

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION
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Notice Issue Date

Gordon County
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Notice Close Date

BV-064-17-02
Control Number

GDOT Project #IM000-0075-03(189)
PI #610750
I-75 at SR 156 (Red Bud Road) Interchange 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, S.W. Suite 418 West Atlanta, Georgia 30334. Please contact Ms. Jarell Singleton at (404) 463-2382 or e-mail 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 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)}: (b)

Description and Location of Proposed Activity: **The proposed project would impact PS 5- Crossing 1 (unnamed tributary to Town Creek) by recreating the stream channel to better align with the new culvert inlet. In the current condition, the stream channel flows directly against the base of the roadway embankment to the culvert inlet. The redesigned channel would be 8-foot wide and would relocate the channel away from the roadway embankment. This impact is considered a major impact as it is the result of filling and relocating the stream channel to better align with the culvert inlet. A portion of the buffer is in the area that has been cleared for construction of the project. This project would vegetate the buffer of the new channel with native, multi-trophic vegetation. The project has been completed and a buffer variance (BV-064-12-02) was issued on April 9, 2013 for impacts to the Intermittent Stream (IS) – Crossing 3 under criterion 2(a) and Perennial Stream (PS) 5-Crossing 2 under criterion 2(h). The project is located on SR 156/Red Bud Road near I-75, located within the Calhoun, Gordon County, Georgia.**

Name and Address of Permit Applicant:

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Office of Environmental Services
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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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