

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION
PUBLIC NOTICE
WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH

February 20, 2020
Notice Issue Date

Stephens County
City / County

March 23, 2020
Notice Close Date

BV-127-19-01
Control Number

Lake Louise – Category II Dam – Maintenance and Repair
(Lake Louise Road, Toccoa, GA 30577)

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)}: (a)

Description and Location of Proposed Activity:

Lake Louise is a 165-acre lake located at the Georgia Baptist Conference Center along an unnamed tributary to Walton Creek in Stephens County. The existing earthen dam is at risk of failure due to uncontrolled seepage and slope erosion and instability (including sloughs and animal burrows). To ensure compliance with the Georgia Safe Dams Act, the project will consist of clearing and grubbing of all inappropriate vegetation and obstructions (e.g., trees, tree stumps and roots), backfilling all depressions / rills with compacted structural fill, installing a new principal spillway (i.e., box culvert) and re-grading the downstream slope of the dam (3H:1V). The proposed project will result in approximately 358 linear feet total (10,392 square feet total) of buffer disturbances along an unnamed stream, a tributary to Walton Creek in the Tugaloo Watershed.

Name and Address of Permit Applicant: J. Kevin Smith, Chief Operating Officer
Georgia Baptist Mission Board
6405 Sugarloaf Parkway
Duluth, GA 30097-4092

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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