

## **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION**

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Feb 21, 2025

Mr. Joseph Rigdon City of Atlanta, Department of Watershed Management Office of Watershed Protection 72 Marietta Street NW, 8th Floor Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Re: Buffer Variance (BV-060-19-19)—TIME EXTENSION

Greensferry Stream and Floodplain Restoration Project

Atlanta, Fulton County

Dear Mr. Rigdon:

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) has received your letter dated February 13, 2025 requesting a buffer variance time extension for the above referenced project. The authorization of BV-060-19-19 is set to expire on April 30, 2025. As per DNR Rule 391-3-7-.05(8), a buffer variance time extension may be granted for a period of up to five years.

This extension to a previously approved buffer variance will not affect the project's original concept, does not change the amount of buffer encroachments and is only an extension of the proposed expiration date. Buffer impacts authorized by the original variance must be completed within five years of the date of this letter. A buffer variance time extension may be issued only once. Conditions 1-6 specified in the attached April 30, 2020 approval remain in effect.

You remain obligated and responsible for complying with the provisions of any other law or regulations of any federal, local or additional State authority; however, the aforementioned are not obligated to permit this project if they do not concur with its concept of development/control.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Brian Kent, Environmental Engineer, Erosion and Sedimentation Control Unit, Nonpoint Source Program, at (470) 521-1463.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey W. Cown

Director

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Attachment

cc: Andre Dickens, Mayor of Atlanta

Doug Shipman, Council President

Al Wiggins, Jr. Commissioner of Watershed Management Rose Connolly, Department of Watershed Management

David Bell, Jacobs

Jim Hakala, Wildlife Resources Division, Region 1 Fisheries Management

Robert Amos, Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission

Brian Boutelle, EPD Mountain District Manager