

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION
PUBLIC NOTICE
WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH

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Notice Issue Date

Athens/Clarke
City/County

March 20, 2020
Notice Close Date

BV-029-19-03
Control Number

State Botanical Gardens Trail Renovations
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)}: F

Description and Location of Proposed Activity:

The applicant proposes to impact 193 linear feet (1,925 ft²) of stream buffer along the Middle Oconee River and an impoundment along an unnamed tributary to the Middle Oconee River. Impacts include 125 linear feet (1,015 ft²) for construction of a 375 ft² wood platform ADA Overlook with a gravel trail approach, and 68 linear feet (910 ft²) for construction of a wooden boardwalk across the south portion of the impoundment. A 1,925 ft² section of the existing dirt trail next to the Middle Oconee River will be abandoned and re-seeded. The site is located at 2450 S. Milledge Ave. with the State Botanical Gardens Property.

Name and Address of Permit Applicant: Ms. Jenny Cruse-Sanders
State Botanical Gardens of Georgia
University of Georgia
2450 S. Milledge Ave.
Athens, Georgia 30605

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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