

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC COMMENT

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) seeks written and oral comments from interested persons on the development of Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for the McClure River, Big Spraddle Branch, Buffalo Creek, and Roaring Fork in Dickenson Counties. These streams are listed on the 2012 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report as impaired due to violations of the State's water quality standards for bacteria.

Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act and §62.1-44.19:7.C of the State Water Control Law requires DEQ to develop TMDLs for pollutants responsible for each impaired water contained in Virginia's 303(d) Priority List and Report.

The impaired segments include: 21.76 miles of the McClure River from the headwaters downstream to the Road Branch confluence near Steinman; 2.31 miles of Big Spraddle Branch, a tributary to the McClure River west of Stratton; 3.25 miles of Buffalo Creek, a tributary to the McClure River north of Nora; 1.08 miles of Roaring Fork, a tributary to the McClure River upstream of Nora.

The first public meeting on the development of the TMDL to address the bacteria impairments for these segments will be held on July 14, 2016 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the McClure Kiwanis Building located at the intersection of State Route 63 (Dante Mountain Road) and State Route 773 (Herndon Road) in the McClure Community, Dickenson County, Virginia.

The public comment period will begin on July 14, 2016 and end on August 15, 2016. An advisory committee to assist in development of this TMDL may be established. Persons interested in assisting should notify the DEQ contact person by the end of the comment period and provide their name, address, phone number, email address and the organization you represent (if any). Notification of the composition of the panel will be sent to all applicants.

A component of a TMDL is the Waste Load Allocations (WLAs); therefore, this notice is provided pursuant to §2.2-4006.A.14 of the Administrative Process Act for any future adoption of the TMDL's associated WLAs. Information on the development of the TMDLs for these impairments is available upon request. Questions or information requests should be addressed to:

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Please note, all written comments should include name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the comments and should be sent to DEQ contact person:

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