

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND
DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND RECREATION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT**

The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) seek written and oral comments from interested persons on the revision of a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Implementation Plan for the Moores Creek watershed in the City of Charlottesville and Albemarle County. Moores Creek was originally listed as impaired in the 1998 303(d) Report for violations of the water quality standard for fecal coliform bacteria. A TMDL for bacteria was developed for Moores Creek and approved by EPA May 2002. A copy of the TMDL is available on DEQ's website at: <http://www.deq.state.va.us/Programs/Water/WaterQualityInformationTMDLs/TMDL/TMDLDevelopment/ApprovedTMDLReports.aspx>)

§62.1-44.19:7.C of the Code of Virginia requires the development of an Implementation Plan (IP) for approved TMDLs. The IP should provide measurable goals and the date of expected achievement of water quality objectives. The IP should also include the corrective actions needed and their associated costs, benefits, and environmental impacts. A TMDL IP was completed for Moores Creek in February 2005. In 2012, the Rivanna River Basin Commission (RRBC) was approved to receive EPA Section 319 grant funds to implement the plan subject to approval of the plan by EPA. Following a review by EPA Region III staff, the TMDL IP was found to be ineligible to receive Section 319 funding due to failures to: demonstrate expected load reductions from implementation actions, document public participation in IP development, and provide detailed implementation timeline with associated goals and milestones. In order to meet funding eligibility criteria, this implementation plan is undergoing a revision by the RRBC in cooperation with VA DEQ and VA DCR.

The draft revised IP will be available for review on the web no later than July 30, 2012 at: <http://www.deq.state.va.us/Programs/Water/WaterQualityInformationTMDLs/TMDL/TMDLImplementation/TMDLImplementationPlans.aspx>.

The public comment period for this IP revision will end on **Friday, August 31, 2012**. Questions or information requests should be addressed to Nesha McRae, DCR. Written comments should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the comments and should be sent to Nesha McRae, Department of Conservation and Recreation, 44 Sangers Lane, Suite 102, Staunton, VA 24401, phone (540) 332-9238, or e-mail nesha.mcrae@dcr.virginia.gov.