

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION
PUBLIC ADVISORY
WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH

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Advisory Issue Date

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April 4, 2016
Advisory Close Date

BV-029-15-03
Control Number

Barnett Shoals Basin Interceptor Project – Sewer Line Maintenance
Athens-Clarke County Unified Government, Public Utilities Department
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 Permit Application: 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)}: (d)

Description and Location of Proposed Activity:

The proposed project involves replacing 6,139 linear feet of *existing* gravity sewer lines with 30" Ø ductile iron pipe (DIP) along Carr Creek and the North Oconee River west of the intersection of Carriage Lane and Barnett Shoals Road in Athens. All disturbed areas will be returned to original grades and stabilized with mulching and permanent vegetation and all open-cut trenches will be backfilled and restored to current existing conditions to the extent practicable. The proposed project will result in 1,618 linear feet total (40,450 square feet total) of temporary buffer disturbances along Carr Creek and the North Oconee River in the *Upper Oconee 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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