

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH

March 10, 2021  
Notice Issue Date

Athens-Clarke County  
City / County

April 9, 2021  
Notice Close Date

BV-029-20-05  
Control Number

Towns Walk Homeowners Association, Inc.  
Stormwater Remediation and Stream Restoration – Unnamed Tributary to McNutt Creek  
Township Lane, Athens, GA 30606  
(GPS Coordinates: 33.922104, -83.413476)

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](mailto: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:

The proposed project will consist of constructing a Regenerative Stormwater Conveyance (RSC) System upgradient of an unnamed tributary to McNutt Creek along Township Lane in Athens-Clarke County. The proposed RSC System will redirect the existing stormwater discharge through a sediment forebay and then through cascade and riffle sections providing energy dissipation, temporary ponding and infiltration (including TSS pollutant removal). The proposed stream restoration will consist of realigning the unnamed tributary to McNutt Creek (i.e., installing constructed riffles, log steps and meander pools with brush toe), grading the streambanks to a more stable slope and planting permanent vegetation (including Red Maple, American Hornbeam, Tulip Poplar, Southern Red Oak, Spicebush, Arrowwood Viburnum, Weeping Lovegrass and native riparian seed mix). The proposed project will result in buffer impacts to approximately 254 linear feet total (21,708 square feet total) of buffer disturbances along an unnamed tributary to McNutt Creek in the Upper Oconee Watershed.

Name and Address of Permit Applicant: Mr. Tino Johnson  
President, Towns Walk Homeowners Association, Inc.  
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Loganville, GA 30052

Richard McGuirt  
Wilson Construction Management, LLC  
4104 W White Road  
Oakwood, GA 30566

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: Frank M. Carubba, Environmental Engineer  
EPD Watershed Protection Branch  
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