

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH

September 1, 2017  
Notice Issue Date

Walton County  
City/County

October 2, 2017  
Notice Close Date

BV-147-17-01  
Control Number

Apalachee River Intake Facility Construction/Walton County Water & Sewage Authority  
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. Jarell Singleton at (404) 463-2382 or e-mail [jarell.singleton@dnr.ga.gov](mailto: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 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  

Description and Location of Proposed Activity:

The applicant proposes to impact a total of 230 linear feet (5,750 ft<sup>2</sup>) of stream buffer along the east bank of the Apalachee River to construct a new water intake structure. The intake is to be used as a source of water for Hard Labor Creek Reservoir. Buffer impacts include clearing, grading and site preparation, construction of the pump structures, structure building, retaining wall to protect the facility, and a security fence. Upon completion of buffer disturbance, the stream buffer will be restored to a naturally vegetated state to the extent practicable. Project is located on Hwy. 186, 0.3-mi. from the intersection of Hwy. 136 & Jefferson Rd.

Name and Address of Permit Applicant: Mr. Brad Johnson  
Chairman, Walton County Water and Sewerage Authority  
2171 Hwy. 81 SW  
P.O. Box 880  
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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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