

### 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): 7/28/2021 ORM Number: SAS-2021-00050 Associated JDs: N/A

Review Area Location<sup>1</sup>: State/Territory: Georgia City: Savannah County/Parish/Borough: Chatham Center Coordinates of Review Area: Latitude 32.0790 Longitude -81.1447

### **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 (	Excluded waters ((b)(1) – (b)(12)):4					
Exclusion Name	Exclusior	n Size	Exclusion <sup>5</sup>	Rationale for Exclusion Determination		
Wetland 1	0.49	acre(s)	(b)(1) Non- adjacent wetland.	This wetland is not adjacent to an $(a)(1)$ - $(a)(3)$ water as defined by NWPR. This Wetland does not abut an $(a)(1)$ - $(a)(3)$ water. This wetland is not physically separated from an $(a)(1)$ - $(a)(3)$ water by only a berm, bank, dune, or similar natural feature. This wetland is not inundated by flooding from an $(a)(1)$ - $(a)(3)$ water in a typical year. This wetland is not physically separated from an $(a)(1)$ - $(a)(3)$ water by only an artificial structure that allows for a direct hydrologic surface connection between the wetland and an (a)(1)- $(a)(3)$ water in a typical year.		
Wetland 2	0.22	acre(s)	(b)(1) Non- adjacent wetland.	This wetland is not adjacent to an $(a)(1)$ - $(a)(3)$ water as defined by NWPR. This Wetland does not abut an $(a)(1)$ - $(a)(3)$ water. This wetland is not physically separated from an $(a)(1)$ - $(a)(3)$ water by only a berm, bank, dune, or similar natural feature. This wetland is not inundated by flooding from an $(a)(1)$ - $(a)(3)$ water in a typical year. This wetland is not physically separated from an $(a)(1)$ - $(a)(3)$ water by only an artificial structure that allows for a direct hydrologic surface connection between the wetland and an (a)(1)- $(a)(3)$ water in a typical year.		
Wetland 3	3.85	acre(s)	(b)(1) Non- adjacent wetland.	This wetland is not adjacent to an $(a)(1)$ - $(a)(3)$ water as defined by NWPR. This Wetland does not abut an $(a)(1)$ - $(a)(3)$ water. This wetland is not physically separated from an $(a)(1)$ - $(a)(3)$ water by only a berm, bank, dune, or similar natural feature. This wetland is not inundated by flooding from an $(a)(1)$ - $(a)(3)$ water in a typical year. This wetland is not physically separated from an $(a)(1)$ - $(a)(3)$ water by only an artificial structure that allows for a direct hydrologic surface connection between the wetland and an (a)(1)- $(a)(3)$ water in a typical year.		
Ditch 1	0.24	acre(s)	(b)(5) Ditch that is not an (a)(1) or (a)(2) water, and those portions of a ditch constructed in an	Ditch 1 appears to have historically been constructed through wetlands that may or may not have been historically adjacent based on available data such as USGS Topographic Maps, NRCS Soil Survey, NWI and NHD. During a site visit on 7/21/2021, the Corps observed the		

<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

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)): <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).	ditch just southeast of the project area at a location before it entered a stormwater pipe network under an industrial development. The ditch was observed in this location to be a vegetated swale with no evidence of flow sufficient to be considered a tributary under the NWPR. Further, the ditch itself is not an adjacent wetland in accordance with the NWPR.			

# **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.
  - $\boxtimes$  Information submitted by, or on behalf of, the applicant/consultant: Approved JD request package submitted by RLC on 1/12/2021.
    - 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: Title(s) and/or date(s).
  - Corps site visit(s) conducted on: 7/21/2021
  - Previous Jurisdictional Determinations (AJDs or PJDs): ORM Number(s) and date(s).
  - Antecedent Precipitation Tool: *provide detailed discussion in Section III.B*.
  - ☑ USDA NRCS Soil Survey: Figure No. 3
  - USFWS NWI maps: Figure No. 4
  - USGS topographic maps: Figure No. 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	2010 NOAA LIDAR
USACE Sources	N/A.
State/Local/Tribal Sources	N/A.
Other Sources	N/A.

**B.** Typical year assessment(s): The wetland delineation was conducted in 12/15/2020. Using the Atecedent PrecipitationTool Version 1.0, which used rainfall data from the Savannah International Airport weather station, we have determined that normal conditions were present for the nearest weather station during the assessment in 2020.

# C. Additional comments to support AJD: N/A