

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION
PUBLIC ADVISORY
WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH

November 13, 2015
Advisory Issue Date

/Union
City/County

December 14, 2015
Advisory Close Date

TSV-144-15-01
Control Number

Vogel State Park Fishing Platform
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, S.W., Suite 1456, Atlanta, Georgia 30334.

Type of Permit Application: Variance to encroach within the 50-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 construct a sidewalk providing access to a newly constructed fishing platform. The 5-foot wide side walk will be constructed using pervious concrete. A concrete abutment will also be constructed to anchor an aluminum gangway that will connect to the fishing platform. Approximately 1000-square feet of buffer will be enhanced by planting native riparian vegetation. The project is located south of Blairsville within Vogel State Park and will result in 100 linear feet (1,800 square feet) of buffer disturbance adjacent to Lake Trahlyta in Union County.

Name and Address of Permit Applicant:

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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:

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