



**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): 7/6/2021
 ORM Number: SAS-2020-00832
 Associated JDs: SAS-2014-00643 (Preliminary JD issued on 10/29/2015)
 Review Area Location¹: State/Territory: GA City: Pooler County/Parish/Borough: Chatham
 Center Coordinates of Review Area: Latitude 32.089504 Longitude -81.233846

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
Wetland B	0.24	acre(s)	(a)(4) Wetland separated from an (a)(1)-(a)(3)
			Wetland B has a direct hydrologic connection to the Savannah-Ogeechee Canal, which is connected to the south to the Hardin Canal, an (a)(2) water.

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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Adjacent wetlands ((a)(4) waters):			
(a)(4) Name	(a)(4) Size	(a)(4) Criteria	Rationale for (a)(4) Determination
		water only by an artificial structure allowing a direct hydrologic surface connection between the wetland and the (a)(1)-(a)(3) water, in a typical year.	

D. Excluded Waters or Features

Excluded waters ((b)(1) – (b)(12)): ⁴			
Exclusion Name	Exclusion Size	Exclusion ⁵	Rationale for Exclusion Determination
Wetland A	3.84 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.
Pond A	0.4 acre(s)	(b)(10) Stormwater control feature constructed or excavated in upland or in a non-jurisdictional water to convey, treat, infiltrate, or store stormwater runoff.	Pond A is a stormwater control feature constructed in upland as part of the storm water management plan for the adjacent developments.
Pond B	0.009 acre(s)	(b)(10) Stormwater control feature constructed or excavated in upland or in a non-jurisdictional water to convey, treat, infiltrate, or	Pond B is a stormwater control feature constructed in upland as part of the storm water management plan for the adjacent developments.

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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Excluded waters ((b)(1) – (b)(12)): ⁴			
Exclusion Name	Exclusion Size	Exclusion ⁵	Rationale for Exclusion Determination
		store stormwater runoff.	
Pond C	0.039 acre(s)	(b)(10) Stormwater control feature constructed or excavated in upland or in a non-jurisdictional water to convey, treat, infiltrate, or store stormwater runoff.	Pond C is a stormwater control feature constructed in upland as part of the storm water management plan for the adjacent developments.

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, 11/12/2020](#)
This information is sufficient for purposes of this AJD.
Rationale: [N/A](#)
- Data sheets prepared by the Corps: [Title\(s\) and/or date\(s\)](#).
- Photographs: [Aerial and Other: Figures 5 and 11](#)
- Corps site visit(s) conducted on: [9/24/2020](#)
- Previous Jurisdictional Determinations (AJDs or PJDs): [SAS-2014-00643 \(PJD issued 10/29/2015\)](#)
- 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	Topographic Lidar, Figures 7 and 9
USACE Sources	N/A.
State/Local/Tribal Sources	N/A.
Other Sources	N/A.

B. Typical year assessment(s): The wetland jurisdictional status assessment was conducted on 15 September 2020. Using the Antecedent Precipitation Tool Version 1.0, which used rainfall data from the Savannah International Airport weather station, we have determined that wetter than normal conditions (product of 15) were present during the time of the assessment.



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C. Additional comments to support AJD: Pond A, Pond B and Pond C are man-made features constructed in upland for the purpose of storm water management. Wetland A extends off of the subject property to the north, east and west. To the south, the wetland is bounded by developed upland. To the west elevations rise until the wetland ends naturally before Pine Meadow Road. To the north elevations rise steadily and there is no evidence that there is any typical year connection to currently verified wetlands on the adjacent parcel. East of the subject site there is a raised railroad bed that has a culvert through it at the location indicated in Figures 8 & 9, however this large culvert does not appear to serve as a hydrologic connection in a typical year (Photos 1 & 2). Further, both sides of the culvert are currently verified as upland.