

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH

December 21, 2020  
Notice Issue Date

Savannah/Chatham County  
City / County

January 20, 2021  
Notice Close Date

BV-025-20-01  
Control Number

DMCA 1N Dike Raising  
(GPS Coordinates: 32.159194, -81.150417)

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](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 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)}: (a) & (c)

Description and Location of Proposed Activity:

This project will consist of raising a dike for the storage of dredge material, repair of the associated gravel access road, and maintenance of a bird island habitat area in collaboration with the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). Best management practices such as vegetation cover, stream bank stabilization, slope stabilization, silt fences, construction of terraces, interceptor channels, sediment traps, inlet and outfall protection diversion channels, and sedimentation basins will help to prevent erosion and sedimentation. The proposed project will result in approximately 223 linear feet (4,489.27 square feet) of buffer disturbance lasting approximately 10 months located at Onslow Island on the Savannah River, in the Lower Savannah Watershed.

Name and Address of Permit Applicant: Ms. Erica Janocha  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District  
100 W. Oglethorpe Avenue  
Savannah, GA 31401

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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