

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION
PUBLIC NOTICE
WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH

September 8, 2021
Notice Issue Date

City of East Point/Fulton County
City / County

October 8, 2021
Notice Close Date

BV-060-21-15
Control Number

Connally Nature Park Trail Expansion
(GPS Coordinates: 33.693385, -84.455528)

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)}: (b) & (f)

Description and Location of Proposed Activity:

This project will expand a recreational foot trail from Connally Park to Sumner Park. The trail will be comprised of concrete, compacted earth, and wood, depending on the portion of the trail. The design includes two footbridges and one boardwalk area in the buffer, all wooden. BMPs during construction include silt fencing, mulching, dust control, temporary and permanent plantings, and tree protection. The plans include a permanent bioslope trench as well as planting 5,100 square feet of native riparian vegetation along the bank, which will improve habitat and water quality. The proposed project will result in 602 total linear feet (10,142 total ft²) of buffer disturbance lasting approximately 3 months. The project is located at an unnamed tributary to South Utoy Creek, in the Middle Chattahoochee Watershed.

Name and Address of Permit Applicant: Mr. Frederick D. Gardiner
2757 East Point Street
East Point, GA 30344

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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