

**PURPOSE OF NOTICE:** The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) announces the Government Working Group Meeting to develop an Implementation Plan to restore water quality in the Upper Rapidan watershed.

**WORKING GROUP MEETING:**

Tuesday, March 31, 2015

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Madison County Cooperative Extension Office

2 South Main Street

War Memorial Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

Madison, VA 22727

**MEETING DESCRIPTION:** This is a Government Working Group meeting to develop an Implementation Plan to restore water quality in the Upper Rapidan watershed. The purpose of the Government Working Group will be to identify funding sources and technical resources, evaluate additional programs/technical resources that could enhance implementation, identify lead agencies for business and residential implementation support, consider regulatory controls currently in place or needed that could induce actions to improve water quality in the impaired watersheds, and to discuss water quality monitoring.

**DESCRIPTION OF AREA COVERED BY THE PLAN:** The Upper Rapidan watershed has been identified as impaired and is on the Clean Water Act §303(d) list for not supporting Virginia's water quality recreation use standard due to the presence of fecal bacteria. The goal of the Clean Water Act is that all streams should be suitable for recreational uses, including swimming and fishing. The impaired segments included in the 2007 TMDL study for the Upper Rapidan watershed were: 12.72 miles of Blue Run which begins at its headwaters and continues downstream to its confluence with the Rapidan River, 5.64 miles of Marsh Run which begins at its headwaters and continues downstream to the Rapidan River, 2.67 miles Unnamed Tributary from its headwaters to the Rapidan River, and a 7.63 mile section of the Rapidan River which begins at Poplar Run and flows to the Robinson River. Since the April 2007 TMDL study, additional streams in the Upper Rapidan watershed have been added to the Impaired Waters List: .6 miles in length of Rippin Run which begins at White Run and continues downstream to the Rapidan River, 3.68 miles in length of Beautiful Run which begins with UT of rivermile 3.4 to the Rapidan River, 4.1 miles of Poplar Run which begins at its headwaters to the Rapidan River, 1.61 miles in length of Garth Run which begins at Route 665 crossing and continues downstream to the Rapidan River, 3.11 miles Unnamed Tributary from its headwaters to the Rapidan River, and a 4.33 mile section of the Rapidan River which begins at Marsh Run and flows to Blue Run were determined to be impaired for bacteria. These impairments and their watersheds are also included in this restoration plan.

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