

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION
PUBLIC NOTICE
WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH

April 12, 2022
Notice Issue Date

Woodstock/Cherokee/Cobb
City / County

May 12, 2022
Notice Close Date

BV-028-22-01
Control Number

Noonday Creek Trail Extension from State Route (SR) 92 to Noonday Creek Park
(GPS Coordinates: 34.076828, -84.536979)

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)}: (a) & (h)

Description and Location of Proposed Activity:

This project will construct a paved multi-use trail which connects existing trails. Eleven separate buffer areas applying under criterion (a) will be affected due to BMPs, clearing, and grubbing; of these eleven, one will receive riprap and three others will receive new culverts and rip rap. After construction, all eleven will be replanted with native riparian vegetation. Two buffer areas applying under criterion (h) will relocate the stream and add culverts. These buffer areas will be replanted where practicable with native riparian seed mix and will to be purchase additional credits for mitigation. The proposed project will result in 995 total linear feet (23,028 total ft²) of buffer disturbance lasting between 18-24 months. The project is located at Noonday Creek in the Etowah Watershed.

Name and Address of Permit Applicant: Ms. Janis Steinbrenner

City of Woodstock, Engineering Manager
12453 Highway 92
Woodstock, GA 30188

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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