

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH

January 29, 2021  
Notice Issue Date

Towns County  
City/County

March 1, 2021  
Notice Close Date

BV-139-20-01  
Control Number

Boat Launch & Walkway to Floating Dock  
Lake Chatuge  
GPS Coordinates: 34.57, -83.46  
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

Description and Location of Proposed Activity:

Applicant proposes to impact 51 linear feet (1,379 ft<sup>2</sup>) of stream buffer along Lake Chatuge to construct a boat launch & a wooden walkway to a floating dock for storage and recreational boating. The boat ramp is concrete and is a total of 15-feet by 140-feet. The wooden walkway approach to the floating dock is 5-feet by 50-feet. Upon completion of land-disturbance, the applicant will construct vegetated geogrids along the boat ramp for stabilization and restore the buffer to pre-existing conditions as much as is practicable. The property is located directly across from Friendship Baptist Church at 1290 US Hwy. 76 West.

Name and Address of Permit Applicant: Mr. Dwayne Phillips  
Lake Chatuge Marine, Inc.  
2300 Hwy. 76  
Hiawassee, 30546

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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