

Yeocomico River Watershed Implementation Plan

Information Sheet

TMDL: (Total Maximum Daily Load) is the maximum amount of pollution that can enter a waterbody such that it can support all intended uses and **is safe for all people to enjoy**. TMDLs are established for waters that violate water quality standards, or are “impaired.”

IP: (Implementation Plan) is a plan that provides the framework for meeting the goals of the TMDL, which are **improved water quality and delisting of impaired waters**.

Implementation Plans give communities ownership of water quality restoration efforts

Local Waters: Gardner, Jackson, Bonum, and Mill Creeks and portions of the **Yeocomico River**. The project area covers parts of both Northumberland and Westmoreland Counties. These streams are facing a unique impairment for both recreational use and shellfish consumption. Through a staged implementation plan, we can address each impairment.

Your Input Helps:

- Develop unique solutions to a problem
- Preserve a culturally and economically important resource
- Foster a community that is dedicated to environmental stewardship
- Offer first-hand knowledge of the area and identify community priorities

Be a Part of the Solution: Get Involved!

- Attend public meetings and participate in a working group
- Join a steering committee and offer feedback

Learn more about TMDLs, IPs, and water quality at <http://deq.state.va.us/>

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Stakeholder Questions

- What are your greatest concerns regarding water quality in the Yeocomico River Watershed?
- What key components would be most important for you to see in a plan to improve water quality?
- Do you think the Yeocomico River is recognized as a valuable resource by the local community?
- What do you believe will be the greatest challenges in developing this plan?
- What would be your primary goal in participating in this process? What outcome would be most important to you?
- Do you have any specific ideas or suggestions of activities or resources that currently exist in the watershed that we should be aware of?
- What should be included in this plan to make it useful to the community and lead to on the ground implementation actions?
- Do you think there is an interest in establishing a voluntary citizen bacteria modeling program in the project area?