

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH

August 24, 2020  
Notice Issue Date

Augusta-Richmond County  
City / County

September 23, 2020  
Notice Close Date

BV-121-20-01  
Control Number

Department of the Army, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District  
New Savannah Bluff Lock and Dam - In-River Fish Passage System  
Augusta-Richmond County  
(GPS Coordinates: 33.37237, -81.94083)

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)}: (a) and (b)

Description and Location of Proposed Activity:

This project will consist of removing the existing New Savannah Bluff Lock and Dam (NSBLD) structure and constructing a new in-river fish passage system (i.e., a rock arch structure design emulating natural rock rapids) and a riprap lined floodplain bench along the Savannah River in Augusta-Richmond County to bypass peak flows and to protect the river bank from erosion. This project will result in approximately 889 linear feet total (23,173 square feet total) of buffer disturbances along the Savannah River in the *Middle Savannah Watershed*.

Name and Address of Permit Applicant: Robin E. Armetta  
Department of the Army  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District  
100 West Oglethorpe Avenue  
Savannah, GA 31401-3604

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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NonPoint Source Program  
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