

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH

January 25, 2021  
Notice Issue Date

Rome / Floyd County  
City / County

February 24, 2021  
Notice Close Date

BV-057-20-03  
Control Number

Unity Point – Canoe / Kayak Launch – Etowah River  
Heritage Park Trail, Rome, GA 30161  
(GPS Coordinates: 34.2532, -85.1765)

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 proposed project will consist of constructing a new canoe / kayak launch with access steps on the Etowah River along Heritage Park Trail at Unity Point in Rome. Mitigation for the permanent buffer impacts will include joint plantings with Buttonbush, Elderberry and Silky Dogwood live stake cuttings along the Etowah River adjacent to the proposed canoe / kayak launch. Construction activities will result in approximately 24 linear feet total (510 square feet total) of buffer disturbances along the Etowah River the *Etowah Watershed*.

Name and Address of Permit Applicant: Chris Jenkins, Director  
City of Rome Public Works Division  
200 Vaughn Road  
P.O. Box 1433  
Rome, GA 30162-1433

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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NonPoint Source Program  
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