ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION PUBLIC NOTICE WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH

December 17, 2019
Advisory Issue Date
Lumpkin County
City/County

<u>January 17, 2019</u> Advisory Close Date <u>TSV-093-19-01</u> Control Number

GDOT Project PI # 0009949 State Route 9 at State Route 52 Intersection Improvements

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 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. Arnettia Murphy at (404) 656-4157 or e-mail arnettia.murphy@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 50-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 would impact Perennial Stream (PS) 1, Intermittent Stream (IS) 3, Ephemeral Channel (EC) 5, and IS 6. The project would impact 15,497 square feet/481 linear feet of the 50-foot state mandated buffer within the Etowah River Watershed. Disturbance activities will consist of placement of fill and rip rap, clearing for construction access, and placement of silt fence for erosion, sediment, and pollution control measures [best management practices (BMPs)] along with orange barrier fence (OBF).

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: Brett S. Toney

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