

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION
PUBLIC NOTICE
WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH

June 10, 2020
Notice Issue Date

Rockdale County
City/County

July 10, 2020
Notice Close Date

BV-122-20-02
Control Number

J. H. House Elementary School-Phase II
Sheppard's Lake Dam Breach
GPS Coordinates: 33.726, -84.001
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)}: A

Description and Location of Proposed Activity:

Applicant proposes to impact 581 linear feet (14,892 ft²) of stream buffer along an impoundment that drains to a tributary of Carr Branch. Impacts include the partial removal of Sheppard's Lake Dam to bring it below Georgia Safe Dams Program thresholds for a Category 1-High Hazard dam. A step pool system will be installed in order to connect upstream flows to downstream segments. The drained pond will be re-seeded and the resulting channel allowed to naturalize. An offline (outside the state 25-foot stream buffer) stormwater detention pond will be constructed for the J. H. House Elementary School-Phase II. The 6.41-acre site is located at 3109 Loganville Hwy.

Name and Address of Permit Applicant: Mr. Bruce Stuart
Rockdale County Public Schools
1062 North Main St.
Conyers, Georgia 30012

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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