

## DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

### Notice of Public Meeting and Public Comment for a Total Maximum

#### **Daily Load Study for Aarons Creek, North Fork Aarons Creek, Big Bluewing Creek, Coleman Creek, Little Coleman Creek, Little Buffalo Creek, Hyco River, Beech Creek in Halifax County and Mecklenburg County**

The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality will host a public meeting on a water quality study for these streams on **Thursday, July 10, 2014**.

The meeting will start at **7:00 p.m.** in the **Midway Volunteer Fire Department** located at 10801 Bill Tuck HWY, Virgilina, VA 24598. The purpose of the meeting is to present the final draft TMDL report to interested local community members and local government.

Aarons Creek (VAC-L73R\_AAR01A00) was identified in Virginia's Water Quality Assessment Integrated Report as impaired for not supporting the Primary Contact Use. The impairment is based on water quality monitoring data reports of sufficient exceedances of Virginia's water quality standard for bacteria.

North Fork Aarons Creek (VAC-L73R\_AAR02A10) was identified in Virginia's Water Quality Assessment Integrated Report as impaired for not supporting the Primary Contact Use. The impairment is based on water quality monitoring data reports of sufficient exceedances of Virginia's water quality standard for bacteria.

Big Bluewing Creek (VAC-L74R\_BLU01A08) was identified in Virginia's Water Quality Assessment Integrated Report as impaired for not supporting the Primary Contact Use. The impairment is based on water quality monitoring data reports of sufficient exceedances of Virginia's water quality standard for bacteria.

Coleman Creek (VAC-L74R\_CLB01A06) was identified in Virginia's Water Quality Assessment Integrated Report as impaired for not supporting the Primary Contact Use. The impairment is based on water quality monitoring data reports of sufficient exceedances of Virginia's water quality standard for bacteria.

Little Coleman Creek (VAC-L74R\_LOL01A06) was identified in Virginia's Water Quality Assessment Integrated Report as impaired for not supporting the Primary Contact Use. The impairment is based on water quality monitoring data reports of sufficient exceedances of Virginia's water quality standard for bacteria.

Little Buffalo Creek (VAC-L76R\_LFF01A00) was identified in Virginia's Water Quality Assessment Integrated Report as impaired for not supporting the Primary Contact Use. The impairment is based on water quality monitoring data reports of sufficient exceedances of Virginia's water quality standard for bacteria.

Hyco River (VAC-L74R\_HYC02A06) was identified in Virginia's Water Quality Assessment Integrated Report as impaired for not supporting the Primary Contact Use. The impairment is based on water quality monitoring data reports of sufficient exceedances of Virginia's water quality standard for bacteria.

Beech Creek (VAC-L75R\_BEE01A98) was identified in Virginia's Water Quality Assessment Integrated Report as impaired for not supporting the Primary Contact Use. The impairment is based on water quality monitoring data reports of sufficient exceedances of Virginia's water quality standard for bacteria.

Coleman Creek (VAC-L74R\_CLB01A06) was identified in Virginia's Water Quality Assessment Integrated Report as impaired for not supporting the Aquatic Life Use. The impairment is based on Benthic Macroinvertebrate Bioassessments.

Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act and §62.1-44.19:7.C of the Code of Virginia, require DEQ to develop TMDLs for pollutants responsible for each impaired water contained in Virginia's 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report and subsequent Water Quality Assessment Reports.

DEQ developed a Total Maximum Daily Load for the impaired water. A TMDL is the total amount of a pollutant a water body can contain and still meet water quality standards. To restore water quality, pollutant levels have to be reduced to the TMDL amount.

The public comment period on materials presented at this meeting will extend from July 10, 2014 to August 11, 2014. For additional information or to submit comments, contact Paula Nash, in the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, Blue Ridge Regional Office, 7705 Timberlake Road, Lynchburg, VA 24502, by phone (434) 582-6216 or by e-mail [paula.nash@deq.virginia.gov](mailto:paula.nash@deq.virginia.gov)