

Department of Environmental Quality

Public Notice for Public Meeting and Public Comment

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment and announce a public meeting on a water quality study by the Department of Environmental Quality for the James River watershed in Lynchburg, Virginia.

PUBLIC MEETING TIME/LOCATION: Tuesday, March 4, 2014 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Randolph College 2500 Rivermont Avenue, Lynchburg, Virginia. The meeting will be located in the Nichols Theater, located in the Student Center.

DESCRIPTION OF STUDY: Virginia agencies are working to identify sources of fecal bacteria contamination in stream segments from the James River watershed in Central Virginia. This contamination exceeds water quality standards and thus, impairs, or decreases, the quality of the water.

The streams segments that will be included in the study are: 10.53 miles James River, 20.8 miles Ivy Creek, 5.89 miles Tomahawk Creek, 6.89 miles Burton Creek, 3.43 miles unnamed tributary to Burton Creek, 10.54 miles Judith Creek, 5.44 miles Fishing Creek, 10.3 miles Blackwater Creek, 8.5 miles Beaver Creek, 7.72 miles Harris Creek, 4.69 miles Dreaming Creek, 3.04 miles Opossum Creek, 6.37 miles Williams Run, 5.17 miles Graham Creek, and 9.46 miles Pedlar River .

During the study, DEQ will develop a total maximum daily load, or TMDL, for the impaired waters. A TMDL is the total amount of a pollutant a water body can contain and still meet water quality standards. To restore water quality, contamination levels have to be reduced to the TMDL amount.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: The public comment period on the materials presented at the public meeting will extend from March 4, 2014 to April 3, 2014.

HOW TO COMMENT: DEQ accepts written comments by e-mail, fax or postal mail. Written comments should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person commenting, and be received during the comment period. DEQ also accepts

written and oral comments at the public meeting announced in this notice. For additional information, or to submit comments, contact Paula Nash at the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, Blue Ridge Regional Office, 7705 Timberlake Road, Lynchburg, VA 24502, by phone (434)582-6216, or by email paula.nash@deq.virginia.gov