

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH

August 8, 2022  
Notice Issue Date

Blue Ridge/Fannin County  
City / County

September 7, 2022  
Notice Close Date

TSV-055-22-02  
Control Number

Industrial Park Road Lift Station Upgrade  
(GPS Coordinates: 34.875602, -84.300853)

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 1462 East, Atlanta, GA 30334.

Type of Permit Application: Variance to encroach within the 50-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)}: (d)

Description and Location of Proposed Activity:

This project will replace existing gravity sewer and upgrade a lift station to serve existing business and to allow for future properties to access the sanitary sewer line. Three separate buffer intrusions are necessary due to existing easements, topography, and stream locations. After construction is complete the buffer will be restored to its current existing condition with vegetative measures. The proposed project will result in 550 total linear feet (13,075 total ft<sup>2</sup>) of buffer disturbance lasting approximately 3 months and located on Weaver Creek in the Oconee Watershed (06020003).

Name and Address of Permit Applicant: Mrs. Rhonda Haight, Mayor  
City of Blue Ridge  
480 W First Street  
Blue Ridge, GA 30513

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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