

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION
PUBLIC NOTICE
WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH

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Notice Issue Date

Cartersville / Bartow County
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August 13, 2021
Notice Close Date

BV-008-21-01
Control Number

City of Cartersville
Douthit Ferry Boat Launch and Viewing Area
Sam Smith Park – Etowah River
Douthit Ferry Road, Cartersville, GA 30120
(GPS Coordinates: 34.122528, -84.827015)

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) and (f)

Description and Location of Proposed Activity:

The proposed project will consist of constructing a new concrete boat ramp with steps and a timber canoe slide (with riprap and geotextile matting with permanent vegetation adjacent to the boat ramp) and new parking and viewing areas along the Etowah River in Cartersville. Mitigation for the permanent buffer impacts will consist of permanent vegetation (including *Broomsedge Bluestem* and *Eastern Daisy*) along the proposed boat ramp and viewing area along the Etowah River. In addition, enhanced dry swales will be installed along the perimeter of the access road and parking area in Sam Smith Park. The proposed project will result in approximately 235 linear feet total (5,117 square feet total) of buffer impacts along the Etowah River in the *Etowah Watershed*.

Name and Address of Permit Applicant: Dan Porta
City Manager, City of Cartersville
1 N Erwin Street
Cartersville, GA 30120

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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