

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION
PUBLIC NOTICE
WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH

July 27, 2022
Notice Issue Date

Dawson County
City / County

August 26, 2022
Notice Close Date

BV-042-22-04
Control Number

Russell Creek Reservoir Water Pipeline and WTP Improvements
(GPS Coordinates: 34.3910, -84.0547)

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 (470) 607-2940 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)

Description and Location of Proposed Activity:

This project will construct a new raw water pipeline and upgrade an existing intake pump station associated with a new drinking water reservoir. After the new pipeline and pump station updates are complete, a drainage swale and vegetation will stabilize the project area. The proposed project will result in 240 linear feet (2,034 ft²) of buffer disturbance lasting approximately 15 months. The project is located near Highway 53 at the Etowah River in the Etowah Watershed (03150104).

Name and Address of Permit Applicant: Mr. Brooke Anderson
Etowah Water and Sewer Authority
1162 Highway 53 East
Dawsonville, GA 30534

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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