

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC COMMENT

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) seek written and oral comments from interested persons on the development of an Implementation Plan (IP) for bacteria Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) on a 7.33 mile stream segment of Goldmine Creek in Louisa County; 2.51 mile segment of Beaver Creek, 2.52 mile segment of Mountain Run, 12.15 mile segment of Pamunkey Creek, and 1.83 mile segment of Terry's Run in Orange County, and 3.12 mile segment of Plentiful Creek in Spotsylvania County. The TMDLs for these stream impairments were completed in August 2005 and can be found in the Bacteria TMDLs for York River Basin Orange, Louisa, Spotsylvania Counties, Virginia study report on DEQ's website, <http://www.deq.virginia.gov/tmdl/apptmdls/yorkrvr/lakeanna.pdf>.

Section 62.1-44.19:7.C of the Code of Virginia requires the development of an IP for approved TMDLs. The IP should provide measurable goals and the date of expected achievement of water quality objectives. The IP should also include the corrective actions needed and their associated costs, benefits, and environmental impacts.

The final public meeting to discuss the draft IP for the bacteria TMDLs listed above will be held on Tuesday, June 21, 6-8pm at the Town of Orange Public Works Community Room, 235 Warren Street, Orange, Virginia. At this meeting, the implementation plan development process for this project will be reviewed and the draft implementation plan will be made available for public discussion and comment. The previous public and working group meeting notes, as well as other supplemental information can be found at www.rregion.org/tmdl_york.html.

The 30-day public comment period on the information presented at the meetings will end on July 21, 2011. A fact sheet on the development of an IP for Goldmine Creek, Beaver Creek, Mountain Run, Pamunkey Creek, Terry's Run, and Plentiful Creek is available at www.rregion.org/tmdl_york.html. Questions or information requests should be addressed to May Sligh with the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation. Written comments and inquiries should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the comments and should be sent to May Sligh, Department of Conservation and Recreation, email address: may.sligh@dcr.virginia.gov, phone # 804-443-1494.