

Public hearing set for May River 'action plan'

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A public hearing on Bluffton's draft May River Watershed Action Plan, a far-reaching proposal to fix pollution that closed shellfishing in the headwaters, is set for 6 p.m. Sept. 22 in the town's Law Enforcement Center in Buckwalter Place.

The session, on a Thursday, will be in the training room of the police station at 101 Progressive St., near CareCore National LLC headquarters, and is scheduled to last two hours. The Town Hall auditorium was unavailable.

The "action plan" is an initiative by Town Council to reduce the increased fecal coliform levels in the May River, said Kim Jones, town natural resources administrator.

"It includes restoration projects and preventative policies intended to return shellfish harvesting to the headwaters of the May River. Town staff has worked with consultants from Amec, The Center for Watershed Protection, Ward Edwards and Thomas & Hutton to create the draft document which has recently been under review," she said.

Ron Bullman, Stormwater Management Division director, noted the plan has been posted on the town's website for public review and comments since July.

"Recently, both the Water Quality Technical Advisory Committee and the May River Waterbody Management Plan Implementation Committee had public meetings that produced valuable input which is being incorporated into the plan," he said. "This latest meeting is another opportunity for greater Bluffton residents to learn more about the plan's proposed projects and policies."

Steps after the public hearing will include an informational presentation to the Planning Commission at its 6 p.m. Sept. 28 meeting at Town Hall. The plan will be presented to the Town Council for proposed adoption at its 6 p.m. Oct. 11 meeting.

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