

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION
PUBLIC ADVISORY
WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH

September 29, 2015
Advisory Issue Date

Columbus / Muscogee County
City / County

October 29, 2015
Advisory Close Date

BV-106-15-04
Control Number

South Lumpkin Multi-Use Trail – Phase II
Transportation Investment Act (TIA) Project P.I. No. 0012579

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)}: (f)

Description and Location of Proposed Activity:

The proposed project will consist of constructing a 12-ft wide, multi-use trail along an abandoned railroad right-of-way for approximately 0.20 miles north of the intersection of Victory Drive (SR 520) and Shelby Street in Columbus. The buffer will be restored to a multi-trophic, naturally vegetated state (including Sweet Gum and Common Elderberry seedlings). This project will result in 169 linear feet (5,731 square feet) of fill slope buffer disturbances along an unnamed tributary to Bull Creek in the Middle Chattahoochee-Walter F. George Rese Watershed.

Name and Address of Permit Applicant:

Mr. Rick Jones, Planning Director
Columbus Planning Department
Government Annex Building
420 10th Street
Columbus, GA 31902

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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