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## Public Meeting Announcement May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009 Draft Total Phosphorus TMDL for White Island Pond, Plymouth/Wareham MA.

The Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) is announcing that the Draft Total Phosphorus Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Report <u>MA95166-2009-1</u> <u>CN 330.0</u>, for both East and West White Island Pond in the Buzzards Bay watershed is available for public comment. The pond is located in the towns of Plymouth and Wareham. This Draft TMDL Report is required by the EPA Federal Clean Water Act section 303d and is directed at control of excessive algae and weeds which impair uses in White Island Pond, including swimming, and aquatic life. A TMDL is essentially a "pollution budget" designed to restore the health of an impaired waterbody. A copy of this Draft TMDL Report, a complete listing of all lakes, rivers and coastal waters on the Massachusetts Impaired Waters (303d) list and further explanation of the TMDL Program will be available on MassDEP's website at <u>http://www.mass.gov/dep/water/resources/tmdls.htm</u>

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection will hold a public meeting on Thursday, May 7, 2009 from 6pm – 8:00pm in the Mayflower Room, 1st Floor, Plymouth Town Hall, and Plymouth MA, to discuss and respond to any public comments on the report. Directions: At intersection of Main Street. (3A) turn onto Lincoln Street and the Town Hall is on the right. Based on the comments received, the Draft Report will be rewritten and the final version sent to EPA for approval. All comments should refer to the report number cited above and must be received by 5:00 pm on May 22, 2009. Comments should be mailed to:

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