

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH

June 15, 2020  
Notice Issue Date

Floyd County  
City / County

July 15, 2020  
Notice Close Date

BV-057-20-02  
Control Number

Berry College Reservoir – Category I Dam – Modifications  
Richmond Gap Road, Mount Berry, GA 30149  
(GPS Coordinates: 34.32539, -85.26379)

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 Berry College Reservoir is located along Richmond Gap Road in Floyd County and serves as the water supply for Berry College. To ensure compliance with the *Georgia Safe Dams Act*, the proposed modifications will consist of extending the embankment of the existing dam into Beech Creek, extending the existing spillway tunnel and raw water main tunnel, installing a new filter drain / diaphragm and constructing a new plunge pool. All disturbed areas will be stabilized with permanent vegetation. The proposed project will result in buffer impacts to approximately 95 linear feet total (4,486 square feet total) along Beech Creek in the *Middle Coosa Watershed*.

Name and Address of Permit Applicant: Mark S. Hopkins, Director of Physical Plant  
Berry College  
2277 Martha Berry Highway  
P.O. Box 490339  
Mount Berry, GA 30149

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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