

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH

November 25, 2020  
Notice Issue Date

Early  
City / County

December 29, 2020  
Notice Close Date

BV-049-20-01  
Control Number

Georgia Pacific Riverbank Stabilization 2020  
(GPS Coordinates: 31.163916, -85.096133)

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](mailto: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)}: (a)

Description and Location of Proposed Activity:

This project will consist of stabilizing a streambank by re-grading and adding geotextile fabric, riprap with native grasses, and natural vegetation to prevent further erosion of soil which supports a rail spur and service road to the mill. The erosion has jeopardized these structures, which are both currently closed due to safety concerns. The applicant has also applied for use of Nationwide Permit 13 with USACE due to the project occurring below the high-water mark of the streambank in order to achieve the flattest possible slopes. Existing measures on the property prevent pollutants from stormwater runoff from entering the river; moreover, the plan proposes no additional impervious surfaces and will improve the buffer with vegetation outside of the areas where rip rap is to be placed. The proposed project will result in 400 total linear feet (10,000 total square feet) of buffer disturbance lasting approximately 8 weeks located at the Chattahoochee River, off of SR273 West in the City of Cedar Springs, in the Lower Chattahoochee Watershed.

Name and Address of Permit Applicant: Mr. John Crane  
Georgia-Pacific Cedar Springs LLC  
PO Box 44  
Cedar Springs, GA 39832

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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