

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION  
PUBLIC ADVISORY  
WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH

February 29, 2016  
Advisory Issue Date

City of Helen  
City/County

March 29, 2016  
Advisory Close Date

TSV-154-15-11  
Control Number

West Side Water System Improvements-Escowee Dr. Waterline Replacement  
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 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-J)}:   A  

Description and Location of Proposed Activity:

Applicant proposes to impact a total of 231 linear feet (1,137 ft<sup>2</sup>) of buffer along the Chattahoochee River on Escowee Dr. to replace an existing 6-inch asbestos cement waterline with a new 8-inch pvc waterline. The overall project will connect to an existing line at the intersection of Hamby St. and Unicoi St., run southwest along Hamby St. and northwest along Escowee Dr. to Ridge Rd. where it will tie back to the existing line. The public advisory has been revised to correctly reflect a 50-foot buffer.

Name and Address of Permit Applicant:

Honorable Donna Burke  
Mayor, City of Helen  
25 Alpenrosen Strasse  
P.O. Box 280  
Helen, Georgia 30545

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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