

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION
PUBLIC NOTICE
WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH

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Notice Issue Date

Early County
City / County

January 2, 2017
Notice Close Date

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Control Number

Georgia Pacific Corporation – Cedar Springs Operation
Streambank Stabilization
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 immediately 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. Jarell Singleton at (404) 463-2382 or email jarell.singleton@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-.11 (2)(a-k)}: (a)

Description and Location of Proposed Activity:

The proposed streambank stabilization project will consist of grading the streambanks to a more stable slope (2H:1V – 3H:1V) and installing articulating block mat (ABM) along an unnamed tributary to the Chattahoochee River in Early County. The proposed stabilization practices will prevent further erosion of the streambanks and incision of the stream channel. Mitigation for the buffer impacts will consist of planting multi-trophic native riparian (including Big Bluestem grass, Black Willow live stakes, and Red Maple, River Birch and/or Tulip Poplar trees) above the ABM (5,708 square feet). Activities will result in buffer impacts to 285 linear feet total (8,946 square feet total) along an unnamed tributary to the Chattahoochee River in the Lower Chattahoochee Watershed.

Name and Address of Permit Applicant: George J. Cilfelli
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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.

For Additional Information Contact:

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