

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION  
PUBLIC ADVISORY  
WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH

April 5, 2016  
Advisory Issue Date

Atlanta / Fulton County  
City / County

May 5, 2016  
Advisory Close Date

BV-060-15-16  
Control Number

Atlanta History Center – Streambank Stabilization, Recreational Foot Trail and Public Sidewalk

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 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 (f)

Description and Location of Proposed Activity:

The proposed streambank stabilization project will consist of installing vegetated rock gabions and boulder revetments and extending an existing granite rubble wall along an unnamed perennial stream located in the Cherry Sims Asian Garden within the Atlanta History Center. The proposed stabilization practices will prevent further erosion of the streambanks threatening the structural integrity of McElreath Hall and an adjacent driveway. In addition, the proposed project will consist of constructing a pedestrian trail (i.e., elevated wooden boardwalk) and extending the public sidewalk along Andrews Drive. The buffer will be restored to a naturally vegetated state using "multi-trophic" riparian vegetation. Activities will result in buffer impacts to 381 linear feet total (14,375 square feet total) along an unnamed tributary to Peachtree Creek in the Upper Chattahoochee Watershed.

Name and Address of Permit Applicant:

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130 West Paces Ferry Road NW  
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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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