

#### I. ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Completion Date of Approved Jurisdictional Determination (AJD): 3/12/2021

ORM Number: SAS-2017-00497

Associated JDs: SAS-2008-00749, 2010-01205, 2013-00637 2017-00497, & 2018-00749

Review Area Location<sup>1</sup>: State/Territory: Georgia City: Richmond Hill County/Parish/Borough: Bryan

Center Coordinates of Review Area: Latitude 31.847601 Longitude -81.314536

#### 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):3						
(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.



#### D. Excluded Waters or Features

Excluded waters ((b)(1) – (b)(12)): <sup>4</sup>					
Exclusion Name	Exclusion		Exclusion <sup>5</sup>	Rationale for Exclusion Determination	
(b)(1)-1	3.09	acre(s)	(b)(1) Non- adjacent wetland.	This is a depressional wetland that completely surrounded by uplands. It is not adjacent to nor within the floodplain of any (a)(1)-(a)(3) waters as defined by the NWPR. The northwestern limits of this wetland are off property. The limits of wetland and adjoining uplands are verified under SAS-2013-00637.	
(b)(1)-2	1.66	acre(s)	(b)(1) Non- adjacent wetland.	This is a depressional wetland that completely surrounded by uplands. It is not adjacent to nor within the floodplain of any (a)(1)-(a)(3) waters as defined by the NWPR. The northwestern limits of this wetland are off property. The limits of wetland and adjoining uplands are verified under SAS-2013-00637.	
(b)(1)-3	0.13	acre(s)	(b)(1) Non- adjacent wetland.	This is a depressional wetland that is completely surrounded by uplands or non-regulated features. It is not adjacent to nor within the floodplain of any (a)(1)-(a)(3) waters as defined by the NWPR.	
(b)(1)-4	0.96	acre(s)	(b)(1) Non- adjacent wetland.	This is a depressional wetland that is completely surrounded by uplands. It is not adjacent to nor within the floodplain of any (a)(1)-(a)(3) waters as defined by the NWPR.	
(b)(1)-5	2.82	acre(s)	(b)(1) Non- adjacent wetland.	This is a depressional wetland that is completely surrounded by uplands. It is not adjacent to nor within the floodplain of any (a)(1)-(a)(3) waters as defined by the NWPR.	
(b)(1)-6	0.28	acre(s)	(b)(1) Non- adjacent wetland.	This is a depressional wetland that is completely surrounded by uplands. It is not adjacent to nor within the floodplain of any (a)(1)-(a)(3) waters as defined by the NWPR.	
(b)(1)-7	3.01	acre(s)	(b)(1) Non- adjacent wetland.	This is a depressional wetland that is completely surrounded by uplands. It is not adjacent to nor within the floodplain of any (a)(1)-(a)(3) waters as defined by the NWPR.	
(b)(1)-BQ	1.33	acre(s)	(b)(1) Non- adjacent wetland.	This is a depressional wetland that is completely surrounded by uplands. It is not adjacent to nor within the floodplain of any (a)(1)-(a)(3) waters as defined by the NWPR. The northeastern limits of this wetland are off property.	
(b)(1)-BS	0.44	acre(s)	(b)(1) Non- adjacent wetland.	This is a depressional wetland that is completely surrounded by uplands. It is not adjacent to nor	

<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>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.



Excluded waters (	(b)(1) - (b)	)(12));4		
Exclusion Name	Exclusion		Exclusion <sup>5</sup>	Rationale for Exclusion Determination
				within the floodplain of any (a)(1)-(a)(3) waters as defined by the NWPR. The northwestern limits of this wetland are off property. The limits of wetland and adjoining uplands are verified under SAS-2013-00637.
(b)(1)-CK	0.41	acre(s)	(b)(1) Non- adjacent wetland.	This is a depressional wetland that is completely surrounded by uplands. It is not adjacent to nor within the floodplain of any (a)(1)-(a)(3) waters as defined by the NWPR.
(b)(1)-C	0.34	acre(s)	(b)(1) Non- adjacent wetland.	This is a depressional wetland that is completely surrounded by uplands or non-regulated features. It is not adjacent to nor within the floodplain of any (a)(1)-(a)(3) waters as defined by the NWPR.
(b)(1)-D	0.19	acre(s)	(b)(1) Non- adjacent wetland.	This is a depressional wetland that is completely surrounded by uplands. It is not adjacent to nor within the floodplain of any (a)(1)-(a)(3) waters as defined by the NWPR.
(b)(1)-H	0.09	acre(s)	(b)(1) Non- adjacent wetland.	This is a depressional wetland that is completely surrounded by uplands or non-regulated features. It is not adjacent to nor within the floodplain of any (a)(1)-(a)(3) waters as defined by the NWPR.
(b)(1)-I	0.34	acre(s)	(b)(1) Non- adjacent wetland.	This is a depressional wetland that is completely surrounded by uplands. It is not adjacent to nor within the floodplain of any (a)(1)-(a)(3) waters as defined by the NWPR.
(b)(1)-J	0.53	acre(s)	(b)(1) Non- adjacent wetland.	This is a depressional wetland that is completely surrounded by uplands or non-regulated features. It is not adjacent to nor within the floodplain of any (a)(1)-(a)(3) waters as defined by the NWPR.
(b)(1)-K	0.30	acre(s)	(b)(1) Non- adjacent wetland.	This is a depressional wetland that is completely surrounded by uplands. It is not adjacent to nor within the floodplain of any (a)(1)-(a)(3) waters as defined by the NWPR.
(b)(1)-L	0.05	acre(s)	(b)(1) Non- adjacent wetland.	This is a depressional wetland that is completely surrounded by uplands or non-regulated features. It is not adjacent to nor within the floodplain of any (a)(1)-(a)(3) waters as defined by the NWPR.
(b)(5)-C	0.04	acre(s)	(b)(5) Ditch that is not an (a)(1) or (a)(2) water, and those portions of a ditch constructed in an	This ditch lacks evidence of intermittent or perennial flow. Reaches of this feature were constructed within uplands.



Excluded waters ((b)(1) – (b)(12)): <sup>4</sup>						
Exclusion Name	Exclusion Size		Exclusion <sup>5</sup>	Rationale for Exclusion Determination		
			(a)(4) water that do not satisfy the conditions of (c)(1).			
(b)(5)-H	0.06	acre(s)	(b)(5) Ditch that is not an (a)(1) or (a)(2) water, and those portions of a ditch constructed in an (a)(4) water that do not satisfy the conditions of (c)(1).	This ditch lacks evidence of intermittent or perennial flow. Reaches of this feature were constructed within uplands.		

#### **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 on 11/11/20
     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: 1999 & 2018
  - □ Corps site visit(s) conducted on: Several before the implementation of the NWPR
  - Previous Jurisdictional Determinations (AJDs or PJDs): SAS-2008-00749, 2010-01205, 2013-00637
  - 2017-00497, & 2018-00749
  - Antecedent Precipitation Tool: provide detailed discussion in Section III.B.
  - USDA NRCS Soil Survey: RLC Figure 3

  - USGS topographic maps: RLC Figure 2

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

Data Source (select)	Name and/or date and other relevant information
USGS Sources	ESRI Base Maps
USDA Sources	NCRS Soil Survey of Bryan County
NOAA Sources	N/A.
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 8/7/2020. 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: The (b)(1) non-adjacent wetlands displayed on the attached map entitled "Aquatic Resources Sketch" dated 11/11/2020 are non-adjacent features that meet exclusion (b)(1) of the Navigable Waters Protection Rule (NWPR). These non-adjacent wetlands are not adjacent to any (a)(1)-(a)(3) waters as defined by the NWPR. The wetlands do not abut any (a)(1)-(a)(3) waters, are not inundated by any (a)(1)-(a)(3) waters in a typical year, are physically separated from all (a)(1)-(a)(3) waters, and do not have a direct hydrologic surface connection to any (a)(1)-(a)(3) waters in a typical year. The (b)(5) ditches are man-dug ditches constructed through uplands that only exhibited ephemeral flows at best; therefore, these features meet exclusion (b)(5) of the NWPR. These features are >0.7 miles from the nearest TNW (Jerrico River). The non-adjacent wetlands listed on this form