

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION  
PUBLIC ADVISORY  
WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH

May 2, 2018  
Notice Issue Date  
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Notice Close Date

Harris/Muscogee County  
City/County  
BV-072-18-01  
Control Number

GDOT Project #STP00-0001-00(812)  
PI #0001812  
State Route 219 Passing Lanes  
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. Thais Edwards at (404) 463-2382 or e-mail [thais.edwards@dnr.ga.gov](mailto: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, PS 7, Intermittent Stream (IS) 10, PS 12, and IS 14 outside of any exemption areas for the widening of State Route (SR) 219 and the construction of passing lanes at three locations. The project would impact the 25-foot state mandated buffer of unnamed tributaries to Mulberry Creek and Schley Creek within the Middle Chattahoochee-Lake Harding watershed. The proposed project consists of an approximately 5.13-mile long corridor and begins approximately 10 miles north of the City of Columbus, GA. The total length of the proposed passing lanes is approximately 3.52 miles with 3.07 miles in Harris County and 0.45 miles in Muscogee County.**

Name and Address of Permit Applicant:

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Georgia Department of Transportation  
Office of Environmental Services  
600 W. Peachtree Street, NW, 16<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Atlanta, Georgia 30308

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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