

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION
PUBLIC NOTICE
WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH

February 19, 2021
Notice Issue Date

Chatham County
City/County

March 22, 2021
Notice Close Date

CMV-025-21-01
Control Number

Dredged Material Containment Area (DMCA-1S)
Feeder Creek Connectivity & Grading
GPS Coordinates: 32.155, -81.143
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 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 & B

Description and Location of Proposed Activity:

Applicant proposes to impact 5,059 linear feet (123,472 ft²) of coastal marshland buffer along a former Dredged Material Containment Area (DMCA-1S). A feeder creek system will be constructed through the interior of DMCA-1S; impacts include grading and connecting to the coastal marshlands that borders the containment area. Additional grading will take place within the coastal marshland buffer to reduce the dredged material elevation from 8-10 feet to a +7.6 Mean Lower Low Water Elevation. The project is being conducted as a portion of mitigation for the Savannah Harbor Expansion Project (SHEP) activities. The total project disturbed area is 38.4-acres and is located in the Lower Savannah Watershed. The project is located adjacent to the confluence of the Front and Middle River and is within the boundaries of the Savannah Wildlife Refuge.

Name and Address of Permit Applicant: Mr. Stephen Fox
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Savannah District
100 W. Oglethorpe Ave.
Savannah, Georgia 31401

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:

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