

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION
PUBLIC NOTICE
WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH

October 1, 2025
Notice Issue Date

Union County
City / County

October 30, 2025
Notice Close Date

TSV-144-25-01
Control Number

Lake Trahlyta Trail Improvements
(GPS Coordinates: 34.7658, -83.9228)

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. Please contact GORArequest.Water@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. 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 involves improvements to an existing trail around Lake Trahlyta at Vogel State Park in Union County. The project intends to address overuse, erosion, and drainage issues around the lake. Land disturbing activities include grading, timber wall and edging replacement, stair replacement, boardwalk replacement, stabilization practices, and revegetation. Encroachments necessary for this project total 81,544 square feet along 3,427 linear feet within the buffers of Lake Trahlyta and Wolf Creek. The project is within the Hiwassee Watershed (06020002). Revegetation practices will utilize multi-trophic, native riparian vegetation.

Name and Address of Permit Applicant: Brent Vendola
GA Department of Natural Resources, Engineering & Construction
2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, Suite 1352, East Tower
Atlanta, GA 30064

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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