ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION PUBLIC NOTICE WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH

Notice Issue Date

Worth County
City / County

December 21, 2020
Notice Close Date

BV-159-20-04
Control Number

Flournoy Branch / Lake Blackshear – Residential Concrete Seawall
694 Spring Creek Road, Warwick, GA 31796
(GPS Coordinates: 31.840326, -83.935874)

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:

The proposed project will consist of constructing a new concrete seawall with rock riprap along the shoreline of Flournoy Branch / Lake Blackshear at 694 Spring Creek Road in Worth County. The proposed concrete seawall will prevent further erosion of the shoreline and loss of property. This project will result in approximately 109 linear feet (2,708 square feet) of buffer disturbances along Flournoy Branch / Lake Blackshear in the *Middle Flint Watershed*. Mitigation for buffer impacts will consist of planting multitrophic native riparian vegetation along at least 75% of the proposed concrete seawall (± 2,031 square feet total) - including Big Bluestem, Switchgrass, Prairie Cordgrass and/or Muhly Grass; Red Chokeberry, Winterberry and/or Coast Azalea; and Red Maple, River Birch, Flowering Dogwood, Tulip Poplar and/or Sycamore trees.

Name and Address of Permit Applicant: Ms. MacKenzie S. Jones

694 Spring Creek Road Warwick, GA 31796 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

EPD Watershed Protection Branch

NonPoint Source Program

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