

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION
PUBLIC NOTICE
WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH

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Emanuel County
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Control Number

George L. Smith State Park – Watson Pond Access Improvements
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 project will consist of refurbishing an *existing* wooden dock and installing a *new* floating dock with a concrete dock abutment and EZ Launch[®] for kayaks and canoes and ADA accessible, concrete ramps along Watson Pond in Georgia L. Smith State Park in Emanuel County. Existing vegetation along Watson Pond consists of maintained grass turf. Mitigation for the proposed buffer impacts will consist of planting native riparian vegetation (including Switchgrass, Coastal Azaleas and Sweet Magnolia trees). Construction activities will result in buffer impacts to 170 linear feet total (1,050 square feet total) along Watson Pond, a tributary to Fifteen Mile Creek in the *Canoochee Watershed*.

Name and Address of Permit Applicant:

Buddy Harrison
Georgia Department of Natural Resources
Office of Engineering and Construction Services
2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, Suite 1352, East Tower
Atlanta, GA 30334

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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