

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION  
PUBLIC ADVISORY  
WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH

November 9, 2015  
Advisory Issue Date

Chatham County  
City / County

December 9, 2015  
Advisory Close Date

BV-025-15-05  
Control Number

Causton Bluff Owners Association, Inc. – Dike Reconstruction  
(Piper's Pond Lane and St. Augustine Bend, Savannah, GA 31404)  
Activity

This advisory is issued to inform the public of a receipt of an Application for a variance submitted pursuant to a state environmental Law. The public is invited to comment during the 30-day period on the proposed activity. Since the EPD has no authority to zone property or determine land use, only those comments addressing environmental issues related to air, water, and land protection will be considered in the application review process. Written comments should be submitted to: Program Manager, NonPoint Source Program, Erosion and Sedimentation Control, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SW, Suite 1462, Atlanta, Georgia 30334.

Type of PermitApplication: Variance to encroach within the 25-foot State waters buffer.

Applicable Law: Georgia Erosion and Sedimentation Act O.C.G.A. 12-7-1 et seq.

Applicable Rules: Erosion and Sedimentation Control Chapter 391-3-7

Basis under which variance shall be considered {391-3-7.05 (2)(a-k)}: (a)

Description and Location of Proposed Activity:

The proposed project involves the reconstruction of an *existing* breached earthen dike in the Causton Bluff community located along the Wilmington River in Chatham County. This project will consist of raising the elevation of the *existing* earthen dike and installing a *new* non-erodible control and overflow structure to prevent tidal and storm surge erosion and to regulate the pool elevation of the community lagoon (i.e., stormwater management pond). The buffer will be restored to a naturally vegetated state to the extent practicable. Activities will result in permanent buffer impacts to 865 linear feet total (22,420 square feet total) along the community lagoon and coastal marshlands adjacent to the Wilmington River in the *Lower Savannah Watershed*.

Name and Address of Permit Applicant:

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Summary of Rules Requirements for Variance Application:

The application for a variance must include an approved Erosion and Sediment Control Plan with control measures based on sound conservation and engineering practices which meet or exceed the standards in the "Manual for Erosion and Sediment Control in Georgia" and which will minimize erosion and deposition of sediments on adjacent lands or into State waters.

For Additional Information Contact:

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