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, S.W., Suite 1456, 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:**

The proposed project involves buffer encroachments necessary to excavate and remove accumulated sediments from an existing floodplain compensation basin. The basin will be restored to its original design capacity. 2,540 cubic yards of material will be removed in order to alleviate upstream flooding. The project is located near Pace Street within the city limits of Covington and will result in 195 linear feet of buffer disturbance along Dried Indian Creek.

**Name and Address of Permit Applicant:**

Mr. Tres Thomas  
City of Covington  
2194 Emory Street  
Covington, Georgia 30014

**Summary of Rules Requirements for Variance Application:**

The application for a variance must include an 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:** Michael Berry, Environmental Specialist  
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