

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION
PUBLIC NOTICE
WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH

August 26, 2022
Notice Issue Date

Bryan County
City / County

September 26, 2022
Notice Close Date

BV-015-22-01
Control Number

Bryan County Mega Site
(GPS Coordinates: 32.164165, -81.450411)

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 1452 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)}: (h)

Description and Location of Proposed Activity:

The proposed project involves buffer encroachments necessary to construct an electric vehicle, original equipment manufacturing facility. The site will accommodate vehicle production, product testing, battery cell production, distribution, training, employee services and associated infrastructure. The project will be located on a 2,541.25-acre site located in the southeast quadrant of the Interstate 16 and Highway 280 intersection in Bryan County. The project will require 1,660 acres of disturbance including permanent impacts (pipe/fill) to 3,363 linear feet (166,834.8 square feet) of buffer along three unnamed tributaries to Black Creek in the Lower Ogeechee Watershed (03060202).

Name and Address of Permit Applicants: Mr. Pat Wilson
Georgia Department of Economic Development
Technology Square, 75 Fifth Street, NW
Suite 1200
Atlanta, GA 30308

Mr. Hugh Tollison
Savannah Harbor-Interstate 16 Corridor
Joint Development Authority
906 Drayton Street
Savannah, GA 31401

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: Michael Berry, Manager
EPD Watershed Protection Branch
Nonpoint Source Program
Erosion and Sedimentation Unit
2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SW, Suite 1452 East
Atlanta, GA 30334
Telephone: (470) 524-4621