

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH

June 15, 2022  
Notice Issue Date

Whitfield County  
City / County

July 14, 2022  
Notice Close Date

BV-155-22-01  
Control Number

Dalton Riverwalk  
(GPS Coordinates: 34.799590, -84.981995)

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](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 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)}: (f)

Description and Location of Proposed Activity:

This project will construct a multi-use trail to connect with an existing trail on a 9.48-acre site. The plan was designed with minimal buffer disturbance in mind; however, there are unavoidable areas of buffer disturbance due to existing property lines and topography. After construction the streambank will be more stable due to protective rip rap at culvert outfalls, hard armoring where the slope is extremely steep and severely eroded, pedestrian bridges limiting foot traffic in the buffer, and multi-trophic native riparian vegetation placed in all practicable locations. The proposed project will result in 3,040 total linear feet (44,858 total ft<sup>2</sup>) of buffer disturbance lasting approximately 32 weeks located near Mill Creek and Haig Mill Creek in the Conasauga Watershed.

Name and Address of Permit Applicant: Mr. Andrew Parker  
City of Dalton  
PO Box 1205  
Dalton, GA 30720

**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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