

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION  
PUBLIC ADVISORY  
WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH

December 16, 2016  
Advisory Issue Date

Hahira, Lowndes County  
City/County

January 15, 2017  
Advisory Close Date

BV-092-16-01  
Control Number

GDOT Project #NHS00-0000-00(762)  
PI #0000762  
I-75 Interchanges  
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](mailto: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, h

Description and Location of Proposed Activity:

Application proposes to impact 613 linear feet (26,703 square feet) of stream buffer to an existing open water pond and four intermittent streams within the Withlacoochee and Little River watersheds for the widening and reconstructions of Exit 22 and Exit 29 along I-75 in Lowndes County. Disturbance activities will consist of clearing, placement of fill, installation of orange barrier fence and type C silt fence, and placement of rip rap within the buffer.

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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