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. Thais Edwards at (404) 463-2382 or email thais.edwards@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 (f)

Description and Location of Proposed Activity:

Stormwater runoff has caused severe streambank erosion and loss of property along Intrenchment Creek near the intersection of Mercer Street and Siloam Avenue in Atlanta. The proposed project will consist of grading the streambank to more stable slope (2H:1V) and soil bio-engineering systems (including toe protection and erosion control blankets (such as BioD-Mat® 60)), installing a new stormwater catch basin and 42" Ø RCP pipe with an energy dissipating headwall and riprap flume and constructing a new concrete pedestrian path to Intrenchment Creek. This project will result in ±265 linear feet total (±6,028 square feet total) of buffer impacts along Intrenchment Creek in the Upper Ocmulgee Watershed.

Name and Address of Permit Applicant: William Douty
City of Atlanta – Department of Watershed Management
72 Marietta Street NW
Atlanta, GA  30303
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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