

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION
PUBLIC NOTICE
WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH
REVISED TO CORRECT CRITERIA

November 30, 2021
Notice Issue Date

City of Sandy Springs/Fulton Co.
City/County

December 29, 2021
Notice Close Date

TSV-060-21-02
Control Number

Morgan Falls Connector Trail/Parking Lot Improvements
GPS Coordinates: 33.970, -84.380
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 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:

The applicant proposes to impact 326 linear feet (8,184 ft²) in two areas along the 50-foot trout stream buffer to the Chattahoochee River. Two existing gravel parking lots will be improved with 6-inch curbing and section breaks that will act to contain the gravel, delineate parking areas, and mitigate eroding forces during heavy rain events. The installation of concrete curbing, as opposed to wood crossties, will also provide a long-term solution that will protect the river and public safety. The curbing will also assist with maintaining the gravel lot and protect the proposed re-vegetation areas from being encroached upon by traffic. It will also help to increase water quality through acting, to a certain degree, as a check dam during heavy rain events that will allow greater time for infiltration and reduce further erosion in the stream buffer. The two areas will be re-planted with a total of 330 linear feet of a three-tiered canopy of native riparian species appropriate to the area. The project is located adjacent to the Morgan Falls Hydro Plant at 380 Morgan Falls Rd.

Name and Address of Permit Applicant: Mr. James Sanders
City of Sandy Springs
1 Galambos Way
Sandy Springs, Georgia 30328

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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