

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH

February 14, 2020  
Notice Issue Date

Braselton, Hall County  
City / County

March 16, 2020  
Notice Close Date

BV-078-19-03  
Control Number

Town of Braselton – Mulberry River – Stream Restoration and Streambank Stabilization  
(6317 / 6321 Marcelina Court, Braselton, GA 30517)

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](mailto: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)}: (b)

Description and Location of Proposed Activity:

Stormwater runoff has caused severe streambank erosion along an unnamed ephemeral drainage feature between Marcelina Court and the confluence with the Mulberry River in Braselton. The proposed stream restoration and streambank stabilization project will consist of realigning the ephemeral drainage feature (i.e., constructing bankfull benches, installing rock j-hooks and cross vanes, constructed riffles and a plunge pool), grading the streambanks along the ephemeral drainage feature and the Mulberry River to a more stable slope (2H:1V) and live staking along the bankfull benches and terraces (including *Black Willow*, *Silky Dogwood*, *Tag Alder* and *Elderberry* with native riparian seed mix). This project will result in approximately 172 linear feet total (4,956 square feet total) of buffer impacts along the Mulberry River in the *Upper Oconee Watershed*.

Name and Address of Permit Applicant: Sandy Weinel, Director  
Capital Projects Department, Town of Braselton  
4982 Highway 53  
Braselton, GA 30517

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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