

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION
PUBLIC NOTICE
WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH

August 31, 2020
Notice Issue Date

Rome / Floyd County
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September 30, 2020
Notice Close Date

BV-057-20-01
Control Number

GE Rome HC-7 Soil Removal and Streambank Restoration – Horseleg Creek
Castle Wood Drive SW – Burnett Ferry Road SW, Rome, GA 30165
(GPS Coordinates: 34.26559, -85.22281)

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)}: (b)

Description and Location of Proposed Activity:

The proposed remediation activities include the excavation and off-site disposal of shallow soils along Horseleg Creek (Location HC-7) in Rome containing Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs). The excavation areas will be restored to the pre-excavation grades and the streambanks will be graded to a more stable slope (typically 2H:1V – 3H:1V) to the extent practicable. Streambank restoration activities will consist of soil bio-engineering systems and integrated bio-engineering practices (including live staking and joint planting (vegetated riprap) with *Black Willow* and *Silky Dogwood* live stake cuttings) and imbricated riprap. All disturbed areas will be planted with native riparian vegetation (including *Boxelder*, *Sweetgum*, *Sycamore*, *Water Oak* and *Hackberry* shrubs and trees and grasses). This project will result in buffer impacts to approximately 1,996 linear feet total (11,761 square feet total) along Horseleg Creek in the *Upper Coosa Watershed*.

Name and Address of Permit Applicant: Mr. Cody Platt, GE Rome Facility Manager
General Electric Company
1935 Redmond Circle NW
Rome, GA 30165

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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