

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION
PUBLIC ADVISORY
WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH

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Notice Issue Date

Wilkes County
City/County

November 10, 2017
Notice Close Date

BV-157-17-01
Control Number

GDOT Project (Bridge# 317-0022-0)
PI #0014174
Bridge Replacement on Sandtown Road over Fishing Creek
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. Jarell Singleton at (404) 463-2382 or e-mail 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 proposed project would replace the bridge over Fishing Creek for a total project length of 0.18 mile. The buffer of PS5 would be impacted under criterion 2(a) with total non-exempt buffer impacts of 3,694 square feet due to the fill and clear up to the orange barrier fence (OBF). The non-exempt fill within the buffer would be needed to accommodate the proposed guardrail for safety and the raised roadway profile deemed necessary by bridge hydraulics and hydrology. Clearing up to the OBF would be needed for construction access and the installation of erosion control devices. The project is located on Sandtown Rd over Fishing Creek in Wilkes County, Georgia.**

Name and Address of Permit Applicant:

Mr. Eric Duff
Georgia Department of Transportation
Office of Environmental Services
600 W. Peachtree Street, NW, 16th Floor
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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