

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION
PUBLIC NOTICE
WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH

January 21, 2026
Notice Issue Date

Gwinnett County
City / County

March 2, 2026
Notice Close Date

BV-067-25-14
Control Number

Norcross Greenway
(GPS Coordinates: 33.9337, -84.2014)

Due to technical difficulties with EPDs Public Notice website this Buffer Variance Public Notice has been extended 10 days and will close on March 2, 2026

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)}: (f)

Description and Location of Proposed Activity:

The proposed project intends to provide passive recreational components through the city of Norcross, Gwinnett County. The multi-use trail and appurtenances will connect Mitchell Road to an existing trail in Pinnacle Park and Mitchell Road from Price Place to Station Circle, to Beaver Ruin Road. Land disturbing activities include clearing, grubbing, bridge footing and fill placement, revegetation practices, and necessary BMPs. Encroachments necessary for this project total 1,846 square feet along 117 linear feet of buffer associated with Beaver Ruin Creek and unnamed tributaries of Beaver Ruin Creek. This project is within the Upper Ocmulgee Watershed (03070103).

Name and Address of Permit Applicant: Amir Mahfoozpour
City of Norcross
65 Lawrenceville Street NW
Norcross, GA 30071

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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