



## **Government Working Group Fact Sheet**

### **Falling River TMDL Implementation Plan**

**Why Do a TMDL Implementation Plan (IP)?** A TMDL IP is a requirement of Virginia's 1997 Water Quality Monitoring, Information, Restoration Act, which directs the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality "to develop and implement a plan to achieve fully supporting status for impaired waters". By developing an IP, a community has a better opportunity to receive state and federal grant funds and even other sources of funding to restore water quality.

**How Can I Participate?** The primary means of public participation in this TMDL IP process will be through one of three working groups; agricultural, residential and government. The working groups provide citizens a venue for active participation in the planning process. Each working group will report its results and suggestions to the steering committee for consideration to be included in the TMDL IP document. Strong public participation in these groups ensures a final implementation plan driven by local input and concerns.

**What will the Government Working Group Address?** The Government Working Group will address what resources local, state and federal agencies can contribute towards obtaining the water quality goals outlined in the Falling River IP. The group will focus on the following tasks:

1. Identify funding sources and technical resources presently available
2. Evaluate additional programs/technical resources that could enhance implementation
3. Identify lead agencies for agricultural and residential implementation
4. Consider regulatory controls currently in place that could induce actions to improve water quality in the impaired watersheds
5. Discuss monitoring component

**Who Makes up the Government Working Group?** Government working groups typically consist of local, state and federal agency representatives.