

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

RICHMOND — The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality will hold a public meeting to present the draft water quality improvement plan for reducing agricultural and residential sources of fecal bacteria in Cripple Creek (Smyth & Wythe Counties) and Elk Creek (Grayson County) on February 11, 2014. The meeting will be held from 6:30pm to 8:30pm at the Summerfield Community Clubhouse located at 4680 Carsonville Road, Fries VA, 24330, near the community of Elk Creek. The alternate date in case the meeting is cancelled due to adverse weather is Feb. 18th from 6:30 to 8:30pm at the Summerfield Community Clubhouse. Directions and a map are provided at the end of this notice.

Elk Creek and segments of Cripple Creek do not meet state water quality standards for fecal bacteria (i.e. *E. coli*). Elevated levels of *E. coli* indicate an increased risk of illness for people who come in contact with water in the affected streams. Identified sources of *E. coli* in these watersheds include failing septic systems, discharges of untreated human waste (i.e. straight pipes), and livestock waste.

The public meeting provides an opportunity for citizens and interested parties to ask questions, provide comments on the plan, and will begin a 30 day period during which written public comments on the plan will be accepted. The draft water quality improvement plan can be found at

<http://www.deq.virginia.gov/Programs/Water/WaterQualityInformationTMDLs/TMDL/TMDLImplementation/TMDLImplementationPlans.aspx>

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: The public comment period on the materials presented at the public meeting will extend from February 11, 2014 to March 13, 2014.

Questions, information requests, and comments should be addressed to Patrick Lizon, Watershed Field Coordinator with the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality at: 355-A Deadmore Street, Abingdon, VA 24210; email address: Patrick.Lizon@deq.virginia.gov; phone # (276) 676-4803.

Directions to the Summerfield Community Clubhouse: From Wytheville in the north: from the junction of U.S. HWY 11 and U.S. HWY 21 in Wytheville, follow U.S. 21 south approximately 20.2 miles to the community of Elk Creek at the junction of Hwy 21 and Comers Rock Rd (Rd 658). Continue on HWY 21, for approximately 0.4 miles (just past the Elk Creek Rescue Squad Station on the right) and turn left on Carsonville Rd (Rd 660). Continue on Carsonville Road for 5 miles. The building is located at the intersection of Carsonville Road and Churchview Lane (Rd 717), on the left side of the road (Carsonville Rd makes a sharp left turn at the intersection while Churchview lane goes straight). **From Independence in the south:** Head north on HWY 21 for approximately 9.1 miles to the intersection of HWY 21 and Carsonville Rd (on the right side of HWY 21). The Carsonville Rd intersection is on the right (just before the Elk Creek Rescue Squad building on the left side of HWY 21). Follow the directions listed above to get from the Carsonville Rd turnoff to the Summerfield UMC Community Clubhouse.

