

# Nassawadox Creek, Little Mosquito Creek & Assawoman Creek TMDL Kick-off Work Group Meeting

June 23, 2015

Meeting Notes

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**Location:** Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission Conference Room; 23372 Front St, Accomac, VA

**Start:** 10:00 am

**End:** 12:00 pm

## **Meeting Attendees:**

Curt Smith ANPDC; Phil Hickman Dublin Farms; Brian Sturgis NPS; Bill Prosize citizen; Ken Dufty citizen; Rick Hubbard Northampton BOS; Ben Willis ANPDC; Mac Sisson VIMS; Anne Schlegel VADEQ-CO; Jian Shen VIMS; Richard Snyder VIMS-ESL; Stewart Hall Accomack DPW; Dr S. Dawn Goldstine citizen; Jon Richardson ES Health District; Irvin & Marilyn Ailes Waste Watchers; Scott & Vicky Belfit citizens; Rob Bloxom oyster grower; Cole Charnock ESSWCD & citizen; Rich Morrison Accomack Co; Keith Privett ES Health District; David Liu NASA Wallops; Jane Corson-Lassiter NRCS; Bob Meyers citizen; Linda Goldstine citizen; Jennifer Howell VADEQ-TRO

## **I. Agenda Item: Presentation on TMDL Development and Watershed Details**

**Discussion:** Mac Sisson (VIMS) gave an introductory presentation which contained the TMDL process, a listing of the impaired waters, the procedure of source assessment, and the modeling approach. During the source assessment comments were made to the approach used in previous TMDLs. For example, the wildlife distribution is too low, especially the deer population. Notes were made and the distribution will be updated using information developed during the IP process for Hungars and Mattawoman et al.

## **II. Agenda Item: Group discussions**

**Discussion:** After the presentation, two groups were formed; one for each watershed. Discussions were held about the source tables to be used in TMDL development. The group looked at the example source table in the presentation. Knowing that the tables need to be updated, the livestock, wildlife, and pet populations were discussed. Also noted were animal populations that were not included in the TMDLs such as fox, opossum, residential vs migratory Canada geese, feral cats, and horses. The groups were also able to locate on maps where populations of livestock are known. The group indicated the population numbers ALL needed to be increased for each watershed. It was also noted that a majority of the farms in the watersheds have NMPs or are using BMPs on their land. A "scoop the poop" campaign was discussed and many thought it would be a positive program to initiate on the Shore and would be focused in the more residential areas/towns. To end the meeting, the group said they would be willing to meet again to discuss the updated numbers.