

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION
PUBLIC ADVISORY
WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH

February 26, 2016
Advisory Issue Date

Telfair County
City / County

March 28, 2016
Advisory Close Date

BV-134-16-01
Control Number

Horse Creek Wildlife Management Area (WMA) – Boat Ramp - Ocmulgee River

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)}: (a)

Description and Location of Proposed Activity:

This project will consist of constructing a new concrete boat ramp with riprap adjacent to the boat ramp and a pervious, gravel parking area in the Horse Creek Wildlife Management Area (WMA) along the Ocmulgee River in Telfair County. Mitigation for the permanent buffer impacts will consist of 2,600 square feet of joint plantings (black willow, *Salix nigra*) along the Ocmulgee River adjacent to the proposed boat ramp. The proposed project will result in 160 linear feet total (4,050 square feet total) of buffer impacts along the Ocmulgee River in the *Lower Ocmulgee Watershed*.

Name and Address of Permit Applicant:

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Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Wildlife Resources Division
2070 U.S. Highway 278 SE
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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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