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) 463-2382 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)

Description and Location of Proposed Activity: The proposed project would impact Perennial Stream (PS 5) for the replacement of the existing 5-span, 350-foot long by 30-foot wide, reinforced concrete bridge that carries County Road 197/Daisy Nevils Highway (CR 197) over the Canoochee River. A 150 foot earthen spur dike would also be constructed to help minimize the river bank and bridge scouring due to the wide floodplain. The project would impact the 25-foot state mandated buffer of the Canoochee River within the Canoochee Watershed. The project is located north of the unincorporated Daisy community and total project length is 0.34 miles along CR 197. The earthen spur dike would be located on the southwest corner of the proposed bridge.

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.

For Additional Information Contact: Megan Sweatt, Environmental Specialist
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