

Announcement of Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) studies to restore water quality in portions of Holmes Run and Tripps Run that have an aquatic life use impairment.

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) announce a Public Meeting to introduce the Holmes Run and Tripps Run Benthic TMDL studies to members of the community.

PUBLIC MEETING:

Thursday, May 31, 2012
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Woodrow Wilson Library
Meeting Room 1
6101 Knollwood Drive, Falls Church, VA 22041

MEETING DESCRIPTION: This is the first public meeting for these TMDL projects. The purpose of the meeting is to introduce the projects and discuss the studies with community members.

DESCRIPTION OF STUDY: Portions of Holmes Run and Tripps Run have been identified as impaired on the Clean Water Act §303(d) list for not supporting Virginia's water quality aquatic life use standard due to poor health of the benthic macroinvertebrate communities. Virginia agencies are working to identify the benthic stressors causing the aquatic life use impairments in Holmes Run and Tripps Run. Below is a description of the impaired portions of Holmes Run and Tripps Run that will be addressed in this study:

Stream Name	Location	Impairment	Area (miles)	Upstream Limit	Downstream Limit
Holmes Run	Fairfax County	Aquatic Life Use Benthic Macroinvertebrates	5.78	Headwaters of Holmes Run	Start of Lake Barcroft
Tripps Run	Falls Church Fairfax County	Aquatic Life Use Benthic Macroinvertebrates	2.24	Headwaters of Tripps Run	Start of Lake Barcroft

During this study, DEQ will develop a total maximum daily load, or a TMDL, for each of the impaired stream segments. A TMDL is the total amount of a pollutant a water body can receive and still meet water quality standards. To restore water quality, pollutant levels have to be reduced to the TMDL allocated amount.

HOW TO COMMENT: The public comment period on the materials presented at the Public Meeting will extend from May 31, 2012 to June 30, 2012. DEQ accepts written comments by e-mail, fax, or postal mail. Written comments should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person commenting, and be received by DEQ during the comment period. Please send all comments to the contact listed below.

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