

## 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): 12/1/2020 ORM Number: SAS-2018-00972 Associated JDs: SAS-2018-00912 (Combined AJD and Delineation Concurrence issued on 6/14/2019) Review Area Location<sup>1</sup>: State/Territory: GA City: County/Parish/Borough: Bryan County Center Coordinates of Review Area: Latitude 31.856691 Longitude -81.327891

#### 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	Ratio	nale for (a)(3) Determination
N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	

#### Adjacent wetlands ((a)(4) waters):

(a)(4) Nan	ne (a)(4) Size	(a)(4) Criteria	Rationale for (a)(4) Determination
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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# D. Excluded Waters or Features

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

<b>Exclusion Name</b>	Exclusion Size	<b>Exclusion</b> <sup>5</sup>	Rationale for Exclusion Determination	
W1 (ISO1)	0.2 acres	(b)(1) Non-adjacent wetland	See Section III.C. of this form.	
NWPR				
W2 (ISO2) NWPR	0.79 acres	(b)(1) Non-adjacent wetland	See Section III.C. of this form.	
W3 NWPR	1.02 acres	(b)(1) Non-adjacent wetland	See Section III.C. of this form.	
W10 NWPR	2.6 acres	(b)(1) Non-adjacent wetland	See Section III.C. of this form.	
W11 NWPR	0.46 acres	(b)(1) Non-adjacent wetland	See Section III.C. of this form.	
W12 NWPR	0.08 acres	(b)(1) Non-adjacent wetland	See Section III.C. of this form.	
W14 NWPR	0.98 acres	(b)(1) Non-adjacent wetland	See Section III.C. of this form.	
W15 NWPR	6.77 acres	(b)(1) Non-adjacent wetland	See Section III.C. of this form.	
W16 NWPR	1.46 acres	(b)(1) Non-adjacent wetland	See Section III.C. of this form.	
W17 NWPR	0.63 acres	(b)(1) Non-adjacent wetland	See Section III.C. of this form.	
W18 NWPR	0.17 acres	(b)(1) Non-adjacent wetland	See Section III.C. of this form.	
W20 NWPR	0.39 acres	(b)(1) Non-adjacent wetland	See Section III.C. of this form.	
W21 NWPR	0.02 acres	(b)(1) Non-adjacent wetland	See Section III.C. of this form.	
W23 NWPR	1.06 acres	(b)(1) Non-adjacent wetland	See Section III.C. of this form.	
W24 NWPR	1.3 acres	(b)(1) Non-adjacent wetland	See Section III.C. of this form.	
W25 NWPR	0.53 acres	(b)(1) Non-adjacent wetland	See Section III.C. of this form.	
W26 NWPR	0.89 acres	(b)(1) Non-adjacent wetland	See Section III.C. of this form.	
W28 NWPR	1.09 acres	(b)(1) Non-adjacent wetland	See Section III.C. of this form.	

# 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: *Title(s) and date(s). AJD Request package submitted 8/31/2020 and additional information submitted 9/28/2020.* 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)*.
  - X Photographs: (NA, aerial, other, aerial and other) Title(s) and/or date(s). Aerial imagery from 1999 and 2018
    - \_\_\_ Corps Site visit(s) conducted on: Date(s).
  - X Previous Jurisdictional Determinations (AJDs or PJDs): SAS-2018-00972 (AJD and ARDR issued 6/14/2019)
  - X Antecedent Precipitation Tool: *provide detailed discussion in Section III.B.*
  - X USDA NRCS Soil Survey: *Title(s) and/or date(s). Figure 3*
  - X USFWS NWI maps: *Title(s) and/or date(s). Figure 4*
  - X USGS topographic maps: *Title(s) and/or date(s). Figure 2*

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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.		

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

- **B. Typical year assessment(s):** Resource & Land Consultants conducted a site visit on 8/7/2020. Using the Antecedent Precipitation Tool Version 1.0, which used rainfall data from the Savannah International Airport weather station, we have determined that normal rainfall conditions were present for the nearest weather station on the date of the site visit as published data was within 30% of the 30 year average.
- **C.** Additional comments to support AJD: The depressional wetlands displayed on the attached map entitled "Approximate Aquatic Resources Sketch" and dated 9/28/2020 are non-adjacent wetlands that meet exclusion (b)(1) of the Navigable Waters Protection Rule (NWPR). These wetlands are >1 mile from the nearest TNW (Jerico River) and >975 linear feet from the FEMA mapped 100-year flood plain. These wetlands are 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. The wetlands are not adjacent to any (a)(1)-(a)(3) waters as defined by the NWPR (they do not abut any a)(1) a)(3) waters, are not inundated by any a)(1)-(a)(3) waters, and are physically separated from all a)(1)-(a)(3) waters). Further, the wetlands are not within a floodplain of an (a)(1) through (a)(3) water.

The Corps conducted a site visit to review the delineation on 1/22/2019 and wetlands W1 and W2 were both determined to be isolated under Rapanos Guidance in an AJD issued by the Corps on 6/14/2019. The remainder of the wetlands within the project area were verified via a delineation concurrence that was issued concurrent with the AJD. No changes were made to the delineation in this current AJD. This AJD review area only applies to a portion of the overall project area from the previous request that contain non-adjacent wetlands and upland areas.

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