

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION
PUBLIC NOTICE
WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH

February 10, 2021
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March 12, 2021
Notice Close Date

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Control Number

City of Gainesville – Department of Water Resources
Palmour Stormwater Management Ponds – Rehabilitation and Maintenance Project
Palmour Drive, Gainesville, GA 30501
(GPS Coordinates: 34.2670765, -83.8253127)

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. Arnetia 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)

Description and Location of Proposed Activity:

The existing stormwater management ponds are located along Palmour Drive near the Lee Gilmer Memorial Airport in Gainesville. The proposed project will consist of removing all inappropriate vegetation from both stormwater management ponds and then dredging and re-grading the stormwater management ponds and installing new outlet control structures with stone filters and trash racks, emergency spillways with riprap outfall channels, and additional riprap storm drain outlet protection. All disturbed areas will be stabilized with permanent vegetation (including wetland plantings – *Common Rush*, *Broadleaf Arrowhead* and *Sandswamp Whitetop*). This project will result in approximately 536 linear feet total (18,382 square feet total) of buffer disturbances along two unnamed perennial streams, tributaries to Walnut Creek, and along Walnut Creek in the *Upper Oconee Watershed*.

Name and Address of Permit Applicant: Corey Jones, Stormwater Program Civil Engineer
City of Gainesville Department of Water Resources
757 Queen City Parkway SW
Gainesville, GA 30501

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
EPD Watershed Protection Branch
NonPoint Source Program
2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SW, Suite 1462 East
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