

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION
PUBLIC NOTICE
WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH

July 7, 2023
Notice Issue Date

Gordon County
City / County

August 7, 2023
Notice Close Date

BV-064-23-01
Control Number

Union Grove North Sewer Extension
(GPS Coordinates: 34.457043, -84.898764)

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 File Room, 2 MLK Jr. Drive, SW, West Tower, Balcony, Suite 418, Atlanta, GA 30334. Please contact GORArequest.Water@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. Comments may be submitted via e-mail to: EPDcomments@dnr.ga.gov. Comments may also be provided in writing to: Program Manager, Nonpoint Source Program, Erosion and Sedimentation Control, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SW, Suite 1452 East, Atlanta, GA 30334. The words “Buffer Variance Comment”, including the Control Number shown above, should be placed in the e-mail subject line (if sent via e-mail) or on the top of the first page of written comments to ensure that your comments will be forwarded to the appropriate staff.

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)}: (d)

Description and Location of Proposed Activity:

The proposed project involves continuation of an existing sewer system which parallels a tributary to Blackwood Creek, beginning near the confluence with Oothkalooga Creek. The project aims to provide sanitary sewer access to nearby properties and eliminate the need for future septic systems. Installation of the gravity sewer system and manholes will require 2.15 acres of disturbance including impacts to 480 linear feet (9,600 square feet) of buffer, which are unavoidable due to topography. The project lies within the Oostanaula Watershed (03150103) on the North side of S.R. 53 Business in Gordon County. Upon completion, the project area will be revegetated and restored to pre-developed conditions.

Name and Address of Permit Applicant: Mr. Kyle Ellis
City of Calhoun
P.O. Box 248
Calhoun, GA 30701

Summary of Rules Requirements for Variance Application:

The application for a variance must include an 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: Madison McCrary
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