

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION
PUBLIC NOTICE
WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH

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Notice Issue Date

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Control Number

Augusta Engineering Department
Streambank Stabilization and Stormwater Drainage Improvements
Morningside Drive, Augusta, GA 30904
(GPS Coordinates: 33.486312, -82.010768)

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) and (h)

Description and Location of Proposed Activity:

Stormwater runoff has caused severe streambank erosion and loss of property along unnamed perennial streams near Morningside Drive in a residential neighborhood in Augusta. The proposed project will consist grading the streambanks to a more stable slope and creating bankfull benches, stabilizing and reinforcing the streambanks (including live staking and toe-wood structures), incorporating Rosgen Natural Channel Design features (including constructed riffles, rock cross vanes and j-hooks, and riprap plunge pools) and realigning and grading the existing stormwater drainage system (including extending the existing 60" Ø and 90" Ø RCP culverts – 295 linear feet total). Land-disturbing activities will result in buffer impacts (1,234 linear feet total, 61,594 square feet total) along two unnamed perennial streams, tributaries to Lake Olmstead / Raes Creek in the Middle Savannah Watershed.

Name and Address of Permit Applicant: Hameed Malik, Ph.D., P.E.
Director Engineering, Augusta Engineering Department
452 Walker Street, Suite 110
Augusta, GA 30904

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
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