



**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): 1/8/2021
 ORM Number: SAS-2017-00263
 Associated JDs: SAS-2017-00263
 Review Area Location¹: State/Territory: GA City: Guyton County/Parish/Borough: Effingham
 Center Coordinates of Review Area: Latitude 32.19843 Longitude 81.317399

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
A	0.713	acre(s)	(b)(1) Non-adjacent wetland.	This is a depressional wetland that is completely surrounded by uplands and is not adjacent to any (a)(1)-(a)(3) waters as defined by the NWPR. Further, it is not within a floodplain of an (a)(1) through (a)(3) water.
D	0.711	acre(s)	(b)(1) Non-adjacent wetland.	This is a depressional wetland that completely surrounded by uplands and is not adjacent to any (a)(1)-(a)(3) waters as defined by the NWPR. Further, it is not within a floodplain of an (a)(1) through (a)(3) water.
E	2.233	acre(s)	(b)(1) Non-adjacent wetland.	This is a depressional wetland that completely surrounded by uplands and is not adjacent to any (a)(1)-(a)(3) waters as defined by the NWPR. Further, it is not within a floodplain of an (a)(1) through (a)(3) water.

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: [AJD Request 9/3/2020](#)
This information [Select](#). 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: 2018 & 1999](#)
- Corps site visit(s) conducted on: [Date\(s\)](#).
- Previous Jurisdictional Determinations (AJDs or PJDs): [SAS-2017-00263](#)
- Antecedent Precipitation Tool: [provide detailed discussion in Section III.B.](#)
- USDA NRCS Soil Survey: [Figure 3](#)
- USFWS NWI maps: [Figure 4](#)
- USGS topographic maps: [Figure 2](#)

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.

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
USACE Sources	N/A.
State/Local/Tribal Sources	N/A.
Other Sources	N/A.

B. Typical year assessment(s): Resource & Land Consultants conducted a site visit on 7/29/2020. Using the Atecedent 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: These wetlands are depressional wetlands, are located outside of the FEMA mapped 100-year flood plain and do not appear to receive flood flows from an a(1) through a(3) water in a typical year. There is no natural or man-made discrete and/or confined surface water connection between these wetlands and any other jurisdictional water. There is no evidence of surface-water flow to or from these wetlands. Therefore, during times of heavy precipitation, there is a very low probability that floodwaters would reach an elevation necessary for water to flow from other jurisdictional waters into this wetland.

Further all wetlands described above are greater than 10 miles from the nearest TNW (Saint Augustine Creek). No surface connections were found between the wetlands and other jurisdictional waters. These wetlands are surrounded by uplands on all sides. In general, the surrounding uplands are approximately 1-3 foot higher in elevation than the average surface elevation within the wetlands.