

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 a Watershed Plan (WP) for impaired waters at Fairview Beach, located in King George County, Virginia. Fairview Beach (Potomac River) has been on the state's list of dirty, or impaired, waters since 2006.

The use of this beach has been restricted due to excessive bacteria levels, resulting in beach closures at various times over the last 9 years. The Virginia Department of Health has issued swimming advisories in order to protect the public from possible exposure to bacteria.

Due to the fact that there is not currently a TMDL for Fairview Beach, a Watershed Plan will be developed by DEQ and contractors in order to identify measurable goals for restoring water quality. The WP will also include the corrective actions needed and their associated costs, benefits, and environmental impacts. Please see the link below for information presented during a recent informational meeting:

<http://www.deq.virginia.gov/Programs/Water/WaterQualityInformationTMDLs/TMDL/TMDLDevelopment/DocumentationforSelectTMDLs.aspx>

Actions to restore water quality at Fairview Beach will be the subject of a public meeting to be held **February 20th from 6:00-8:00 pm at the Fairview Beach Firehouse, 6060 Riverview Drive, King George, VA 22485. It should be noted that in the event of inclement weather and county school closures on February 20th, the meeting will be rescheduled for February 27th from 6:00-8:00pm at the Fairview Beach Firehouse.** At this meeting, bacteria source studies and the process for developing the WP will be discussed and citizens will learn how they can be a 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 watershed plan.

The 30-day public comment period on the information presented at the meeting will end on March 20, 2014. Questions or information requests should be addressed to May Sligh with the DEQ-Piedmont Regional Office by phone at (804)450-3802 and by e-mail at may.sligh@deq.virginia.gov or to Jennifer Carlson with the DEQ – Northern Regional Office by phone (703)583-3859 and by e-mail at jennifer.carlson@deq.virginia.gov. Though e-mail comments are preferred, written comments and inquiries can also be submitted and should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the comments. Please send to May Sligh, **Department of Environmental Quality, Piedmont Regional Office, 4949-A Cox Road, Glen Allen, VA 23060.**