

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION
PUBLIC NOTICE
WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH

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Miller County
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November 4, 2019
Notice Close Date

BV-100-19-01
Control Number

Jody Martin Farms – Spring Creek Streambank Stabilization
(White Bridges Road / Hornsby Cemetery Road, Colquitt, GA 39837)
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) 656-4157 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:

Historical agricultural activities (including unrestricted cattle access to Spring Creek) have caused severe erosion and sedimentation along a bend on Spring Creek along a tract on Jody Martin Farms near Hornsby Cemetery Road in Miller County. The proposed project will consist of grading the streambank to a more stable slope (2H:1V – 3H:1V) and soil bioengineering practices (including live staking, vegetated geogrids, log and rootwad revetments, and toewood structures). Live stakes and cuttings will include *Black Willow*, *Cottonwood*, *Elderberry* and/or *Red Osier Dogwood*. The proposed streambank stabilization project will result in approximately 300 linear feet total (7,500 square feet total) of buffer impacts along Spring Creek in the *Spring Watershed*.

Name and Address of Permit Applicant: Chris Metcalf
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Services
1601 Balboa Avenue
Panama City, FL 32405

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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