

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH

April 1, 2019  
Notice Issue Date

Tifton / Tift County  
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May 1, 2019  
Notice Close Date

BV-137-19-01  
Control Number

Parkway Drive – Streambank Restoration  
(West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street / Parkway Drive / Elton Street, Tifton, GA 31794)

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:

Stormwater runoff has caused severe streambank erosion and loss of property along Parkway Drive in Tifton. The proposed project will consist of grading the streambanks to a more stable slope and integrated bio-engineering practices (including vegetated rock gabions with *Eastern Cottonwood* live stake cuttings and *Flexamat*<sup>®</sup> with *Switchgrass*). *Flexamat*<sup>®</sup> consists of concrete blocks embedded into a flexible, high strength geogrid with spacing for site specific vegetation. The proposed streambank stabilization project will result in 1,080 linear feet total (11,506 square feet total) of buffer impacts along unnamed tributaries to the Little River in the *Little Watershed*.

Name and Address of Permit Applicant: Pete Pyrzenski, City Manager  
City of Tifton  
130 East 1<sup>st</sup> Street  
P.O. Box 229  
Tifton, GA 31793

## 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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EPD Watershed Protection Branch  
NonPoint Source Program  
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Atlanta, GA 30334  
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