

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION  
PUBLIC ADVISORY  
WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH

September 29, 2015  
Advisory Issue Date

Fannin County  
City/County

October 28, 2015  
Advisory Close Date

TSV-055-15-01  
Control Number

Lowery Road Improvements/Widening and Paving  
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 MLK Jr., Dr., SW Suite 1152 East, Atlanta, Georgia 30354

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-J)}: A

Description and Location of Proposed Activity:

Applicant proposes to impact a total of 1,772 linear feet (39,488ft<sup>2</sup>) of stream buffer along Long Creek and Cutcane Creek to conduct road improvements to Lowery Road. Improvements include widening the road from 15' to 18' and upgrading the road surface from gravel to pavement. Project begins on Lowery Road at the intersection of Lowery Road and Cutcane Road.

Name and Address of Permit Applicant:

Honorable Bill Simonds  
Chairman, Fannin County Board of Commissioners  
400 West Main St.  
Suite 100  
Blue Ridge, Georgia 30513

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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