



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): 22-OCT-2020

ORM Number: SAS-2020-00631

Associated JDs: N/A

Review Area Location<sup>1</sup>:

State/Territory: GA City: County/Parish/Borough: Chatham County

Center Coordinates of Review Area: Latitude 32.071093 Longitude -81.356685

**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)<sup>2</sup>**

§ 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)<sup>3</sup>

(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
Wetland 1	12.94 acres	(a)(4) Wetland abuts an (a)(1)-(a)(3) water	Wetland 1 is part of a large contiguous wetland system that directly abuts the Little Ogeechee River east of the

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<sup>5</sup> 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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			AJD Review Area.
Wetland 4	0.66 acres	(a)(4) Wetland abuts an (a)(1)-(a)(3) water	Wetland 4 is part of a large contiguous wetland system that directly abuts the Little Ogeechee River east of the AJD Review Area.

**D. Excluded Waters or Features**

Excluded waters ((b)(1) – (b)(12))<sup>4</sup>:

Exclusion Name	Exclusion Size	Exclusion <sup>5</sup>	Rationale for Exclusion Determination
Pond 1	1.81 acres	(b)(8) Artificial lake/pond constructed or excavated in upland or a non-jurisdictional water, so long as the artificial lake or pond is not an impoundment of a jurisdictional water that meets (c)(6)	Pond 1 is an artificial pond that appears to have been dug in an upland area based on observations in the field during site visit on 9/4/2020. The pond is surrounded by upland areas. No evidence was observed in the field or in the electronic record to indicate that Pond 1 was constructed in a jurisdictional water.
Wetland 2	0.39 acres	(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.
Wetland 3	0.67 acres	(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: *Approved JD Request submitted to the Corps on 8/27/2020 by Sligh Environmental Consultants, Inc.*  
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: *(aerial and other) Waters Location Exhibit dated 8/25/2020 and site visit photos taken on 9/4/2020.*
- Corps Site visit(s) conducted on: *9/4/2020.*
- 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: *NRCS Soil Survey dated 8/4/2020.*
- USFWS NWI maps: *National Wetland Inventory dated 8/4/2020.*

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X USGS topographic maps: *Meldrim SE Quadrangle dated 8/4/2020.*

**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.

**B. Typical year assessment(s):** The data forms provided by Sligh Environmental Consultants indicate that they performed a wetland delineation of the project area on 6/2/2020. Using the Antecedent Precipitation Tool Version 1.0, which used rainfall data from a nearby weather station, we have determined the delineation was conducted during the dry season (WebWIMP H2O Balance) and that “Normal” rainfall conditions were present on the date of the wetland delineation. With regards to the site visit on 9/4/2020, the Antecedent Precipitation Tool results, which used rainfall data from a nearby weather station, indicated that the site visit 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:** N/A.

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