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Mr. Eric Duff
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Re: Buffer Variance Revision
Interstate 285 at Interstate 20 East Interchange Reconstruction Project
DeKalb County
File: BV-044-24-04

Dear Mr. Duff:

Your request relative to the referenced project has been reviewed. The revision requested in your letter is for a change in mitigation only due to a typo by EPD in the original authorization. The proposed revision would allow for a change in the number of mitigation credits required.

This revision to a previously approved buffer variance will not affect the project's original concept, does not change the amount of buffer encroachments and is only a revision of the proposed mitigation.

Condition #5 is hereby revised as follows:

5) The applicant must purchase 844 stream mitigation credits from within the same 8-digit HUC as the buffer impacts and the sales receipt verifying the credit purchase shall be forwarded to the EPD by return receipt certified mail (or similar service) or delivery receipt email by the applicant to document buffer mitigation compliance at least 14 days prior to any land disturbance on site. Proof of delivery and receipt is the applicant's responsibility.

The proposed revisions will not require further application to GAEPD. Conditions 1 – 4 and 6 specified in the attached March 27, 2024 approval remain in effect.

You remain obligated and responsible for complying with the provisions of any other law or regulations of any federal, local or additional State authority; **however, the aforementioned are not obligated to permit this project if they do not concur with its concept of development/control.**

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If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact please contact Josh Hanselman, Erosion and Sedimentation Control Unit, Nonpoint Source Program, at (470) 524-0599.

Sincerely,



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