

Announcement of a public meeting to present a draft TMDL implementation plan for the following tributaries: Clinch River from Big Cedar Creek confluence downstream to the Dumps Creek confluence and the following tributaries: Maiden Spring Creek and Little River in Tazewell County, Virginia, and Indian Creek, Weaver Creek, Swords Creek, Lewis Creek and Big Cedar Creek in Russell County, Virginia

PUBLIC MEETING LOCATION: Lebanon Town Hall, 405 West Main Street, in Lebanon, Virginia, on November 5, 2013 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality is announcing the final implementation plan to restore water quality, a public comment opportunity, and public meeting.

MEETING DESCRIPTION: Final public meeting on an implementation plan to restore water quality

DESCRIPTION OF PLAN: This plan follows a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) study developed for the Clinch River and tributaries including Maiden Spring Creek and Little River in Tazewell County, Virginia, and Indian Creek, Weaver Creek, Swords Creek, Lewis Creek, Big Cedar Creek that identified bacteria contamination as the cause for the streams failure to meet the *Recreational Use* water quality standard.

The plan outlines the corrective actions needed to reduce the sources of bacteria and their associated costs and benefits, along with measurable goals, and an implementation timeline. The plan focuses on addressing the agricultural, residential, and urban sources of bacteria identified in the TMDL study.

HOW A DECISION IS MADE: The development of a TMDL and a TMDL implementation plan includes public meetings and a public comment period once the study report is drafted. After public comments have been considered and addressed, DEQ will submit the implementation plan to the State Water Control Board for approval.

HOW TO COMMENT: 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, November 4, 2013 to December 4, 2013. DEQ also accepts written and oral comments at the public meeting announced in this notice.

TO REVIEW FACT SHEETS: Fact sheets are available for the impaired waters from the contacts below or on the DEQ web site at

<http://www.deq.virginia.gov/Programs/Water/WaterQualityInformationTMDLs.aspx>

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