ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION PUBLIC NOTICE WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH

June 30, 2020 Notice Issue Date

July 30, 2020 Notice Close Date Columbia County City/County

BV-036-19-04 Control Number

<u>State Route 28/Fury's Ferry Rd. Widening</u> County Route 1236/Evans to Locks Rd. to South Carolina State Line <u>GPS Coordinates: 33.5692, -82.116742</u> 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, S.W. Suite 418 West Atlanta, Georgia 30334. Please contact Ms. Arnettia Murphy at (404) 656-4157 or e-mail <u>arnettia.murphy@dnr.ga.gov</u> 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 MLK Jr., Dr., SW Suite 1462 East, Atlanta, Georgia 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)}: <u>A & H</u>

Description and Location of Proposed Activity:

Applicant proposes to impact 2,072 linear feet (85,596 ft^2) of stream and buffer along Jones Creek and five unnamed tributaries to Jones Creek to conduct road widening and improvements. SR 28 will be widened from two to four lanes with a landscape median, addition of sidewalks, a bike lane and a multi-use path. The project is 3.8 miles in length. Permanent stream buffer impacts for 1,550 linear feet (76,422 ft^2) along three unnamed tributaries are for pipe and fill and stream relocation. Temporary impacts for 522 linear feet (9,174 ft^2) along Jones Creek and four unnamed tributaries include grading for slopes and road widening.

Name and Address of Permit Applicant:	<u>Mr. Steve Exley</u>
	Columbia County Department of Engineering
	<u>630 Ronald Regan Dr.</u>
	Evans, Georgia 30809

Summary of Rules Requirements for Variance Application:

The application for a variance must include an 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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