

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Notice of Public Meeting and Public Comment for a Total Maximum

Daily Load Study for James River, Stonewall Creek, Walkers Ford Creek, Wreck Island Creek, Phelps Branch, North Creek, and Bent Creek in Appomattox County and Buffalo River, Long Branch, Mill Creek, Buffalo River, Rutledge Creek, and Turner Creek in Amherst County

The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality will host a public meeting on a water quality study for the Amherst County streams on **Monday June 25, 2012**.

The meeting will start at **6:00 p.m.** in the **Central Virginia Community College Amherst Center** located at 200 Richmond Highway, Suite 103, Amherst VA 24521. The purpose of the meeting is to provide information and discuss the study with interested local community members and local government.

The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality will host a public meeting on a water quality study for the Appomattox County on **Thursday June 28, 2012**.

The meeting will start at **6:00 p.m.** in the **J. Robert Jamerson Memorial Library in Appomattox County** located at 157 Main Street, Appomattox VA 24522. The purpose of the meeting is to provide information and discuss the study with interested local community members and local government.

James River (VAC-H05R_JMS01A00 and VAC-H08R_JMS01A00) was identified in Virginia's Water Quality Assessment Integrated Report as impaired for not supporting the Primary Contact Use. The impairment is based on water quality monitoring data reports of sufficient exceedances of Virginia's water quality standard for bacteria.

Stonewall Creek (VAC-H05R_STW01A08) was identified in Virginia's Water Quality Assessment Integrated Report as impaired for not supporting the Primary Contact Use. The impairment is based on water quality monitoring data reports of sufficient exceedances of Virginia's water quality standard for bacteria.

Walkers Ford Creek (VAC-H-5R_WKF01A10) was identified in Virginia's Water Quality Assessment Integrated Report as impaired for not supporting the Primary Contact Use. The impairment is based on water quality monitoring data reports of sufficient exceedances of Virginia's water quality standard for bacteria.

Wreck Island Creek (VAC-H06R_WIC01A00) was identified in Virginia's Water Quality Assessment Integrated Report as impaired for not supporting the Primary Contact Use. The impairment is based on

water quality monitoring data reports of sufficient exceedances of Virginia's water quality standard for bacteria.

Phelps Branch (VAC-H06R_PLP01A08) was identified in Virginia's Water Quality Assessment Integrated Report as impaired for not supporting the Aquatic Life Use. The impairment is based on Benthic Macroinvertebrate Bioassessments.

North Creek (VAC-H06R_NOT01A10) was identified in Virginia's Water Quality Assessment Integrated Report as impaired for not supporting the Primary Contact Use. The impairment is based on water quality monitoring data reports of sufficient exceedances of Virginia's water quality standard for bacteria.

Bent Creek (VAC-H07R_BTC01A00) was identified in Virginia's Water Quality Assessment Integrated Report as impaired for not supporting the Primary Contact Use. The impairment is based on water quality monitoring data reports of sufficient exceedances of Virginia's water quality standard for bacteria.

Buffalo River (VAC-H11R_BUF01A00, VAC-H11R_BUF02A00, and VAC-H11R_BUF03A00) was identified in Virginia's Water Quality Assessment Integrated Report as impaired for not supporting the Primary Contact Use. The impairment is based on water quality monitoring data reports of sufficient exceedances of Virginia's water quality standard for bacteria.

Long Branch (VAC-H11R_LOB02A04) was identified in Virginia's Water Quality Assessment Integrated Report as impaired for not supporting the Aquatic Life Use. The impairment is based on Benthic Macroinvertebrate Bioassessments.

Mill Creek (VAC-H11R_MIN01A08) was identified in Virginia's Water Quality Assessment Integrated Report as impaired for not supporting the Primary Contact Use. The impairment is based on water quality monitoring data reports of sufficient exceedances of Virginia's water quality standard for bacteria.

Buffalo River (VAC-H11R_BUF04A08) was identified in Virginia's Water Quality Assessment Integrated Report as impaired for not supporting the Aquatic Life Use. The impairment is based on Benthic Macroinvertebrate Bioassessments.

Rutledge Creek (VAC-H12R_RTD01A00) was identified in Virginia's Water Quality Assessment Integrated Report as impaired for not supporting the Primary Contact Use. The impairment is based on water quality monitoring data reports of sufficient exceedances of Virginia's water quality standard for bacteria.

Rutledge Creek (VAC-H12R_RTD01A00) was identified in Virginia's Water Quality Assessment Integrated Report as impaired for not supporting the Aquatic Life Use. The impairment is based on Benthic Macroinvertebrate Bioassessments.

Turner Creek (VAC-H12R_THR01A08) was identified in Virginia's Water Quality Assessment Integrated Report as impaired for not supporting the Primary Contact Use. The impairment is based on water quality monitoring data reports of sufficient exceedances of Virginia's water quality standard for bacteria.

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 and subsequent Water Quality Assessment Reports.

During the study, DEQ will develop a Total Maximum Daily Load for the impaired water. 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 public comment period on materials presented at the Amherst County meeting will extend from June 25, 2012 to July 25, 2012. For additional information or to submit comments, contact Paula Nash, in the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, Blue Ridge Regional Office, 7705 Timberlake Road, Lynchburg, VA 24502, by phone (434) 582-6216 or by e-mail paula.nash@deq.virginia.gov

The public comment period on materials presented at the Appomattox County meeting will extend from June 25, 2012 to July 30, 2012. For additional information or to submit comments, contact Paula Nash, in the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, Blue Ridge Regional Office, 7705 Timberlake Road, Lynchburg, VA 24502, by phone (434) 582-6216 or by e-mail paula.nash@deq.virginia.gov

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* Additional information is also available on the DEQ web site at <http://www.deq.virginia.gov/Programs/Water/WaterQualityInformationTMDLs/TMDL/TMDLDevelopment/DocumentationforSelectTMDLs.aspx>