## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION PUBLIC NOTICE WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH

July 23, 2019 Notice Issue Date

August 22, 2019 Notice Close Date <u>Columbus/Muscogee County</u> City/County

BV-106-19-02 Control Number

## Benning Dr. Culvert Extension 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. Clara Davis at (404) 463-2382 or e-mail <u>clara.davis@dnr.ga.gov</u> 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)}: <u>H</u>

Description and Location of Proposed Activity:

The applicant proposes to permanently impact 142 linear feet  $(6,257 \text{ ft}^2)$  of stream and buffer along a tributary to Bull Creek to extend a culvert along a pinch point of Benning Drive. Benning Drive is proposed for road widening from two to three lanes. The additional travel lane proposed does not lie over the culvert extension, but requires lengthening to match the approach sections of Benning Drive improvements. A sidewalk will be installed over the existing headwall to provide for safe pedestrian passage. Project is located 1.1-mi. from the intersection of Benning Road and Cusseta Road.

Name and Address of Permit Applicant:	Mr. Isaiah Hugley
	Columbus Consolidated Government
	<u>100 10<sup>th</sup> St.</u>
	Columbus, Georgia 31901

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.

For Additional Information Contact:

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