

Announcement of a public meeting to present a draft TMDL implementation plan for the North Fork Holston River and the following tributaries: Lick Creek, Beaver Creek, Laurel Creek, Locust Cove Creek, Robertson Branch, Turkey Run Creek, Logan Creek, Toole Creek, Tumbling Creek, Wolf Creek, Burmley Creek, Cove Creek, Abrams Creek, Little Moccasin Creek, Nordyke Creek, Smith Creek, Blue Springs Branch, Dowell Branch, Hilton Creek, Possum Creek and Big Moccasin Creek in Bland, Smyth, Tazewell, Washington and Scott Counties, Virginia.

PUBLIC MEETING LOCATION: Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, Southwest Regional Office, 355-A Deadmore Street, Abingdon, Virginia, on **April 18, 2013** from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality and the Department of Conservation and Recreation are 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 North Fork Holston River and Tributaries 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, April 18, 2013 to May 18, 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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