

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION
PUBLIC NOTICE
WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH

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Columbia County
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Control Number

Columbia County - Dowling Drive – Sewerage System Improvements
(Columbia Road / Dowling Drive, Martinez, GA 30907)
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 SW, Suite 418 West, Atlanta, GA 30334. Please contact Ms. Clara Davis at (404) 463-2382 or email clara.davis@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 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SW, Suite 1462 East, Atlanta, GA 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-k)}: (a) and (d)

Description and Location of Proposed Activity:

This project will consist of *abandoning-in-place* existing gravity sanitary sewer lines and manholes (exposed and susceptible to failure caused by significant erosion of the streambanks) and installing ±1,016 linear feet of 8" - 18" Ø poly (PVC SDR 26) and ductile iron pipe (DIP Class 350) gravity sanitary sewer lines and *new* manholes along Reed Creek near the intersection of Columbia Road and Dowling Drive in Columbia County. The proposed streambank stabilization will consist of grading the eroding streambanks to a more stable slope and soil bioengineering practices (including joint planting/vegetative riprap and/or Filtrexx[®] streambank stabilization system with live stake cuttings). The proposed project will result 237 linear feet total (3,248 square feet total) of buffer impacts along an unnamed perennial stream (tributary to Reed Creek) and Reed Creek in the *Middle Savannah Watershed*.

Name and Address of Permit Applicant: Eric Hinds, Manager
Columbia County
Water Utility Engineering and Inspection Department
2140 William Few Parkway, Building A
Grovetown, GA 30813

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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NonPoint Source Program
2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SW, Suite 1462 East
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