

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH

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Milledgeville / Baldwin County  
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Control Number

Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) Project P.I. No. 0010712  
Oconee River Greenway and Riverwalk at Fishing Creek – Phase III – STREAMBANK RESTORATION  
(Flagg Chapel Lane / West Franklin Street, Milledgeville, GA 31061)

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 available for review and are located in the following EPD office: Watershed Protection Branch, 200 Piedmont Avenue SW, Suite 418 West, Atlanta, GA 30334. Please contact Ms. Arnettia Murphy at (404) 656-4147 or email [arnettia.murphy@dnr.ga.gov](mailto: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 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SW, Suite 1462 East, Atlanta, GA 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)}: (b)

Description and Location of Proposed Activity:

The proposed mitigation for the Oconee River Greenway and Riverwalk at Fishing Creek trail extension project will consist of planting multi-trophic, native riparian vegetation (including Red Chokeberry and Winterberry) and native riparian grass seed mix as per GDOT Standard Specification 700 along Fishing Creek in Milledgeville. The proposed streambank restoration project will result in approximately 1,215 linear feet total (12,160 square feet total) of buffer impacts along Fishing Creek, a perennial stream, in the *Lower Oconee Watershed*.

Name and Address of Permit Applicant: Marion Nelson, Chairman  
Oconee River Greenway Authority  
201 E Greene Street / GMC Box 150  
Milledgeville, GA 30161

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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