

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Horseshoe Lake Watershed (Alexander County)

Total Maximum Daily Load and Load Reduction Strategy

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

Thursday, November 19, 2015 (2:30 pm)

at

**Alexander/Pulaski NRCS Service Center
505 Front Street
Tamms, IL**

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) and Load Reduction Strategy (LRS) concerning impairments to the Horseshoe Lake Watershed. The potential TMDL cause of impairment for Horseshoe Lake is total phosphorus, and the potential LRS cause is total suspended solids.

This TMDL/LRS report includes data analysis and determination of the pollutant loading capacity and reduction necessary to meet designated uses and water quality standards. The report also includes an implementation strategy for meeting TMDL & LRS water quality goals.

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 (for example, phosphorus, metals, etc.) that a waterbody can receive from all contributing sources and still meet water quality standards or designated uses.

The draft Stage Three Report for the Horseshoe 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 Alexander/Pulaski NRCS Service Center in Tamms, Illinois during business hours. Questions about the TMDL should be directed to the project managers, Margaret Fertaly (Planning Unit – Marion Region) at Margaret.Fertaly@Illinois.gov or 618-993-7099 or Abel Haile (see contact information below).

Closure of the Meeting Record

The meeting record will close as of midnight, December 21, 2015. Written comments need not be notarized but must be postmarked before midnight and mailed to:

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