

GPTQ/GDOT Ecology Subcommittee Meeting
Wednesday, November 13, 2013
Updates and Reminders

Electronic review

- The first submittal of a document should always go to the Ecology_submittals mailbox.
- Routing Slips must be completed in its entirety.
- Review Procedures for required data (on SharePoint site).

Calculating Impacts

- This is a responsibility of the Project Ecologist.
- If calculations are provided to the ecologist by an engineer, the ecologist is responsible for reviewing and verifying the accuracy of the calculations.
- GDOT engineers are not required to provide resource impact calculations.

New buffer variance forms

- The new forms should be used for every BV application, effective immediately.

Permits

- Read through the regulations and be familiar with new thresholds of RP 1 and 96.
- Be sure to include all necessary electronic data for Permit Applications.
- Be familiar with Regional Conditions.
 - Required for all new culverts in perennial streams, not just “new location” culverts.
 - GDOT’s Chief Engineer has provided guidance to designers (attached).
- PAR/Pre-app Meetings
 - Be sure to be prepared for these meetings.
 - Check with the NEPA Analyst or GDOT Ecologist for guidance, if needed.

Schedules

- Preliminary Field Plan Reviews can now be held prior to NEPA Document Approval. (Guidance attached.)
- Deadlines for final plans have been set for projects requiring 404 permits or buffer variances. (Guidance attached.)

EPM Updates

- Current templates/guidance are on the SharePoint site. EPM updates will be made as time allows.
- Past report formats may be grandfathered in on a project-by-project basis.
- If you have ideas/suggestions on specific updates, GPTQ is a great time to talk about it.

Ecology SharePoint Site

- Have you used it?
 - If so, did you find what you are looking for?
 - If not, please let me know!

GPTQ Meetings

- Please provide meetings topics, questions or comments to help improve these meetings.