

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION
PUBLIC NOTICE
WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH

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Cartersville/Bartow County
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BV-008-20-02
Control Number

Runway Safety Area (RSA) Grading Project, Phase III
(GPS Coordinates: 34.069444, -84.846775)

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 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)}: (h)

Description and Location of Proposed Activity:

This project will consist of clearing, grubbing, re-grading, and grassing to expand and provide appropriate drainage for the Runway Safety Area (RSA). The RSA is being expanded in order to meet Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) criteria so that airplanes that miss the runway have a safe area to come to a stop. This project is funded by GDOT and includes a small (1 meter x 1 meter) archeological dig in the buffer zone with a larger work space for equipment that will be protected against soil disturbance. Best management practices such as minimizing disturbance, disturbed area stabilization techniques, and use of rolled erosion control products will help to prevent erosion and sedimentation during the project. Mitigation consists of maintaining the existing height of the stream bank, restoring and stabilizing the riparian buffer with a multi-trophic revegetation plan consisting of native plants, and adding no impervious surfaces in the buffer. The proposed project will result in approximately 50 linear feet (2,660 square feet) of buffer disturbance lasting approximately 150 days located at an unnamed tributary to the Etowah River, near the north side of Old Alabama Road and the east side of SR 61 in Cartersville, in the Etowah River Watershed.

Name and Address of Permit Applicant: Chairman Hans Lutjens
Cartersville – Bartow County Airport Authority
Post Office Box 323
Cartersville, GA 30120

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: Victoria A. Adams, Environmental Specialist
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