

DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION & RECREATION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) will host a public meeting to discuss the development of a water quality improvement plan for reducing fecal bacteria contamination in Cripple Creek within Smyth and Wythe Counties, VA. The purpose of the meeting is to provide an overview of the process for developing the plan and solicit feedback from local stakeholders regarding the residential and agricultural land uses and practices that are needed in order to improve water quality.

The public meeting will be held at the Speedwell Elementary School located at 6820 Cedar Springs Rd in Speedwell, VA on April 30th from 6:30 to 8:30 pm.

Fecal bacteria levels in Cripple Creek do not meet the state bacteria water quality standard designed to protect the recreational use (e.g. swimming, wading, kayaking, etc.) of this stream. Due to this water quality impairment, a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for fecal bacteria has been developed by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality. A TMDL describes the amount of pollution that a water body can take in and still meet water quality standards. The bacteria TMDL study for Cripple Creek was completed in September 2009. The *Bacteria TMDL Development for Cripple Creek* study report can be found on DEQ's website at:

<http://www.deq.virginia.gov/portals/0/DEQ/Water/TMDL/apptmdls/newrvr/crippleec.pdf>

Section 62.1-44.19:7.C of the Code of Virginia requires the development of a plan for water bodies that have approved TMDLs, that when implemented, will result in the achievement of TMDLs and attainment of water quality standards. The Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation has been authorized to develop water quality improvement plans to implement TMDLs (called a TMDL Implementation Plan or an IP). An IP must provide measurable goals and the date of expected achievement of water quality objectives. An IP must also contain the corrective actions needed to attain the water quality standard(s) and their associated costs,

benefits, and environmental impacts.

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