

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Rend Lake Watershed

(Jefferson, Franklin, Washington, and Marion Counties)

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

Monday, March 24, 2014 (4:00 pm)

at the

Veterans Park

Rolland W. Lewis Community Building

800 South 27th Street

Mt. Vernon, 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 8 water body segments within the Rend Lake Watershed. The segments and potential causes of impairment are: Big Muddy River (Manganese, Dissolved Oxygen, pH), Gun Creek (Iron, Dissolved Oxygen, Manganese), Casey Fork (Dissolved Oxygen, Fecal Coliform), Snow Creek (Dissolved Oxygen), Rend Lake (Total Phosphorus, Manganese), Lake Benton (Total Phosphorus), Lake Jaycee (Total Phosphorus), and Ashley Reservoir (Dissolved Oxygen, 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 Rend Lake Watershed will be available on-line at www.epa.state.il.us/public-notice. A hard copy of the draft report will be available for viewing at the Mt. Vernon Park District or Mr. Vernon City Hall during business hours. Questions about the TMDL should be directed to the project manager, Trevor Sample by phone at 217-782-3362 or email Trevor.Sample@illinois.gov or contact Abel Haile (see contact information below).

Closure of the Meeting Record

The meeting record will close as of midnight, April 23, 2014. Written comments need not be notarized but must be postmarked before midnight and mailed to:

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