

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION
PUBLIC NOTICE
WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH

May 7, 2026
Notice Issue Date

Dawson County
City / County

June 5, 2026
Notice Close Date

TSV-042-26-01
Control Number

Amicalola Day Area Improvements
(GPS Coordinates: 34.5619, -84.2468)

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 File Room, 2 MLK Jr. Drive, SW, West Tower, Balcony, Suite 418, Atlanta, GA 30334. 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. Comments may be submitted via e-mail to: EPDcomments@dnr.ga.gov. Comments may also be provided in writing to: Program Manager, Nonpoint Source Program, Erosion and Sedimentation Control, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SW, Suite 1452 East, Atlanta, GA 30334. The words "Buffer Variance Comment", including the Control Number shown above, should be placed in the e-mail subject line (if sent via e-mail) or on the top of the first page of written comments to ensure that your comments will be forwarded to the appropriate staff.

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 proposed project intends to improve and expand trail areas and combat erosion within Amicalola Falls State Park, in Dawson County. Land disturbing activities necessary for this project include viewing area construction, trail placement, and revegetation practices. Encroachments total 10,671 square feet along 658 linear feet within the buffer of Little Amicalola Creek. The site is within the Etowah Watershed (03150104). Disturbed areas will be revegetated with multi-trophic native riparian species.

Name and Address of Permit Applicant: Brent Vendola
GA Department of Natural Resources, Engineering & Construction
2 Martin King Luther Jr. Drive, Suite 1352, East Tower
Atlanta, GA 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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