

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION  
PUBLIC ADVISORY  
WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH

December 30, 2015  
Advisory Issue Date

Muscogee County  
City/County

January 29, 2016  
Advisory Close Date

BV-106-15-06  
Control Number

GDOT Project STP-8016-00(003)  
PI 350730  
Widening and Reconstruction of Talbotton/Warm Springs Rd  
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

Description and Location of Proposed Activity:

Application proposes to impact 150 linear feet (2,427 square feet) of stream buffer to one intermittent stream (an unnamed tributary to Weracoba Creek) for the widening and reconstruction of Talbotton/Warm Springs Rd. Disturbance activities will consist of permanent impact due to fill associated with the roadway embankment and the installation of BMPs and a new waterline. Project on Talbotton/Warm Springs Rd begins at 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue and ends at Woodruff Rd/Hilton Avenue in Muscogee County.

Name and Address of Permit Applicant:

Ms. Hiral Patel  
Georgia Department of Transportation  
Office of Environmental Services  
600 W. Peachtree Street, NW, 16<sup>th</sup> 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:

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