

Buffalo River TMDL Cleanup Plan
Agricultural Working Group
Amherst County Administration Building, Amherst, VA

The agricultural working group will discuss ways to reduce bacteria coming from agricultural sources. The principal objective of this working group is to identify obstacles to implementation of practical solutions to reducing bacteria. This group will focus on identifying:

- Constraints to the implementation of BMPs
- BMPs that are both effective and affordable
- Alternative funding sources/partnerships
- The best strategies for reaching agricultural stakeholders

General Questions:

- 1) *How did you hear about tonight's meeting?*

- 2) *Are there other ways that we could get the word out about meetings?*

- 3) *Are there individuals/organizations not present tonight who you think should be here?*

- 4) *Are there any other bacteria sources that have not been discussed that we should consider in the plan?*

Agricultural Questions:

- 1) *What is the current growth trend for agriculture in the area? Do you expect to see significant changes in farming practices over the next 5-10 years?*

8) *What is the best way to let farmers know about conservation programs?*

9) *Are there any groups in the watershed that would be good resources for education and outreach? Is there a need for education and outreach on pasture management for horse owners or owners of other types of livestock? Who is best to disseminate this type of information?*

10) *How much of the farmland within the project area is leased?*

11) *Are there many horse owners in the area?*

12) *Are there certain BMPs that you feel would be most appropriate for the agricultural community in the watershed?*