

Guidance on Natural Resources Deliverability Questions

2026 TIP Funding Application

4-19) Do you anticipate needing a nationwide Section 404 permit and/or any other permit from the US Army Corps of Engineers?

Resource: Section 404 requirements – <https://www.usace.army.mil/missions/civil-works/Regulatory-Program-and-permits/Obtain-a-Permit/>

4-20) Do you anticipate needing a Section 401 Water Quality Certification from the state?

Guidance: This has to do with whether or not dredge & fill activities will cause harm to jurisdictional waters. These links will provide guidance:

- <http://epd.georgia.gov/erosion-and-sedimentation>
- <https://www.usace.army.mil/missions/civil-works/Regulatory-Program-and-permits/Obtain-a-Permit/>

4-21) Will a stream buffer variance be required?

Guidance: If they are working within a buffer (which applies to only to state waters), then a variance is needed. They would need to check with the local jurisdiction about specific buffer widths and water determinations. This link will also help: <http://epd.georgia.gov/erosion-and-sedimentation>

4-22) Does this require wetlands and/or stream mitigation?

Resource:

See <https://www.epa.gov/cwa-404/compensatory-mitigation-factsheet-under-cwa-section-404>

4-23) Is the project adjacent to or otherwise hydrologically connected to an impaired waterbody?

Guidance: Impaired streams have been monitored against our water quality standards and found to be in violation those standards. Here is a link to GIS data to help determining where they are:

<https://epd.georgia.gov/geographic-information-systems-gis-databases-and-documentation> Here's the list: <https://epd.georgia.gov/georgia-305b303d-list-documents>.

4-24) Has an endangered species desktop analysis been conducted yet?

Guidance: This is in regards to NEPA and there isn't a great source of information on it out there. US Fish & Wildlife and/or GA DNRs Wildlife Resources Division would be the best. Since the information is not easy to obtain, we recommend just answering "no" if it hasn't been conducted already (rather than trying to begin a desktop analysis during this short application period).