

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION
PUBLIC NOTICE
WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH

June 1, 2016
Notice Issue Date

Covington / Newton County
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July 1, 2016
Notice Close Date

BV-107-16-01
Control Number

Dried Indian Creek - Streambank Stabilization
Halpern Enterprises, Inc. – Covington Corners Shopping Center
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 SW, Suite 418 West, Atlanta, GA 30334. Please contact Ms. Thais Edwards at (404) 463-2387 or email 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 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SW, Suite 1462 East, Atlanta, GA 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-.11 (2)(a-k)}: (a)

Description and Location of Proposed Activity:

The proposed streambank stabilization project will consist of grading the streambanks to a more stable slope (2H:1V – 3H:1V) and integrated bio-engineering practices (including vegetated rock gabions with Black Willow and Silky Dogwood live stake cuttings) along Dried Indian Creek near the intersection of Elm Street and U.S. Highway 278 in Covington. The proposed stabilization practices will prevent further erosion of the streambanks along the existing access road and loading docks on the shopping center property. The proposed project will result in 883 linear feet (8,387 square feet) of buffer disturbances along Dried Indian Creek in the Upper Ocmulgee Watershed.

Name and Address of Permit Applicant: Glenn Caracappa, Vice President of Operations
Halpern Enterprises, Inc.
5629 Buford Highway
Atlanta, GA 30340

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: Frank M. Carubba, Environmental Engineer
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