

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH

May 15, 2019  
Notice Issue Date

Augusta / Richmond County  
City / County

June 14, 2019  
Notice Close Date

BV-121-19-01  
Control Number

Forest Hills Golf Course – Category I Dam  
(Lake Forest Drive, Augusta, GA 30909)

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 SW, Suite 418 West, Atlanta, GA 30334. Please contact Ms. Clara Davis at (404) 463-2382 or email [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 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-.05 (2)(a-k)}: (a)

Description and Location of Proposed Activity:

The Forest Hills Golf Course Dam is located on an unnamed tributary to Rae’s Creek along Lake Forest Drive in Augusta. To ensure compliance with the Georgia Safe Dams Act, this project will consist of raising the top of the dam and installing a wave wall, installing new toe drains and an articulated concrete block emergency spillway, replacing the existing siphon system and outlet structure and installing a new riprap apron and an energy dissipating basin. All disturbed areas will be restored to current conditions to the extent practicable. The proposed project will result in approximately 900 linear feet total (44,600 square feet total) of buffer disturbances along the Forest Hills Golf Course Dam and an unnamed stream, a tributary to Rae’s Creek, in the Middle Savannah Watershed.

Name and Address of Permit Applicant: Tom Dunaway, Director of Construction  
Augusta University – Division of Facility Services  
Health Sciences Campus BC 1100  
1120 15<sup>th</sup> Street  
Augusta, GA 30912

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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