

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH

July 23, 2018  
Advisory Issue Date

Upton County  
City/County

August 21, 2018  
Advisory Close Date

BV-145-18-01  
Control Number

GA DNR Flint River Hand Launch  
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, S.W. Suite 418 West Atlanta, Georgia 30334. Please contact Ms. Thais Edwards at (404) 463-2382 or e-mail [thais.edwards@dnr.ga.gov](mailto: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 MLK Jr., Dr., SW Suite 1462 East, 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 and timber hand launch with steps and graveled path from loading area to the hand launch along the Flint River in Upton County. The proposed Mitigation for the permanent buffer impacts will consist of live stake plantings (black willow, *Salix nigra*) adjacent to the proposed hand launch along the Flint River. The proposed project will result in approximately 47 linear feet (1,229 square feet) of permanent buffer impacts along the Flint River in the *Upper Flint Watershed*.

Name and Address of Permit Applicant:

Mr. Jeff Bishop  
Georgia Department of Natural Resources  
Wildlife Resources Division  
2070 U.S. Highway 278 S.E.  
Social Circle, Georgia 30025

## 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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