

# ***NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING***

## **Bonpas Creek Watershed (Edwards, Lawrence, Richland and Wabash Counties)**

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) Bureau of Water  
will hold a public meeting on

***Thursday, May 1, 2014 (8:00 am)***

at the

**Edwards County Fairgrounds Exhibition Building  
(Across from Edwards County SWCD)  
90 West Pine Street  
Albion, Illinois**

The purpose of this meeting is to provide an opportunity for the public to receive information and comment on the draft Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) concerning impairments to 4 water body segments within the Bonpas Creek Watershed. The segments and potential causes of impairment are: two segments of Bonpas Creek (Atrazine, Manganese, Dissolved Oxygen, Sedimentation/Siltation, Fecal Coliform), West Salem New Reservoir (Total Phosphorus), West Salem Old Reservoir (Total Phosphorus).

This report includes watershed characterization, data analysis and selection of potential models that will be used to determine the pollutant loading capacity and reductions necessary to meet designated uses and water quality standards.

The IEPA implements the TMDL program in accordance with Section 303(d) of the federal Clean Water Act. A TMDL is the sum of the allowable amounts of a single pollutant (phosphorus, metals, etc.) that a waterbody can receive from all contributing sources and still meet water quality standards or designated uses.

Stakeholders and participants will also be asked for input and ideas to be applied to the draft Stage 1 report. An additional public meeting will be held in the future to discuss the next stage of the TMDL.

The draft stage one report for the Bonpas Creek Watershed will be available on-line at [www.epa.state.il.us/public-notice](http://www.epa.state.il.us/public-notice). A hard copy of the draft report will be available for viewing at the Edwards County SWCD office, West Salem Village Hall during business hours. Questions about the TMDL should be directed to the project manager, Margaret Fertaly by phone at 618-993-7200 or email [Margaret.Fertaly@illinois.gov](mailto:Margaret.Fertaly@illinois.gov) or contact Abel Haile (see contact information below).

### **Closure of the Meeting Record**

The meeting record will close as of midnight, June 2, 2014. Written comments need not be notarized but must be postmarked before midnight and mailed to:

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