

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION
PUBLIC NOTICE
WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH

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Notice Issue Date

Braselton / Barrow and Jackson Counties
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Control Number

Town of Braselton – Mulberry River – Stream Restoration and Streambank Stabilization
Silk Tree Pointe / Liberty Church Road, Braselton, GA 30517
(GPS Coordinates: 34.118969, -83.812746)

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 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:

Continued streambank erosion along the Mulberry River will eventually impact existing drinking water supply wells and utility easements located between Silk Tree Pointe and Liberty Church Road in Braselton. The proposed stream restoration and streambank stabilization project will consist of realigning the Mulberry River (i.e., constructing bankfull benches, installing log and rock j-hooks, sill logs, toe wood, log deflectors and constructed riffles), grading the streambanks along the Mulberry River to a more stable slope and live staking and plantings along the bankfull benches and terraces (including *Black Willow*, *Silky Dogwood*, *Tag Alder*, *Elderberry*, *Water Oak*, *River Birch* and *Red Maple* with native riparian seed mix). This project will result in approximately 5,254 linear feet total (523,157 square feet total) of buffer impacts along the Mulberry River in the *Upper Oconee Watershed*.

Name and Address of Permit Applicant: Jennifer Scott, Town Manager and Clerk
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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