

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION
PUBLIC NOTICE
WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH

October 17, 2019
Notice Issue Date

Marion County
City/County

November 18, 2019
Notice Close Date

BV-096-19-01
Control Number

Tributary to Little Pine Knot Creek/Streambank Restoration
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 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 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)}: B

Description and Location of Proposed Activity:

The applicant proposes to impact 420 linear feet (28,399 ft²) of stream buffer along a tributary to Little Pine Knot Creek to perform stream restoration measures located below the outfall of a pond with a dam breach. The existing stream will be backfilled for 350 and a new channel created northwest of the end of the dam will connect to the existing channel downstream of the backfill. Stream restoration will utilize natural channel design and sinuosity. In-stream features include a total of 21 log, rock vane and toe-wood structures. Upon completion of land-disturbance, the buffer will be replanted with a canopy of native riparian species. The project is located on the Pine Knot Tract approx. 13 miles west from the intersection of the Pine Knot Tract and SR355 in Marion County.

Name and Address of Permit Applicant: Mr. Deron Davis, Executive Director
The Nature Conservancy
100 Peachtree St. NW
Suite 2250
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

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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