

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION
PUBLIC NOTICE
WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH

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Control Number

City of Covington – Lake Alexander and Forebay – Stormwater Maintenance
(Riverbend Road – US Highway 278, Covington, GA 30014)

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 SW, Suite 418 West, Atlanta, GA 30334. Please contact Ms. Thais Edwards at (404) 463-2382 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-.05 (2)(a-k)}: (a)

Description and Location of Proposed Activity:

The proposed stormwater maintenance project will consist of dredging Lake Alexander and the *existing* sediment basin (i.e, forebay) and re-grading the *existing* sediment basin (3H:1V). The dredged sediment will be dried and hauled to a Land Application System (LAS) facility in Covington and the buffers will be restored to existing conditions to the extent practicable. Land disturbing activities will result in buffer impacts (\pm 1,633 linear feet total, \pm 35,972 square feet total) along Lake Alexander and the forebay located along an unnamed perennial stream, a tributary to the Alcovy River in the *Upper Ocmulgee Watershed*.

Name and Address of Permit Applicant: Tres Thomas, City Engineer
Covington Engineering Department
2116 Stallings Street NW
Covington, GA 30014

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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