

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION
PUBLIC NOTICE
WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH

November 20, 2020
Notice Issue Date

Oconee County
City / County

December 23, 2020
Notice Close Date

BV-108-20-02
Control Number

Oconee Connector Multi-Use Development
(GPS Coordinates: 33.908679, -83.467972)

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 rerouting a portion of an existing creek through a piping system followed by water treatment ponds. The ponds will intercept the stormwater runoff from greater than the first 1.2" of rainfall and reduce more than 80% of average annual post-development total suspended solids (TSS) loadings. The ponds will regulate stormwater flow and treat sediment from runoff in amounts appropriate for the proposed shopping center to be built on the property, which was designed with minimal disturbance in mind to preserve water quality in adjacent streams as well as minimize downstream impacts. The ponds will be maintained after the site is stabilized. The applicant will purchase 4.68 wetland and 23,940 stream credits (grandfathered) to meet mitigation requirements. The proposed project will result in approximately 2,400 total linear feet (123,971 total square feet) of buffer disturbance lasting for approximately 12 months, located at 3 intermittent streams upstream from Barber Creek, near the corner of Oconee Connector and Mars Hill Road, in the Oconee Watershed.

Name and Address of Permit Applicant: Mr. Kevin Letch
Publix Supermarkets, Inc. c/o Sembler Corporation
5858 Central Avenue
St. Petersburg, FL 33707

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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