

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH

June 30, 2019  
Advisory Issue Date

Laurens County  
City/County

July 30, 2019  
Advisory Close Date

BV-087-19-01  
Control Number

GDOT Project PI# 262027  
State Route (SR) 31/US Highway 441 (US 441)

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. Clara Davis at (404) 463-2382 or e-mail [clara.davis@dnr.ga.gov](mailto:clara.davis@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 Open Water (OW) 3, OW 6, OW 28, and OW 37 for the widening of State Route (SR) 31/US Highway 441 (US 441). The project would impact 6302 square feet/ 464 linear feet of the 25-foot state mandated buffer within the Lower Oconee watershed. Disturbance activities will consist of grading activities to achieve proper roadside slope and drainage, and space to allow for the installation of erosion and sedimentation control best management practices and orange barrier fence.

Name and Address of Permit Applicant:

Mr. Eric Duff  
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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