

Department of Environmental Quality

Notice of Public Meetings for the Development of a TMDL Implementation Plan

Upper Goose Creek Watersheds: Goose Creek, Gap Run, Bolling Branch, Crooked Run, Goose Creek (UT); Cromwells Run; Little River and Howsers Branch

Fauquier and Loudoun Counties, VA

The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality will host public meetings on a water quality study for portions of Goose Creek, Gap Run, Bolling Branch, Crooked Run, Cromwells Run, Little River and Howsers Branch on June 21, 2016.

The meeting will start at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the **The Wakefield School**, located at 4439 Old Tavern Road, The Plains, Virginia, 20198.

The waters listed for this study were identified in Virginia's Water Quality Assessment Integrated Report as impaired for not supporting the *E.coli* bacteria criteria for recreational uses. The impairments are based on water quality monitoring data reports of sufficient exceedences of Virginia's water quality standard for bacteria.

At this meeting, TMDL findings and the development of the implementation plan will be discussed and citizens will learn how they can be part of the public participation process. DEQ seeks information and involvement of local citizens in developing this plan. After a one-hour public meeting, stakeholders will break into working group sessions to discuss and provide input for the implementation plan.

Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act and §62.1-44.19:7.C of the Code of Virginia require DEQ to develop Total Maximum Daily Loads for pollutants responsible for each impaired water contained in Virginia's 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report and subsequent Water Quality Assessment Reports. 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 TMDL report for Goose Creek, which was approved by EPA on May 1, 2003, and by the State Water Control Board on June 17, 2004, can be found at:

<http://www.deq.virginia.gov/portals/0/DEQ/Water/TMDL/apptmdls/potrvr/goose.pdf>

The public comment period on materials presented at this meeting will extend from June 21, 2016 to July 21, 2016. For additional information or to submit comments, contact May Sligh at the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, Northern Regional Office, 13901 Crown Court, Woodbridge, VA 22193, by phone (804)450-3802 or e-mail may.sligh@deq.virginia.gov.

*Additional information is also available on the DEQ website at www.deq.virginia.gov/tmdl