



**U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
REGULATORY PROGRAM
APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION FORM (INTERIM)
NAVIGABLE WATERS PROTECTION RULE**

I. ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Completion Date of Approved Jurisdictional Determination (AJD): 7/14/2020

ORM Number: SAS-2014-00501

Associated JDs: SAS-2014-00519

Review Area Location¹: State/Territory: Georgia City: Springfield County/Parish/Borough: Effingham

Center Coordinates of Review Area: Latitude 32.387581 Longitude -81.331987

II. FINDINGS

A. Summary: Check all that apply. At least one box from the following list MUST be selected. Complete the corresponding sections/tables and summarize data sources.

- The review area is comprised entirely of dry land (i.e., there are no waters or water features, including wetlands, of any kind in the entire review area). Rationale: N/A or describe rationale.
- There are “navigable waters of the United States” within Rivers and Harbors Act jurisdiction within the review area (complete table in Section II.B).
- There are “waters of the United States” within Clean Water Act jurisdiction within the review area (complete appropriate tables in Section II.C).
- There are waters or water features excluded from Clean Water Act jurisdiction within the review area (complete table in Section II.D).

B. Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 Section 10 (§ 10)²

§ 10 Name	§ 10 Size	§ 10 Criteria	Rationale for § 10 Determination
N/A.	N/A.	N/A.	N/A.

C. Clean Water Act Section 404

Territorial Seas and Traditional Navigable Waters ((a)(1) waters): ³			
(a)(1) Name	(a)(1) Size	(a)(1) Criteria	Rationale for (a)(1) Determination
N/A.	N/A.	N/A.	N/A.

Tributaries ((a)(2) waters):			
(a)(2) Name	(a)(2) Size	(a)(2) Criteria	Rationale for (a)(2) Determination
N/A.	N/A.	N/A.	N/A.

Lakes and ponds, and impoundments of jurisdictional waters ((a)(3) waters):			
(a)(3) Name	(a)(3) Size	(a)(3) Criteria	Rationale for (a)(3) Determination
N/A.	N/A.	N/A.	N/A.

Adjacent wetlands ((a)(4) waters):			
(a)(4) Name	(a)(4) Size	(a)(4) Criteria	Rationale for (a)(4) Determination
N/A.	N/A.	N/A.	N/A.

¹ Map(s)/figure(s) are attached to the AJD provided to the requestor.

² If the navigable water is not subject to the ebb and flow of the tide or included on the District’s list of Rivers and Harbors Act Section 10 navigable waters list, do NOT use this document to make the determination. The District must continue to follow the procedure outlined in 33 CFR part 329.14 to make a Rivers and Harbors Act Section 10 navigability determination.

³ A stand-alone TNW determination is completed independently of a request for an AJD. A stand-alone TNW determination is conducted for a specific segment of river or stream or other type of waterbody, such as a lake, where upstream or downstream limits or lake borders are established. A stand-alone TNW determination should be completed following applicable guidance and should NOT be documented on the AJD Form.



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D. Excluded Waters or Features

Excluded waters ((b)(1) – (b)(12)): ⁴				
Exclusion Name	Exclusion Size		Exclusion ⁵	Rationale for Exclusion Determination
NA-1	1.362	acre(s)	(b)(1) Non-adjacent wetland.	NA-1 is not adjacent to any (a)(1)-(a)(3) waters as defined by the NWPR. This wetland does not abut any (a)(1)-(a)(3) waters, is not inundated by any (a)(1)-(a)(3) waters, is physically separated from all (a)(1)-(a)(3) waters and does not have a direct hydrologic surface connection to any (a)(1)-(a)(3) waters in a typical year.
NA-2	4.377	acre(s)	(b)(1) Non-adjacent wetland.	NA-2 is not adjacent to any (a)(1)-(a)(3) waters as defined by the NWPR. This wetland does not abut any (a)(1)-(a)(3) waters, is not inundated by any (a)(1)-(a)(3) waters, is physically separated from all (a)(1)-(a)(3) waters and does not have a direct hydrologic surface connection to any (a)(1)-(a)(3) waters in a typical year.

III. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

A. Select/enter all resources that were used to aid in this determination and attach data/maps to this document and/or references/citations in the administrative record, as appropriate.

Information submitted by, or on behalf of, the applicant/consultant: [Approved Jurisdictional Determination request submitted to the Corps on 4/22/2020](#)

This information is sufficient for purposes of this AJD.

Rationale: [N/A or describe rationale for insufficiency \(including partial insufficiency\).](#)

Data sheets prepared by the Corps: [Title\(s\) and/or date\(s\).](#)

Photographs: [Other: Consultant provided photo sheets, 4/17/2020](#)

Corps site visit(s) conducted on: [7/2/2020](#)

Previous Jurisdictional Determinations (AJDs or PJDs): [SAS-2014-00501 & SAS-2014-00519](#)

Antecedent Precipitation Tool: [provide detailed discussion in Section III.B.](#)

USDA NRCS Soil Survey: [NRCS Soil Map dated 4/17/2020](#)

USFWS NWI maps: [National Wetlands Inventory dated 4/17/2020](#)

USGS topographic maps: [USGS Topographic Map dated 4/17/2020](#)

Other data sources used to aid in this determination:

Data Source (select)	Name and/or date and other relevant information
USGS Sources	N/A.
USDA Sources	N/A.
NOAA Sources	N/A.
USACE Sources	N/A.
State/Local/Tribal Sources	N/A.
Other Sources	N/A.

⁴ Some excluded waters, such as (b)(2) and (b)(4), may not be specifically identified on the AJD form unless a requestor specifically asks a Corps district to do so. Corps districts may, in case-by-case instances, choose to identify some or all of these waters within the review area.

⁵ Because of the broad nature of the (b)(1) exclusion and in an effort to collect data on specific types of waters that would be covered by the (b)(1) exclusion, four sub-categories of (b)(1) exclusions were administratively created for the purposes of the AJD Form. These four sub-categories are not new exclusions, but are simply administrative distinctions and remain (b)(1) exclusions as defined by the NWPR.



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B. Typical year assessment(s): Resource + Land Consultants and the Corps conducted a site visit on 7/2/2020. Based off NOAA's 1981-2010 Summary of Monthly Normals (WETs Table) and NRCS AgACIS (Agricultural Applied Climate Information System) data for March – May of 2020 (last 3 months of published data) the Springfield GA area was 6.98 inches above average rainfall. Based on best available data, we have determined that above normal rainfall conditions were present for the nearest weather station on the date of the wetland delineation.

Further, the data forms provided by Resource Land Consultants indicate that they performed a wetland delineation of the project area on 4/17/2020. Using the Antecedent Precipitation Tool Version 1.0, which used rainfall data from the Savannah International Airport weather station, we have determined the delineation was conducted during the wet season (WebWIMP H2O Balance) and that normal rainfall conditions were present for the nearest weather station on the date of the wetland delineation. With regards to the site visit on 7/2/2020, the Antecedent Precipitation Tool results, which used rainfall data from the Savannah International Airport weather station, indicated that the site visit was conducted during the dry season (WebWIMP H2O Balance) and that normal rainfall conditions were present for the nearest weather station on the date of the wetland delineation.

C. Additional comments to support AJD: The depressional wetlands (NA-1 & NA-2) displayed on the attached map entitled "Approximate Wetland Sketch" and dated 7/6/2020 are non-adjacent wetlands that meet exclusion (b)(1) of the Navigable Waters Protection Rule (NWPR). These wetlands are approximately 4.5 miles from the nearest TNW (Ebenezer Creek) and >1,000 linear feet from the FEMA mapped 100-year flood plain. These wetlands are completely surrounded by uplands, and the uplands surrounding the wetland are approximately 1-2 foot higher in elevation than the average surface elevation within the wetlands. Wetlands NA-1 and NA-2 are not adjacent to any (a)(1)-(a)(3) waters as defined by the NWPR. These wetlands do not abut any (a)(1)-(a)(3) waters, are not inundated by any (a)(1)-(a)(3) waters, are physically separated from all (a)(1)-(a)(3) waters and do not have a direct hydrologic surface connection to any (a)(1)-(a)(3) waters in a typical year.