

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): August 5, 2021 ORM Number: SAC-2021-00360 Associated JDs: N/A Review Area Location¹: State: SC City: Hollywood County: Charleston County Center Coordinates of Review Area: Latitude 32.78064 Longitude -80.145373

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)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):

Γ	(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
Jurisdictional B1	19.03 acres	(a)(4) Wetland abuts an (a)(1)-(a)(3)	The B1 Wetland is part of a larger wetland that extends
Wetland		water	offsite towards the Stono River. Based on a review of

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aerial photographs and Lidar, it appears that the offsite portion of the wetland abuts an (a)(2) tributary
(intermittent) that flows directly into an (a)(1) water (tidal creek of the Stono River).

D. Excluded Waters or Features

Excluded waters $((b)(1) - (b)(12))^4$:

Exclusion Name	Exclusion Size	Exclusion⁵	Rationale for Exclusion Determination
Excluded Water B2 Wetland	0.69 acre	(b)(1) Non-adjacent wetland	B2 is a closed polygon wetland that is located within the project area boundaries, surrounded by uplands, is not contiguous or directly abutting an $(a)(1)$ - $(a)(3)$ water. In addition, this wetland does not meet any of the other $(a)(4)$ criteria for adjacency and thus is an excluded water pursuant to $(b)(1)$.

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: *McCombs Road JD Request Newkirk Environmental.*

This information is sufficient for purposes of this AJD. Rationale: N/A

Rationale. IWA

Data sheets prepared by the Corps: N/A

- **_X_** Photographs: Google Earth 1/28/2021
- Corps Site visit(s) conducted on: *N/A*.
- Previous Jurisdictional Determinations (AJDs or PJDs): N/A.
- X Antecedent Precipitation Tool: *provide detailed discussion in Section III.B.*
- **_X_** USDA NRCS Soil Survey: Stono fine sandy loam.
- **X** USFWS NWI maps: PFO1A
- USGS topographic maps: N/A

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	N/A.
USACE Sources	Reg Viewer
State/Local/Tribal Sources	N/A.
Other Sources	N/A.

B. Typical year assessment(s): A typical year assessment is necessary to demonstrate the off-site (a)(2) tributary contributes flow to an (a)(1) water in a typical year. The off-site tributary has a watershed size of 0.43 square miles, the channel is clearly visible in lidar and hillshade imagery and

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the tributary is part of a tributary/wetland complex along its flow path. For these reasons, it has been determined the tributary would exhibit an intermittent flow regime at a minimum in a typical year.

C. Additional comments to support AJD: The on-site Jurisdictional B1 Wetland continues off-site and directly abuts an (a)(2) tributary, based on the typical year assessment, the tributary would exhibit an intermittent flow regime at a minimum. The tributary contributes flow to an unnamed tidal tributary of the Stono River, an (a)(1) water, in a typical year. Therefore, the Corps determined Jurisdictional B1 Wetland is jurisdictional and subject to regulation under Section 404 of the CWA. The B2 wetland is an excluded water and is therefore non-jurisdictional and not subject to regulation under Section 404 of the CWA or Section 10 of the RHA.

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