

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION
PUBLIC NOTICE
WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH

August 7, 2020
Notice Issue Date

Winder / Barrow County
City / County

September 8, 2020
Notice Close Date

BV-007-20-04
Control Number

City of Winder and PATH Foundation
Winder to Fort Yargo State Park – Connector Trail
(Lee Street – Fargo Yargo State Park Visitor’s Center, Winder, GA 30680)
(GPS Coordinates: 33.979235, -83.733377 / 33.987525, -83.725529)

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 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)}: (a)

Description and Location of Proposed Activity:

The proposed project will consist of removing an existing asphalt trail and constructing a new 10-ft wide concrete trail for approximately 5,000 linear feet from Lee Street in the City of Winder to Fort Yargo State Park. Mitigation for the permanent buffer impacts will consist of removing all non-native invasive plant species along the proposed trail and planting native riparian trees and shrubs within the buffer (approximately 3,540 square feet total – including Red Maple, Loblolly Pine, Smooth Alder, Silky and Flowering Dogwoods, American Elder, Possumhaw, Northern Spicebush and Buttonbush. The proposed project will result in approximately 260 linear feet total (2,600 square feet total) of buffer disturbances along an unnamed perennial stream, a tributary to Fort Yargo Lake in the Upper Oconee Watershed.

Name and Address of Permit Applicant: David Maynard, Mayor, City of Winder
Winder City Hall
25 East Midland Avenue
Winder, GA 30680

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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NonPoint Source Program
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