## APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION FORM **U.S. Army Corps of Engineers**

This form should be completed by following the instructions provided in Section IV of the JD Form Instructional Guidebook.

# **SECTION I: BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

	A.	REPORT COMPLETION DATE FOR APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINAT	ION (JI	D): Aug	ust 12,	201
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В.	DISTRICT OFFICE, FILE NAME, AND NUMBER: JD Form 1 of 2; SAC 2016-00861 Socastee Recreational Center
C.	PROJECT LOCATION AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION:  State: South Carolina
D.	REVIEW PERFORMED FOR SITE EVALUATION (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY):  ☐ Office (Desk) Determination. Date: ☐ Field Determination. Date(s): June 15, 2016
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	c. Limits (boundaries) of jurisdiction based on: Pick List, Pick List, Pick List Elevation of established OHWM (if known):
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(i)	General Area Conditions: Watershed size: Pick List; Drainage area: Pick List Average annual rainfall: inches Average annual snowfall: inches
(ii)	Physical Characteristics:
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	Tributary stream order, if known:
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Note that the Instructional Guidebook contains additional information regarding swales, ditches, washes, and erosional features generally and in the arid West.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Flow route can be described by identifying, e.g., tributary a, which flows through the review area, to flow into tributary b, which then flows into TNW.

	(b)	General Tributary Characteristics (check all that apply):  Tributary is:
		Average width: feet Average depth: feet Average side slopes: Pick List.
		rimary tributary substrate composition (check all that apply):  Silts Sands Concrete Cobbles Gravel Muck Bedrock Vegetation. Type/% cover: Other. Explain:
		Tributary condition/stability [e.g., highly eroding, sloughing banks]. Explain:  Presence of run/riffle/pool complexes. Explain:  Tributary geometry: Pick List.  Tributary gradient (approximate average slope):  **Gradient (approximate average slope): %
	(c)	Flow: Cributary provides for: Pick List Estimate average number of flow events in review area/year: Pick List Describe flow regime: Other information on duration and volume:
		surface flow is: Pick List. Characteristics: .
		ubsurface flow: Pick List. Explain findings:  Dye (or other) test performed:
		Tributary has (check all that apply):  Bed and banks  OHWM <sup>6</sup> (check all indicators that apply):  clear, natural line impressed on the bank changes in the character of soil shelving vegetation matted down, bent, or absent leaf litter disturbed or washed away sediment deposition water staining other (list):  Discontinuous OHWM. <sup>7</sup> Explain:  the presence of litter and debris destruction of terrestrial vegetation the presence of wrack line sediment sorting sediment sorting scour multiple observed or predicted flow events abrupt change in plant community
		f factors other than the OHWM were used to determine lateral extent of CWA jurisdiction (check all that apply):  High Tide Line indicated by:  Oil or scum line along shore objects  Fine shell or debris deposits (foreshore)  Physical markings/characteristics  Diddl gauges  Other (list):  Mean High Water Mark indicated by:  Survey to available datum;  Physical markings;  Vegetation lines/changes in vegetation types.
(iii)	Cha	cical Characteristics: cterize tributary (e.g., water color is clear, discolored, oily film; water quality; general watershed characteristics, etc.) Explain:  fy specific pollutants, if known:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup>A natural or man-made discontinuity in the OHWM does not necessarily sever jurisdiction (e.g., where the stream temporarily flows underground, or where the OHWM has been removed by development or agricultural practices). Where there is a break in the OHWM that is unrelated to the waterbody's flow regime (e.g., flow over a rock outcrop or through a culvert), the agencies will look for indicators of flow above and below the break.

<sup>7</sup>Ibid.

	(iv)	Ripa Wet Hab	al Characteristics. Channel supports (check all that apply): arian corridor. Characteristics (type, average width): tland fringe. Characteristics: bitat for: Federally Listed species. Explain findings: Fish/spawn areas. Explain findings: Other environmentally-sensitive species. Explain findings: Aquatic/wildlife diversity. Explain findings:
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	(i)	(a) Gen Proj	Characteristics:  deral Wetland Characteristics: perties: Wetland size: acres Wetland type. Explain: Wetland quality. Explain: ject wetlands cross or serve as state boundaries. Explain:
			neral Flow Relationship with Non-TNW: wis: Pick List. Explain: .
			face flow is: Pick List Characteristics:
			surface flow: Pick List. Explain findings:  Dye (or other) test performed:
			tland Adjacency Determination with Non-TNW:  Directly abutting  Not directly abutting  Discrete wetland hydrologic connection. Explain:  Ecological connection. Explain:  Separated by berm/barrier. Explain:
		Proj Proj Flov	ximity (Relationship) to TNW ject wetlands are Pick List river miles from TNW. ject waters are Pick List aerial (straight) miles from TNW. w is from: Pick List. mate approximate location of wetland as within the Pick List floodplain.
	(ii)	Characte char	al Characteristics:  rize wetland system (e.g., water color is clear, brown, oil film on surface; water quality; general watershed racteristics; etc.). Explain:  specific pollutants, if known:
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3.	Cha		ics of all wetlands adjacent to the tributary (if any) and(s) being considered in the cumulative analysis: Pick List mately ( ) acres in total are being considered in the cumulative analysis.

For each wetland, specify the following:



Summarize overall biological, chemical and physical functions being performed:

## C. SIGNIFICANT NEXUS DETERMINATION

A significant nexus analysis will assess the flow characteristics and functions of the tributary itself and the functions performed by any wetlands adjacent to the tributary to determine if they significantly affect the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of a TNW. For each of the following situations, a significant nexus exists if the tributary, in combination with all of its adjacent wetlands, has more than a speculative or insubstantial effect on the chemical, physical and/or biological integrity of a TNW. Considerations when evaluating significant nexus include, but are not limited to the volume, duration, and frequency of the flow of water in the tributary and its proximity to a TNW, and the functions performed by the tributary and all its adjacent wetlands. It is not appropriate to determine significant nexus based solely on any specific threshold of distance (e.g. between a tributary and its adjacent wetland or between a tributary and the TNW). Similarly, the fact an adjacent wetland lies within or outside of a floodplain is not solely determinative of significant nexus.

Draw connections between the features documented and the effects on the TNW, as identified in the *Rapanos* Guidance and discussed in the Instructional Guidebook. Factors to consider include, for example:

- Does the tributary, in combination with its adjacent wetlands (if any), have the capacity to carry pollutants or flood waters to TNWs, or to reduce the amount of pollutants or flood waters reaching a TNW?
- Does the tributary, in combination with its adjacent wetlands (if any), provide habitat and lifecycle support functions for fish and other species, such as feeding, nesting, spawning, or rearing young for species that are present in the TNW?
- Does the tributary, in combination with its adjacent wetlands (if any), have the capacity to transfer nutrients and organic carbon that support downstream foodwebs?
- Does the tributary, in combination with its adjacent wetlands (if any), have other relationships to the physical, chemical, or biological integrity of the TNW?

Note: the above list of considerations is not inclusive and other functions observed or known to occur should be documented below:

- 1. Significant nexus findings for non-RPW that has no adjacent wetlands and flows directly or indirectly into TNWs. Explain findings of presence or absence of significant nexus below, based on the tributary itself, then go to Section III.D:
- 2. Significant nexus findings for non-RPW and its adjacent wetlands, where the non-RPW flows directly or indirectly into TNWs. Explain findings of presence or absence of significant nexus below, based on the tributary in combination with all of its adjacent wetlands, then go to Section III.D:
- 3. Significant nexus findings for wetlands adjacent to an RPW but that do not directly abut the RPW. Explain findings of presence or absence of significant nexus below, based on the tributary in combination with all of its adjacent wetlands, then go to Section III.D:

 $Documentation\ for\ the\ Record\ only:\ Significant\ nexus\ findings\ for\ seasonal\ RPWs\ and/or\ wetlands\ abutting\ seasonal\ RPWs:$ 

D.	DETERMINATIONS OF JURISDICTIONAL FINDINGS. THE SUBJECT WATERS/WETLANDS ARE (CHECK ALL
	THAT APPLY):

1.	TNWs and Adjacent Wetlands. Check all that apply and provide size estimates in review area:  TNWs: linear feet width (ft), Or, acres.  Wetlands adjacent to TNWs: acres.
2.	RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs.  Tributaries of TNWs where tributaries typically flow year-round are jurisdictional. Provide data and rationale indicating that tributary is perennial:

	☐ Tributaries of TNW where tributaries have continuous flow "seasonally" (e.g., typically three months each year) are jurisdictional. Data supporting this conclusion is provided at Section III.B. Provide rationale indicating that tributary flows seasonally:
	Provide estimates for jurisdictional waters in the review area (check all that apply):  Tributary waters: linear feet width (ft).  Other non-wetland waters: acres.  Identify type(s) of waters: .
3.	Non-RPWs <sup>8</sup> that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs.  Waterbody that is not a TNW or an RPW, but flows directly or indirectly into a TNW, and it has a significant nexus with a TNW is jurisdictional. Data supporting this conclusion is provided at Section III.C.
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4.	Wetlands directly abutting an RPW that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs.  Wetlands directly abut RPW and thus are jurisdictional as adjacent wetlands.  Wetlands directly abutting an RPW where tributaries typically flow year-round. Provide data and rationale indicating that tributary is perennial in Section III.D.2, above. Provide rationale indicating that wetland is directly abutting an RPW:
	Wetlands directly abutting an RPW where tributaries typically flow "seasonally." Provide data indicating that tributary is seasonal in Section III.B and rationale in Section III.D.2, above. Provide rationale indicating that wetland is directly abutting an RPW:
	Provide acreage estimates for jurisdictional wetlands in the review area: acres.
5.	Wetlands adjacent to but not directly abutting an RPW that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs.  Wetlands that do not directly abut an RPW, but when considered in combination with the tributary to which they are adjacent and with similarly situated adjacent wetlands, have a significant nexus with a TNW are jurisidictional. Data supporting this conclusion is provided at Section III.C.
	Provide acreage estimates for jurisdictional wetlands in the review area: acres.
6.	Wetlands adjacent to non-RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs.  Wetlands adjacent to such waters, and have when considered in combination with the tributary to which they are adjacent and with similarly situated adjacent wetlands, have a significant nexus with a TNW are jurisdictional. Data supporting this conclusion is provided at Section III.C.
	Provide estimates for jurisdictional wetlands in the review area: acres.
7.	Impoundments of jurisdictional waters.9  As a general rule, the impoundment of a jurisdictional tributary remains jurisdictional.  Demonstrate that impoundment was created from "waters of the U.S.," or  Demonstrate that water meets the criteria for one of the categories presented above (1-6), or  Demonstrate that water is isolated with a nexus to commerce (see E below).  Explain:
DE	CLATED [INTERSTATE OR INTRA-STATE] WATERS, INCLUDING ISOLATED WETLANDS, THE USE, CGRADATION OR DESTRUCTION OF WHICH COULD AFFECT INTERSTATE COMMERCE, INCLUDING ANY CH WATERS (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY): 10  which are or could be used by interstate or foreign travelers for recreational or other purposes. from which fish or shellfish are or could be taken and sold in interstate or foreign commerce. which are or could be used for industrial purposes by industries in interstate commerce. Interstate isolated waters. Explain:  Other factors. Explain:

E.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> To complete the analysis refer to the key in Section III.D.6 of the Instructional Guidebook.

<sup>10</sup> Prior to asserting or declining CWA jurisdiction based solely on this category, Corps Districts will elevate the action to Corps and EPA HQ for review consistent with the process described in the Corps/EPA Memorandum Regarding CWA Act Jurisdiction Following Rapanos.

	Iden	tify water body and summarize rationale supporting determination:
		ide estimates for jurisdictional waters in the review area (check all that apply):  Fributary waters: linear feet width (ft).  Other non-wetland waters: acres.  Identify type(s) of waters: .  Wetlands: acres.
F.		N-JURISDICTIONAL WATERS, INCLUDING WETLANDS (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY):  If potential wetlands were assessed within the review area, these areas did not meet the criteria in the 1987 Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual and/or appropriate Regional Supplements.  Review area included isolated waters with no substantial nexus to interstate (or foreign) commerce.  Prior to the Jan 2001 Supreme Court decision in "SWANCC," the review area would have been regulated based solely on the "Migratory Bird Rule" (MBR).  Waters do not meet the "Significant Nexus" standard, where such a finding is required for jurisdiction. Explain:  Other: (explain, if not covered above):
	factoriudg	ide acreage estimates for non-jurisdictional waters in the review area, where the <u>sole</u> potential basis of jurisdiction is the MBR ors (i.e., presence of migratory birds, presence of endangered species, use of water for irrigated agriculture), using best professional ment (check all that apply):  Non-wetland waters (i.e., rivers, streams): linear feet width (ft).  Lakes/ponds: acres.  Other non-wetland waters: acres. List type of aquatic resource:  Wetlands: Wetland 6 / 1.12 acres acres.
	a fin	ide acreage estimates for non-jurisdictional waters in the review area that do not meet the "Significant Nexus" standard, where such ding is required for jurisdiction (check all that apply):  Non-wetland waters (i.e., rivers, streams): linear feet, width (ft).  Lakes/ponds: acres.  Other non-wetland waters: acres. List type of aquatic resource: .  Wetlands: acres.
SE(	TIO	N IV: DATA SOURCES.
<b>A.</b> :		CORTING DATA. Data reviewed for JD (check all that apply - checked items shall be included in case file and, where checked requested, appropriately reference sources below):
	$\boxtimes$	Maps, plans, plots or plat submitted by or on behalf of the applicant/consultant: <b>The Brigman Company, Inc.</b> Data sheets prepared/submitted by or on behalf of the applicant/consultant.  Office concurs with data sheets/delineation report.
	_	Office does not concur with data sheets/delineation report.
		Data sheets prepared by the Corps:  Corps navigable waters' study:
		U.S. Geological Survey Hydrologic Atlas: .
		☐ USGS NHD data. ☐ USGS 8 and 12 digit HUC maps.
		U.S. Geological Survey map(s). Cite scale & quad name: USGS Topographic maps / Bucksville Quad / depicts a forested and
		forested areas. USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Soil Survey. Citation: Horry County Soil Survey p.86, Ogeechee Yauhannah,
	Yem	assee (Hydric).
		National wetlands inventory map(s). Cite name: <b>Horry County NWI / PFO4B</b> . State/Local wetland inventory map(s):
		FEMA/FIRM maps: .
	$\square$	100-year Floodplain Elevation is: (National Geodectic Vertical Datum of 1929)  Photographs:  ☐ Aerial (Name & Date): 2015 Google Earth Imagery, 2006 SCDNR infrared imagery, 99-11222:128.  or ☐ Other (Name & Date): Site visit photos submitted with the JD package.
		Previous determination(s). File no. and date of response letter: 2009-01169 / in a letter dated February 9, 2010, this JD was
		pleted for a smaller subset of the current review area. The jurisdictional wetland referenced in this letter is now part of t is known as wetland 5 on basis form 2. Wetland 6 was not represented on this letter.
		Applicable/supporting case law:
		Applicable/supporting scientific literature:  Other information (please specify):
		Other information (please specify):

B. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS TO SUPPORT JD: Of the 6.4 acres of freshwater wetlands, 1.12 acres (wetland 6) have been determined to be isolated, non-jurisdictional. The remaining 5.28 acres are jurisdictional and documented as such on basis forms 2, of this determination. The isolated, non jurisdictional forested freshwater wetland located within the project area has been determined to be completely surrounded by uplands and no surface or shallow subsurface connection to any waters of the U.S. (WOUS) was evident during the site visit or could be found after review of aerial photography, soil survey information, NWI maps, and topographic maps. These wetlands exhibited hydric soils, hydrophitic vegetation, and sufficient indicators of hydrology to satisfy the criteria set forth in the 1987 Wetland Delineation Manual. However, all water located within these wetlands have no discernible or traceable outfall or connection to any WOUS. Chemically, the wetlands do not affect any WOUS in the absorption / treatment of nutrients, runoff, and pollutants. Physically, the topographic location of the wetland and its relation to other WOUS is such that water in these wetlands are retained and eventually percolates through the soil to groundwater only, to an unkown depth, providing little if any stromwater attenuation. Biologically, these wetlands are not essential in providing organic carbons in the form of their collective primary productivity to downstream waters, resulting in the nourishment of the downstream food web. Because of the lack of discernable outfall, topography grades, and lack of evidence of chemical, physical or biological connection, wetland 6 for a 1.12 acre total, has been determined to be isolated, non-jurisdictional.

Several upland excavated non-jurisdictional ditches transected the property and displayed no jurisdictional features. These features are documented on form 2 of 2.

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	Identify flow route to TNW <sup>5</sup> : .
	Tributary stream order, if known:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Note that the Instructional Guidebook contains additional information regarding swales, ditches, washes, and erosional features generally and in the arid West.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Flow route can be described by identifying, e.g., tributary a, which flows through the review area, to flow into tributary b, which then flows into TNW.

	(b)	General Tributary Characteristics (check all that apply):  Tributary is:  Natural  Artificial (man-made). Explain:  Manipulated (man-altered). Explain:
		Average width: feet Average depth: feet Average side slopes: Pick List.
		rimary tributary substrate composition (check all that apply):  Silts Sands Concrete Cobbles Gravel Muck Bedrock Vegetation. Type/% cover: Other. Explain:
		Tributary condition/stability [e.g., highly eroding, sloughing banks]. Explain:  Presence of run/riffle/pool complexes. Explain:  Tributary geometry: Pick List.  Tributary gradient (approximate average slope):
	(c)	<u>Clow:</u> Cributary provides for: Pick List Estimate average number of flow events in review area/year: Pick List Describe flow regime: Other information on duration and volume:
		surface flow is: Pick List. Characteristics:
		ubsurface flow: Pick List. Explain findings:  Dye (or other) test performed:
		Tributary has (check all that apply):  Bed and banks  OHWM <sup>6</sup> (check all indicators that apply):  clear, natural line impressed on the bank changes in the character of soil destruction of terrestrial vegetation the presence of wrack line sediment sorting sediment sorting sediment deposition multiple observed or predicted flow events abrupt change in plant community other (list):  Discontinuous OHWM. <sup>7</sup> Explain:
		f factors other than the OHWM were used to determine lateral extent of CWA jurisdiction (check all that apply):  High Tide Line indicated by:  oil or scum line along shore objects  fine shell or debris deposits (foreshore)  physical markings/characteristics  tidal gauges  other (list):  Mean High Water Mark indicated by:  physical markings;  physical markings;  vegetation lines/changes in vegetation types.
(iii)	Cha	cical Characteristics: cterize tributary (e.g., water color is clear, discolored, oily film; water quality; general watershed characteristics, etc. explain: fy specific pollutants, if known:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup>A natural or man-made discontinuity in the OHWM does not necessarily sever jurisdiction (e.g., where the stream temporarily flows underground, or where the OHWM has been removed by development or agricultural practices). Where there is a break in the OHWM that is unrelated to the waterbody's flow regime (e.g., flow over a rock outcrop or through a culvert), the agencies will look for indicators of flow above and below the break.

<sup>7</sup>Ibid.

	(iv)	Riparian co Wetland fri Habitat for: Federall Fish/spa Other er	acteristics. Channel supports (check all that apply): rridor. Characteristics (type, average width): nge. Characteristics:  y Listed species. Explain findings: wn areas. Explain findings: vironmentally-sensitive species. Explain findings: (wildlife diversity. Explain findings:
2.	Cha	acteristics of w	etlands adjacent to non-TNW that flow directly or indirectly into TNW
	(i)	Properties: Wetland Wetland Wetland	tland Characteristics:
			<u>w Relationship with Non-TNW</u> : ck List. Explain:
		Surface flow Charact	v is: Pick List eristics:
			flow: Pick List. Explain findings: . (or other) test performed: .
		☐ Directly ☐ Not dire ☐ Dise ☐ Eco	jacency Determination with Non-TNW: abutting city abutting crete wetland hydrologic connection. Explain: logical connection. Explain: arated by berm/barrier. Explain:
		Project wet Project wat Flow is from	Relationship) to TNW ands are Pick List river miles from TNW. ers are Pick List aerial (straight) miles from TNW. er: Pick List. proximate location of wetland as within the Pick List floodplain.
	(ii)	characterist	ncteristics: land system (e.g., water color is clear, brown, oil film on surface; water quality; general watershed ics; etc.). Explain: pollutants, if known:
	(iii)	Riparian bu Vegetation Habitat for: Federall Fish/spa	acteristics. Wetland supports (check all that apply):  ffer. Characteristics (type, average width): type/percent cover. Explain:  y Listed species. Explain findings: wn areas. Explain findings: vironmentally-sensitive species. Explain findings: (wildlife diversity. Explain findings:
3.	Cha		wetlands adjacent to the tributary (if any) sing considered in the cumulative analysis: Pick List ) acres in total are being considered in the cumulative analysis.

For each wetland, specify the following:



Summarize overall biological, chemical and physical functions being performed:

## C. SIGNIFICANT NEXUS DETERMINATION

A significant nexus analysis will assess the flow characteristics and functions of the tributary itself and the functions performed by any wetlands adjacent to the tributary to determine if they significantly affect the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of a TNW. For each of the following situations, a significant nexus exists if the tributary, in combination with all of its adjacent wetlands, has more than a speculative or insubstantial effect on the chemical, physical and/or biological integrity of a TNW. Considerations when evaluating significant nexus include, but are not limited to the volume, duration, and frequency of the flow of water in the tributary and its proximity to a TNW, and the functions performed by the tributary and all its adjacent wetlands. It is not appropriate to determine significant nexus based solely on any specific threshold of distance (e.g. between a tributary and its adjacent wetland or between a tributary and the TNW). Similarly, the fact an adjacent wetland lies within or outside of a floodplain is not solely determinative of significant nexus.

Draw connections between the features documented and the effects on the TNW, as identified in the *Rapanos* Guidance and discussed in the Instructional Guidebook. Factors to consider include, for example:

- Does the tributary, in combination with its adjacent wetlands (if any), have the capacity to carry pollutants or flood waters to TNWs, or to reduce the amount of pollutants or flood waters reaching a TNW?
- Does the tributary, in combination with its adjacent wetlands (if any), provide habitat and lifecycle support functions for fish and other species, such as feeding, nesting, spawning, or rearing young for species that are present in the TNW?
- Does the tributary, in combination with its adjacent wetlands (if any), have the capacity to transfer nutrients and organic carbon that support downstream foodwebs?
- Does the tributary, in combination with its adjacent wetlands (if any), have other relationships to the physical, chemical, or biological integrity of the TNW?

Note: the above list of considerations is not inclusive and other functions observed or known to occur should be documented below:

- 1. Significant nexus findings for non-RPW that has no adjacent wetlands and flows directly or indirectly into TNWs. Explain findings of presence or absence of significant nexus below, based on the tributary itself, then go to Section III.D:
- 2. Significant nexus findings for non-RPW and its adjacent wetlands, where the non-RPW flows directly or indirectly into TNWs. Explain findings of presence or absence of significant nexus below, based on the tributary in combination with all of its adjacent wetlands, then go to Section III.D:
- 3. Significant nexus findings for wetlands adjacent to an RPW but that do not directly abut the RPW. Explain findings of presence or absence of significant nexus below, based on the tributary in combination with all of its adjacent wetlands, then go to Section III.D:

Documentation for the Record only: Significant nexus findings for seasonal RPWs and/or wetlands abutting seasonal RPWs:

D.	DETERMINATIONS OF JURISDICTIONAL FINDINGS. THE SUBJECT WATERS/WETLANDS ARE (CHECK ALL
	THAT APPLY):

1.	TNWs and Adjacent Wetlands. Check all that apply and provide size estimates in review area:  TNWs: linear feet width (ft), Or, acres.  Wetlands adjacent to TNWs: acres.
2.	RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs.  Tributaries of TNWs where tributaries typically flow year-round are jurisdictional. Provide data and rationale indicating tha tributary is perennial: The offsite tributary was determined to be a perennial RPW based on the best available

	information including topographic maps, aerial photography, soil survey information, and NWI maps. The tributary is depicted as a solid blue line on topographic maps and it is visible on aerial photography. The tributary appears to flow north and becomes a stream order 3 or 4 near its confluence with the AIWW.
	☐ Tributaries of TNW where tributaries have continuous flow "seasonally" (e.g., typically three months each year) are jurisdictional. Data supporting this conclusion is provided at Section III.B. Provide rationale indicating that tributary flows seasonally:
	Provide estimates for jurisdictional waters in the review area (check all that apply):  Tributary waters: linear feet width (ft).  Other non-wetland waters: acres.  Identify type(s) of waters: .
3.	Non-RPWs <sup>8</sup> that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs.  Waterbody that is not a TNW or an RPW, but flows directly or indirectly into a TNW, and it has a significant nexus with a TNW is jurisdictional. Data supporting this conclusion is provided at Section III.C.
	Provide estimates for jurisdictional waters within the review area (check all that apply):  Tributary waters: linear feet width (ft).  Other non-wetland waters: acres.  Identify type(s) of waters: .
4.	Wetlands directly abutting an RPW that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs.  Wetlands directly abut RPW and thus are jurisdictional as adjacent wetlands.  Wetlands directly abutting an RPW where tributaries typically flow year-round. Provide data and rationale indicating that tributary is perennial in Section III.D.2, above. Provide rationale indicating that wetland is directly abutting an RPW: The wetland on-site is part of a larger wetland system that continues off-site. The perennial RPW off-site flows throught the middle of this wetland system.
	Wetlands directly abutting an RPW where tributaries typically flow "seasonally." Provide data indicating that tributary is seasonal in Section III.B and rationale in Section III.D.2, above. Provide rationale indicating that wetland is directly abutting an RPW:
We	Provide acreage estimates for jurisdictional wetlands in the review area: Wetland $1/0.01 + \text{Wetland } 2/0.07 + \text{Wetland } 3/3.66 + \text{etland } 4/0.67 + \text{Wetland } 5/0.87 = 5.28 \text{ total Jurisdiction}$ acres.
5.	Wetlands adjacent to but not directly abutting an RPW that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs.  Wetlands that do not directly abut an RPW, but when considered in combination with the tributary to which they are adjacent and with similarly situated adjacent wetlands, have a significant nexus with a TNW are jurisidictional. Data supporting this conclusion is provided at Section III.C.
	Provide acreage estimates for jurisdictional wetlands in the review area: acres.
6.	Wetlands adjacent to non-RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs.  Wetlands adjacent to such waters, and have when considered in combination with the tributary to which they are adjacent and with similarly situated adjacent wetlands, have a significant nexus with a TNW are jurisdictional. Data supporting this conclusion is provided at Section III.C.
	Provide estimates for jurisdictional wetlands in the review area: acres.
7.	Impoundments of jurisdictional waters. <sup>9</sup> As a general rule, the impoundment of a jurisdictional tributary remains jurisdictional.  Demonstrate that impoundment was created from "waters of the U.S.," or  Demonstrate that water meets the criteria for one of the categories presented above (1-6), or  Demonstrate that water is isolated with a nexus to commerce (see E below).  Explain:
	OLATED [INTERSTATE OR INTRA-STATE] WATERS, INCLUDING ISOLATED WETLANDS, THE USE, GRADATION OR DESTRUCTION OF WHICH COULD AFFECT INTERSTATE COMMERCE, INCLUDING ANY

8See Footnote # 3.

E.

SUCH WATERS (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY):10

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> To complete the analysis refer to the key in Section III.D.6 of the Instructional Guidebook.

<sup>10</sup> Prior to asserting or declining CWA jurisdiction based solely on this category, Corps Districts will elevate the action to Corps and EPA HQ for review consistent with the process described in the Corps/EPA Memorandum Regarding CWA Act Jurisdiction Following Rapanos.

	which are or could be used by interstate or foreign travelers for recreational or other purposes. from which fish or shellfish are or could be taken and sold in interstate or foreign commerce. which are or could be used for industrial purposes by industries in interstate commerce.  Interstate isolated waters. Explain: Other factors. Explain:
	Identify water body and summarize rationale supporting determination:
	Provide estimates for jurisdictional waters in the review area (check all that apply):  Tributary waters: linear feet width (ft).  Other non-wetland waters: acres.  Identify type(s) of waters:  Wetlands: acres.
F.	NON-JURISDICTIONAL WATERS, INCLUDING WETLANDS (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY):  If potential wetlands were assessed within the review area, these areas did not meet the criteria in the 1987 Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual and/or appropriate Regional Supplements.  Review area included isolated waters with no substantial nexus to interstate (or foreign) commerce.  Prior to the Jan 2001 Supreme Court decision in "SWANCC," the review area would have been regulated based solely on the "Migratory Bird Rule" (MBR).  Waters do not meet the "Significant Nexus" standard, where such a finding is required for jurisdiction. Explain:  Other: (explain, if not covered above):
	Provide acreage estimates for non-jurisdictional waters in the review area, where the sole potential basis of jurisdiction is the MBR factors (i.e., presence of migratory birds, presence of endangered species, use of water for irrigated agriculture), using best professional judgment (check all that apply):  Non-wetland waters (i.e., rivers, streams): linear feet width (ft).  Lakes/ponds: acres.  Other non-wetland waters: acres. List type of aquatic resource: .  Wetlands: acres.
	Provide acreage estimates for non-jurisdictional waters in the review area that do not meet the "Significant Nexus" standard, where such a finding is required for jurisdiction (check all that apply):  Non-wetland waters (i.e., rivers, streams): linear feet, width (ft).  Lakes/ponds: acres.  Other non-wetland waters: acres. List type of aquatic resource:  Wetlands: acres.
SEC	CTION IV: DATA SOURCES.
A.	SUPPORTING DATA. Data reviewed for JD (check all that apply - checked items shall be included in case file and, where checked and requested, appropriately reference sources below):    Maps. plans, plots or plat submitted by or on behalf of the applicant/consultant: Maps provided by The Brigman Company, Inc / entitled "Wetland Delineation of Socastee Recreation Complex" and dated May 24, 2016.     Data sheets prepared/submitted by or on behalf of the applicant/consultant.     Office concurs with data sheets/delineation report.     Office does not concur with data sheets/delineation report.     Data sheets prepared by the Corps:     Corps navigable waters' study:     U.S. Geological Survey Hydrologic Atlas:     USGS NHD data.     USGS 8 and 12 digit HUC maps.     U.S. Geological Survey map(s). Cite scale & quad name: USGS Topographic Maps / Bucksville Quad / depicts a forested area     USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Soil Survey. Citation: Horry County Soil Survey / p.86 / Yauhannah, Yemassee, Ogeechee (hydric).     National wetlands inventory map(s). Cite name: Horry County NWI / PFO4B (Palustrine Wetlands), U42P (Uplands)     State/Local wetland inventory map(s):     FEMA/FIRM maps:     100-year Floodplain Elevation is: (National Geodectic Vertical Datum of 1929)     Photographs:   Aerial (Name & Date): SCDNR 2006 infrared / 2015 Google Earth Imagery / 99-11222:128.     or   Other (Name & Date): Site visit photos from initial package.
	Previous determination(s). File no. and date of response letter: 2009-01169 / in a letter dated February 9, 2010, this JD was completed for a smaller subset of the current review area. The jurisdictional wetland referenced in this letter is now part of
	what is known as wetland 5 on basis form 2.  Applicable/supporting case law:

Applicable/supporting scientific literature: Other information (please specify):	
Other information (please specify).	

B. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS TO SUPPORT JD: This is an 57.02 acre site consisting of 5.28 acres of jurisdictional freshwater wetlands (Wetland 1/0.01 + Wetland 2/0.07 +Wetland 3/3.66 + Wetland 4/0.67 + Wetland 5/0.87). The wetlands on-site is part of a larger wetland system that continues off-site to the southeast and is bisected by the offsite tributary off-site tributary (perennial RPW). The tributary flows north through the middle of the wetland until it reaches its confluence with the AIWW. The tributary was inaccessible in the field. However, the tributary was determined to be a perennial RPW based on the best available information including topographic maps, aerial photography, soil survey information, and NWI maps. The tributary is depicted as a solid blue line on topographic maps and it is visible on aerial photography. The tributary appears to flow north and becomes a stream order 3 or 4 near its confluence with the AIWW

Four upland excavated non-jurisdictional ditches transected the property and displayed no jurisdictional features.

The site is assessed on two basis forms. A single isolated wetland is covered on form 1 of 2.