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Mr. Eric Duff  
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Office of Environmental Services  
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Atlanta, Georgia 30308  
**Attention: Diana Gu**

Re: GDOT Project PI # 0006700  
Effingham Parkway from County Road 156/Blue Jay Road to State Route 30  
Chatham & Effingham Counties  
BV-025-19-02 Extension

Dear Mr. Duff:

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) has received your letter dated October 16, 2024, requesting a buffer variance time extension for the above referenced project. The authorization of BV-025-19-02 is set to expire on December 6, 2024. As per DNR Rule 391-3-7-.05(8), a buffer variance time extension may be granted for a period of up to five years.

This extension to a previously approved buffer variance will not affect the project's original concept, does not change the amount of buffer encroachments and is only an extension of the proposed expiration date. ***Buffer impacts authorized by the original variance must be completed within five years of the date of this letter. A buffer variance time extension may be issued only once.*** Conditions 1-5 specified in the attached December 6, 2019 approval remain in effect.

You remain obligated and responsible for complying with the provisions of any other law or regulations of any federal, local or additional State authority; however, the aforementioned are not obligated to permit this project if they do not concur with its concept of development/control.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Jonathan Calabria-Russell, Environmental Compliance Specialist, Erosion and Sedimentation Control Unit, Nonpoint Source Program, at (470) 512-9182.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey W. Cown  
Director

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