

PUBLIC NOTICE

EPA Proposes Total Phosphorus TMDL for the Wissahickon Creek Watershed Notice of Availability, Solicitation of Public Comment

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III (EPA) plans to establish a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for total phosphorus in the Wissahickon Creek Watershed. The TMDL will establish reductions necessary to address the poor stream health caused by excessive total phosphorus from wastewater treatment plants, stormwater runoff, and other sources. The Wissahickon Creek drains approximately 64 square miles in Montgomery and Philadelphia Counties in Pennsylvania. Major tributaries of Wissahickon Creek include Cresheim Creek, Sandy Run, Willow Creek, Trewellyn Creek, and Pine Run. Municipalities impacted by this action include Abington, Ambler, Cheltenham, Horsham, Lansdale, Lower Gwynedd, Montgomery, North Wales, Philadelphia, Springfield, Upper Dublin, Upper Gwynedd, Upper Moreland, Whitemarsh, Whitpain, and Worcester.

EPA welcomes input from the public and interested parties regarding the proposed TMDL. A draft of the *Total Phosphorus TMDL for the Wissahickon Creek Watershed, Pennsylvania* is available on EPA's website at <http://www.epa.gov/reg3wapd/tmdl/>. Hard copies of the draft TMDL report can also be requested. Please direct questions to Ms. Ashley Toy at (215) 814-2774 or toy.ashley@epa.gov. Written comments will be accepted through July 4, 2015. *The end of the comment period falls on a holiday, so all comments postmarked by the following business day, July 6, 2015, will be accepted.* All written comments should be sent to Ms. Lenka Berlin (contact information below). Please reference "Wissahickon Creek TMDL" on all submitted comments.

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EPA will hold a public meeting to present the details and answer questions regarding the proposed TMDL on June 10, 2015 at 7:00 pm. The meeting will be held at Temple University Ambler Campus, Ambler Learning Center Room 202, 580 Meetinghouse Road, Ambler, PA 19002.