

# 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-2014-00348

Associated JDs: SAS-2000-01000 and SAS-2006-00315

Review Area Location<sup>1</sup>: State/Territory: Georgia City: Port Wentworth County/Parish/Borough: Chatham

Center Coordinates of Review Area: Latitude 32.1614 Longitude -81.2292

### 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

# B. Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 Section 10 (§ 10)<sup>2</sup>

(complete table in Section II.D).

§ 10 Name	§ 10 Size	;	§ 10 Criteria	Rationale for § 10 Determination
N/A.	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.	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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Map(s)/figure(s) are attached to the AJD provided to the requestor.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 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 (	Excluded waters $((b)(1) - (b)(12))$ :4					
Exclusion Name	Exclusion	n Size	Exclusion <sup>5</sup>	Rationale for Exclusion Determination		
Borrow Pit A	23.35	acre(s)	(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).	This feature is an inactive open water borrow pit that was historically dug for the purpose of obtaining fill material for development projects. Based on a review of aerial imagery, USGS Topographic Maps, and a site visit conducted on 9/24/2020, this feature is surrounded by uplands and was constructed on an upland sandhill ridge. This feature is not an impoundment of a jurisdictional water.		
Wetland A	0.37	acre(s)	(b)(1) Non- adjacent wetland.	Wetland A 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, is physically separated from all (a)(1)-(a)(3) waters and does not have a directed 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: AJD request submitted by RLC on 8/10/2020

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).
- Photographs: Aerial: Figure No. 5 2017 NAIP Ortho Aerial dated 6/19/2020
- Previous Jurisdictional Determinations (AJDs or PJDs): SAS-2006-00315 (Delineation Concurrence)
- Antecedent Precipitation Tool: provide detailed discussion in Section III.B.
- □ USDA NRCS Soil Survey: Figure No. 3 NRCS Soil Map
- □ USFWS NWI maps: Figure No. 4 National Wetlands Inventory
- □ USGS topographic maps: Figure No. 2 USGS Topographic Map

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> 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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;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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Data Source (select)	Name and/or date and other relevant information
USGS Sources	N/A.
USDA Sources	N/A.
NOAA Sources	Figure No. 7 NOAA Topographic LiDAR
USACE Sources	N/A.
State/Local/Tribal Sources	N/A.
Other Sources	N/A.

- **B. Typical year assessment(s):** The data forms provided by RLC indicate that they performed a wetland delineation of the project area on 6/29/2020. 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.
- C. Additional comments to support AJD: N/A