Lake Joy Road Widening/Phase 5-SR 127/Houston Lake Road to Langston Road 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 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)): A

Description and Location of Proposed Activity:

The applicant proposes to impact a total of 221 linear feet (4,850 ft²) of stream buffer along 3 unnamed tributaries to Jacobs Lake to Widen Lake Joy Rd. from SR 127/Houston Lake Rd. to Langston Rd.. The proposed section will consist of two-lane road divided with a 12-foot two-way left turn lane with a 10-foot wide urban shoulder on the outside. The urban shoulder will consist of a 2-foot curb and gutter, a 2-foot stamped concrete strip, a 5-foot sidewalk, and a 1-foot grass strip. Stream buffer encroachments are for the addition of fill slopes to accommodate a wider roadway footprint and the 5-foot sidewalk. Upon completion of land-disturbance, the stream buffer will be re-vegetated with native riparian grass seed mix as per GDOT Standard Specification 700.

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Summary of Rules Requirements for Variance Application:

The application for a variance must include an 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.
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