

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION
PUBLIC NOTICE
WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH

March 24, 2020
Notice Issue Date

Columbia County
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April 23, 2020
Notice Close Date

BV-036-20-02
Control Number

Columbia County – Crawford Creek Sewer Trunkline – Phase II
Oakley Pirkle Road, Evans, GA 30907 – I-20 / Carl Sanders Highway, Grovetown, GA 30813
(GPS Coordinates: 33.4970, -82.1541 / 33.4796, -82.1432)

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)}: (d)

Description and Location of Proposed Activity:

The proposed project will consist of abandoning the existing vitrified clay pipe (VCP) sewer trunkline and nonviable manholes and installing approximately 7,750 linear feet of 12" - 15" Ø PVC sewer lines and new manholes along Crawford Creek from Oakley Pirkle Road to I-20 / Carl Sanders Highway in Columbia County. All disturbed areas will be returned to original grade and stabilized with mulching and permanent vegetation and all open-cut trenches will be backfilled and restored to current conditions to the extent practicable. The proposed project will result in approximately 3,455 linear feet total (62,482 square feet total) of buffer disturbances along two unnamed tributaries to Crawford Creek, Oak Lake and Crawford Creek in the *Middle Savannah Watershed*.

Name and Address of Permit Applicant: James Bush, Engineering and Inspection Manager
Columbia County Water Utility Department
P.O. Box 960
Grovetown, GA 30813

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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2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SW, Suite 1462 East
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