

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH

December 13, 2018  
Advisory Issue Date

Clarkesville/Habersham County  
City/County

January 12, 2019  
Advisory Close Date

BV-068-18-01  
Control Number

Rocky Branch Stream Restoration  
*(Intersection of Rocky Branch Road and Gabrels Drive, Clarkesville, GA)*  
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](mailto: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)}: b

Description and Location of Proposed Activity:

The proposed streambank stabilization and restoration project will consist of grading the eroding streambanks to create bankfull benches, installation of in-stream structures (two rock cross vane structures and four rock j-hook structures) to provide in-stream habitat, absorb water energy and provide grade control. Streambanks will be stabilized using coconut or jute matting, straw and revegetated with native grasses, shrub plantings and live stakes. This project will result in 299 linear feet (897 square feet) of buffer impacts along Rocky Branch in the Upper Chattahoochee River Basin. The project site is located at the intersection of Rocky Branch Road and Gabrel Drive in Clarkesville, Habersham County.

Name and Address of Permit Applicant:

Mr. Duncan Hines  
Soque River Watershed Association  
Post Office Box 1901  
Clarkesville, Georgia 30523

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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