

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC COMMENT

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) seek written and oral comments from interested persons on the development of a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Implementation Plan for the Little Calfpasture River in Rockbridge County. The Little Calfpasture River was listed on the 1996 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report as impaired due to violations of the State's general (benthic) standard for aquatic life. This impairment extends for 0.82 miles from the Lake Merriweather Dam to the confluence with the Maury River.

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. In addition, Section 62.1-44.19:7.C of the Code of Virginia requires expeditious implementation of total maximum daily loads when appropriate. The IP should provide measurable goals and the date of expected achievement of water quality objectives. The IP should also include the corrective actions needed and their associated costs, benefits, and environmental impacts. DEQ completed a benthic TMDL for the Little Calfpasture River in January 2009. The TMDL was approved by the Environmental Protection Agency in April 2010. The TMDL report is available on the DEQ website at:

<http://www.deq.virginia.gov/Programs/Water/WaterQualityInformationTMDLs/TMDL/TMDLDvelopment/ApprovedTMDLReports.aspx>

The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality will host a public meeting to initiate the development of a TMDL Implementation Plan for the Little Calfpasture River on **Tuesday, August 2, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.** at the Goshen Volunteer Fire Hall (140 Main Street, Goshen VA).

A 30-day public comment period for the meeting will begin on August 3, 2016 end on September 1, 2016. Written comments should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the comments and should be sent to Nesha McRae, Department of Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 3000, Harrisonburg, VA, 22801, telephone (540) 574-7850 or e-mailed to nesha.mcrae@deq.virginia.gov.