

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION
PUBLIC NOTICE
WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH

June 9, 2022
Advisory Issue Date

Union and Towns Counties
City/County

July 8, 2022
Advisory Close Date

TSV-139-22-01
Control Number

Widening and Relocation of SR 515/US 76 from CS 2898/Young Harris Street in Blairsville to CR 153/Timberline Drive in Young Harris (GPS Coordinates: 34.90819, -83.89145)

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)}: (a)

Description and Location of Proposed Activity: The proposed project will impact the buffer of Intermittent Stream (IS) 30, Perennial Stream (PS) 30A, PS 33, IS 34, IS 35, PS 37A, IS 39, IS 40B, PS 42, IS 44, PS 45 (Caldwell Branch), IS 48A, IS 50, PS 51, PS 52, IS 52C, Buffered State Water (BSW) X, PS 53, PS 54, IS 55, PS 61, and PS 66. The project will improve SR 515/US 76 from Young Harris Street in the city of Blairsville in Union County to Timberline Drive in the city of Young Harris in Towns County. The project will impact the state mandated 50-ft buffer within the Hiwassee River watershed (HUC 06020002). The disturbance will cover 87,949 square feet and include construction access, roadway cut/fill, riprap, pavement demolition, wall construction, and the installation of Best Management Practices (BMPs).

Name and Address of Permit Applicant: Mr. Eric Duff
Georgia Department of Transportation
Office of Environmental Services
600 W. Peachtree Street, NW, 16th Floor
Atlanta, Georgia 30308

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:

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