

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
Notice of Public Comment Period and Public Meeting

Projects within the Kaskaskia River Watershed

**Total Maximum Daily Loads and
Watershed Protection Plans**

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

Wednesday, January 11, 2023
(10:00 am - 12:00 pm) CT

The purpose of this meeting is to provide an opportunity for the public to receive information and comment on the draft Stage 3 Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) reports and Watershed Protection Plans (WPPs)* concerning impairments to several waterbody segments in six watersheds within the Kaskaskia River Watershed:

(*Watershed Protection Plans were developed for those watersheds that were shown *not* to require TMDL development after Stage 1.)

Upper Kaskaskia River/Lake Fork Watershed:

(Piatt, Moultrie, Douglas, and Champaign Counties)

The TMDL causes of impairment include the Lake Fork (IL_OW-01 and IL_OW-02) for Chloride.

Middle Kaskaskia River/Carlyle Lake Watershed:

(Montgomery, Shelby, Fayette, Bond, Marion, and Clinton Counties)

The TMDL causes of impairment include the Kaskaskia River (IL_O-08 and IL_O-38) for Fecal Coliform, and Carlyle Lake (IL_ROA) for Phosphorus (Total).

Shoal Creek – II Watershed:

(Bond County and Clinton County)

WPP to address Dissolved Oxygen in waterbody segments Shoal Creek (IL_OI-05, IL_OI-13, and IL_OI-15).

Crooked Creek/Lost Creek Watershed:

(Marion, Jefferson, Clinton, and Washington Counties)

WPP to address Dissolved Oxygen, pH, and Simazine in waterbody segments Kaskaskia River (IL_O-25), Crooked Creek (IL_OJ-11), Prairie Creek (IL_OJBA), Raccoon Creek (IL_OJF), and Salem Lake (IL_ROR).

East Fork Kaskaskia River/Farina Lake Watershed:

(Fayette, Marion, and Clinton Counties)

The TMDL causes of impairment include the North Fork Kaskaskia River (IL_OKA-01) for Atrazine and Terbufos.

Lower Kaskaskia River (II) Watershed:

(Madison, Bond, St. Clair, Clinton, Washington, Monroe, and Randolph Counties)

WPP to address Iron in waterbody segments Kaskaskia River (IL_O-20 and IL_O-30).

*Several waterbody segments were originally listed in the previous Illinois Integrated Water Quality Report Section 303(d) list of impaired waters. As part of the Illinois TMDL Development Process, a Stage 1 TMDL Report (Watershed Characterization, Data Analysis, Methodology Selection) was completed, and additional data needs (Stage 2) were gathered to confirm the impairments. The data summaries and laboratory results showed that these waterbody segments were no longer impaired, and as a result TMDLs were not developed for these waterbody segments.

Draft Watershed Protection Plans (WPPs) were developed instead to guide stakeholders, and landowners in the watershed to implement the recommended practices in the draft WPP to continue meeting the water quality standards and the designated uses.

The Draft Stage 3 TMDL reports include watershed characterization, data analysis, and pollutant loading capacity analysis that have been used to determine the reductions necessary to meet designated uses and water quality standards. These draft TMDL reports also includes an implementation plan designed to meet the reductions needed. The WPPs also include watershed characterization, pollutant sources summary, water quality data analysis, and potential implementation activities to improve water quality in the watershed.

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 public is encouraged to provide input on the draft TMDL reports including potential Best Management Practice (BMP) projects that could be included as part of the implementation plans in the final Stage 3 reports, and the WPPs.

Connection instructions for the public meeting are available online at:
<https://www2.illinois.gov/epa/public-notices/Pages/general-notices.aspx>

Questions and comments about the draft TMDL reports and WPPs should be directed to the project manager, Drew Podlewski by phone at 217-782-3362 or email at Drew.Podlewski@illinois.gov, or contact Abel Haile (see contact information below).

The meeting record will close as of midnight, **February 10, 2023**. Email comments must be received no later than **11:59 p.m. CT. on February 10, 2023**. Written comments need not be notarized but must be postmarked before midnight and mailed to:

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The draft Stage 3 TMDL Reports and WPPs within the Kaskaskia River Watershed are available on-line at <https://www2.illinois.gov/epa/public-notices/Pages/general-notices.aspx>. The Stage 1 TMDL reports for these watersheds completed earlier as part of the TMDL development process are available at <https://www2.illinois.gov/epa/topics/water-quality/watershed-management/tmdls/Pages/reports.aspx>

The fact sheet for the projects within the Kaskaskia River Watershed is available on-line at <https://www2.illinois.gov/epa/Documents/fact-sheet-kaskaskia-river-projects.pdf>

Hard copies of the draft TMDL reports and WPPs are available for viewing (in their respective watersheds) at the following locations during business hours:

- ① Carlyle Lake-USACE Visitor's Center, 801 Lake Road, Carlyle Lake, IL 62231
- ① Carlyle City, Case-Halstead Public Library, 550 Sixth Street, Carlyle, IL 62231
 - Heartland Conservancy, 3 North High Street, Belleville, IL 62220
- ① Breese Public Library, 530 North 3rd Street, Breese, IL 62230
 - City of Highland - Louis Latzer Memorial Public Library
1001 9th Street, Highland, IL 62249
 - Centralia Public Library, 515 E. Broadway, Centralia, Illinois 62801
 - Champaign Public library, 200 West Green Street, Champaign, IL 61820
 - Jefferson County SWCD, 221 Withers Drive, Mt. Vernon, IL 62864
 - Washington County SWCD, 424 E. Holzhauer Drive, Nashville, IL 62263
 - Upper Kaskaskia River Ecosystem Partnership,
Douglas County Farm Bureau Office, 105 North Main, Tuscola, Illinois 61953
 - University of Illinois Extension Building-Moultrie/Douglas County,
122 South Walnut Street, Arthur, Illinois 61911