

**Falling River TMDL Implementation Plan Development  
Informational Meeting**

Historic Courthouse Conference Room  
774 Village Highway, Rustburg, VA  
Thursday, July 26, 2007  
10:00-12:00 pm

**PRESENT:**

Guerry Beatson.....Appomattox County Health Department  
Rod Bodkin.....Map Tech  
Theresa Buckles.....DCR  
Fred DiLella.....VA DEQ  
Marjorie P. Gilley.....Region 2000 Local Government Council  
Gary Gilliam.....VDH Central Virginia Health District  
Amanda Gray.....DEQ  
Paul Harvey.....Campbell County  
Kelly Hitchcock.....Region 2000 Local Government Council  
David Laurrell.....Campbell County  
Charlie Lunsford.....DCR  
Johnnie Roark.....Appomattox County  
Tom Saxton.....VDA Campbell County  
Ruby Shipman.....VDA Campbell County  
Steve Simpson.....Virginia Department of Health  
Brian Stokes.....Campbell County  
Sarah Watson.....Lynchburg Daily News and Advance

**1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION**

Charlie Lunsford, Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation welcomed the group at 10:02 am and asked that everyone introduce themselves. Charlie noted that there was good representation from local agencies and participating local governments. He did note that he did not see representation from the SWCD or NRCS. He indicated that both of these organizations are valuable and supportive local partners in developing an IP.

**2. TMDL Implementation Plans in Virginia**

Charlie provided a general overview on the background of Implementation Plan development in Virginia. He noted that they began around 2001 and that 15 plans had been completed prior to new state legislation that directed funds towards the development of IPs in Virginia. Charlie continued to provide an overview of the history in the Falling River TMDL Study that was completed in 2004 and how this first plan is the basis for the pending IP.

**3. REVIEW OF FALLING RIVER BACTERIA TMDL**

Rod Bodkin, MapTech, Inc gave a "TMDL in Brief" presentation. Mr. Bodkin discussed the three step process consisting of the TMDL study development, Implementation plan development and then the implementation of the plan. Rod talked about the State standards and the restrictive nature of the standards and the goal of the Implementation plan in creating options to obtain water quality standards.

There was a brief discussion on the possibility of reduced standards and what the standard reduction would mean in creating the implementation plan. Rod and Charlie noted that even if a new standard was approved there would be not be an anticipated change in the methods or best management practices that would be proposed.

4. LOCAL PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SUPPORT PLAN

Kelly Hitchcock, Region 2000 Local Government Council, will facilitate and serve as the contact for this project. Her role will be to facilitate communication and to ensure participation and communication between the IP Steering Committee and the plan work groups, which will be agricultural, local government and residential. Kelly will work to find the correct contacts and support for each of these groups.

**ACTION:** Kelly work with local agencies, including RELSWCD and NRCS, to obtain names and contacts for the IP Working groups.

5. DISCUSSION OF THE FIRST PUBLIC MEETING DATE

The first public meeting location and format was discussed. Theresa Buckles noted there had been success in having a shorter, less technical first public meeting with a combined first work group session. She noted that this allowed participants to be involved in the first meeting. There was quick discussion on the best format for the Falling River meeting. It was determined that a combination informational meeting and combined working group discussion would be best.

It was agreed that having some local pictures and maps would be important to create local buyin to the IP process. It was agreed that Kelly would work with Brian Stokes to obtain a local watershed map, Amanda Gray indicated that she would provide some pictures from local monitoring stations within the watershed, and Kelly indicated she would contact RELSWCD to see if we could have a local farmer who had utilized some BMPs or any of the DCR programs to attend the first meeting and to obtain BMP local pictures.

Lastly the meeting date and time was discussed. Some locations to be considered was somewhere in Rustburg or possibly the Spout Spring Ruritan Club. It was agreed that the meeting would be held either September 25<sup>th</sup> or September 27<sup>th</sup> from 7-9 pm. The first hour general overview, second hour work group discussions.

**ACTION:** Brian Stokes provides a watershed map to Kelly.

**ACTION:** Amanda Gray provides pictures from local monitoring stations and provide a map to Kelly that shows where local monitoring stations are.

**ACTION:** Kelly contact RELSWCD and NRCS to see about local BMP pictures and possible local farmer to attend first meeting.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 pm.