

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION
PUBLIC NOTICE
WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH

October 21, 2021
Notice Issue Date

Peachtree Corners/Gwinnett County
City / County

November 22, 2021
Notice Close Date

BV-067-21-12
Control Number

Jones Bridge Park Stream Restoration
(GPS Coordinates: 33.999340, -84.234655)

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)

Description and Location of Proposed Activity:

This project will realign, restore, and stabilize a stream to correct issues with high velocity and flows related to impervious areas upstream. The plans include tree removals to accommodate proposed channel connections and stabilization via grade control using coir matting, seeding, live stakes, and areas of multi-trophic native riparian vegetation. Once complete, the restored buffer will feature a mulch path, boulder steps, and steppingstones for public access. The stream will feature constructed pools and riffles. Additional features outside of the buffer include a bioretention basin for flow control and stormwater treatment, and safety railings with public education materials. The proposed project will result in 1,220 linear feet (30,545 ft²) of buffer disturbance lasting approximately 10 months. The project is located in Jones Bridge Park at an unnamed tributary to the Chattahoochee River, in the Upper Chattahoochee Watershed.

Name and Address of Permit Applicant: Ms. Rachel Jones
Gwinnett County Department of Water Resources
684 Winder Highway
Lawrenceville, Georgia 30045

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: Victoria A. Adams, Environmental Specialist
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