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.

- REPORT COMPLETION DATE FOR APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION (JD): March 4, 2022
- DISTRICT OFFICE, FILE NAME, AND NUMBER: JD Form 1 of 2: SAC-2021-00292 Grober Hill Road Site

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| C. | PROJECT LOCATION AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION: State: South Carolina County: Beaufort County City: Port Royal Center coordinates of site (lat/long in degree decimal format): Lat. 32.3975°, Long80.7448°. Universal Transverse Mercator: Name of nearest waterbody: Battery Creek |
| | Name of nearest Traditional Navigable Water (TNW) into which the aquatic resource flows: Broad River Name of watershed or Hydrologic Unit Code (HUC): 03050208-05 Battery Creek Check if map/diagram of review area and/or potential jurisdictional areas is/are available upon request. Check if other sites (e.g., offsite mitigation sites, disposal sites, etc) are associated with this action and are recorded on a different JD form. |
| D. | REVIEW PERFORMED FOR SITE EVALUATION (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY): ☐ Office (Desk) Determination. Date: ☐ Field Determination. Date(s): October 20, 2021 |
| | CTION II: SUMMARY OF FINDINGS RHA SECTION 10 DETERMINATION OF JURISDICTION. |
| | re Are no "navigable waters of the U.S." within Rivers and Harbors Act (RHA) jurisdiction (as defined by 33 CFR part 329) in the ew area. [Required] Waters subject to the ebb and flow of the tide. Waters are presently used, or have been used in the past, or may be susceptible for use to transport interstate or foreign commerce. Explain: |
| В. (| CWA SECTION 404 DETERMINATION OF JURISDICTION. |
| The | re Are "waters of the U.S." within Clean Water Act (CWA) jurisdiction (as defined by 33 CFR part 328) in the review area. [Required] |

| 1. | Waters | of the | ILS. |
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| TNWs, including territorial seas Wetlands adjacent to TNWs | Indicate presence of waters of U.S. in review area (check all that apply): 1 | | |
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| ☐ Wetlands adjacent to TNWs | | | |
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| Relatively permanent waters ² (RPWs) that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs | | | |
| Non-RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs | | | |
| ✓ Wetlands directly abutting RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs ✓ Wetlands adjacent to but not directly abutting RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into T | | | |
| Wetlands adjacent to but not directly abutting RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into T | NWs | | |
| Wetlands adjacent to non-RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs | | | |
| ☐ Impoundments of jurisdictional waters | | | |
| Isolated (interstate or intrastate) waters, including isolated wetlands | | | |

b. Identify (estimate) size of waters of the U.S. in the review area:

Non-wetland waters: linear feet: width (ft) and/or Wetlands: 0.72 acres. (Wetland 1 = 0.412 acre & Wetland 3 = 0.308 acre)

c. Limits (boundaries) of jurisdiction based on: 1987 Delineation Manual

Elevation of established OHWM (if known):

Non-regulated waters/wetlands (check if applicable):³

A Potentially jurisdictional waters and/or wetlands were assessed within the review area and determined to be not jurisdictional. Explain: There is a system of non-jurisdictional ditches on site totaling 1639 linear feet (Non-Jurisdictional Feature 1= 483 linear feet, Non-Jurisdictional Feature 2= 439 linear feet, Non-Jurisdictional Feature 3=234 linear feet, Non-Jurisdictional Feature 4= 297 linear feet, & Non-Jurisdictional Feature 5= 186 linear feet) that did not exhibit hydrologic indicators such as: ordinary high water mark, bed, bank, substrate and sediment sorting. Flow was not observed during the site visit. Therefore, for these reasons these features were determined to be non-jurisdictional

¹ Boxes checked below shall be supported by completing the appropriate sections in Section III below.

² For purposes of this form, an RPW is defined as a tributary that is not a TNW and that typically flows year-round or has continuous flow at least "seasonally" (e.g., typically 3 months).

Supporting documentation is presented in Section III.F.

under Section 404 of the CWA. However, Non-Jurisdictional Features 1 & 2 do provide a surface connection between Wetland 3 to other downstream waters detailed later in this form.

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: | | |
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| | 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 waterbody ⁴ 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: 226,787 acres 03050208-06 (Broad River- Port Royal Sound) Drainage area: 0.11 square miles Average annual rainfall: 47.7 inches Average annual snowfall: 0.1 inches (ii) Physical Characteristics: (a) Relationship with TNW: ☐ Tributary flows directly into TNW. ☒ Tributary flows through 1 tributaries before entering TNW. Project waters are a state boundaries. Explain: | (i) Physical Characteristics: | (a) Relationship with TNW: | Tributary flows directly into TNW. | (a) Physical Characteristics: | (a) Relationship with TNW: | Tributary flows directly into TNW. | (b) Physical Characteristics: | (a) Relationship with TNW: | Tributary flows directly into TNW. | (a) Physical Characteristics: | (b) Physical Characteristics: | (a) Relationship with TNW: | Tributary flows directly into TNW. | (a) Physical Characteristics: | (a) Relationship with TNW: | Tributary flows directly into TNW. | (b) Physical Characteristics: | (a) Relationship with TNW: | Tributary flows directly into TNW. | (b) Physical Characteristics: | (a) Relationship with TNW: | Tributary flows directly into TNW. | (b) Physical Characteristics: | (a) Physical Charac

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 TNW ⁵ : The off-site unnamed perennial RPW flows south before turning west and flo directly into the Broad River, a tidal TNW. Tributary stream order, if known: Off-site Tributary 2 nd Order. | | |
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| (b) | General Tributary Characteristics (check all that apply): Tributary is: □ Natural □ Artificial (man-made). Explain: □ Manipulated (man-altered). Explain: The off-site perennial RPW is a roadside ditch that looks like it has been manipulated. | |
| | Tributary properties with respect to top of bank (estimate): Average width: 3 feet Average depth: 1-2 feet Average side slopes: 2:1. | |
| | Primary 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: The portion of the offsite tributary that was observed during the site visit appeared to be stable. Erosion of the channel appeared minimal. In addition, further offsite the tributary appears to be stable from Google Earth street views. Presence of run/riffle/pool complexes. Explain: N/A. Tributary geometry: Relatively straight Tributary gradient (approximate average slope): 2 % | |
| (c) Flow: Tributary provides for: Perennial Flow Estimate average number of flow events in review area/year: 20 (or greater) Describe flow regime: The offsite tributary was flowing during the site visit. In addition, further it is mapped as a USGS blue line perennial stream. Other information on duration and volume: | | |
| | Surface flow is: Confined. Characteristics: | |
| | Subsurface flow: Unknown. Explain findings: No observations or borings were made within the tributary sediments because the tributary is located off the property. Dye (or other) test performed: | |
| | Tributary has (check all that apply): Bed and banks OHWM ⁶ (check all indicators that apply): clear, natural line impressed on the bank changes in the character of soil destruction of terrestrial vegetation shelving destruction of terrestrial vegetation the presence of wrack line sediment sorting sediment sorting sediment sorting sediment deposition multiple observed or predicted flow events abrupt change in plant community other (list): Discontinuous OHWM. 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: | |

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.

| | | ☐ other (list): |
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| (iii) | Cha | mical Characteristics: racterize tributary (e.g., water color is clear, discolored, oily film; water quality; general watershed characteristics, etc.). Explain: The water quality of the offsite tributary appeared to be good as the water was clear and flowing during the site visit and on Google Earth Pro aerial and street views. Land use within this watershed and smaller drainage area is comprised of residential, forested land and forested wetland. https://example.com/residential/re |
| (iv) | | ogical Characteristics. Channel supports (check all that apply): Riparian corridor. Characteristics (type, average width): Wetland fringe. Characteristics: Habitat for: Federally Listed species. Explain findings: Fish/spawn areas. Explain findings: Other environmentally-sensitive species. Explain findings: Aquatic/wildlife diversity. Explain findings: The offsite tributary may provide habitat for small organisms such as small fish, insects, and amphibians. Larger wildlife such as mammals and wading birds may also utilize the channels as a food and water source. |
| Cha | ract | eristics of wetlands adjacent to non-TNW that flow directly or indirectly into TNW |
| | nd 1 land | directly abuts the off-site perennial RPW, thus a significant nexus determination is not being performed on 1. |
| (i) | | Sical Characteristics: General Wetland Characteristics: Properties: Wetland size: 0.308 acres (Wetland 3) Wetland type. Explain: Palustrine Forested Wetland. Wetland quality. Explain: Moderate. Project wetlands cross or serve as state boundaries. Explain: N/A. |
| | (b) | General Flow Relationship with Non-TNW: Flow is: Intermittent flow. Explain: Wetland 3 is connected to the offsite perennial RPW by means of linear conveyances (Non-Jurisdictional Feature 1 and 2 and an off-site roadside ditch) and through Jurisdictional Wetland 1. Flow may occur seasonally and/or after rain events when surface water in the wetlands may be present. |
| | | Surface flow is: Discrete and confined Characteristics: 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: Wetland 3 is connected to the offsite perennial RPW by means of linear conveyances (Non-Jurisdictional Feature 1 and 2 and an off-site roadside ditch) and through Jurisdictional Wetland 1. □ Ecological connection. Explain: □ Separated by berm/barrier. Explain: |
| | (d) | Proximity (Relationship) to TNW Project wetlands are 1 (or less) river miles from TNW. Project waters are 1 (or less) aerial (straight) miles from TNW. Flow is from: Wetland to navigable waters Estimate approximate location of wetland as within the 50 - 100-year floodplain. |
| (ii) | | emical Characteristics: |

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 $Characterize\ wetland\ system\ (e.g.,\ water\ color\ is\ clear,\ brown,\ oil\ film\ on\ surface;\ water\ quality;\ general\ watershed$ characteristics; etc.). Explain: During the site visit, the wetlands were saturated. Land use within this watershed and smaller drainage is comprised of residential, forested land, and forested wetland. Identify specific pollutants, if known: There is no direct evidence of unnatural pollutants.

| aquatic habitats, and as such generally have high wildlife abundance and diversity. Numerous wading bir | (iii) Bio | logical Characteristics. Wetland supports (check all that apply): |
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| Habitat for: Federally Listed species. Explain findings: Fish/spawn areas. Explain findings: Other environmentally-sensitive species. Explain findings: Aquatic/wildlife diversity. Explain findings: Forested wetlands are transitional habitats between terrest aquatic habitats, and as such generally have high wildlife abundance and diversity. Numerous wading bir mammals feed and spawn in these wetlands. In addition, these habitats support great numbers of insects, | | Riparian buffer. Characteristics (type, average width): . |
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| ☐ Fish/spawn areas. Explain findings: ☐ Other environmentally-sensitive species. Explain findings: ☐ Aquatic/wildlife diversity. Explain findings: Forested wetlands are transitional habitats between terrest aquatic habitats, and as such generally have high wildlife abundance and diversity. Numerous wading bir mammals feed and spawn in these wetlands. In addition, these habitats support great numbers of insects, | \boxtimes | Habitat for: |
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3. Characteristics of all wetlands adjacent to the tributary (if any)

All wetland(s) being considered in the cumulative analysis: 3

Approximately (~30.72 acres) acres in total are being considered in the cumulative analysis.

For each wetland, specify the following:

Directly abuts? (Y/N)Size (in acres)Directly abuts? (Y/N)Size (in acres)Wetland 1, Y0.412 acreWetland 3, N0.308 acreOff-Site Wetland, Y~30 acres

Summarize overall biological, chemical and physical functions being performed: Wetlands in the drainage area of the relevant reach collectively perform inportant functions to filter pollutants and sediments caused by high vehicle traffic and development, ultimately preventing them from entering the Broad River. These wetlands also provide for flood storage in heavy rain events, habitat for a diversity of aquatic and upland species, and help to nourish the downstream food web by the transport of primary production elements from the drainage area down to the TNW.

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 review area of approximately 16.175 acres contains 0.72 acres of abutting and adjacent wetlands. As discussed previously throughout this JD Basis Form 1 of 2 Wetland 3 is adjacent to a perennial RPW by means of ditches while Wetland 1 directlys abut the perennial offsite RPW. Regardless of the type of hydrologic connection, these wetlands and offsite RPW are part of a headwater stream system that provides a variety of functions that are important for the downstream waters and the watershed as a whole. The onsite wetlands referenced above provide stormwater attenuation, absorption, and overstory biomass input into the food web. These wetlands also provide an important ecological connection to the downstream TNW via important biological, chemical, and physical functions within a watershed comprised primarily of residential land use. The biological functions being performed include providing breeding grounds and shelter for aquatic animals and diversifying the plant life within the watershed. The onsite wetlands and other waters of the US within the drainage area also supply food sources for a variety of water dependent species, such as invertebrates, amphibians, reptiles, and mammals. The chemical functions being performed consist of the removal of excess pollutants, which are contributed by runoff from the surrounding residential areas and uplands, from reaching the downstream TNW. This reduces nitrogen and phosphorus loading downstream and effectively prevents oxygen depletion that can result from eutrophication. Physically, the wetlands help reduce stormwater flow. This prevents the accumulation of sediment downstream, which can smother fish and other aquatic wildlife, and also reduces the amount of pollutants downstream because these pollutants are usually transported by sediment particles. Therefore, based on the collective functions described above and their importance to the biological, chemical, and physical integrity of the traditional navigable waters of the Broad River, it has been determined that there is a significant nexus between the relevant reach of the offsite, the unnamed perennial RPW and its adjacent wetlands (including onsite Jurisdictional Wetlands 1 and 3), that ultimately flow to the TNW, the Broad River.

D. DETERMINATIONS OF JURISDICTIONAL FINDINGS. THE SUBJECT WATERS/WETLANDS ARE (CHECK ALL

| TH | AT APPLY): |
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| 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: Please reference Section III B. 1. Above. ☐ 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 ⁸ 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: Wetland 1 (0.412 acre) directly abuts an off-site unnamed perennial RPW that flows south before turning west and flowing directly into the Broad River, a tidal TNW. |
| | 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: |

⁸See Footnote #3.

Provide acreage estimates for jurisdictional wetlands in the review area: 0.412 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: 0.318 acres. (Wetland 3) |
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| | 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. | 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). |
| Е. | DEC SUC | CLATED [INTERSTATE OR INTRA-STATE] WATERS, INCLUDING ISOLATED WETLANDS, THE USE, GRADATION 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: other factors. Explain: |
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| | | vide 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. | | 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): There is a system of non-jurisdictional ditches on site totaling 1,639 linear feet (Non-Jurisdictional Feature 1= 483 linear feet, Non-Jurisdictional Feature 2= 439 linear feet, Non-Jurisdictional Feature 3= 234 linear feet, Non-Jurisdictional Feature 4= 297 linear feet, & Non-Jurisdictional Feature 5= 186 linear feet) that did not exhibit hydrologic indicators such as: ordinary high water mark, bed, bank, substrate and sediment sorting. Flow was not observed during the site visit. Therefore, for these reasons these features were determined to be non-jurisdictional under Section 404 of the CWA. However, Non-Jurisdictional Features 1 & 2 do provide a surface connection between Wetland 3 to other downstream waters detailed later in this form. |

 $^{^{9}}$ 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.

| fact | ovide acreage estimates for non-jurisdictional waters in the review area, where the <u>sole</u> potential basis of jurisd stors (i.e., presence of migratory birds, presence of endangered species, use of water for irrigated agriculture), u Igment (check all that apply): | |
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| | 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. | |
| | ovide acreage estimates for non-jurisdictional waters in the review area that do not meet the "Significant Nexus inding is required for jurisdiction (check all that apply): | s" standard, where such |
| Ħ | Non-wetland waters (i.e., rivers, streams): linear feet, width (ft). Lakes/ponds: acres. Other non-wetland waters: acres. List type of aquatic resource: | |
| | Other non-wetland waters: acres. List type of aquatic resource: . Wetlands: acres. | |
| <u>SECTIO</u> | ON IV: DATA SOURCES. | |
| | PPORTING DATA. Data reviewed for JD (check all that apply - checked items shall be included in case find requested, appropriately reference sources below): | le and, where checked |
| \boxtimes | a requested, appropriately reference sources below): Maps, plans, plots or plat submitted by or on behalf of the applicant/consultant: "Prepared For: Newkirk E etland Exhibit of #41 Grober Hill Road Tax Parcel No. R112 031 000 0223 0000 The Town of Port Royal | |
| Sou | uth Carolina". | |
| \boxtimes | 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. | |
| M | ☐ USGS 8 and 12 digit HUC maps. U.S. Geological Survey map(s). Cite scale & quad name: Topo Map 41 Grober Hill Road Site Beaufort C | launty Cauth |
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| | uth Carolina. | • |
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| | State/Local wetland inventory map(s): FEMA/FIRM maps: | |
| | 100-year Floodplain Elevation is: (National Geodectic Vertical Datum of 1929) | |
| \boxtimes | Photographs: Aerial (Name & Date): GoogleEarth January 2021. | |
| _ | or Other (Name & Date): Site Photographs taken February 2021. | |
| H | Previous determination(s). File no. and date of response letter: | |
| | Applicable/supporting case law: Applicable/supporting scientific literature: | |
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B. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS TO SUPPORT JD: This form 1 of 2 documents 0.72 acre of jurisdictional wetlands and 1639 linear feet of non-jurisdictional ditches within the 16.175-acre tract.

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 |
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| A. | REPORT COMPLETION DATE FOR | APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION (JD) | : March 4, 2022 |
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| В. | DISTRICT OFFICE, FILE NAME, AND NUMBER: JD Form 2 of 2; SAC-2021-00292 Grober Hill Road Site |
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| С. | PROJECT LOCATION AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION: State: South Carolina County: Beaufort County City: Port Royal Center coordinates of site (lat/long in degree decimal format): Lat. 32.3975°, Long80.7448°. Universal Transverse Mercator: Name of nearest waterbody: Battery Creek Name of nearest Traditional Navigable Water (TNW) into which the aquatic resource flows: Name of watershed or Hydrologic Unit Code (HUC): 03050208-05 Battery Creek Check if map/diagram of review area and/or potential jurisdictional areas is/are available upon request. Check if other sites (e.g., offsite mitigation sites, disposal sites, etc) are associated with this action and are recorded on a different JD form. |
| D. | REVIEW PERFORMED FOR SITE EVALUATION (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY): ☐ Office (Desk) Determination. Date: ☐ Field Determination. Date(s): October 20, 2021 |
| | CTION II: SUMMARY OF FINDINGS RHA SECTION 10 DETERMINATION OF JURISDICTION. |
| | Are no "navigable waters of the U.S." within Rivers and Harbors Act (RHA) jurisdiction (as defined by 33 CFR part 329) in the iew area. [Required] Waters subject to the ebb and flow of the tide. Waters are presently used, or have been used in the past, or may be susceptible for use to transport interstate or foreign commerce. Explain: Explain: |
| B. | CWA SECTION 404 DETERMINATION OF JURISDICTION. |
| The | ere Are no "waters of the U.S." within Clean Water Act (CWA) jurisdiction (as defined by 33 CFR part 328) in the review area. [Required] |
| | 1. Waters of the U.S. a. Indicate presence of waters of U.S. in review area (check all that apply): TNWs, including territorial seas Wetlands adjacent to TNWs Relatively permanent waters ² (RPWs) that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs Non-RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs Wetlands directly abutting RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs Wetlands adjacent to but not directly abutting RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs Wetlands adjacent to non-RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs Impoundments of jurisdictional waters Isolated (interstate or intrastate) waters, including isolated wetlands |
| | b. Identify (estimate) size of waters of the U.S. in the review area: Non-wetland waters: linear feet: width (ft) and/or acres. Wetlands: acres. |
| | c. Limits (boundaries) of jurisdiction based on: Pick List Elevation of established OHWM (if known): |
| | Non-regulated waters/wetlands (check if applicable):³ Potentially jurisdictional waters and/or wetlands were assessed within the review area and determined to be not jurisdictional. Explain: There is one potentially jurisdictional wetland on site (Wetland 2= 0.117 acre) that was determined to be non-jurisdictional. Wetland 2 is a depressional, isolated wetland that sits 1-2 feet lower than the surrounding uplands. No |

ditches or swales abut this wetland. It receives surface runoff from the surrounding uplands, development, and roads, but has no outlet except through evapotranspiration. It does not have physical hydrologic outlets and no apparent ecological connectivity with other water features, including any waters of the U.S., and no apparent connection to

¹ Boxes checked below shall be supported by completing the appropriate sections in Section III below.

² For purposes of this form, an RPW is defined as a tributary that is not a TNW and that typically flows year-round or has continuous flow at least "seasonally" (e.g., typically 3 months).

³ Supporting documentation is presented in Section III.F.

interstate or foreign commerce. Therefore, Wetland 2 was determined to be a non-jurisdictional, isolated wetland and not subject to regulation under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.

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.

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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 waterbody ⁴ 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: Pick List
Drainage area: Pick List
Average annual rainfall: inches
Average annual snowfall: inches

(ii) Physical Characteristics:

(a) Relationship with TNW:

☐ Tributary flows directly into TNW.

☐ Tributary flows through **Pick List** tributaries before entering TNW.

Project waters are Pick List river miles from TNW. Project waters are Pick List river miles from RPW.

Project waters are **Pick List** aerial (straight) miles from TNW.

Project waters are **Pick List** aerial (straight) miles from RPW.

Project waters cross or serve as state boundaries. Explain:

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 TNW^5 : Tributary stream order, if known: |
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| (b) | General Tributary Characteristics (check all that apply): Tributary is: 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: |
| | 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) | Flow: Tributary 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: |
| | Subsurface flow: Pick List. Explain findings: Dye (or other) test performed: |
| | Tributary has (check all that apply): Bed and banks OHWM ⁶ (check all indicators that apply): clear, natural line impressed on the bank changes in the character of soil destruction of terrestrial vegetation shelving belay the presence of wack line sediment sorting sediment sorting sediment deposition multiple observed or predicted flow events abrupt change in plant community other (list): Discontinuous OHWM. 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: |
| Cha | mical Characteristics: racterize tributary (e.g., water color is clear, discolored, oily film; water quality; general watershed characteristics, etc.). Explain: tify specific pollutants, if known: |

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.

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| | (iv) | Biol | logical Characteristics. Channel supports (check all that apply): Riparian corridor. Characteristics (type, average width): |
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| | | Ħ | Wetland fringe. Characteristics: |
| | | | Habitat 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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| 2. | Cha | aract | eristics of wetlands adjacent to non-TNW that flow directly or indirectly into TNW |
| | (i) | | sical Characteristics: |
| | | (a) | General Wetland Characteristics: |
| | | | Properties: Wetland size: acres |
| | | | Wetland type. Explain: . |
| | | | Wetland quality. Explain: . |
| | | | Project wetlands cross or serve as state boundaries. Explain: |
| | | (b) | Conoral Flow Polationship with Non TNW |
| | | (0) | General Flow Relationship with Non-TNW: Flow is: Pick List. Explain: |
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| | | | Surface flow is: Pick List |
| | | | Characteristics: . |
| | | | Subsurface flow: Pick List. Explain findings: . |
| | | | Dye (or other) test performed: |
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| | | (c) | Wetland Adjacency Determination with Non-TNW: Directly abutting |
| | | | Not directly abutting |
| | | | Discrete wetland hydrologic connection. Explain: |
| | | | Ecological connection. Explain: |
| | | | ☐ Separated by berm/barrier. Explain: . |
| | | (d) | Proximity (Relationship) to TNW |
| | | (-) | Project wetlands are Pick List river miles from TNW. |
| | | | Project waters are Pick List aerial (straight) miles from TNW. |
| | | | Flow is from: Pick List. |
| | | | Estimate approximate location of wetland as within the Pick List floodplain. |
| | (ii) | Che | emical Characteristics: |
| | | Cha | racterize wetland system (e.g., water color is clear, brown, oil film on surface; water quality; general watershed |
| | | т 1 | characteristics; etc.). Explain: |
| | | Ider | ntify specific pollutants, if known: |
| | (iii) |) Bio | logical Characteristics. Wetland supports (check all that apply): |
| | | | Riparian buffer. Characteristics (type, average width): |
| | | H | Vegetation type/percent cover. Explain: |
| | | Ш | Habitat for: ☐ Federally Listed species. Explain findings: . |
| | | | Fish/spawn areas. Explain findings: |
| | | | Other environmentally-sensitive species. Explain findings: |
| | | | Aquatic/wildlife diversity. Explain findings: |
| 3. | Chs | aract | eristics of all wetlands adjacent to the tributary (if any) |
| ٠. | \ | | wetland(s) being considered in the cumulative analysis: Pick List |
| | | | proximately () acres in total are being considered in the cumulative analysis. |

Directly abuts? (Y/N)

Size (in acres)

Directly abuts? (Y/N)

Size (in acres)

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:

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

| ı. | TNWs and Adjacent Wetlands. Check all that apply and provide size estimates in review area: |
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| | 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: |
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| | 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: |
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| 3. | Non-RPWs ⁸ 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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| | 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: | |
| | 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). | |
| SUC | DLATED [INTERSTATE OR INTRA-STATE] WATERS, INCLUDING ISOLATED WETLANDS, THE USE, GRADATION 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: | |
| Identify water body and summarize rationale supporting determination: | | |
| | vide 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):

E.

⁸See Footnote # 3.

⁹ To complete the analysis refer to the key in Section III.D.6 of the Instructional Guidebook.

CWA invisidation based solely on this category, Corps 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.

| | If potential wetlands were assessed within the review area, these areas did not meet the criteria in the 1987 Corps of Engineers |
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| <u> </u> | Wetland Delineation Manual and/or appropriate Regional Supplements. |
| Ľ | 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). |
| п | Waters do not meet the "Significant Nexus" standard, where such a finding is required for jurisdiction. Explain: |
| - | Other: (explain, if not covered above): |
| _ | other. (explain, if not covered acove). |
| P | rovide acreage estimates for non-jurisdictional waters in the review area, where the sole potential basis of jurisdiction is the MBR |
| | actors (i.e., presence of migratory birds, presence of endangered species, use of water for irrigated agriculture), using best professional |
| | adgment (check all that apply): |
| Ī | Non-wetland waters (i.e., rivers, streams): linear feet width (ft). |
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| | Other non-wetland waters: acres. List type of aquatic resource: . |
| | Wetlands: 0.117 acres. There is one potentially jurisdictional wetland on site (Wetland 2= 0.117 acre) that was determined |
| | be non-jurisdictional. Wetland 2 is a depressional, isolated wetland that sits 1-2 feet lower than the surrounding uplands. No |
| | itches or swales abut this wetland. It receives surface runoff from the surrounding uplands, development, and roads, but has |
| | o outlet except through evapotranspiration. It does not have physical hydrologic outlets and no apparent ecological |
| | onnectivity with other water features, including any waters of the U.S., and no apparent connection to interstate or foreign |
| | ommerce. Therefore, Wetland 2 was determined to be a non-jurisdictional, isolated wetland and not subject to regulation nder Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. |
| u | nuci Section 404 of the Clean water Act. |
| Р | rovide acreage estimates for non-jurisdictional waters in the review area that do not meet the "Significant Nexus" standard, where such |
| | finding is required for jurisdiction (check all that apply): |
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| Ē | Other non-wetland waters: acres. List type of aquatic resource: |
| | Wetlands: acres. |
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| SECT | ION IV: DATA SOURCES. |
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| A. SU | PPORTING DATA. Data reviewed for JD (check all that apply - checked items shall be included in case file and, where checked |
| | nd requested, appropriately reference sources below): |
| | Maps, plans, plots or plat submitted by or on behalf of the applicant/consultant: "Prepared For: Newkirk Environmental, Inc. A |
| | Vetland Exhibit of #41 Grober Hill Road Tax Parcel No. R112 031 000 0223 0000 The Town of Port Royal Beaufort County, |
| _ | outh Carolina". |
| \triangleright | 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. |
| \triangleright | U.S. Geological Survey map(s). Cite scale & quad name: Topo Map 41 Grober Hill Road Site Beaufort County, South |
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| | USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Soil Survey. Citation: Soils Map 41 Grober Hill Road Site Beaufort County, |
| | outh Carolina. |
| | National wetlands inventory map(s). Cite name: NWI Map41 Grober Hill Road Site Beaufort County, South Carolina. |
| | State/Local wetland inventory map(s): |
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| | 100-year Floodplain Elevation is: (National Geodectic Vertical Datum of 1929) |
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| _ | or Other (Name & Date): Site Photographs taken February 2021. |
| | Previous determination(s). File no. and date of response letter: |
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| | Applicable/supporting scientific literature: |
| | Other information (please specify): |
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B. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS TO SUPPORT JD: This form 2 of 2 documents 0.117 acre of non-jurisdictional isolated wetland within the 16.175-acre tract.