

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH

May 5, 2017  
Notice Issue Date

Helen / White County  
City / County

June 5, 2017  
Notice Close Date

TSV-154-17-01  
Control Number

Georgia Department of Natural Resources  
Helen to Hardman Farm State Historical Site – Heritage Trail  
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](mailto: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)}: (b) and (f)

Description and Location of Proposed Activity:

The proposed project will consist of constructing a concrete multi-use trail (approximately 4,340 linear feet) and related amenities (such as, a gravel parking lot, seating areas, observation platforms and boardwalks) from Helen to the Hardman Farm State Historical Site in Sautee Nacoochee. Mitigation for the permanent buffer impacts will consist of removing invasive vegetation (e.g., privet) and planting multi-trophic native riparian vegetation along an unnamed tributary to the Chattahoochee River. This project will result in 38,699 square feet (2,946 linear feet - multi-use trail and related amenities) and 50,000 square feet (500 linear feet - streambank restoration) of buffer disturbances along the Chattahoochee River and four unnamed tributaries in the Upper Chattahoochee Watershed.

Name and Address of Permit Applicant: James T. Evans  
Georgia Department of Natural Resources  
Office of Engineering and Construction Services  
2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, Suite 1352 East  
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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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