection, July 31-August 3, in St. Louis and National Association of County and City Health Officials, July 19-21 in Phoenix.

The Crumline Award is supported by the Conference for Food Protection, in cooperation with the American Academy of Sanitarians, American Public Health Association, Association of Food & Drug Officials, Foodservice Packaging Institute, International Association for Food Protection, National Association of County and City Health Officials, National Environmental Health Association and National Sanitation Foundation International.

For more information about the Crumline Award, please contact Natha Dempsey at ndempsey@fpi.org. A copy of Wake County's award-winning application may be found at www.crumlineaward.com.

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