

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION
PUBLIC NOTICE
WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH

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Eatonton/Putnam County
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March 4, 2021
Notice Close Date

BV-117-20-02
Control Number

Eatonton-Putnam Water and Sewer Authority- Eastside WWTF Improvements
Eatonton, GA 31024 (GPS Coordinates: 33.32111, -83.3775)

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)}: (a)

Description and Location of Proposed Activity:

This project will consist of constructing a cascade aerator in a concrete channel with a doghouse manhole and connective PVC piping to improve the dissolved oxygen in the effluent from the associated treatment facility. Because of the necessary steps in the water treatment process, the aerator cannot be placed in any other location. Soil stabilizing grasses will be planted around the new installations. The proposed project will result in approximately 12 linear feet (202 square feet) of buffer disturbance lasting between 14 - 21 days located near Rooty Creek, off of Oconee Street, in the Upper Oconee Watershed.

Name and Address of Permit Applicant: Chairman John Reid
EPWSA Board Chairman
Eatonton-Putnam Water and Sewer Authority
663 Godfrey Road
Eatonton, GA 31024

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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