

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION
PUBLIC NOTICE
WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH

April 14, 2022
Notice Issue Date

Dawson County
City/County

May 16, 2022
Notice Close Date

TSV-042-22-01
Control Number

Amicalola Falls State Park
Entry Road Improvements/Visitors Center Replacement
GPS Coordinates: 34.557, -84.250
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. Arnettia Murphy at 470-607-2940 or e-mail arnettia.murphy@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 25-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 & D

Description and Location of Proposed Activity:

Applicant proposes to impact 597 linear feet (20,005 ft²) of trout stream buffer along an unnamed tributary to Little Amicalola Creek for improvements to Amicalola Falls State Park. The visitors center will be replaced with associated parking, infrastructure and road improvements. Impacts include 447 linear feet (19,229 ft²) of fill in the buffer for the addition of one additional inbound travel lane into the park, located to the westside of the existing road away from the stream and buffer, 110 linear feet (669 ft²) in three separate areas for removal of existing impervious surface in the buffer, and 40 linear feet (307 ft²) for a sanitary sewer line re-connection to an existing force main. The park is located approximately 19.4-miles west on GA 136/342/52 from the intersection with GA136.

Name and Address of Permit Applicant: Mr. Brent Vendola
Georgia Department of Natural Resources
2 MLK Jr. Drive SE
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Atlanta, Georgia 30334

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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