

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
ANNOUNCEMENT OF LOCAL STEERING COMMITTEE  
MEETING FOR A WATER QUALITY STUDY (TMDL) OF LONG  
MEADOW RUN AND TURLEY CREEK**

COMMITTEE MEETING: A Local Steering Committee meeting which is open to the public will be held Wednesday, March 25, 2015 at 3pm at the Massanutten Regional Library’s Downtown Branch at 174 South Main Street, Harrisonburg, VA 22801. This meeting will be open to the public and all are welcome. In the case of inclement weather, the meeting will be postponed until Thursday, March 26, 2015 at 3pm. For more information, please contact Tara Sieber at [Tara.Sieber@deq.virginia.gov](mailto:Tara.Sieber@deq.virginia.gov) or 540.574.7870.

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and its contractors, Virginia Tech’s Biological Systems Engineering Department, will discuss population data for the development of a water quality study known as a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDLs) for Long Meadow Run and Turley Creek. This is an opportunity for local residents to share information about the area and its local streams.

MEETING DESCRIPTION: The Local Steering Committee will meet to discuss the draft TMDL document, discuss current cost-share and Best Management Practices installation in the watershed, and review next steps. 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.

DESCRIPTION OF STUDY: These streams do not host a healthy and diverse population of aquatic life, and subsequently was listed as impaired for the “General Benthic (Aquatic life)” water quality standard. This water quality study (TMDL) will review all data collected and determine the cause of the benthic impairment through a weight of evidence approach. Reductions and a TMDL for the cause of the impairment will be developed.

<b>Stream</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Impairment</b>
Long Meadow Run	Rockingham County	Aquatic Life
Turley Creek	Rockingham County	Aquatic Life

HOW TO PARTICIPATE: The meetings of the Technical Advisory Committee are open to the public and all interested parties are welcome. Written comments are always accepted. For more information or to submit written comments, please contact:

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