

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION
PUBLIC NOTICE
WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH

February 27, 2019
Notice Issue Date

Towns County
City/County

March 29, 2019
Notice Close Date

TSV-139-19-01
Control Number

GDOT Project PI# 0000304
State Route 66 over Brasstown Creek
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 immediately 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. Clara Davis at (404) 463-2382 or e-mail clara.davis@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 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 would impact buffers to Stream 1 (Brasstown Creek), Stream 2 (Byers Creek), and Steam 3 (Unnamed tributary to Byers Creek) for the bridge replacement of State Route 66. The project would impact the 50-foot state mandated buffer of unnamed tributaries to Brasstown Creek within the Hiwassee watershed. Non-exempt disturbance activities would consist of placement of fill (rip-rap) and clearing of vegetation. BMPs such as orange barrier fence, two rows of type C silt fence, and rip-rap will be placed within the buffer. The proposed project begins 1,700 feet south and ends approximately 2,850 feet northwest of Brasstown Creek, located 0.5 mile northwest of Young Harris, Towns County.**

Name and Address of Permit Applicant:

Mr. Eric Duff
Georgia Department of Transportation
Office of Environmental Services
600 W. Peachtree Street, NW, 16th Floor
Atlanta, Georgia 30308

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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