

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH

January 26, 2018  
Notice Issue Date

White County  
City/County

February 26, 2018  
Notice Close Date

TSV-154-17-02  
Control Number

Unicoi Lake Access  
Proposed Stairway & Recreational Viewing Area/Bank Stabilization  
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 200 Piedmont Avenue, S.W. Suite 418 West Atlanta, Georgia 30334. Please contact Ms. Thais Edwards at (404) 463-2382 or e-mail [thais.edwards@dnr.ga.gov](mailto:thais.edwards@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)}: A & F

Description and Location of Proposed Activity:

The applicant proposes to impact a total of 40 linear feet (2,600 ft<sup>2</sup>) of stream buffer along Unicoi Lake to construct a stairway for public access to the lake that will have a 10' X 10' recreational viewing platform. A 353 ft<sup>2</sup> area adjacent to the proposed stairway that has eroded will be re-vegetated with native riparian species. Plantings include beautyberry, Sweetshrub, Hummingbird Summersweet, and Shamrock Inkberry. The project is located within Unicoi State Park on the southwest side of the lake.

Name and Address of Permit Applicant: Mr. Toby Evans  
Georgia Department of Natural Resources  
Engineering and Construction  
2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive  
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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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