

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION
PUBLIC NOTICE
WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH

May 20, 2022
Notice Issue Date

Helen/White County
City / County

June 21, 2022
Notice Close Date

TSV-154-22-04
Control Number

Helen Main Lift Station Replacement
(GPS Coordinates: 34.6982, -83.7147)

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)}: (a)

Description and Location of Proposed Activity:

This project will replace an existing sewer lift station on a 0.03-acre parcel owned by the City of Helen. The buffer disturbance of 0.16 acre for this project is necessary to replace the old wetwell and forcemain valve vault, and associated equipment. Once construction is complete, the buffer will be stabilized with native grasses, mulching, and gravel such that the new equipment (218 ft²) will remain accessible. The proposed project will result in approximately 215 linear feet (7,039 ft²) of buffer disturbance lasting approximately 4 weeks located near the Chattahoochee River in the Upper Chattahoochee Watershed.

Name and Address of Permit Applicant: Mr. Jerry Elkins
City Manager of Helen
P.O. Box 280
25 Alpenrosen Strasse
Helen, GA 30545

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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