# 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

- **REPORT COMPLETION DATE FOR APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION (JD):** Α.
- B. DISTRICT OFFICE, FILE NAME, AND NUMBER: JD Form 1 of 2; SAC 2016-00883 / Old Orangeburg Road Site

#### C. PROJECT LOCATION AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Old Orangeburg Road

State: South Carolina County/parish/borough: **Dorchester** City: **Summerville** Center coordinates of site (lat/long in degree decimal format): Lat. 32.9743° N, Long. 80.2099° W.

Universal Transverse Mercator:

Name of nearest waterbody: Dorchester Creek

Name of nearest Traditional Navigable Water (TNW) into which the aquatic resource flows: Ashley River Name of watershed or Hydrologic Unit Code (HUC): 03050201

Check if map/diagram of review area and/or potential jurisdictional areas is/are available upon request.  $\bowtie$ 

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: October 4, 2016  $\boxtimes$ 

Field Determination. Date(s): July 13, 2016

## SECTION II: SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

# A. RHA SECTION 10 DETERMINATION OF JURISDICTION.

There Are no "navigable waters of the U.S." within Rivers and Harbors Act (RHA) jurisdiction (as defined by 33 CFR part 329) in the review 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:

# **B. CWA SECTION 404 DETERMINATION OF JURISDICTION.**

There 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 U.S.
  - a. Indicate presence of waters of U.S. in review area (check all that apply): <sup>1</sup>
    - TNWs, including territorial seas
    - Wetlands adjacent to TNWs
    - Relatively permanent waters<sup>2</sup> (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: 844 linear feet: width (ft) and/or acres. Wetlands: 4.42 acres.

# Wetland 1: 3.03 Acres: Wetland 2: 1.39 Acres

- c. Limits (boundaries) of jurisdiction based on: 1987 Delineation Manual, Pick List, Pick List Elevation of established OHWM (if known):
- 2. Non-regulated waters/wetlands (check if applicable);<sup>3</sup> [Including potentially jurisdictional features that upon assessment are NOT waters or wetlands]

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Boxes checked below shall be supported by completing the appropriate sections in Section III below.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 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).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Supporting documentation is presented in Section III.F.

Potentially jurisdictional waters and/or wetlands were assessed within the review area and determined to be not jurisdictional. Explain:

#### 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 waterbody<sup>4</sup> 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

\*\*\* Dorchester Creek is located outside the project review area.\*\*\*

- (i) General Area Conditions:
  - Watershed size: 86,887 acres;

Drainage area: 29 **Pick List** The drainage area was approximated for the tributary that was evaluated as part of the Significant Nexus Determinations performed for this JD. The area was drawn based on apparent flow pathways and drainage areas associated with the subject relevant reach using USGS quad mapping, aerial photography, and observations of connectivity and direction of flow made in the field. The intended value of the drainage area map is to document the full collection of wetlands adjacent to the relevant reach, and not to assert that the mapping represents more than approximation with respect to actual area.

Average annual rainfall: **48** inches Average annual snowfall: inches

# (ii) Physical Characteristics:

- (a) <u>Relationship with TNW:</u>
  - Tributary flows directly into TNW.

 $\boxtimes$  Tributary flows through 1 tributaries before entering TNW.

<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.

	<ul> <li>Project waters are 2-5 river miles from TNW.</li> <li>Project waters are 1 (or less) river miles from RPW.</li> <li>Project waters are 1-2 aerial (straight) miles from TNW.</li> <li>Project waters are 1 (or less) aerial (straight) miles from RPW.</li> <li>Project waters cross or serve as state boundaries. Explain:</li> </ul>
	Identify flow route to TNW <sup>5</sup> : Flow is from sRPW to Dorchester Creek to the Ashley River, a TNW. Tributary stream order, if known:
(b)	General Tributary Characteristics (check all that apply):         Tributary is:       Image: Colspan="2">Natural         Image: Colspan="2">Artificial (man-made). Explain:         Image: Colspan="2">Manipulated (man-altered). Explain:
	Tributary properties with respect to top of bank (estimate): Average width: 2 feet Average depth: 1 feet Average side slopes: 4:1 (or greater).
	Primary tributary substrate composition (check all that apply):
	Tributary condition/stability [e.g., highly eroding, sloughing banks]. Explain: Presence of run/riffle/pool complexes. Explain: Tributary geometry: <b>Meandering. Based on site visit, the sRPW follows a naturally meandering course.</b> Tributary gradient (approximate average slope): %
(c)	<u>Flow:</u> Tributary provides for: Seasonal flow Estimate average number of flow events in review area/year: 20 (or greater) Describe flow regime: Other information on duration and volume:
	Surface flow is: Confined. Characteristics:
	Subsurface flow: Unknown. Explain findings: .
	Tributary has (check all that apply):       Image: Sed and banks         Bed and banks       OHWM <sup>6</sup> (check all indicators that apply):         Image: Clear, natural line impressed on the bank       Image: the presence of litter and debris         Image: clear, natural line impressed on the bank       Image: the presence of litter and debris         Image: clear, natural line impressed on the bank       Image: the presence of litter and debris         Image: clear, natural line impressed on the bank       Image: the presence of litter and debris         Image: clear, natural line impressed on the bank       Image: the presence of wrack line         Image: clear, natural line impressed on the bank       Image: the presence of wrack line         Image: clear, natural line impressed on the bank       Image: the presence of wrack line         Image: clear, water down, bent, or absent       Image: sediment sorting         Image: clear litter disturbed or washed away       Image: sediment deposition         Image: clear staining       Image: sediment community         Image: clear staining       Image: staining         Image: clear staining       Image: staining
	If factors other than the OHWM were used to determine lateral extent of CWA jurisdiction (check all that apply):          High Tide Line indicated by:       Mean High Water Mark indicated by:         oil or scum line along shore objects       survey to available datum;         fine shell or debris deposits (foreshore)       physical markings/characteristics         tidal gauges       vegetation lines/changes in vegetation types.

<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. <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.

other (list):

(iii) Chemical Characteristics:

Characterize tributary (e.g., water color is clear, discolored, oily film; water quality; general watershed characteristics, etc.). Explain: Water quality is expected to be good. The tributary carries drainage from the surrounding forested wetlands.

Identify specific pollutants, if known:

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

Riparian corridor. Characteristics (type, average width): The sRPW transits through forested wetlands. The surrounding area is undeveloped forested wetlands and uplands. The width of the corridor varies from approximately 200 feet to 15 feet.

- 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 tributary likely provides habitat for various aquatic organisms including reptiles, amphibians, as well as various birds and mammals.

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

#### (i) Physical Characteristics:

 (a) <u>General Wetland Characteristics:</u> Properties: Wetland size: 4.42 acres Wetland type. Explain: Forested. Wetland quality. Explain: Good. Project wetlands cross or serve as state boundaries. Explain:

(b) General Flow Relationship with Non-TNW:

Flow is: **Intermittent flow**. Explain: **Flow from the wetlands to the sRPW would occur during storm events when** water levels rise enough to flow into the tributary.

Surface flow is: Discrete

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:

- Ecological connection. Explain: .
- Separated by berm/barrier. Explain:

#### (d) Proximity (Relationship) to TNW

Project wetlands are **2-5** river miles from TNW. Project waters are **1-2** aerial (straight) miles from TNW. Flow is from: Wetland to navigable waters. Estimate approximate location of wetland as within the **10 - 20-year** 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: Water quality is expected to be good. The wetlands are forested with very little development in the surrounding area.

Identify specific pollutants, if known:

# (iii) Biological Characteristics. Wetland supports (check all that apply):

Riparian buffer. Characteristics (type, average width): The surrounding area is undeveloped forested wetlands and uplands. The width of the corridor varies from approximately 200 feet to 15 feet.

Vegetation type/percent cover. Explain:

Habitat for:

Federally Listed species. Explain findings:

Fish/spawn areas. Explain findings:

Other environmentally-sensitive species. Explain findings:

# $\square$ Aquatic/wildlife diversity. Explain findings: The tributary likely provides habitat for various aquatic organisms including reptiles, amphibians, as well as various birds and mammals.

# 3. Characteristics of all wetlands adjacent to the tributary (if any)

All wetland(s)	being considered	in the cumulative a	analysis: 3
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Approximately (**12.43**) 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 (Y) Wetland 2 (Y) Offsite Wetland (Y)	3.03 1.39 7.0		

Summarize overall biological, chemical and physical functions being performed: **The review area includes the onsite 4.42** acres of jurisdictional wetland, approximately 7 acres of offsite wetlands and approximately 1300 linear feet of tributary that include 844 linear feet of sRPW within the project area. The wetland systems provide a variety of functions that are important for the downstream waters and the watershed as a whole. The wetlands are a source of food, nutrients, and carbon for organisms located downstream. The wetlands are especially important for the water quality of a watershed. Water runoff from adjacent uplands that may contain pollutants, sediments, excess nutrients, etc. that flow through the wetlands before entering the tributaries has the opportunity to be filtered out prior to flowing into the downstream TNW. In addition, excess water can temporarily be stored thereby minimizing potential flooding of downstream areas and can also slowly release water downstream to maintain seasonal flow volumes. Runoff water may also transport organisms, nutrients, and carbon from the wetlands into the tributaries, which continue to flow to the downstream 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:
- 4. Documentation for the Record only: Significant nexus findings for seasonal RPWs and/or wetlands abutting seasonal RPWs: The review area includes the onsite 4.42 acres of jurisdictional wetland, approximately 7 acres of offsite wetlands and approximately 1300 linear feet of tributary that include 844 linear feet of sRPW within the project area. The wetland

systems provide a variety of functions that are important for the downstream waters and the watershed as a whole. The wetlands are a source of food, nutrients, and carbon for organisms located downstream. The wetlands are especially important for the water quality of a watershed. Water runoff from adjacent uplands that may contain pollutants, sediments, excess nutrients, etc. that flow through the wetlands before entering the tributaries has the opportunity to be filtered out prior to flowing into the downstream TNW. In addition, excess water can temporarily be stored thereby minimizing potential flooding of downstream areas and can also slowly release water downstream to maintain seasonal flow volumes. Runoff water may also transport organisms, nutrients, and carbon from the wetlands into the tributaries, which continue to flow to the downstream TNW. The onsite sRPW flows into Dorchester Creek which then flows into the Ashley River (TNW). According to SC DHEC downstream of the confluence of Dorchester Creek and the Ashley River at water monitoring station CSTL-013 aquatic life uses are partially supported due to dissolved oxygen excursions. There is a significant increasing trend in pH. Significant decreasing trends in turbidity and total nitrogen concentration suggest improving conditions for these parameters. Recreational uses are partially supported due to fecal coliform bacteria excursions; however, a significant decreasing trend in fecal coliform bacteria concentration suggests improving conditions for this parameter. The project review area is in Watershed 03050201-06 (formerly 03050202-030, 040, and a portion of -020) and is located in Berkeley, Charleston, and Dorchester Counties and consists primarily of the Ashley River and its tributaries. There is a high potential for growth in this watershed, which contains portions of the Towns of Summerville and Ladson and the Cities of Charleston and North Charleston. The west bank of the Ashley River contains numerous historic structures including Middleton Place, Drayton Hall, Magnolia Gardens, Runnymead Plantation, and Charles Towne Landing State Park; all are important scenic, cultural, and tourism resources. Areas with a high potential for growth include Amberwood, Jerico on the Ashley, Summerfield, River Oaks, and Shadowmoss in Charleston County; and Coosaw Creek, Whitehall, Avanti Tract, Appian Landing, Bakers Landing, Indigo Fields, and Ricefield/Windsor Hill in Dorchester County. There are water and sewer services available to all these growth areas. When wetlands and streams are filled or altered, many of the services that they provide are compromised and the loss of those services affects downstream TNWs. The wetlands and tributary within the review area have a significant nexus to downstream TNWs as they provide a source of carbon and nutrients, can provide water quality functions, can store excess water minimizing flooding impacts downstream, can maintain seasonal flow volumes, and can transport organisms, carbon, nutrients, sediments, clean water, as well as pollutants, such as those associated with heavy traffic, landscaping chemicals, etc. found within the review area, that may be present or could become present, to downstream TNWs .

## 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.
- RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs. 2.
  - 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: The bed and bank of the sRPW was established and an OHW was evident but the sRPW was dry during the July 13, 2016 site visit and had leaf litter in the bed. The sRPW drains an upstream wetland system and the sRPW forms in that same upstream wetland. For this reason the tributary was classified as an sRPW.

Provide estimates for jurisdictional waters in the review area (check all that apply):

- Tributary waters: **844** 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):

acres.

- Tributary waters: linear feet width (ft).
- Other non-wetland waters:
  - Identify type(s) of waters:
- Wetlands directly abutting an RPW that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs. 4.  $\boxtimes$ 
  - 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: Wetland 1 and 2 directly abut an onsite sRPW which flows directly into Dorchester Creek which flows into the Ashley River, a TNW.

Provide acreage estimates for jurisdictional wetlands in the review area: 4.42 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).

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## 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):<sup>10</sup>

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:

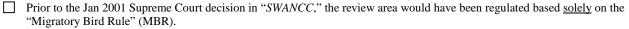
Provide estimates for jurisdictional waters in the review area (check all that apply):

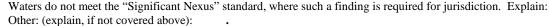
Tributary waters: linear feet width (ft).

- Other non-wetland waters: acres.
- Identify type(s) of waters:
- Wetlands: acres.

# F. <u>NON-JURISDICTIONAL WATERS, INCLUDING WETLANDS (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY):</u>

- 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.





Provide acreage estimates for non-jurisdictional waters in the review area, where the <u>sole</u> 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).

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;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*.

Lakes/pon
Other non-
Wetlands:

Lakes/ponds: acres. Other non-wetland waters:

acres.

acres. List type of aquatic resource:

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):

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Non-wetland	waters (i.e., river	rs, streams):	linear feet,	width (ft).
Lakes/ponds:	acres.			
Other non-we	tland waters:	acres. List	type of aquatic res	source:
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):
  - $\boxtimes$ Maps, plans, plots or plat submitted by or on behalf of the applicant/consultant: Project information provided by Nick Roark of Ecological Associates, Inc.
  - Data sheets prepared/submitted by or on behalf of the applicant/consultant.  $\bowtie$ 
    - 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: 1:24000 USGS Stallsville quad map dated 4/29/2016 provided by Nick Roark.
  - USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Soil Survey. Citation: NRCS soil map dated 4/29/2016 provided by Nick Roark.
  - National wetlands inventory map(s). Cite name: NWI wetland map dated 4/29/2016 provided by Nick Roark.  $\boxtimes$
  - State/Local wetland inventory map(s):
  - FEMA/FIRM maps:
  - (National Geodectic Vertical Datum of 1929) 100-year Floodplain Elevation is:  $\overline{\boxtimes}$ 
    - Photographs: 🖾 Aerial (Name & Date): Aerial photograph provided by Nick Roark and dated April 29, 2016.
      - or Other (Name & Date): Site photos provided by Nick Roark and dated May 4, 2016.
    - Previous determination(s). File no. and date of response letter:
  - Applicable/supporting case law:
  - Applicable/supporting scientific literature:
  - $\square$ Other information (please specify): Approximate site depiction provided by Nick Roark entitled, "Old Orangeburg Rd Site Approx. Wetland/ Waters Map/ GPS Survey," dated October 4, 2016.

B. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS TO SUPPORT JD: The project area is a 13.88 acre tract with wetlands and an sRPW. Wetlands 1 and 2 directly abut an onsite sRPW. The sRPW flows directly into the pRPW, Dorchester Creek. For these reasons the wetlands and sRPW are subject to jurisdiction under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. Wetland 3 is discussed on form 2 of 2.

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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 DETERMINATION (JD):
- B. DISTRICT OFFICE, FILE NAME, AND NUMBER: JD Form 2 of 2; SAC 016-00883 / Old Orangeburg Road Site

#### C. PROJECT LOCATION AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Old Orangeburg Road

State: South Carolina County/parish/borough: **Dorchester** City: **Summerville** Center coordinates of site (lat/long in degree decimal format): Lat. **32.9743**° **N**, Long. **80.2099**° **W**.

Universal Transverse Mercator:

Name of nearest waterbody: Dorchester Creek

Name of nearest Traditional Navigable Water (TNW) into which the aquatic resource flows: Ashley River Name of watershed or Hydrologic Unit Code (HUC): 03050201

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: October 4, 2016

Field Determination. Date(s): July 13, 2016

#### SECTION II: SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

# A. RHA SECTION 10 DETERMINATION OF JURISDICTION.

There **Are no** *"navigable waters of the U.S."* within Rivers and Harbors Act (RHA) jurisdiction (as defined by 33 CFR part 329) in the review 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:

#### B. CWA SECTION 404 DETERMINATION OF JURISDICTION.

There 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 U.S.
  - a. Indicate presence of waters of U.S. in review area (check all that apply): <sup>1</sup>
    - TNWs, including territorial seas
    - Wetlands adjacent to TNWs
    - Relatively permanent waters<sup>2</sup> (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: 1.01 acres.
  - c. Limits (boundaries) of jurisdiction based on: 1987 Delineation Manual, Pick List, Pick List Elevation of established OHWM (if known):
- 2. Non-regulated waters/wetlands (check if applicable):<sup>3</sup> [Including potentially jurisdictional features that upon assessment are NOT waters or wetlands]
  - Potentially jurisdictional waters and/or wetlands were assessed within the review area and determined to be not jurisdictional. Explain:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Boxes checked below shall be supported by completing the appropriate sections in Section III below.

 $<sup>^{2}</sup>$  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).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Supporting documentation is presented in Section III.F.

# 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 waterbody<sup>4</sup> 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) <u>Relationship with TNW:</u>
 ☐ 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:

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: Attificial (man-made). Explain:
	Manipulated (man-altered). Explain:
	Tributary properties with respect to top of bank (estimate):Average width:feetAverage depth:feetAverage side slopes:Pick List.
	Primary tributary substrate composition (check all that apply):
	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: <b>Pick List</b> . 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):       the presence of litter and debris         clear, natural line impressed on the bank       the presence of litter and debris         changes in the character of soil       destruction of terrestrial vegetation         shelving       the presence of wrack line         vegetation matted down, bent, or absent       sediment sorting         leaf litter disturbed or washed away       scour         sediment deposition       multiple observed or predicted flow events         water staining       abrupt change in plant community         other (list):       .
	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):
Che	mical Characteristics:

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

Identify specific pollutants, if known:

(iii)

<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) Biological 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:

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

#### (i) **Physical 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) General Flow Relationship with Non-TNW: Flow is: **Pick List**. Explain:

Surface flow is: **Pick List** Characteristics:

Subsurface flow: Pick List. 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:
    - 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) Chemical Characteristics:

Characterize wetland system (e.g., water color is clear, brown, oil film on surface; water quality; general watershed characteristics; etc.). Explain:

Identify specific pollutants, if known:

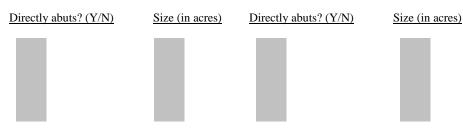
# (iii) Biological Characteristics. Wetland supports (check all that apply):

- Riparian buffer. Characteristics (type, average width):
- $\square$ Vegetation type/percent cover. Explain:
- Habitat for:
  - Federally Listed species. Explain findings:
  - Fish/spawn areas. Explain findings:
  - Other environmentally-sensitive species. Explain findings:
  - Aquatic/wildlife diversity. Explain findings:

#### Characteristics of all wetlands adjacent to the tributary (if any) 3.

All wetland(s) being considered in the cumulative analysis: Pick List ) acres in total are being considered in the cumulative analysis. Approximately (

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):

- 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: Dorchester Creek is a blue line feature on USGS topographic maps. It is also visible from aerial

imagery.	For these reasons,	Dorchester (	Creek was detern	nined to be a pRPW	. Dorchester	Creek flows d	lirectly into the
Ashley R	liver, a TNW.						

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: Wetland 3 is part of a larger wetland system that extends offsite and shares a boundary with Dorchester Creek, which flows directly into the Ashley River, a 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:

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.<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).

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):<sup>10</sup>

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.

Explain:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup>See Footnote # 3.

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;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*.

	<ul> <li>which are or could be used for industrial purposes by industries in interstate commerce.</li> <li>Interstate isolated waters. Explain:</li> <li>Other factors. Explain:</li> </ul>
	Identify water body and summarize rationale supporting determination:
	<ul> <li>Provide estimates for jurisdictional waters in the review area (check all that apply):</li> <li>Tributary waters: linear feet width (ft).</li> <li>Other non-wetland waters: acres.</li> <li>Identify type(s) of waters: .</li> <li>Wetlands: acres.</li> </ul>
F.	<ul> <li>NON-JURISDICTIONAL WATERS, INCLUDING WETLANDS (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY):</li> <li>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.</li> <li>Review area included isolated waters with no substantial nexus to interstate (or foreign) commerce.</li> <li>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).</li> <li>Waters do not meet the "Significant Nexus" standard, where such a finding is required for jurisdiction. Explain:</li> <li>Other: (explain, if not covered above):</li> </ul>
	Provide acreage estimates for non-jurisdictional waters in the review area, where the <u>sole</u> 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.
	<ul> <li>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): <ul> <li>Non-wetland waters (i.e., rivers, streams):</li> <li>Linear feet,</li> <li>width (ft).</li> <li>Lakes/ponds:</li> <li>acres.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Other non-wetland waters:</li> <ul> <li>acres.</li> <li>Wetlands:</li> <ul> <li>acres.</li> </ul> </ul></ul>
<u>SE</u>	CTION IV: DATA SOURCES.
А.	<ul> <li>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):</li> <li>Maps, plans, plots or plat submitted by or on behalf of the applicant/consultant: Project information provided by Nick Roark of Ecological Associates, Inc.</li> <li>Data sheets prepared/submitted by or on behalf of the applicant/consultant.</li> <li>Office concurs with data sheets/delineation report.</li> <li>Office does not concur with data sheets/delineation report.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Data sheets prepared by the Corps:</li> <li>Corps navigable waters' study:</li> <li>U.S. Geological Survey Hydrologic Atlas:</li> <li>USGS NHD data.</li> <li>USGS 8 and 12 digit HUC maps.</li> </ul>
	U.S. Geological Survey map(s). Cite scale & quad name: 1:24000 USGS Stallsville quad map dated 4/29/2016 provided by Nick Roark.
	<ul> <li>USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Soil Survey. Citation: NRCS soil map dated 4/29/2016 provided by Nick Roark.</li> <li>National wetlands inventory map(s). Cite name: NWI wetland map dated 4/29/2016 provided by Nick Roark.</li> <li>State/Local wetland inventory map(s):</li> <li>FEMA/FIRM maps:</li> <li>100-year Floodplain Elevation is: (National Geodectic Vertical Datum of 1929)</li> <li>Photographs: Aerial (Name &amp; Date): Aerial photograph provided by Nick Roark and dated April 29, 2016.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>or  Other (Name &amp; Date): Site photos provided by Nick Roark and dated May 4, 2016.</li> <li>Previous determination(s). File no. and date of response letter:</li> <li>Applicable/supporting case law:</li> <li>Applicable/supporting scientific literature:</li> <li>Other information (please specify): Approximate site depiction provided by Nick Roark entitled, "Old Orangeburg Rd Site</li> </ul>

Approx. Wetland/ Waters Map/ GPS Survey," dated October 4, 2016.

**B.** ADDITIONAL COMMENTS TO SUPPORT JD: The project area is a 13.88 acre tract. Wetland 3 is part of a larger wetland system that extends offsite and directly abuts the pRPW, Dorchester Creek. For these reasons the Wetland 3 is subject to jurisdiction under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. Wetlands 1, 2 and the onsite sRPW are discussed on form 1 of 2.

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