

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION
PUBLIC NOTICE
WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH

August 1, 2017
Notice Issue Date

Covington / Newton County
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August 31, 2017
Notice Close Date

BV-107-17-01
Control Number

Lidl, US Operations, LLC – Retail Grocery Store
(GA State Route 142 / John R. Williams Highway, Covington, GA 30014)
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 SW, Suite 418 West, Atlanta, GA 30334. Please contact Ms. Jarell Singleton at (404) 463-2382 or email 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 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SW, Suite 1462 East, Atlanta, GA 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-.11 (2)(a-k)}: (h)

Description and Location of Proposed Activity:

The proposed project will consist of constructing a *new* retail grocery store and associated infrastructure on approximately 9.77 acres along GA State Route 142/John R. Williams Highway and Lochridge Boulevard near Willow Bend Terrace in Covington. This project will include an on-site stormwater management system (i.e., dry extended detention basin with a vortex separator, stormwater pond and underground detention with a vortex separator). Construction activities (including discharges of fill material) will result in permanent buffer impacts to approximately 220 linear feet (16,714 square feet) along an unnamed perennial stream, a tributary to the Alcovy River in the Upper Ocmulgee Watershed.

Name and Address of Permit Applicant: Sohrab Shokraee, Real Estate Development Manager
Lidl, US Operations, LLC
400 Interstate North Parkway SE, Suite 320
Atlanta, GA 30339

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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NonPoint Source Program
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