

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION
PUBLIC NOTICE
WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH

April 27, 2020
Notice Issue Date

Athens-Clarke County
City / County

May 27, 2020
Notice Close Date

BV-029-19-02
Control Number

Residential Streambank Stabilization – Kingswood Branch / McNutt Creek
125 Queens Road, Athens, GA 30606
(GPS Coordinates: 33.93077, -83.45286)

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)

Description and Location of Proposed Activity:

Stormwater runoff has caused severe streambank erosion and loss of property along Queens Road in Athens-Clarke County. The proposed streambank stabilization project will consist of grading the streambanks to a more stable slope and integrated bio-engineering practices (including vegetated rock gabions and joint planting (vegetated riprap) with native riparian live stakes (cuttings) such as *Silky Dogwood*, *Red Osier Dogwood*, *Arrowwood*, *Black Willow* and *Pussy Willow*). The proposed streambank stabilization project will result in approximately 110 linear feet total (2,950 square feet total) of buffer disturbances along an unnamed perennial stream, a tributary to Kingswood Branch and McNutt Creek in the *Upper Oconee Watershed*.

Name and Address of Permit Applicant: Mr. and Mrs. Michael Newsom
125 Queens Road
Athens, GA 30606

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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