

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Vermont City Reservoir/Sugar Creek Watershed

(Schuyler, McDonough and Fulton Counties)

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

Tuesday, December 4, 2012 (6:00 pm)

at the

**City Building
1002 North Main
Vermont, Illinois**

The purpose of this meeting is to provide an opportunity for the public to receive information and comment on the draft Stage 1 Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) report concerning impairments to the Vermont City Reservoir/Sugar Creek watershed. The potential causes of impairment for the Vermont City Reservoir are Phosphorus (Total), Total Suspended Solids, Atrazine, Aquatic Algae and Manganese. Potential causes of impairment for Sugar Creek is Fecal Coliform.

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 1 report for the Vermont City Reservoir/Sugar Creek Watershed will be available on-line at www.epa.state.il.us/public-notices. A hard copy of the draft report will be available for viewing at the Vermont Public Library, Astoria Town Hall and Table Grove Village Hall during business hours. Questions about the TMDL should be directed to Abel Haile (see contact information below).

Closure of the Meeting Record

The meeting record will close as of midnight, January 3, 2013. Written comments need not be notarized but must be postmarked before midnight and mailed to:

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