

### 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): 2/25/2021 ORM Number: SAS-1995-10850 Associated JDs: SAS-1995-10850

Review Area Location<sup>1</sup>: State/Territory: GA City: Savannah County/Parish/Borough: Chatham Center Coordinates of Review Area: Latitude 32.077290 Longitude -81.130257

### **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.	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 ((b)(1) – (b)(12)): <sup>4</sup>						
Exclusion Name	Exclusion	n Size	Exclusion <sup>5</sup>	Rationale for Exclusion Determination		
WA	0.03	acre(s)	(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, 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.		
WB	0.01	acre(s)	(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, 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.		
WC	0.02	acre(s)	(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, 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.		
Roadside Ditch	0.12	acre(s)	(b)(1) Surface water channel that does not contribute surface water flow directly or indirectly to an (a)(1) water in a typical year.	Drainage Ditch is a roadside ditch that appears to have been excavated in an upland area and is surrounded by upland. The Drainage Ditch does not abut an (a)(1) through (a)(3) water. Drainage Ditch does not alter or relocate a naturally occurring surface water channel. Further, no evidence was observed to indicate that this feature was dug in an adjacent wetland. This feature did not exhibit intermittent or perennial flow on the date of observation (6/15/2020) and appeared to pond water during, and after, precipitation events.		

# **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.

<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 Corp s 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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Information submitted by, or on behalf of, the applicant/consultant: Stuart Sligh / Sligh Environmental Consultants, Inc.

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: Select. Title(s) and/or date(s).
- $\Box$  Corps site visit(s) conducted on: Date(s).
- Previous Jurisdictional Determinations (AJDs or PJDs): SAS-1995-10850 / January 2, 2019
- Antecedent Precipitation Tool: *provide detailed discussion in Section III.B*.
- USDA NRCS Soil Survey: NRCS Soil Survey of Chatham County 2006
- USFWS NWI maps: USFWS NWI Garden City Quad 2006
- USGS topographic maps: U.S. Geological Survey 2001

## 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): Version 1.0, which used rainfall data from the Savannah International Airport weather station on October 27, 2020, we have determined the delineation 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: The project area is approximately 1.79 miles from the nearest A1 water, the Savannah River.