

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION  
PUBLIC ADVISORY  
WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH

February 15, 2016  
Advisory Issue Date

Columbia County  
City / County

March 16, 2016  
Advisory Close Date

BV-036-15-06  
Control Number

Retaining Wall  
(3527 Lakestone Court, Martinez, GA 30907)

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 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SW, Suite 1462, Atlanta, Georgia 30334.

Type of PermitApplication: 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-k)}: (a)

Description and Location of Proposed Activity:

The proposed project will consist of replacing a deteriorating CMU (standard concrete block) retaining wall with a new cast-in-place concrete retaining wall along an unnamed tributary to Bowen Pond near Martinez. The proposed retaining wall will provide the necessary structural support for the existing driveway to the attached garage of a single-family residential home along Lakestone Court in Columbia County. The dimensions of the new retaining wall will match the dimensions of the existing retaining wall and the buffer vegetation will be restored to current existing conditions. Activities will result in permanent buffer impacts to 75 linear feet (1,306 square feet) along an unnamed tributary to Bowen Pond (Reed Creek) in the Middle Savannah Watershed.

Name and Address of Permit Applicant:

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Geiger  
3527 Lakestone Court  
Martinez, GA 30907

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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