## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION PUBLIC NOTICE WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH

May 18, 2020 Notice Issue Date Bryan County City / County

June 17, 2020 Notice Close Date CMV-015-19-01 Control Number

<u>Thomas Scherz – Residential Bulkhead / Shoreline Stabilization</u> <u>283 Warnell Drive, Richmond Hill, GA 31324</u> (GPS Coordinates: 31.887872, -81.225576)

## 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 Coastal Marshlands 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  $\{391-3-7-.11(2)(a-k)\}$ : (a)

Description and Location of Proposed Activity:

This project will consist of installing *ShoreGuard*<sup>®</sup> vinyl sheet piling with 10" Ø deadman piles with timber wales and anchor rods along the Ogeechee River at 283 Warnell Drive in Bryan County. The proposed vinyl sheet piling bulkhead will tie into the existing upstream and downstream bulkheads. All disturbed areas will be restored to a naturally vegetated state to the extent practicable and native riparian vegetation will be maintained for at least 25 feet as measured horizontally from the proposed bulkhead. This project will result in approximately 120 linear feet total (3,620 square feet total) of buffer impacts along the Ogeechee River in the *Lower Ogeechee Watershed*.

Name and Address of Permit Applicant:

Thomas Scherz 205 E Shefford Street Greer, SC 29650 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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