

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION
PUBLIC NOTICE
WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH

November 15, 2021
Notice Issue Date

Union County
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December 17, 2021
Notice Close Date

TSV-144-21-02
Control Number

Vogel State Park Improvements
(GPS Coordinates: 34.765015, -83.925247)

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 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)}: (b), (d), & (e)

Description and Location of Proposed Activity:

This project will improve the campgrounds at Vogel State Park. Buffer intrusions are necessary to install new sewer lines and replace water and electric lines, which will result in 529.6 total linear feet (2,230 total ft²) of buffer disturbance. After the disturbance 331.2 total linear feet (5,430 total ft²) of buffer will be revegetated with multi-trophic native plant materials which will improve water quality and habitat. The proposed project will result in a grand total of 860.8 linear feet (7,660 total ft²) of buffer disturbance in 14 separate areas lasting approximately 9 months located near 405 Vogel State Park Road, Blairsville GA 30512, temporarily impacting Wolf Creek, Burnett Branch, and an unnamed tributary to Wolf Creek in the Nottely-Hiwassee Watershed.

Name and Address of Permit Applicant: Mr. Brent Vendola
GA DNR Engineering and Construction
2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive S.E.
Suite 1352 East Tower
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

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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