

Comments received, *Lower Blackwater River, Maggodee Creek, and Gills Creek Water Quality Implementation Plan*

Jason Hill, received 11/15/05: All comments addressed in IP

Just a few comments on the executive summary, it's looking really good...

Page 5 of executive summary - I would qualify the 10.5% delist statement with a sentence like 'Current EPA guidance allow VDEQ to delist a stream segment when water quality monitoring violations are below 10.5% in an assessment period.'

The word out of Richmond is this is still true for the next assessment and the next couple years, but it could be changing.

DCR: Change made

Page 18 of executive summary - 1st paragraph under 'Water Quality Monitorin'. Consider changing 'E.coli is a form of fecal bacteria' to 'E.coli bacteria a subset of fecal bacteria'

DCR: Change made

Page 21 of executive summary - Last paragraph, consider changing 'ignored by USEPA until citizens began to realize that regulating only point sources was no longer maintaining water quality standards' to 'ignored by USEPA until citizens began to realize by only regulating point without addressing non point sources that water quality standards could not be obtained'

DCR: Change made

Charles Poindexter, Franklin County Supervisor, received 1/7/06

I have no comments on the implementation plan per se, but I do have to comment to you and your cohorts that you are leaving an important segment of the "Lower Blackwater" out of consideration for your work. The "lower Blackwater" is viewed by residents, natives or people that have moved in, as extending to the Pittsylvania County line. Yes from rt834 down is indeed in the FERC project Boundary for SML, but it is still viewed as the river. Remember the DEQ meetings for citizens?

Their concern is that there are many "creeks" that flow into the River or Lake now below the 834 bridge and you folks are ignoring them in terms of bacteria and especially sediment, erosion, and surface runoff. The comments I have received are on Foul Ground Creek, Poplar Camp Creek, and so on down to the county line on the West side of the River/lake.

For credibility purposes, if not Water Quality, until these are included in DEQ and DCR evaluations and corrections programs, the locals are simply not convinced the TMDL's or other efforts are anything other than an attempt to respond to the court case from the Canoers that dictated the TMDL's.

Regards,
Charles Poindexter

DCR: An addendum has been added to the plan. The addendum proposes to extend the eligible project area to include the Blackwater Arm of the Smith Mountain Lake watershed. This addition would result in the entire Blackwater River watershed being covered by an implementation project. The proposed extension is approximately 29,000 acres. The inclusion of this area in the implementation project is contingent upon EPA's approval.