

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION
PUBLIC ADVISORY
WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH

October 25, 2016
Advisory Issue Date

Newton County
City/County

November 25, 2016
Advisory Close Date

BV-107-16-02
Control Number

GDOT Project
PI #s 231630/231635
SR 12/US 278 Covington Bypass/Alcovy and Overflow Bridge Replacement/Roundabout Intersection
Improvements
Activity

This notice 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. Site Plans are immediately available for review and are located in the following EPD office: Watershed Protection Branch 200 Piedmont Avenue, S.W. Suite 418 West Atlanta, Georgia 30334. Please contact Ms. Thais Edwards at (404) 463-2387 or e-mail thais.edwards@dnr.ga.gov to schedule an appointment to review the plans. 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., SW Suite 1462 East, 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), (h) and (k)(2)

Description and Location of Proposed Activity:

Application proposes to impact 235 linear feet (5,771 square feet) of stream buffer to Perennial Stream 6, Perennial Stream 8, Open Water 7 and unnamed tributaries to the Alcovy River within the Ocmulgee River watershed for improvements to SR 12/US 278. The project proposes to widen SR 12/US 278 and includes two bridge replacements and two intersections improvements. Disturbance activities will consist of clearing and grading, stream channel construction, and installation of BMPs within the buffer. Project on SR 12/US 278 begins at the intersection of Dr. MLK Jr. Ave and ends at the intersection of Deerfield Road in the City of Covington in Newton County.

Name and Address of Permit Applicant:

Mr. Eric Duff
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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