

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION
PUBLIC ADVISORY
WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH

April 7, 2016
Advisory Issue Date

Gwinnett County
City/County

May 7, 2016
Advisory Close Date

BV-067-16-01
Control Number

GDOT Project NHIM0-0085-02(164)
PI 110600
I-85 Express Lanes Extension
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 MLK Jr. Dr. S.W., 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, h

Description and Location of Proposed Activity:

Application proposes to impact 179 linear feet (3,034.2 square feet) of stream buffer to two intermittent streams (unnamed tributaries to Suwanee Creek and Little Ivy Creek) and three perennial streams (Little Ivy Creek and unnamed tributaries to Suwanee Creek, Ivy Creek, and Little Ivy Creek) for transportation improvements to I-85, including the construction of one new tolled lane in each direction on I-85. Disturbance activities will consist of placement of fill, installation of BMP's including riprap and silt fence, and construction access to build noise barriers. Project on I-85 begins approximately 0.5 mile north of Old Peachtree Rd and ends approximately 0.3 mile past Spout Springs Rd in Chatham County.

Name and Address of Permit Applicant:

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