

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION
PUBLIC NOTICE
WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH

October 11, 2023
Notice Issue Date

Gwinnett County
City / County

November 10, 2023
Notice Close Date

BV-067-23-09
Control Number

Buford Highway Pipe Replacement
(GPS Coordinates: 34.0279, -84.0948)

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 pipe restoration plans involve replacement of an aging water distribution system along Buford Highway. The project will increase the size, volumetric capacity, and subsequent output of the water distribution pipe within Gwinnett County. Land disturbing activities involve open-cut trenching, line installation, and BMPs, accounting for impacts to 284.75 linear feet (2,773 square feet) of buffer associated with an unnamed tributary of Bennett Creek. The project is located within the Upper Chattahoochee Watershed (03130001) and impacted areas will be restored to the extent practicable upon completion of the project.

Name and Address of Permit Applicant: Mr. Michael Efeyini
Gwinnett County Department of Water Resources
684 Winder Highway
Lawrenceville, GA 30045

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:

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