

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
Notice of Public Meeting and Public Comment for a Watershed Plan for Fairview Beach
(Potomac River) in King George County

The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) will host a public meeting on the development of a Watershed Plan (WP) for impaired waters at Fairview Beach (Potomac River) on **Wednesday, July 23, 2014**.

The meeting will start at **6:00 p.m.** at the **L. E. Smoot Memorial Library (Meeting Room A)** located at 9533 Kings Highway, King George, VA, 22485. The purpose of the meeting is to present the final draft Watershed Plan to interested local community members and local government staff.

The use of this beach has been restricted due to excessive bacteria levels, resulting in beach closures at various times over the last 9 years. The Virginia Department of Health has issued swimming advisories in order to protect the public from possible exposure to bacteria. A draft Watershed Plan has been developed by DEQ in order to identify measurable goals for restoring water quality. The draft WP also includes corrective actions needed and their associated costs, benefits, and environmental impacts. Please see the link below for information presented during the first public meeting and working group meetings:

<http://www.deq.virginia.gov/Programs/Water/WaterQualityInformationTMDLs/TMDL/TMDLImplementation/TMDLImplementationProgress.aspx>

The Watershed Plan has been under development for the last 5 months and included a series of local meetings and input from local citizens and government agencies. A copy of the draft plan can be found at the link above the day after the public meeting.

The public comment period on materials presented at this meeting will extend from July 23, 2014 to August 25, 2014. For additional information or to submit comments, contact May Sligh, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, Northern Regional Office, 13901 Crown Court, Woodbridge, VA 22193, by phone (804)450-3802, or by e-mail may.sligh@deq.virginia.gov.