

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH

February 16, 2018  
Notice Issue Date

City of Covington/Newton County  
City/County

March 19, 2018  
Notice Close Date

BV-107-17-04  
Control Number

Town Branch at Legion Field  
Channel & Bank Stabilization and Grading for Water Quality Pond Construction  
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. Thais Edwards at (404) 463-2382 or e-mail [thais.edwards@dnr.ga.gov](mailto:thais.edwards@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 & B

Description and Location of Proposed Activity:

Applicant proposes to impact a total of 1,096 linear feet (56,192 ft<sup>2</sup>) of stream buffer along Town Branch to stabilize the stream channel as well as construct an off-line water quality pond. The installation of twelve rock vanes within the channel to improve water quality will encroach within the stream buffer. Additional encroachments include grading for the off-line water quality pond. The stream buffer will be re-vegetated with black willow stakes upon completion of land-disturbing activities. The project is located on Mill St. within the city limits of Covington, Georgia.

Name and Address of Permit Applicant: Mr. Tres Thomas  
City of Covington  
P.O. Box 1527  
Covington, Georgia 30015

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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