

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION
PUBLIC NOTICE
WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH

June 30, 2017
Notice Issue Date

Gilmer County
City/County

July 31, 2017
Notice Close Date

TSV-061-17-02
Control Number

Royston Residence-Streambank Stabilization along Turkey 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 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 {391-3-7.05 (2)(A-K)}: B

Description and Location of Proposed Activity:

Applicant proposes to impact a total of 256 linear feet (5,452 ft²) of stream buffer along Turkey Creek to stabilize the streambank to avoid ongoing erosion along private property. A previous landowner had previously placed riprap within the channel and banks, which has narrowed the stream. Buffer impacts include removal of existing rip rap and placement of riprap along the lower half of the slope. Mitigation for the project consists of re-planting the upper portion of the stream buffer with native riparian species such as red maple, river birch and flowering dogwood trees. Silky dogwood, spicebush and winterberry shrubs will be planted in appropriate densities and spacing in accordance with Georgia EPD's Streambank and Shoreline Stabilization Techniques. The project is located on Henry Evans Rd. off Johnson Mill Rd.

Name and Address of Permit Applicant: Mr. William Royston
1319 Henry Evans Rd.
Ellijay, Georgia 30536

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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