

# Agricultural Working Group

## Powell River and Tributaries TMDL Implementation Plan



**Local residents are the best way to gain insight as to which Best Management Practices (BMPs) will be most successful in the community**

Implementation Plans provide communities with a framework for restoring water quality in their watershed. Strong public participation in the Agricultural Working Group ensures that the final Implementation Plan reflects relevant, local concerns and ideas for water quality improvements.

Individuals may participate in one or more of the following ways:

- Participate on the [Agricultural Working Group](#)
- Serve on the [Steering Committee](#) to review recommendations by the agricultural, residential, and industrial working groups
- Provide comments on the draft Implementation Plan
- Inform members of the agricultural community about opportunities to improve water quality

### **What is the role of the Agricultural Working Group?**

The Agricultural Working Group will discuss ways to reduce bacteria and sediment coming from agricultural sources by identifying:

- Effective and affordable BMPs
- Alternative funding sources/partnerships
- Best strategies for engaging agricultural stakeholders
- Constraints to the implementation of BMPs

### **Who makes up the Agricultural Working Group?**

This working group consists of farmers and landowners, local community organizations, and local, state and federal agency representatives.

### **How do I join?**

Fill out a sign-up card before leaving tonight's meeting, send an email or call Stephanie Kreps at VA Department of Environmental Quality (contact info below) to be added to the meeting notification list.



If you have questions please contact Stephanie Kreps, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, 355-A Deadmore St, Abingdon, VA 24210, (276) 676-4803, [stephanie.kreps@deq.virginia.gov](mailto:stephanie.kreps@deq.virginia.gov).