

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH

September 9, 2022  
Notice Issue Date

Social Circle/Walton and Morgan Counties  
City / County

October 10, 2022  
Notice Close Date

BV-147-22-03  
Control Number

Stanton Springs North  
(GPS Coordinates: 33.614720, -83.668892)

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](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 1452 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)}: (h)

Description and Location of Proposed Activity:

The proposed project involves buffer encroachments necessary to construct an electric vehicle, original equipment manufacturing facility. The site will accommodate vehicle production, product testing, battery cell production, distribution, training, employee services and associated infrastructure. The project will be located on a 2,003.23-acre site located adjacent to and north of Interstate 20, adjacent to and east of Highway 278 and adjacent to and west of Old Mill Road within Morgan and Walton Counties. The project will require 607 acres of disturbance including permanent impacts to 21,551.8 linear feet (815,007 square feet) of buffer along unnamed tributaries to Dennis Creek, unnamed tributaries to Hunnicut Creek, and an unnamed tributary to Rawlings Branch in the Upper Oconee River Watershed (HUC 03070101).

Name and Address of Permit Applicants: Mr. Pat Wilson  
Georgia Department of Economic Development  
Technology Square, 75 Fifth Street, NW  
Suite 1200  
Atlanta, Georgia 30308

Mr. Jerry Silvio  
Joint Development Authority of  
Jasper County, Morgan County,  
Newton County, and Walton County  
P.O. Box 826  
Monroe, Georgia 30655

Summary of Rules Requirements for Variance Application:

The application for a variance must include an 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: Michael Berry, Manager  
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Nonpoint Source Program  
Erosion and Sedimentation Unit  
2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SW, Suite 1452 East  
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