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March 16, 2016

Ms. Erica Studdard
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RE: Request for Variance under Provisions
of O.C.G.A. 12-7-6(15)
Carrollton Greenbelt Trail Construction
Strickland Rd. at Southwire Park to Brandenburg Rd.
City of Carrollton
File: BV-022-16-01

Dear Ms. Studdard:

Attached is a copy of the Environmental Protection Division's public advisory for the subject project. The purpose of this public advisory is to provide interested parties with the opportunity to submit comments about the proposed stream buffer variance.

In accordance with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources (DNR) regulations, the applicant must publish a notice in the legal organ of the local jurisdiction. The legal organ in Carroll County appears to be the Times-Georgian. However, it is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that is correct. The applicant's legal notice should contain the following information:

1. Description of the proposed buffer encroachment;
2. The location of the project;
3. Where the public can review site plans; and
4. Written comments should be submitted to the Program Manager, NonPoint Source Program, Erosion and Sedimentation Control Unit, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Dr., SW, Suite 1462 East, Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Please do not copy and publish the attached EPD public advisory as the applicant's legal notice. The public must have 30 days from the date of publication of the notice in the legal organ of the local jurisdiction to comment on a stream buffer variance proposal.

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Please send the entire original newspaper page with the public advisory and posted date of the published notice in the legal organ of the local jurisdiction to the NonPoint Source Program, Erosion and Sedimentation Control Unit to complete the processing of your stream buffer variance application. If additional information is required, please do not hesitate to contact me at (404) 651-8549.

Sincerely,



Peggy Chambers
Environmental Specialist
Erosion and Sedimentation Control Unit

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Attachment

cc: Honorable Walter Hollingsworth
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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION
PUBLIC ADVISORY
WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH

March 16, 2016
Advisory Issue Date

City of Carrollton
City/County

April 15, 2016
Advisory Close Date

BV-022-16-01
Control Number

Carrollton Greenbelt Trail Construction-Strickland Road at Southwire Park to Brandenburg Road
Activity

This advisory 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. 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 25-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-J)}: F

Description and Location of Proposed Activity:

Applicant proposes to impact a total of 458 linear feet (5,444 ft²) of stream buffer along Richards Lake and Buffalo Creek to construct a section of the Carrollton Greenbelt. The recreational trail will be 12'-wide and composed of concrete; there will be a 1.5'-wide section of pervious concrete along the Strickland Rd. side of the trail to filter stormwater runoff away from Richards Lake. This section of the trail is located from Strickland Road at Southwire Park to Brandenburg Road.

Name and Address of Permit Applicant:

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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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