

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION
PUBLIC NOTICE
WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH

February 2, 2021
Notice Issue Date

Gilmer County
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March 4, 2021
Notice Close Date

TSV-061-21-01
Control Number

Gilmer County - Tower Road Landfill (Inactive) – Leachate Lift Station - Upgrade
Tower Road, Ellijay, GA 30540
(GPS Coordinates: 34.7173, -84.4909)

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 SW, Suite 418 West, Atlanta, GA 30334. Please contact Ms. Arnettia Murphy at (404) 656-4147 or email 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 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-.05 (2)(a-k)}: (a)

Description and Location of Proposed Activity:

Currently, the Tower Road Landfill leachate is directed to an existing lift station located along an unnamed perennial stream and then pumped to the Ellijay-Gilmer County Water and Sewer Authority Wastewater Treatment Plant (WTP). This project will consist of removing the existing lift station and generator (including all concrete sections and above ground sections of HDPE piping) and constructing a new stormwater retention pond (overflow protection system for the proposed new leachate lift station) within the 50-ft State waters buffer. A new lift station (i.e., duplex booster pump station with cleanouts, master meter and HDPE transmission piping), doghouse manholes and concrete generator pad will be located outside of the 50-ft State waters buffer. All disturbed areas will be stabilized with permanent vegetation. The proposed project will result in approximately 155 linear feet total (4,244 square feet total) of buffer disturbances along an unnamed perennial stream, a tributary to the Ellijay River in the Coosawattee Watershed, in Gilmer County.

Name and Address of Permit Applicant: Mr. Charlie Paris, Chairman
Gilmer County Board of Commissioners
1 Broad Street
Ellijay, GA 30540

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: Frank M. Carubba, Environmental Engineer
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NonPoint Source Program
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