

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION
PUBLIC ADVISORY
WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH

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November 25, 2015
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Lincoln County
City/County
BV-090-15-02
Control Number

GDOT Project
PI #0010413
Bridge Replacement on SR 43/US 378 over Soap Creek
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 MLK Jr. Dr. S.W., 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)}: a

Description and Location of Proposed Activity:

Application proposes to impact 729 linear feet (40,903 square feet) of stream buffer to one perennial stream (an unnamed tributary to Soap Creek) and one open water (Soap Creek) for the replacement of an existing bridge on SR 43 at Soap Creek. Disturbance activities will consist of placement of fill associated with the realignment of the bridge and bridge approaches. Project on SR 43/US 378 is located 4 miles northeast of the City of Lincolnton, GA in Lincoln County.

Name and Address of Permit Applicant:

Ms. Hiral Patel
Georgia Department of Transportation
Office of Environmental Services
600 W. Peachtree Street, NW, 16th Floor
Atlanta, Georgia 30308

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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