ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION PUBLIC ADVISORY WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH

October 12, 2018 **Fulton County** Notice Issue Date City/County

November 12, 2018 BV-060-18-21 Notice Close Date Control Number

GDOT Project #NH000-0056-01(052) PI #721850

State Route (SR) 400 from 2,000 feet North of Abernathy Road to Pitts Road Widening and Reconstruction 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 immediately 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. Thais Edwards at (404) 463-2382 or e-mail 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 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, h)

Description and Location of Proposed Activity: The proposed project would disturb the state-mandated 25 foot buffers of seven resources due to grading, the extension of drainage structures, the clearing for construction access, armoring, and utility work. The project would disturb the buffers of Perennial Stream (PS) 5, PS/Intermittent Stream (IS) 7, IS 8, Open Water (OW) 9, OW 10, OW 11, and PS 12A in the Upper Chattahoochee watershed. From Atlanta, take I-75/I-85 north and continue onto I-85. After approximately 6 miles, take Exit 87 for SR 400 N. The project starts approximately seven miles north at the Hammond Drive bridge.

Name and Address of Permit Applicant:

Mr. Eric Duff Georgia Department of Transportation Office of Environmental Services 600 W. Peachtree Street, NW, 16th Floor Atlanta, Georgia 30308

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: Rá-Jendra C. Hunter, Environmental Specialist

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