

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION  
PUBLIC ADVISORY  
WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH

April 11, 2018  
Notice Issue Date

Washington County  
City/County

May 11, 2018  
Notice Close Date

BV-150-18-01  
Control Number

GDOT Project# STP00-2992-00(003)  
PI # 245090  
State Route 15 Road Widening and Relocation  
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, 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)

Description and Location of Proposed Activity: **The proposed project would impact the 25-foot vegetative buffer of Open Water 13 (OW-13) for the widening and relocation of State Route (SR) 15 in Washington County. The proposed project will consist of four travel lanes, two in each direction and separated by a 24-foot raised median. The project would impact the 25-foot state mandated of OW-13 which drains to an unnamed tributary of Sisters Church Creek. The proposed project begins at SR 242 to the south, and continuing along the new location until it ends at SR 15.**

Name and Address of Permit Applicant:

Mr. Kenneth Franks, TIA Administrator  
Georgia Department of Transportation  
Office of Environmental Services  
600 W. Peachtree Street, NW  
Atlanta, Georgia 30308

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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