

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION
PUBLIC NOTICE
WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH

February 23, 2021
Notice Issue Date

Richmond Hill/Bryan County
City / County

March 25, 2021
Notice Close Date

BV-015-20-01
Control Number

Buttonwood Subdivision
(GPS Coordinates: 31.91826, -81.307027)

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 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)}: (k)(1)

Description and Location of Proposed Activity:

This project will consist of relocating and piping an old eroding silvicultural ditch which currently acts as an intermittent stream in order to build a residential subdivision. The relocated stream has been designed to decrease environmental impacts and improve water quality by utilizing a grassed swale design with weirs. The stream will feed into a stormwater pond designed to serve the structure of the proposed neighborhood. Trees will be planted outside of the buffer along the edges of the relocated stream and stormwater pond. To further mitigate, the applicant will purchase 10.8 wetland credits from USACE. The proposed project will result in 950 linear feet (47,044 square feet) of buffer disturbance lasting approximately 8 months located off of Timber Trail at an unnamed tributary to Sterling Creek, in the Lower Ogeechee River Watershed.

Name and Address of Permit Applicant: Mr. Darin Foy
RMDC Inc.
P.O. Box 15887
Tallahassee, FL 32317

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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