

# 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): 4-NOV-2020 ORM Number: SAS-2020-00674 Associated JDs: N/A Review Area Location<sup>1</sup>: State/Territory: GA City: McDonough County/Parish/Borough: Henry County Center Coordinates of Review Area: Latitude 33.438784 Longitude -84.037051

## 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
Intermittent 1	20.33 linear feet	Indirectly contributes surface water	Intermittent stream continues offsite draining to Island
		flow to an (a)(1) water.	Shoals Creek.

#### 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
V	V1	0.255 acres	Abuts an (a)(2) water offsite	Wetland is part of a larger offsite wetland that abuts an

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			(a)(2) water.
W2	0.002 acres	Adjacent under (c)(1)(iv) criteria	Physically separated from an (a)(2) water by a road
			which provides a direct hydrologic surface connection
			across the road in a typical year.

## D. Excluded Waters or Features

Excluded waters  $((b)(1) - (b)(12))^4$ :

<b>Exclusion Name</b>	Exclusion Size	Exclusion <sup>5</sup>	Rationale for Exclusion Determination
Ephemeral	412 feet	(b)(3) Ephemeral feature, including	Feature flows only in direct response to precipitation.
Feature			Groundwater "baseflow" was not noted at the time of
		rill, or pool	the site visit.
Farm Pond		(b)(8) Farm pond that is not an impoundment of jurisditctional	Old farm pond identified on historical aerial imagery.
		waters.	

## 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.
  - **\_x** Information submitted by, or on behalf of, the applicant/consultant: *Aquatic Resource Review, Contour Environmental September 15, 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)*.
- **\_x** Photographs: (aerial and site) Site photographs and aerial photograph September 15, 2020. Corps Site visit(s) conducted on: Date(s).
- Previous Jurisdictional Determinations (AJDs or PJDs): ORM Number(s) and date(s).
- **\_x\_** Antecedent Precipitation Tool: *provide detailed discussion in Section III.B.*
- **\_x** USDA NRCS Soil Survey: *Web Soil Survey May 13, 2020*
- \_x\_ USFWS NWI maps: Wetlands Mapper May 13, 2020
- **\_x\_** USGS topographic maps: Ola, GA USDA, USGS, AeroGRID, IGN, and the GIS User Community, Copyright:©2013 National Geographic Society May 15, 2020.

#### Other data sources used to aid in this determination:

Data Source (select) Name and/or date and other relevant information	
USGS Sources USGS Stream Stats, accessed 9/21/2020 and 10/29/2020	
USDA Sources	N/A.
NOAA Sources	N/A.
USACE Sources	ESRI LIDAR imagery
State/Local/Tribal Sources	N/A.
Other Sources	FEMA FIRMette May 13, 2020; Wets Table Accumulated Precipitation - McDonough 5 ENE, GA

# **B. Typical year assessment(s):** Using WETS tables, climatic variables are within the normal periodic range for the geographic area. According to the WETs Accumulation Graph of McDonough, Georgia,

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during the time of the site visit, precipitation accumulation was above the lowest accumulation and below the highest accumulation level. The APT indicated wetter than normal conditions at the time of the site survey.

C. Additional comments to support AJD: Based on review of submitted photographs, LIDAR, Stream Stats, historical aerial imagery and other available information, (b)(3) feature was determined to have an ephemeral flow regime. Feature meets the definition of a (b)(3) feature under 33 CFR 328.3 Definitions. Excluded feature (b)(8) is an old farm pond that is not an impoundment of a jurisdictional water. Feature meets the definition of a (b)(8) feature under 33 CFR 328.3.

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