

## **Piedmont Triad Council of Governments**

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### **PRESS RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

#### **PTCOG Completes Lower Abbotts Creek Study**

The Piedmont Triad Council of Governments (PTCOG) is in the final stages of completing the Lower Abbotts Creek Watershed Restoration Plan. The Creek is listed as “impaired” by the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) because it fails to support the ecology found in healthy NC streams. The main pollutants in Abbotts Creek are sediment, nutrients, and stormwater. This plan identifies steps the City of Lexington, Davidson County, private and non-profit organizations can take to improve water quality.

Rich Fork Creek is the major contributor of pollution to Lower Abbotts Creek. Many sources of pollution were found throughout Lower Abbotts Creek, including litter, nutrients from fertilizers and animal waste, fecal coliform bacteria from leaky septic systems, and stormwater runoff in Lexington.

Abbotts Creek feeds into High Rock Lake. If water quality continues to degrade, Davidson County may lose the valuable recreation and economic benefits provided by the Lake. To learn more about this study, water quality in Lower Abbotts Creek and High Rock Lake and what you can do to improve and protect these waters for the future, please join us at a public information sessions:

- Wednesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> – 6:00 p.m. @ Southmont Fire Department in Southmont
- Thursday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> – 6:00 p.m. @ Faith Missionary Alliance in Midway
- Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup> – 6:00 p.m. @ High Rock Outfitters in Lexington

PTCOG is a membership organization of 34 local governments in Alamance, Caswell, Davidson, Guilford, Randolph and Rockingham counties. PTCOG provides planning, management, and technical services to member local governments and works with cities and counties on regional issues such as water quality and watershed protection. For more information, please visit our website at:

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