

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION
PUBLIC NOTICE
WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH

December 31, 2021
Notice Issue Date

LaGrange / Troup County
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January 31, 2022
Notice Close Date

BV-141-21-01
Control Number

City of LaGrange
The Thread (Multi-Use Trail) – Phase 9 – Coleman Community Center
Hunnicutt Street/Murphy Avenue – Forrest Avenue/Brownwood Avenue, LaGrange, GA 30240
(GPS Coordinates: 33.0166, -85.0411 / 33.0256, -85.0465)

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 (470) 607-2940 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)}: (f)

Description and Location of Proposed Activity:

The proposed project will consist of constructing a concrete, multi-use trail (10-ft and 12-ft wide) for approximately 5,063 linear feet beginning at the intersection of Hunnicutt Street and Murphy Avenue and ending at an existing pocket park along The Thread at the Coleman Community Center in LaGrange. Mitigation of for the permanent buffer impacts will consist of invasive plant species management and multi-trophic, native riparian vegetation (including *Smooth Alder*, *Silky Dogwood*, *American Elder*, *Pawpaw*, *Swamp Haw*, *Flowering Dogwood* and *Buttonbush*). The proposed project will result in 464 linear feet total (6,366 square feet total) of buffer disturbances along Park Branch, a tributary to Troup Branch in the *Middle Chattahoochee – Lake Harding Watershed*.

Name and Address of Permit Applicant: Meg Kelsey, City Manager
City of LaGrange
200 Ridley Street
LaGrange, GA 30240

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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