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 immediately 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. Thais Edwards at (404) 463-2387 or e-mail thais.edwards@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, h, k(2)

Description and Location of Proposed Activity:
Application proposes to impact the buffer to five open water canals and one man-made depression (Pipe Makers Canals and its tributaries) for improvements to Jimmy DeLoach Parkway and US 80, including a new alignment for Osteen Rd. Disturbance activities will consist of placement of fill, grading, installation of BMPs including silt fence, construction of enhanced swales, construction of MS4 ponds, construction of drainage pipes to connect MS4 ponds to open waters, installation of bank armor, and installation of guard rail. Project at the intersection of Jimmy DeLoach and US 80 extends approximately 4,200 ft along US 80 and approximately 6,200 on Jimmy DeLoach and alongside Osteen Rd in Chatham County.

Name and Address of Permit Applicant:
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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.

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