ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH  

March 31, 2022  
Advisory Issue Date  
Evans County  
City/County  

April 29, 2022  
Advisory Close Date  
BV-054-22-01  
Control Number  

Bridge Replacement on State Route 169 over the Canoochee River  
(GPS Coordinates: 32.202536, -81.953602)  

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, S.W. Suite 418 West Atlanta, Georgia 30334. Please contact Ms. Arnettia Murphy at (404) 656-4157 or e-mail 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 MLK Jr., Dr., SW Suite 1462 East, Atlanta, Georgia 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 impact the buffer of Open Water (OW) 7. The project will replace the existing State Route (SR) 169 bridge over the Canoochee River in Evans County. The project will impact the state mandated 25-ft buffer within the Canoochee River watershed (HUC 03060203). The disturbance will cover 1,672 square feet and include clearing for the construction of a roadside drainage ditch and the installation of Best Management Practices (BMPs).  

Name and Address of Permit Applicant: Mr. Eric Duff  
Georgia Department of Transportation  
Office of Environmental Services  
600 W. Peachtree Street, NW, 16th Floor  
Atlanta, Georgia 30308  

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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