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**I. ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

Completion Date of Approved Jurisdictional Determination (AJD): 30-Apr-21  
ORM Number: SAC-2020-01784  
Associated JDs: SAC-2016-00053 letter dated January 21, 2016  
Review Area Location<sup>1</sup>: east and west of and adjacent to Robert M. Grissom Parkway  
State: SC City: Myrtle Beach County: Horry County  
Center Coordinates of Review Area: Latitude 33.742 Longitude -78.849

**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
- 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

**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

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
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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**D. Excluded Waters or Features**

Excluded waters ((b)(1) – (b)(12))<sup>4</sup>:

Exclusion Name	Exclusion Size	Exclusion <sup>5</sup>	Rationale for Exclusion Determination
Excluded Waters 1	0.4 acres	(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)	Excluded Water 1 is an excluded water based on the determination that it is a man-made pond, wholly excavated out of uplands on site.
Excluded Waters 2	409 feet	(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)	Excluded Water 2 (Ditch) is located in uplands within the review area and does not meet the criteria of a jurisdictional water. The feature is neither naturally occurring, a diversion of a tributary, nor constructed within the boundaries of an adjacent wetland and, therefore, does not meet the criteria of a tributary as outlined in (c)(12).
Excluded Waters 3	1316 feet	(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)	Excluded Water 2 (Ditch) is located in uplands within the review area and does not meet the criteria of a jurisdictional water. The feature is neither naturally occurring, a diversion of a tributary, nor constructed within the boundaries of an adjacent wetland and, therefore, does not meet the criteria of a tributary as outlined in (c)(12).
Excluded Waters 4	0.7 acres	(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)	Excluded Water 4 is an excluded water based on the determination that it is a man-made pond, wholly excavated out of uplands on site.

**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.

X  Information submitted by, or on behalf of, the applicant/consultant: JD request submitted by S&ME, on behalf of Freehold Communities, on December 16, 2020. Plat submitted by the agent titled “WETLAND MAP OF/ PARCEL AREA -1 (14.41 ACRES)/ PARCEL D-2 (21.12 ACRES)/ CITY OF MYRTLE BEACH, HORRY COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA/ PREPARED FOR:/ FREEHOLD COMMUNITIES” dated November 30, 2020.

This information is sufficient for purposes of this AJD.

Rationale: The wetland data forms, and additional information submitted by the agent are considered to be a reasonable representation of site conditions at the time of collection and are sufficient for purposes of this AJD.

\_\_\_ Data sheets prepared by the Corps: *Title(s) and/or date(s)*.

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- Photographs: (*aerial and other*) Google Earth aerial photo 2019, USGS National Map 3D Elevation Program (3DEP) published August 13, 2020 and site photos taken by the agent dated October 28, 2020.
- Corps Site visit(s) conducted on: *Date(s)*.
- Previous Jurisdictional Determinations (AJDs or PJDs): SAC-2016-00053 letter dated January 21, 2016
- Antecedent Precipitation Tool: *provide detailed discussion in Section III.B.*
- USDA NRCS Soil Survey: NRCS / Soil Survey Geographic Database (SSURGO) Map Service dated April 4, 2019, updated March 4, 2020; Soil survey information depicts the hydric soil Brookman loam.
- USFWS NWI maps: Wetlands Raster REST Map Service dated May 29, 2012 and revised July 17, 2020 NWIs depict the project area as entirely uplands.
- USGS topographic maps: USGS Topographic Map / 7.5 Minute Index / Ocean Forest Quad/ 1:24000; USGS topographic survey information depicts a forested area with wetland symbology present. Although the topo maps depict the location as wetlands, specifically in the areas where the excluded waters are present, information submitted by the agent, including data sheets and previous determination (SAC-2016-00053), show these features were not excavated out of wetlands. The area lacked hydric soils and indicators of hydrology.

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

Data Source (select)	Name and/or date and other relevant information
USGS Sources	USGS Topographic Map, USGS National Map 3D Elevation Program (3DEP), USGS National
USDA Sources	N/A.
NOAA Sources	N/A.
USACE Sources	SAC Reg Viewer accessed on 04/08/2021
State/Local/Tribal Sources	N/A.
Other Sources	N/A.

**B. Typical year assessment(s):** Antecedent Precipitation Tool (APT) data for typical year determination was calculated based on field collection data denoted on the originally included wetland delineation data forms (October 27, 2020). Output from the APT indicated "normal" conditions at the time of data collection by the agent (S&ME) with a value of 13. ATP outputs with a condition value greater than 14 indicate "wetter than normal" conditions, "normal" conditions range from 10-14, and values less than

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10 are considered “drier than normal”. For this assessment, the APT tool pulled data from 4 weather stations within an approximate radius of 21 miles. Results of the APT indicate the site visit was conducted under conditions considered by the Corps to be within a “typical year”. However, APT results being on the wetter end of normal conditions in combination with the geographic positioning of waters and uplands onsite are such that it would not change the jurisdictional status of those features.

- C. Additional comments to support AJD:** This form address 34.73 acre in Myrtle Beach, SC. Present on site are 4 excluded waters, 2 (b)(8) waters and 2 (b)(5) waters. All four waters are man-made features, excavated out of uplands, and do not meet the criteria of a jurisdictional water. A previous determination (2016) covered a larger tract included the subject property. Under that determination the area was determined to be uplands. Since the upland determination in 2016 the majority of the project boundary has been laid out into a subdivision with paved roads and graded lots.

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