ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION PUBLIC NOTICE WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH

May 10, 2021 Advisory Issue Date

June 9, 2021 Advisory Close Date Statenville, Georgia City/County

BV-050-21-01 Control Number

Bridge Replacement on State Route 376 at Alapahoochee River Echols County (PI # 0014073) (GPS Coordinates: 30.703722, -83.121436)

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 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. Arnettia Murphy at (404) 656-4157 or e-mail <u>arnettia.murphy@dnr.ga.gov</u> 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: <u>Program Manager, NonPoint Source Program, Erosion and Sedimentation Control, 2 MLK Jr., Dr., SW Suite 1462 East, Atlanta, Georgia 30334.</u>

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 $\{391-3-7.05 (2)(a-k)\}$: <u>a & h</u>

Description and Location of Proposed Activity: <u>The proposed project consists of replacing the existing bridge</u> <u>crossing over the Alapahoochee River. The project is located in the Alapaha River Watershed. Disturbances</u> <u>will involve the clearing of existing vegetation and regrading of roadside. Post construction riparian habitat will</u> <u>be diminished. These impacts will be mitigated for through the use of best management practices (BMPs)</u> <u>throughout the construction process and the purchase of offsite mitigation credits.</u>

Name and Address of Permit Applicant:

Mr. Eric Duff