

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION
PUBLIC NOTICE
WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH

December 19, 2025
Notice Issue Date

Cartersville / Bartow County
City / County

January 19, 2026
Notice Close Date

BV-008-25-05
Control Number

Westside Feeder Water Main
(GPS Coordinates: 34.1523, -84.8256)

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 File Room, 2 MLK Jr. Drive, SW, West Tower, Balcony, Suite 418, Atlanta, GA 30334. Please contact GORArequest.Water@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. Comments may be submitted via e-mail to: EPDcomments@dnr.ga.gov. Comments may also be provided in writing to: Program Manager, Nonpoint Source Program, Erosion and Sedimentation Control, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SW, Suite 1452 East, Atlanta, GA 30334. The words "Buffer Variance Comment", including the Control Number shown above, should be placed in the e-mail subject line (if sent via e-mail) or on the top of the first page of written comments to ensure that your comments will be forwarded to the appropriate staff.

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)}: (d)

Description and Location of Proposed Activity:

The proposed project features installation of a water transmission pipe to complete a water transmission loop through the city of Cartersville and Bartow County. The project will span from West Avenue and Burnt Hickory Road to Cassville Road and Mac Johnson Road. Land disturbing activities for this project include excavation, pipe installation, stabilization practices, and revegetation practices. Encroachments total 8,890 square feet along 194 linear feet within the buffers of Petit Creek, Nancy Creek, and an unnamed tributary of Nancy Creek. Disturbance locations are within the Etowah Watershed (03150104).

Name and Address of Permit Applicant: J. Sidney Forsyth
City of Cartersville Water Department
148 Walnut Grove Road SE
Cartersville, GA 30120

Summary of Rules Requirements for Variance Application:

The application for a variance must include an 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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