

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH

April 19, 2023  
Notice Issue Date

Cleveland / White County  
City / County

May 19, 2023  
Notice Close Date

TSV-154-23-01  
Control Number

Laceola Lot 109 Patio and Dock  
(GPS Coordinates: 34.609083, -83.730471)

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](mailto: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](mailto: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)}: (f)

Description and Location of Proposed Activity:

The proposed project involves the construction of a patio, walkway, and dock along the shoreline of Lake Laceola, an impoundment on Blue Creek in White County. Land disturbing activities will include a 420 square foot patio area set in sand with a seating wall, a natural walkway, and a floating dock. The project will result in a total of 82 linear feet (3,568 square feet total) of buffer disturbance, which will facilitate construction, BMPs, and revegetation. These features will provide access to Lake Laceola inside the Lake Laceola Subdivision off Waterside Trail in the Upper Chattahoochee Watershed (03130001). The shoreline buffer will be replanted with native riparian plant species upon completion of the three-month project.

Name and Address of Permit Applicant: Mr. Tom Cozart  
5296 Wyntercreek Way  
Dunwoody, GA 30338

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: Madison McCrary  
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