ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION PUBLIC NOTICE WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH

October 7, 2021 Notice Issue Date

November 8, 2021 Notice Close Date Sugar Hill / Gwinnett County City / County

BV-067-21-11 Control Number

<u>Sugar Hill Greenway – Phase I</u> Whitehead Road / Suwanee Dam Road, Sugar Hill, GA 30518 (GPS Coordinates: 34.1010929, -84.0765353)

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 (470) 607-2940 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)}: (f)

Description and Location of Proposed Activity:

The proposed project will consist of constructing a recreational, multi-use trail and related amenities (including parking) beginning at Whitehead Road for approximately 4.45 miles to West Broad Street and Level Creek Road in Sugar Hill. Mitigation for the permanent buffer impacts will consist of planting multi-trophic, native riparian vegetation along the Sugar Hill Greenway near Whitehead Road and Suwanee Dam Road (approximately 4,280 square feet total). The proposed project will result in approximately 233 linear feet (4,184 square feet) of buffer disturbances along an unnamed perennial stream, a tributary to Level Creek in the *Upper Chattahoochee Watershed*.

Name and Address of Permit Applicant: Troy Besseche, Assistant City Manager City of Sugar Hill 5039 West Broad Street Sugar Hill, GA 30518 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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