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### **Catoctin Creek Water Quality Implementation Plan Kickoff Set for September 30**

Loudoun County, the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation and the Loudoun Soil and Water Conservation District invite all interested citizens to a public kickoff meeting for the Catoctin Creek Water Quality Implementation Plan on Tuesday, September 30, at 7:00 p.m. at the Lucketts Community Center, located at the intersection of Route 15 and Lucketts Road (Route 662).

Members of the steering committee overseeing the plan will be introduced at the meeting. The committee consists of agencies and organizations that work with natural resources and water quality issues in Loudoun County, members of the agricultural community, and community representatives in the Catoctin Creek watershed.

The meeting will also provide an opportunity for the public to sign up to participate in one of four working groups focused on agriculture, residential, environmental, and government issues. The most intensive working group efforts will occur in October, November, and early December. Additional public participation and input will be possible at a project review meeting in December, a final report presentation in January 2004, and a subsequent 30-day public comment period. The Implementation Plan is expected to conclude in March 2004.

The reason for the Implementation Plan is that water quality along 35 miles in four segments of Catoctin Creek in Loudoun County does not comply with the state's bacteria content standard. The goal is that all streams should be suitable for recreational uses, including swimming and fishing.

For more information, contact Jim Christian, Loudoun Soil and Water Conservation District at 703-777-2075, the Loudoun County Environmental and Historic Resources Program office at 703-737-8440, or go to [www.loudoun.gov/envhist/catoctin.htm](http://www.loudoun.gov/envhist/catoctin.htm).

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