



**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): 8/4/2020

ORM Number: SAS-2020-00353

Associated JDs: SAS-2008-00496 (Permit action on adjacent parcel)

Review Area Location¹: State/Territory: Georgia City: Port Wentworth County/Parish/Borough: Chatham

Center Coordinates of Review Area: Latitude 32.1487 Longitude -81.1780

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.	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.	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.	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.	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
Non-adjacent Wetland 1	0.82	acre(s)	(b)(1) Non-adjacent wetland.	This feature 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 in a typical year, 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.
Non-adjacent Wetland 2	0.38	acre(s)	(b)(1) Non-adjacent wetland.	This feature 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 in a typical year, 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: [JD request package submitted by RLC on 5/6/2020 and additional info submitted on 6/5/2020](#)

This information is sufficient for purposes of this AJD.

Rationale: [N/A](#)

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

☒ Photographs: [Aerial: Digital Globe Aerial Image taken 6/24/2020](#)

☐ Corps site visit(s) conducted on: [Date\(s\)](#).

☐ Previous Jurisdictional Determinations (AJDs or PJDs): [ORM Number\(s\) and date\(s\)](#).

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

☒ USDA NRCS Soil Survey: [Chatham County, Ga](#)

☒ USFWS NWI maps: [Figure No. 3 USFWS National Wetland Inventory](#)

☒ USGS topographic maps: [Figure No. 2 USGS Topographic Map](#)

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.
Other NOAA data (specify)	LiDAR Maps
USACE 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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Data Source (select)	Name and/or date and other relevant information
State/Local/Tribal Sources	N/A.
Other Sources	N/A.

- B. Typical year assessment(s):** The data forms provided by Resource Land Consultants indicate that a 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.
- C. Additional comments to support AJD:** The wetlands within the review area were determined to be non-adjacent wetlands and are best defined under the NWPR as a paragraph (b)(1) non-jurisdictional water. These wetlands are surrounded by uplands to the west and abut a recently developed warehouse facility to the east that was permitted under Corps Action ID SAS-2008-00496 for which a standard permit was issued on May 7, 2012 and modified on November 6, 2014 with expiration date of June 30, 2021. The wetland delineation attached to the SAS-2008-00496 permit action shows that the wetlands immediately east of the current AJD review area were considered as isolated wetlands under the 2008 Rapanos guidance and these features have since been filled in due to development activities.