



Long Lake TMDL Kick-Off Meeting  
April 16th, 2009  
Health and Human Services Building  
2200 23rd St. NE, Suite 1020  
Lower Level, Multi-Purpose Room  
Willmar, MN  
7-9 PM



***You are invited to attend the Long Lake Excessive Nutrients Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Kick-Off meeting.***

The Hawk Creek Watershed Project (HCWP) is holding its first public meeting addressing an Excessive Nutrient TMDL for Long Lake, north of Willmar. This meeting will include a review of the TMDL process, what has been accomplished, and plans for the future. The Hawk Creek Watershed Project will be seeking stakeholders to participate on an advisory committee for the Long Lake TMDL. Interested persons are encouraged to attend this meeting for more information.

A Lake Assessment Program (LAP) study was conducting in 1997. Based upon lake sampling data, Long Lake was listed as being impaired for excessive nutrients in 2002. Excessive nutrients cause algal blooms which lower oxygen levels, and decrease water quality.

The federal Clean Water Act requires that a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) be established for listed impaired waters. A TMDL is a scientific study that calculates the maximum amount of a pollutant that a water body can receive and still meet water quality standards for that pollutant. It is also a process that identifies all the sources of the pollutant causing the impairment and allocates necessary reductions among them. The TMDL Assessment Report will be completed by the Hawk Creek Watershed Project along with the Implementation Plan.

This is the beginning of a multi-year process of developing a Long Lake Nutrient TMDL pollution reduction plan, engaging stakeholders and citizens, and implementing activities for achieving desired pollutant reductions. A draft TMDL is scheduled to be completed by 2011.

***Public participation is essential to a successful TMDL!***

Please contact HCWP staff if you have any questions, or if you would like to participate on the advisory committee but cannot attend this public meeting.

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For more information on TMDLs:

[www.hawkcreekwatershed.org](http://www.hawkcreekwatershed.org)

<http://www.pca.state.mn.us/water/tmdl/tmdl-303dlist.html>

<http://www.pca.state.mn.us/water/tmdl/tmdl-development.html>



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