

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION
PUBLIC NOTICE
WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH

November 1, 2022
Notice Issue Date

Chatham County
City / County

November 30, 2022
Notice Close Date

CMV-025-22-06
Control Number

Fort Pulaski Ditch Maintenance
(GPS Coordinates: 32.0256, -80.8911)

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 File Room, 2 MLK Jr. Drive, SW, West Tower, Balcony, Suite 418, Atlanta, GA 30334. Please contact GORArequest.Water@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. Comments may be submitted via e-mail to: EPDcomments@dnr.ga.gov. Comments may also be provided in writing to: Program Manager, Nonpoint Source Program, Erosion and Sedimentation Control, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SW, Suite 1452 East, Atlanta, GA 30334. The words “Buffer Variance Comment”, including the Control Number shown above, should be placed in the e-mail subject line (if sent via e-mail) or on the top of the first page of written comments to ensure that your comments will be forwarded to the appropriate staff.

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. § 12-7-6 et seq.

Applicable Rules: Erosion and Sedimentation Control Chapter 391-3-7

Basis under which variance shall be considered {391-3-7-.11 (2)(a-k)}: (a)

Description and Location of Proposed Activity:

This project consists of the selective maintenance of established ditches as well as repairs and replacement of failed storm pipes and drainage structures on Cockspur Island. Damaged flap tide gates will be repaired or replaced. The impacts will allow staging, laydown, and access for required construction equipment. The system layout, circulation, pipe alignments, and defining landscape features will remain the same. The buffer disturbance is necessary to address prior storm damage which has increased flooding impacts to Fort Pulaski National Monument. The proposed project will result in 11,737 total linear feet (84,942 total square feet) of buffer disturbance lasting approximately 7 months. This project located in the Lower Savannah Watershed (03060109).

Name and Address of Permit Applicant: Mr. Alexander Gregory, Biologist
U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District
100 W. Oglethorpe Ave
Savannah, GA 31401

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: Brian Kent, Environmental Engineer
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