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# *Science & Policy for Clean Water in the Raritan River -- What's a TMDL?*

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*Tuesday, December 15*

7:00pm - 9:00pm  
Middlesex County Planning Office  
75 Bayard Street  
Lower Level, Conference Room C  
New Brunswick



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NJ's healthy waters goal is 'fishable and swimmable' streams and rivers. Many of NJ's waters are struggling, however, and the majority of them violate at least one clean water standard, placing them on NJ's list of impaired waters. This workshop will teach you about an important education and policy tool that the State of NJ has, and can implement more broadly, to address these clean water impairments.

Frequent causes of water impairment in NJ include pollutants such as phosphorous, E. coli, suspended solids, pH extremes, and low levels of dissolved oxygen. When pollution leads to stream impairment, the State must limit additional pollution into those water bodies.

The State is required by federal law to reduce both point and nonpoint pollution by establishing a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for impaired waters. The process of setting TMDLs is complex, politically challenging, and has been very slow to

materialize in the Raritan and other watersheds. Active and engaged support from environmental commissions is critical to implementing TMDLs successfully and restoring our shared streams and rivers.

This workshop will present an overview of the TMDL program, progress in NJ, and the process of securing a TMDL for the Raritan watershed. Learn about the challenges and opportunities of the TMDL program, and how the Raritan Headwaters association and the newly-established Lower Raritan Watershed Partnership are collecting water monitoring and assessment data to focus attention on water quality problems and solutions in the Raritan.

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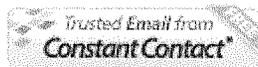
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