

DRAFT AGENDA

South Fork Holston River Watershed IP

2nd (Final) Public Meeting, Damascus Public Library

June 22, 2023, 6pm

Meeting purpose: Using feedback from the previous two stakeholder meetings, a cleanup plan, also known as an Implementation Plan (IP), has been completed for the South Fork Holston River watershed that identifies corrective actions needed to improve water quality and discusses the associated costs and environmental benefits of the actions. A summary of the plan will be presented at the meeting. Citizens are invited to provide comment on the plan and will learn how they can be part of implementing the plan to improve water quality in the watershed.

- Introductions
- Reminder of where we are in the Cleanup Plan development process
- **Feedback on draft Residential Septic and Pet Waste BMPs**
 - Updated best management practices (BMPs) to address residential septic and straight pipes within watershed- types, numbers and costs
 - Outreach strategies
 - Partnership opportunities
 - Potential funding sources
- **Feedback on draft Agriculture BMPs**
 - Updated best management practices to address agriculture sources of bacteria- types, numbers and costs
 - Outreach strategies
 - Partnership opportunities
 - Potential funding sources
- Next steps:
 - Review of final draft cleanup plan with a public comment period: June 22-July 24
 - Anticipate submission to EPA for review/approval July/August 2023
 - Once the plan is approved, it will be eligible for DEQ Nonpoint Source 319(h) funds. The next opportunity to apply for these funds will be summer 2023 (with activities starting in fall 2024) or summer of 2024 (with activities starting in fall 2025), depending on EPA approval date.