

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH

September 19, 2022  
Notice Issue Date

Habersham County  
City / County

October 18, 2022  
Notice Close Date

BV-068-22-01  
Control Number

Suarez Residential Stairs  
(GPS Coordinates: 34.571240, -83.594103)

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](mailto: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 1452 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 stringer stairs to the river's edge. The buffer impact will allow access for foot traffic, floats, and kayaks. The impact will reduce erosion with a streambank revegetation plan to include native riparian vegetation. The proposed project will result in 36 linear feet (825 square feet) of buffer disturbance lasting approximately 2 weeks. The project is located on the Soque River, 6 miles south of GA HWY 197, in the Upper Chattahoochee Watershed (03130001).

Name and Address of Permit Applicant: Mr. Carlos Suarez and Mrs. Barbara Tabares Suarez  
7701 SW 177<sup>th</sup> Street  
Palmetto Bay, FL 33157

Summary of Rules Requirements for Variance Application:

The application for a variance must include an 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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