

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION
PUBLIC NOTICE
WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH

December 9, 2021
Notice Issue Date

Winder / Barrow County
City / County

January 10, 2022
Notice Close Date

BV-007-21-02
Control Number

Fort Yargo State Park
Pedestrian Bridge with Observation Platform and Connecting Boardwalks and Access Trails
(GPS Coordinates: 33.977794, -83.733823)

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 (470) 607-2940 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)}: (b) and (f)

Description and Location of Proposed Activity:

The proposed project will consist of constructing a new timber bridge across Fort Yargo Lake with an observation platform and connecting boardwalks and access trails (both concrete and gravel) within Fort Yargo State Park in Winder. Mitigation for the permanent buffer impacts will include removing all non-native, invasive plant species and planting native, riparian shrubs (including *Buckeye*, *Beautyberry*, *Sweetshrub*, *Hummingbird Summersweet*, *Henry's Garnet Sweetspire* and *Winged Sumac*) along the proposed boardwalks. The proposed project will result in 525 linear feet total (approximately 6,069 square feet total) of buffer disturbances along Fort Yargo Lake, a tributary to Marburg Creek in the *Upper Oconee Watershed*.

Name and Address of Permit Applicant: Brent Vendola
Office of Engineering and Construction Services
Georgia Department of Natural Resources
2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SW, Suite 1352 East Tower
Atlanta, GA 30334

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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