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June 18, 2014

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Re: Request for Variance under Provisions of O.C.G.A. 12-7-6(b)(15)
GDOT Project #STP00-1105-00(004)/P.I. No. 245320 &
BHSLB-1105-00(005)/P.I. No. 245325
Windsor Spring Rd Widening, Relocation and Bridge Replacement
Phase V
Richmond County
File: BV-121-14-02

Dear Ms. Patel:

Attached is a copy of the Environmental Protection Division's public advisory for the subject project. The purpose of this public advisory is to provide interested parties with the opportunity to submit comments about the proposed stream buffer variance.

In accordance with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources (DNR) regulations, the applicant must publish a separate notice in the legal organ of the local jurisdiction. The legal organ in Richmond County appears to be The Augusta Chronicle. However, it is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that is correct. The applicant's legal notice should contain the following information:

- (1) A description of the proposed buffer encroachment;
- (2) The location of the project;
- (3) Where the public can review site plans; and
- (4) Written comments should be submitted to the Program Manager, NonPoint Source Program, Erosion and Sedimentation Control Unit, 2 MLK Jr. Dr. SW, Suite 1462, Atlanta, Georgia 30334.

Please do not copy and publish the attached EPD public advisory as the applicant's legal notice. The public must have 30 days from the date of publication of the legal notice in the local newspaper to comment on a stream buffer variance proposal.

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Please send the entire original newspaper page with the public advisory and posted date of the published legal notice to the NonPoint Source Program, Erosion and Sedimentation Control Unit to complete the processing of your stream buffer variance application. If additional information is required, please do not hesitate to contact me at (404) 651-8553.

Sincerely,



Peggy Chambers`
Environmental Specialist
Erosion and Sedimentation Control Unit

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Attachment

cc: Honorable Deke Copenhaver
Rahn Milligan
Steve Schleiger
Jeff Darley

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION
PUBLIC ADVISORY
WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH

June 18, 2014
Advisory Issue Date

/Richmond
City/County

July 18, 2014
Advisory Close Date

BV-121-14-02
Control Number

Windsor Spring Rd Widening, Relocation & Bridge Replacement Phase V
GDOT Project #STP00-1105-00(004)/P.I. No. 245320 & BHSLB-1105-00(005)/P.I. No. 245325
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. S.W., Suite 1462, 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)}: H

Description and Location of Proposed Activity:

Application is for impacts to 47 linear feet of stream 2, an unnamed tributary to Grindstone Branch, for fill and channel realignment associated with the construction of two culverts. This project is proposed on Windsor Spring Rd. beginning south of SR 88 and ending south of Willis Foreman Rd. intersection.

Name and Address of Permit Applicant:

Ms. Hiral Patel
Georgia Department of Transportation
Office of Environmental Services-One Georgia Center
600 W. Peachtree Street, NW, 16th Floor
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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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