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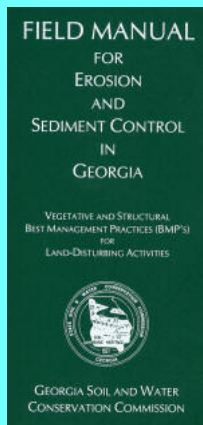
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PERSPECTIVE ON THE ISSUE OF BUFFERS AROUND WETLANDS



We've all heard that too much of one thing can be damaging if you're not careful! Balance is the key between environmental protection and economic growth as we grow by 1 million people every 6 to 7 years in metroAtlanta. Is a buffer really needed to be responsible with protecting

our water resources in Georgia?

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THE COUNCIL FOR QUALITY GROWTH,
THE GEORGIA AGRIBUSINESS COUNCIL,
THE GEORGIA ASSOCIATION OF WATER PROFESSIONALS,
THE GEORGIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,
THE GEORGIA GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATION,
THE GEORGIA INDUSTRY ENVIRONMENTAL COALITION, THE GEORGIA
URBAN AGRICULTURE COUNCIL
THE METRO ATLANTA CHAMBER,
THE NORTH GEORGIA WATER RESOURCES PARTNERSHIP, AND THE
REGIONAL BUSINESS COALITION
OF METROPOLITAN ATLANTA

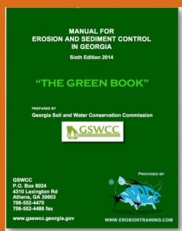
Wetlands are ubiquitous in Georgia. If land-disturbing activities are prohibited within 25 feet of these features, projects of all kinds throughout the State will be substantially delayed, if not prohibited entirely. The resulting economic disruption could be both severe and entirely pointless. Expanding the buffer ruling will produce negligible environmental benefits, because activities in wetlands are already subject to strict regulation under a different statute, the federal Clean Water Act. The difference between the existing wetland program under the Clean Water Act and the buffer requirement under the Erosion and Sedimentation Act is that the existing program is designed to be flexible, and includes expedited procedures to authorize minor projects, whereas the buffer requirement is designed to be inflexible. Activities within a buffer cannot be authorized by permit; instead, a statutory variance from the Director of the Georgia Environmental Protection Division ("Georgia EPD") is required. The

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Director can grant a variance only in certain circumstances, for certain types of projects, and only after providing a full-blown notice-and-comment period. Projects that can be permitted in a matter of weeks under the current system will be held up for a *minimum* of four months if the Court of Appeals' ruling is not reversed.

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OCTOBER 22, 2014

TIME TO REGISTER for this GREAT EVENT!



Griffin Annual S.T.R.E.A.M and BMP Demonstration Field Day - 2014

Information	Register Now
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WHEN
Wednesday, October 22, 2014
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

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The City of Griffin in cooperation with the NPDES Training Institute is now accepting

Summary
Invitation
Location

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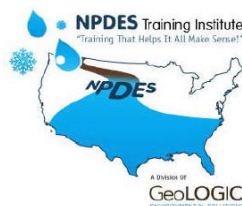
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ENVIRONMENTAL STEERING COMMITTEE
as well as their preferred STORMWATER
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MORE STORMWATER CONFERENCES & TRAINING EVENTS



[S.T.R.E.A.M.](#) - City of Griffin &
[NPDES TRAINING INSTITUTE](#) have partnered to
provide Georgia's most popular Annual
Stormwater & Erosion/Sedimentation Field
Seminar on OCTOBER 22nd!



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UPCOMING CONFERENCE AUGUST-2014



MS4 CECI

Compliance & Enforcement Certified Inspector

Location: AGC of America, Georgia Chapter, Marietta
Date: October 15, 2014



"Thank you for providing this stormwater certification. The videos were excellent. The whole course really helped me understand the importance of the MS4 program!"

Officials from US EPA & GA EPD speak at this certification

LOCATION: Marietta, Georgia

DATE: October 15, 2014

[MS4 CECI Training Event](#)

The June MS4CECI training was AWESOME! (Food and snacks were great too) - all in all, a GREAT day! Course evaluations are always extremely positive! If you would like to learn more about how to effectively perform your responsibilities in the MS4 program, get certified as an MS4 Compliance and Enforcement Certified Inspector (MS4 CECI) at our next event on **August 13th, 2014!** You'll be glad you did!

The US EPA and Georgia EPD have committed to giving us ongoing updates in their talks at all of our upcoming seminars! The next MS4CECI seminar is on **August 13th**, where you too can become MS4CECI certified!

Seating limited to 20 attendees, come and listen as federal and state regulators speak about their role in the NPDES MS4, industrial, construction and post construction stormwater permit program. A role





intended to assist you, the MS4 Compliance and enforcement Certified Inspector.

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We're Almost Full!

RESERVE YOUR PLACE TODAY!

Hosted by the NPDES Training Institute, you won't find a NPDES certification course with more useful information than the MS4 CECI seminar ANYWHERE, or your money back!

Municipalities and private consultants alike love the MS4 CECI training!

"The videos with equipment demonstrations really helped make it practical"

The EPA and EPD discussions made the course practical and helped me understand how to properly regulate water quality problems in my MS4"

Great training! I feel like I know what to do now with my inspections, both for illicit discharges and construction sites."



"I liked the interaction with the instructor, updated information and all the new resources given out."

"The instructor was patient and really did a good job of answering questions"

"Excellent Course! Video's and Interaction with Instructor!"



On top of all the other material you receive, after passing your exam, you will receive a Certificate of Completion worth 8 CEUs and a MS4 CECI photo ID card.

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**HERE's TO TIGHT LINES & GOOD TIMES
in Clean Abundant Water!!!**



Let's respect our neighbors downstream!

It's important that we sacrifice a little today to give our kids an equally great place to live, swim, fish, and hunt tomorrow! There is a lot happening with water regulations that affect a

diverse community of public and private entities. If you have areas of interest that you would like included in this newsletter, please contact us at 678-469-5120.

Sincerely,
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