

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH

June 23, 2022  
Notice Issue Date

Athens/Clarke County  
City/County

July 22, 2022  
Notice Close Date

BV-029-22-02  
Control Number

North Oconee River Greenway Extension  
(GPS Coordinates: 33.354122, -83.3587664)

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)}: f

Description and Location of Proposed Activity:

The applicant proposes to impact 1,209 linear feet (16,033 square feet) of stream buffer along the North Oconee River, Carr's Creek and an unnamed tributary to Carr's Creek. The trail is to be an extension, 12 feet wide paved with porous concrete, connecting the existing Greenway along the North Oconee River with an additional trail section connecting to Carriage Lane along existing sanitary sewer maintenance easement. Permanent buffer impacts will be mitigated by replanting 1,840 square feet with native riparian vegetation. The proposed project, planned for 9 months, is located in the Upper Oconee Watershed (03070101).

Name and Address of Permit Applicant: Mr. Derek Doster  
SPLOST Project Administrator  
Athens-Clarke County  
301 College Avenue, Suite 101.  
Athens, Georgia 30601

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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