

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION
PUBLIC NOTICE
WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH

February 12, 2021
Notice Issue Date

Canton/Cherokee County
City / County

March 15, 2021
Notice Close Date

BV-028-20-02
Control Number

Etowah River Trail Extension
(GPS Coordinates: 34.240645, -84.494982)

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)}: (f)

Description and Location of Proposed Activity:

This project will construct a new 1.26-mile segment of multi-use trail located downstream from Heritage Park to Boling Park. The trail was designed to minimize buffer encroachment, though some trees will need to be removed to construct the pathway which will be made of paved areas and raised boardwalks. The boardwalks will be mounted on piles that will be driven without disturbing the vegetation and be placed above the line of wretched vegetation so as not to encroach upon the buffer zone. There will be a 28,210 ft² conservation easement upstream from the site to additionally mitigate impacts. The proposed project will result in approximately 208 total linear feet (2,453 total ft²) of buffer disturbance in three areas lasting approximately 14 months located at unnamed tributaries to the Etowah River, in the Etowah River Watershed.

Name and Address of Permit Applicant: Ms. Bethany Watson
City of Canton
110 Academy Street
Canton, GA 30114

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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