ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION PUBLIC NOTICE

WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH

March 13, 2020 City of Gainesville

Notice Issue Date City / County

April 13, 2020 BV-069-20-01

Notice Close Date Control Number

Midtown Greenway Extension and Restoration, Gainesville, GA 30501

(GPS Coordinates: 34.294097, -83.826537)

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 proposed project will result in approximately 116 total linear feet (5,800 total square feet) of buffer disturbance lasting approximately 20 weeks. The meander plan and profile to the stream will be increased in order to improve water quality and control erosion. Bioengineering techniques, such as coir matting and boulder structures, will be utilized to ensure the banks are stable once they are restored. To complete the project, native riparian species will be planted along the newly restored streambank. The stream is located at an unnamed tributary to Flat Creek, in Gainesville between Grove Street and Gordon Street, in the Upper Chattahoochee Watershed.

Name and Address of Permit Applicant: Mr. Chris McGauley

City of Gainesville Department of Water Resources

757 Queen City Parkway

Gainesville, Georgia 30501

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

EPD Watershed Protection Branch

NonPoint Source Program

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