

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH

November 9, 2020  
Advisory Issue Date

Alpharetta/Forsyth & Fulton  
City/County

December 9, 2020  
Advisory Close Date

BV-058-20-05  
Control Number

State Route 400 at McGinnis Ferry Road Interchange  
Forsyth & Fulton Counties (PI # 0007526)  
(GPS Coordinates: 34.102644, -84.244440)

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, S.W. Suite 418 West Atlanta, Georgia 30334. Please contact Ms. Arnettia Murphy at (404) 656-4157 or e-mail [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 MLK Jr., Dr., SW Suite 1462 East, Atlanta, Georgia 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 & h

Description and Location of Proposed Activity: The Georgia Department of Transportation will be constructing a “diamond interchange” at the intersection of State Route (SR) 400 and McGinnis Ferry Rd. The project will be located in the City of Alpharetta spanning a total length of 4.7 miles across Fulton and Forsyth Counties, and the total disturbed acreage will be 66.8 acres. The project will include the replacement and construction of the McGinnis Ferry bridge spanning SR 400, the widening of McGinnis Ferry Rd, and construction of additional turning lanes on McGinnis Ferry Rd. The buffer variance is applied for Intermittent Stream (IS) 11, IS 6, IS 8, Buffered State Water (BSW) I, Perennial Stream (PS) 5, and PS 15. All affected streams are tributaries of Camp Creek, with a total area of disturbance of 6,899 square feet (456 linear feet). The disturbance consists mainly of clearing existing mixed pine/hardwood forest and replacing it with riparian grasses per GDOT Standard Specifications Manual, Section 700, Table 5. The post construction habitat will be less able to process stormwater runoff and result in additional flow entering the affected waters. These impacts will be mitigated for through the use of best management practices (BMPs) throughout the construction process and the purchase of off-site mitigation credits.

Name and Address of Permit Applicant:

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Office of Environmental Services  
600 W. Peachtree Street, NW, 16<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Atlanta, Georgia 30308

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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