

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION
PUBLIC NOTICE
WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH

February 10, 2017
Notice Issue Date

Fannin County
City / County

March 14, 2017
Notice Close Date

TSV-055-16-07
Control Number

Big Creek Road – Widening and Paving
(Land Lots 233, 235 and 236, 7th District, 2nd Section, Fannin County, GA)
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 SW, Suite 418 West, Atlanta, GA 30334. Please contact Ms. Jarell Singleton at (404) 463-2382 or email 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 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SW, Suite 1462 East, Atlanta, GA 30334.

Type of Permit Application: Variance to encroach within the 50-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-.11 (2)(a-k)}: (a)

Description and Location of Proposed Activity:

The proposed project involves the widening and paving (18-ft wide) of a 1.0 mile section of Big Creek Road, an existing gravel road (12-ft – 18-ft wide) in a rural area in Fannin County. The road widening and paving, cuts and fill slopes, and installation of Best Management Practices (such as, silt fence) will result in approximately 1,337 linear feet total (33,722 square feet total) of buffer disturbances along Big Creek and two unnamed streams (tributaries to Big Creek) in the Ocoee Watershed.

Name and Address of Permit Applicant: Honorable Stan Helton, Chairman
Fannin County Board of Commissioners
400 West Main Street, Suite 101
Blue Ridge, GA 30513

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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