

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC COMMENT

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) seek written and oral comments from interested persons on the development of an Implementation Plan (IP) for bacteria Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) on a 16.63 mile segment of the South Mayo River from Russell Creek to the Virginia-North Carolina state line, a 22.46 mile segment of the North Mayo River from Laurel Branch and Polebridge Creek to Virginia-North Carolina state line, the entire 14.82 stretch of Blackberry Creek from its headwaters to the Smith River confluence, a 6.95 mile segment of Smith River from the mouth of Reed Creek to the backwaters of Martinsville Dam, a 13.77 mile segment of the Smith River from Martinsville Dam to the mouth of Turkey Pen Branch, a 4.33 mile segment of Marrowbone Creek from the Henry County PSA Wastewater Treatment Plant to the Smith River confluence, and a 8.34 mile segment of Leatherwood Creek from the Martinsville City intake to the Smith River confluence. These portions of the Dan River watershed are located in Patrick and Henry counties. The TMDL studies for these stream impairments were completed in January 2004 and April 2008, and can be found, respectively, in the *Bacteria TMDL for South Mayo River Patrick County, Virginia* study report (available at <http://www.deq.virginia.gov/portals/0/DEQ/Water/TMDL/apptmdls/roankrvr/smayo.pdf>) and the *Bacteria TMDL Development for the Dan River, Blackberry Creek, Byrds Branch, Double Creek, Fall Creek, Leatherwood Creek, Marrowbone Creek, North Fork Mayo River, South Fork Mayo River, Smith River, Sandy Creek, and Sandy River Watersheds* study report (available at <http://www.deq.virginia.gov/portals/0/DEQ/Water/TMDL/apptmdls/roankrvr/danec.pdf> .)

Section 62.1-44.19:7.C of the Code of Virginia requires the development of an 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.

The final public meeting for the development of the IP will be held on Thursday, March 28 at 6:30 p.m. at the Spencer Penn Centre, 475 Spencer Penn Rd., Spencer, VA, 24165. At this meeting, a draft of the implementation plan will be discussed and citizens will be able to offer input on and ask questions about the plan.

The 30-day public comment period on the information presented at the meeting will end on April 28, 2013. A fact sheet on the development of the IP is available upon request. Questions or information requests should be addressed to Heather Vereb Longo with the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation. Written comments and inquiries should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the comments and should be sent to Heather Vereb Longo, VA Department of Conservation and Recreation, 8 Radford St., Suite 102-A, Christiansburg, VA 24073, email address: Heather.Vereb@dcr.virginia.gov, phone # (540) 394-2586.

