

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION
PUBLIC NOTICE
WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH

January 27, 2021
Notice Issue Date

Rome / Floyd County
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February 26, 2021
Notice Close Date

BV-057-20-04
Control Number

Unity Point – Oostanaula River – Streambank Stabilization
Downtown Riverfront Trail, Rome, GA 30161
(GPS Coordinates: 34.2538, -85.1761)

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)}: (a)

Description and Location of Proposed Activity:

A discrete storm event in 2018 has resulted in continued streambank erosion of the Oostanaula River along the Downtown Riverfront Trail between Heritage Park Trail and N 2nd Avenue at Unity Point in Rome. The proposed streambank stabilization project will consist of grading the eroding streambank to a more stable slope and integrated bio-engineering practices (including joint planting (i.e., vegetated riprap) with *Black Willow*, *American Elder* and *Smooth Alder* live stake cuttings). This project will result in approximately 157 linear feet total (3,925 square feet total) of buffer disturbances along the Oostanaula River in the *Oostanaula 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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