

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION
PUBLIC NOTICE
WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH

February 27, 2019
Advisory Issue Date

City of Blakely/Early County
City/County

March 29, 2019
Advisory Close Date

BV-049-18-01
Control Number

Blakely Welcome Center Improvements
(Intersection of US Highway 27 and Georgia Highway 62)
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, S.W. Suite 418 West Atlanta, Georgia 30334. Please contact Ms. Clara Davis at (404) 463-2382 or e-mail 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 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-k)}: a, f

Description and Location of Proposed Activity:

The City of Blakely proposes to build a Welcome Center with associated infrastructure, walking trails and a canoe trail. Buffer disturbance activities include clearing and construction of a walking trail, connection of the canal to the canoe trail and stabilization of the canal banks. The proposed project will result in buffer impacts to 815 linear feet (6,534 ft²) to an unnamed canal tributary to Baptist Branch in the Spring Creek Watershed.

Name and Address of Permit Applicant:

Ms. Lisa Collins
City of Blakely
Post Office Box 350
Blakely, Georgia 31522

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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