There is a non-jurisdictional linear feature on site, which does not have an OHWM or a distinct channel. This
feature does not have any signs of relatively permanent flow, it is not shown as a blue line on the topo map, and it is not shown as a tributary on the soils map. The non-jurisdictional feature does not flow year round and flows only after heavy rain events. This feature is not jurisdictional and not a water of the U.S. There is also a detention pond that was dug out of uplands on the site. The detention pond has no connection to any water and is not a water of the U.S.

SECTION III: CWA ANALYSIS

A. TNWs AND WETLANDS ADJACENT TO TNWs

The agencies will assert jurisdiction over TNWs and wetlands adjacent to TNWs. If the aquatic resource is a TNW, complete Section III.A.1 and Section III.D.1 only; if the aquatic resource is a wetland adjacent to a TNW, complete Sections III.A.1 and 2 and Section III.D.1; otherwise, see Section III.B below.

1. TNW
   Identify TNW: .
   
   Summarize rationale supporting determination: .

2. Wetland adjacent to TNW
   Summarize rationale supporting conclusion that wetland is “adjacent”: .

B. CHARACTERISTICS OF TRIBUTARY (THAT IS NOT A TNW) AND ITS ADJACENT WETLANDS (IF ANY):

This section summarizes information regarding characteristics of the tributary and its adjacent wetlands, if any, and it helps determine whether or not the standards for jurisdiction established under Rapanos have been met.

The agencies will assert jurisdiction over non-navigable tributaries of TNWs where the tributaries are “relatively permanent waters” (RPWs), i.e. tributaries that typically flow year-round or have continuous flow at least seasonally (e.g., typically 3 months). A wetland that directly abuts an RPW is also jurisdictional. If the aquatic resource is not a TNW, but has year-round (perennial) flow, skip to Section III.D.2. If the aquatic resource is a wetland directly abutting a tributary with perennial flow, skip to Section III.D.4.

A wetland that is adjacent to but that does not directly abut an RPW requires a significant nexus evaluation. Corps districts and EPA regions will include in the record any available information that documents the existence of a significant nexus between a relatively permanent tributary that is not perennial (and its adjacent wetlands if any) and a traditional navigable water, even though a significant nexus finding is not required as a matter of law.

If the waterbody⁴ is not an RPW, or a wetland directly abutting an RPW, a JD will require additional data to determine if the waterbody has a significant nexus with a TNW. If the tributary has adjacent wetlands, the significant nexus evaluation must consider the tributary in combination with all of its adjacent wetlands. This significant nexus evaluation that combines, for analytical purposes, the tributary and all of its adjacent wetlands is used whether the review area identified in the JD request is the tributary, or its adjacent wetlands, or both. If the JD covers a tributary with adjacent wetlands, complete Section III.B.1 for the tributary, Section III.B.2 for any onsite wetlands, and Section III.B.3 for all wetlands adjacent to that tributary, both onsite and offsite. The determination whether a significant nexus exists is determined in Section III.C below.

1. Characteristics of non-TNWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNW

   (i) General Area Conditions:
       Watershed size: 148,599 acres; HUC 03050106-07 Crane Creek-Broad River
       Drainage area: 352.08 acres
       Average annual rainfall: 44.64 inches
       Average annual snowfall: 0.66 inches

   (ii) Physical Characteristics:
       (a) Relationship with TNW:
           ☑️ Tributary flows directly into TNW.
           ☑️ Tributary flows through 2 tributaries before entering TNW.

           Project waters are 2-5 river miles from TNW.
           Project waters are 2-5 river miles from RPW.
           Project waters are 2-5 aerial (straight) miles from TNW.
           Project waters are 2-5 aerial (straight) miles from RPW.
           Project waters cross or serve as state boundaries. Explain: .

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⁴ Note that the Instructional Guidebook contains additional information regarding swales, ditches, washes, and erosional features generally and in the arid West.
Identify flow route to TNW5: **Unnamed tributary to Roberts Branch flows to Roberts Branch, which flows to Crane Creek (Traditional Navigable Water).**

Tributary stream order, if known: .

(b) General Tributary Characteristics (check all that apply):

**Tributary** is:  
- [X] Natural  
- [ ] Artificial (man-made). Explain:  
- [ ] Manipulated (man-altered). Explain:  

**Tributary** properties with respect to top of bank (estimate):

Average width: feet  
Average depth: feet  
Average side slopes: Pick List.

Primary tributary substrate composition (check all that apply):

- [ ] Silts  
- [ ] Sands  
- [ ] Concrete  
- [ ] Cobbles  
- [ ] Gravel  
- [ ] Muck  
- [ ] Bedrock  
- [ ] Vegetation. Type/% cover:  
- [ ] Other. Explain: **According to the Soil Survey of Richland County, the predominant soils in the tributary consisted of Johnston series. Johnston soils are very poorly drained.**

Tributary condition/stability [e.g., highly eroding, sloughing banks]. Explain:  
Presence of run/riffle/pool complexes. Explain:  
Tributary geometry: **Meandering.**  
Tributary gradient (approximate average slope): %

(c) Flow:

**Tributary** provides for: **Perennial flow**  

Estimate average number of flow events in review area/year: **20 (or greater)**

**Describe flow regime:** JT-1 flows year-round during normal conditions.

Other information on duration and volume: **This feature is located onsite, is shown as a blue line on the topo map and as perennial on the soil survey. This tributary has a clear OHWM and a distinct channel.**

Surface flow is: **Discrete and confined.** Characteristics: **Tributary flows in channel during normal conditions.**

Subsurface flow: **Unknown.** Explain findings:  
- [ ] Dye (or other) test performed:  

**Tributary** has (check all that apply):

- [X] Bed and banks  
- [X] OHWM6 (check all indicators that apply):
  - [X] clear, natural line impressed on the bank  
  - [ ] changes in the character of soil  
  - [ ] shelving  
  - [ ] vegetation matted down, bent, or absent  
  - [X] leaf litter disturbed or washed away  
  - [ ] sediment deposition  
  - [ ] water staining  
  - [ ] other (list):  
- [ ] Discontinuous OHWM.7 Explain:  

If 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:  
  - [ ] survey to available datum;  
  - [ ] physical markings;  
  - [ ] vegetation lines/changes in vegetation types.

(iii) Chemical Characteristics:

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5 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.

6A 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.

7Ibid.
Characterize tributary (e.g., water color is clear, discolored, oily film; water quality; general watershed characteristics, etc.).

Explain: JT-1 is located near residential and agricultural development. Land use/land cover in the watershed includes: 59.4% forested land, 21.4% urban land, 13.0% agricultural land, 3.0% forested wetland, 2.0% water, 0.8% barren land, and 0.4% scrub/shrub land.

Identify specific pollutants, if known: The tributary is located near residential and agricultural development. There are possible pollutants from automobiles, trains, cattle, agriculture, etc.

(iv) Biological Characteristics. Channel supports (check all that apply):

- Riparian corridor. Characteristics (type, average width): .
- Habitat for:
  - Federally Listed species. Explain findings: .
  - Fish/spawn areas. Explain findings: .
  - Other environmentally-sensitive species. Explain findings: .
- Aquatic/wildlife diversity. Explain findings: Tributary provides habitat for wildlife in the area.

2. Characteristics of wetlands adjacent to non-TNW that flow directly or indirectly into TNW

(i) Physical Characteristics:

(a) General Wetland Characteristics:
Properties:
- Wetland size: 0.07 acres.
- Wetland type. Explain: Emergent.
- Project wetlands cross or serve as state boundaries. Explain: .

(b) General Flow Relationship with Non-TNW:
Flow is: Ephemeral flow. Explain: Based on the topo map, water flows south from Wetland JW-B to Tributary JT-1 through overland sheetflow.

Surface flow is: Overland sheetflow.
Characteristics: Based on the topo map, water flows south from Wetland JW-B to Tributary JT-1 through overland sheetflow.

Subsurface flow: Unknown. Explain findings: .
- Dye (or other) test performed: .

(c) Wetland Adjacency Determination with Non-TNW:
- Directly abutting
- Not directly abutting
  - Discrete wetland hydrologic connection. Explain: .
  - Ecological connection. Explain: Based on the topo map, water flows south from Wetland JW-B to Tributary JT-1 through overland sheetflow.
  - Separated by berm/barrier. Explain: .

(d) Proximity (Relationship) to TNW
Project wetlands are 2-5 river miles from TNW.
Project waters are 2-5 aerial (straight) miles from TNW.
Flow is from: Wetland to navigable waters.
Estimate approximate location of wetland as within the Pick List floodplain.

(ii) Chemical Characteristics:
Characterize wetland system (e.g., water color is clear, brown, oil film on surface; water quality; general watershed characteristics; etc.). Explain: JW-B is located near residential and agricultural development. Land use/land cover in the watershed includes: 59.4% forested land, 21.4% urban land, 13.0% agricultural land, 3.0% forested wetland, 2.0% water, 0.8% barren land, and 0.4% scrub/shrub land.

Identify specific pollutants, if known: The wetland is located near residential and agricultural development. There are possible pollutants from automobiles, trains, cattle, agriculture, etc.

(iii) Biological Characteristics. Wetland supports (check all that apply):
- Riparian buffer. Characteristics (type, average width): .
- Vegetation type/percent cover. Explain: .
- Habitat for:
  - Federally Listed species. Explain findings: .
  - Fish/spawn areas. Explain findings: Wetland provides possible breeding grounds for aquatic species.
  - Other environmentally-sensitive species. Explain findings: .
  - Aquatic/wildlife diversity. Explain findings: Wetland provides habitat for wildlife in the area.
3. **Characteristics of all wetlands adjacent to the tributary (if any)**
   All wetland(s) being considered in the cumulative analysis: 2
   Approximately (12.21) acres in total are being considered in the cumulative analysis.

   For each wetland, specify the following:

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   Summarize overall biological, chemical and physical functions being performed: **The wetlands evaluated in this SND are performing biological, chemical, and physical functions that relate to the integrity of the downstream TNW.** Wetland JW-A is directly abutting Tributary JT-1 and Tributary JT-2. Wetland JW-B is not directly abutting Tributary JT-1 and flows south to Tributary JT-1 through overland flow after heavy rain events, and during wetter months as seen in the topo map. A variety of biological functions are being performed by the wetland. The wetland provides possible breeding grounds for aquatic species as well as habitat for wildlife in the area. The chemical functions include nutrient and waste filtration for the surrounding urban and agricultural areas. The physical functions of the wetland include flow maintenance by retaining runoff and storm water during times of heavy rain and during the wetter months.

   **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: **The wetlands evaluated in this SND are performing biological, chemical, and physical functions that relate to the integrity of the downstream TNW.** Wetland JW-A is directly abutting Tributary JT-1 and Tributary JT-2. Wetland JW-B is not directly abutting Tributary JT-1 and flows south to Tributary JT-1 through overland flow after heavy rain events, and during wetter months as seen in the topo map. A variety of biological functions are being performed by the wetland. The wetland provides possible breeding grounds for aquatic species as well as habitat for wildlife in the area. The
chemical functions include nutrient and waste filtration for the surrounding urban and agricultural areas. The physical functions of the wetland include flow maintenance by retaining runoff and storm water during times of heavy rain and during the wetter months. Based on the collective functions described above and their importance to the biological, chemical, and physical integrity of the downstream TNW, it has been determined that there is a significant nexus between the relevant reach of the tributary and its adjacent wetland to the downstream TNW.

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: Perennial Jurisdictional Tributaries JT-1 and JT-2 are unnamed tributaries of Roberts Branch and are located onsite with an OHWM and a distinct channel. The perennial streams had signs of relatively permanent flow that includes bed and bank, and they are shown as tributaries on the topo map and the soils map. The tributaries were observed flowing during flagging and during the Corps site visit. Stream characteristics observed and available data led this office to conclude the tributaries have a perennial flow regime.
   - 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: JT-1 = 2,387 linear feet, JT-2 = 801 linear feet.
   - Other non-wetland waters: acres.
   - Identify type(s) of waters:.

3. Non-RPWs 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 abutting 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:

   Wetland JW-A is directly abutting Tributary JT-1 and Tributary JT-2, both perennial RPWs.

   - 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:


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 jurisdictional. Data supporting this conclusion is provided at Section III.C.

   Provide acreage estimates for jurisdictional wetlands in the review area: JW-B = 0.07 acres.

6. Wetlands adjacent to non-RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs.

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\(^{a}\)See Footnote # 3.
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.**
   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:**

E. **ISOLATED [INTERSTATE OR INTRA-STATE] WATERS, INCLUDING ISOLATED WETLANDS, THE USE, DEGRADATION OR DESTRUCTION OF WHICH COULD AFFECT INTERSTATE COMMERCE, INCLUDING ANY SUCH WATERS (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY):**
   - 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).
   - Wetlands: acres.
   - Other non-wetland waters: 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).
   - Other: (explain, if not covered above): There is a non-jurisdictional linear feature on site, which does not have an OHWM or a distinct channel. This feature does not have any signs of relatively permanent flow, it is not shown as a blue line on the topographic map, and it is not shown as a tributary on the soils map. The non-jurisdictional feature does not flow year round and flows only after heavy rain events. This feature is not jurisdictional and not a water of the U.S. There is also a detention pond that was dug out of uplands on the site. The detention pond has no connection to any water and is not a water of the U.S.

   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.

**SECTION 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):

9 To complete the analysis refer to the key in Section III.D.6 of the Instructional Guidebook.
10 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.
Maps, plans, plots or plat submitted by or on behalf of the applicant/consultant: S&ME, Inc.

Data sheets prepared/submitted by or on behalf of the applicant/consultant.

Office concurs with data sheets/delineation report. **This office agrees with the conclusions of the data sheets.**

Office does not concur with data sheets/delineation report.

Data sheets prepared by the Corps:

Corps navigable waters’ study: **1977 Navigability Study.**


USGS NHD data.

USGS 8 and 12 digit HUC maps. **HUC 03050106-07 Crane Creek-Broad River.**

U.S. Geological Survey map(s). Cite scale & quad name: **1:24,000 Blythewood.**

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Soil Survey. Citation: **Richland County Soil Map 15, Johnston, Lakeland, Pelion.**

National wetlands inventory map(s). Cite name: **PFO1/4B, PFO4B, U42P.**

State/Local wetland inventory map(s):

FEMA/FIRM maps:

100-year Floodplain Elevation is: (National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929)

Photographs: Aerial (Name & Date): **11206:60, 1999, 2006, 2015.**

or Other (Name & Date): **Photos 1-14 of 14 provided by USACE dated December 19, 2017, photos 1-16 of 16 provided by the consultant and dated September 19, 2017.**

Previous determination(s). File no. and date of response letter:

Applicable/supporting case law:

Applicable/supporting scientific literature:

Other information (please specify): **Corps Site Visit.**

**B. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS TO SUPPORT JD:** This JD form documents the jurisdictional status of two perennial RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs, one wetland directly abutting the perennial RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs, and one wetland adjacent to but not directly abutting a perennial RPW that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs. A Significant Nexus Evaluation was performed for the wetland adjacent to the perennial RPW. The two perennial RPWs, abutting wetland, and adjacent wetland documented on this form are waters of the U.S. and jurisdictional under the Clean Water Act.