

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION
PUBLIC NOTICE
WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH

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Hickory Drive CIP 665 Culvert Replacement Project
Streambank Stabilization and Restoration – Unnamed Tributary to Pounds Creek
Hickory Drive, Lilburn, GA 30047
(GPS Coordinates: 33.853123, -84.105635)

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) and (b)

Description and Location of Proposed Activity:

The Hickory Drive CIP 665 Culvert Replacement Project will consist of installing a new concrete box culvert aligned with an unnamed perennial stream crossing Hickory Drive in Gwinnett County. The proposed streambank stabilization and restoration activities downstream of the new culvert will consist of grading the eroding streambanks to create more stable streambank slopes, integrated bio-engineering practices (including coir fiber matting and live stake cuttings), channel re-alignment with a bankfull bench, constructed riffles, cross-vanes and step-pools, and native riparian vegetation (including Red Maple, Musclewood and Flowering Dogwood trees and American Beautyberry, Silky Dogwood, Sweetspire and Arrowwood shrubs). The streambank stabilization and restoration activities will result in approximately 109 linear feet total (6,439 square feet total) of buffer disturbances along an unnamed perennial stream, a tributary to Pounds Creek in the Upper Ocmulgee Watershed.

Name and Address of Permit Applicant: Tyler Richards
Director, Gwinnett County Department of Water Resource
684 Winder Highway
Lawrenceville, GA 30045

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: Frank M. Carubba, Environmental Engineer
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