

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

*Notice of Public Meeting and Public Comment for a TMDL Implementation Plan
in Three Creek, Mill Swamp, and Darden Mill Run Watersheds;
Southampton, Sussex, Greensville, and Brunswick Counties*

The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality and the Department of Conservation and Recreation will host a public meeting on a water quality study for Three Creek, Mill Swamp, and Darden Mill Run located in the Counties of Southampton, Sussex, Greensville, and Brunswick on **Thursday March 21, 2013**.

The meeting will start at **6:30 p.m.** in the **Southampton Board of Supervisors Meeting Room** located at **26022 Administration Center Dr, Courtland**. The purpose of the meeting is to provide information and discuss the study with interested local community members and local government.

The waters listed for this study were identified in Virginia's Water Quality Assessment Integrated Report as impaired for not supporting the Primary Contact Use. The impairments are based on water quality monitoring data reports of sufficient exceedances of Virginia's water quality standard for *E. coli* bacteria.

The meeting will review the final Implementation Plan for the impaired waters. The Implementation Plan (IP) is developed to provide a clean up plan that will lead to attainment of the water quality standards. Public participation and stakeholder involvement are necessary in order to develop an effective and reasonable IP. This meeting will present the findings of the TMDL study and the necessary steps in the IP development.

Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act and §62.1-44.19:7.C of the Code of Virginia require DEQ to develop Total Maximum Daily Loads for pollutants responsible for each impaired water contained in Virginia's 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report and subsequent Water Quality Assessment Reports. A TMDL is the total amount of a pollutant a water body can contain and still meet water quality standards. To restore water quality, pollutant levels have to be reduced to the TMDL amount. The TMDL

report has been approved by EPA (Sept 28, 2012) and can be found at <http://www.deq.virginia.gov/portals/0/DEQ/Water/TMDL/apptmdls/chowanrvr/threecreekec.pdf>

The public comment period on materials presented at this meeting will extend from March 22, 2013 to April 22, 2013. For additional information or to submit comments, contact Jennifer Howell, in the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, Tidewater Regional Office, 5636 Southern Blvd, Virginia Beach VA 23462, by phone (757) 518-2111 or by e-mail jennifer.howell@deq.virginia.gov.

* Additional information is also available on the DEQ web site at www.deq.virginia.gov/tmdl.