

### U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS REGULATORY PROGRAM APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION FORM (INTERIM) NAVIGABLE WATERS PROTECTION RULE

# I. ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Completion Date of Approved Jurisdictional Determination (AJD): 10/30/2020 ORM Number: NAP-2020-00762-95 Associated JDs: N/A Review Area Location<sup>1</sup>: State/Territory: New Jersey City: Waretown/Ocean Township County/Parish/Borough: Ocean Center Coordinates of Review Area: Latitude 39.789943°N Longitude -74.184723°W

## II. FINDINGS

- **A. Summary:** Check all that apply. At least one box from the following list MUST be selected. Complete the corresponding sections/tables and summarize data sources.
  - □ The review area is comprised entirely of dry land (i.e., there are no waters or water features, including wetlands, of any kind in the entire review area). Rationale: N/A
  - □ There are "navigable waters of the United States" within Rivers and Harbors Act jurisdiction within the review area (complete table in Section II.B).
  - □ There are "waters of the United States" within Clean Water Act jurisdiction within the review area (complete appropriate tables in Section II.C).
  - There are waters or water features excluded from Clean Water Act jurisdiction within the review area (complete table in Section II.D).

#### B. Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 Section 10 (§ 10)<sup>2</sup>

| § 10 Name | § 10 Size |     | § 10 Criteria | Rationale for § 10 Determination |  |
|-----------|-----------|-----|---------------|----------------------------------|--|
| N/A.      | N/A.      | N/A | N/A.          | N/A.                             |  |

#### C. Clean Water Act Section 404

| Territorial Seas and Traditional Navigable Waters ((a)(1) waters): <sup>3</sup> |             |      |                 |                                    |
|---|-------------|------|-----------------|------------------------------------|
| (a)(1) Name   | (a)(1) Size |      | (a)(1) Criteria | Rationale for (a)(1) Determination |
| N/A.  | N/A.        | N/A. | N/A.            | N/A.                               |

| Tributaries ((a)(2) waters): |             |      |                 |                                    |  |
|------------------------------|-------------|------|-----------------|------------------------------------|--|
| (a)(2) Name                  | (a)(2) Size |      | (a)(2) Criteria | Rationale for (a)(2) Determination |  |
| N/A.                         | N/A.        | N/A. | N/A.            | N/A.                               |  |

| Lakes and ponds, and impoundments of jurisdictional waters ((a)(3) waters): |             |      |                 |                                    |
|---|-------------|------|-----------------|------------------------------------|
| (a)(3) Name   | (a)(3) Size |      | (a)(3) Criteria | Rationale for (a)(3) Determination |
| N/A.  | N/A.        | N/A. | N/A.            | N/A.                               |

| Adjacent wetlands ((a)(4) waters): |             |      |                 |                                    |  |
|------------------------------------|-------------|------|-----------------|------------------------------------|--|
| (a)(4) Name                        | (a)(4) Size |      | (a)(4) Criteria | Rationale for (a)(4) Determination |  |
| N/A.                               | N/A.        | N/A. | N/A.            | N/A.                               |  |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Map(s)/figure(s) are attached to the AJD provided to the requestor.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> If the navigable water is not subject to the ebb and flow of the tide or included on the District's list of Rivers and Harbors Act Section 10 navigable waters list, do NOT use this document to make the determination. The District must continue to follow the procedure outlined in 33 CFR part 329.14 to make a Rivers and Harbors Act Section 10 navigability determination.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> A stand-alone TNW determination is completed independently of a request for an AJD. A stand-alone TNW determination is conducted for a specific segment of river or stream or other type of waterbody, such as a lake, where upstream or downstream limits or lake borders are established. A stand-alone TNW determination should be completed following applicable guidance and should NOT be documented on the AJD Form.



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# D. Excluded Waters or Features

| Excluded waters $((b)(1) - (b)(12))$ . <sup>4</sup> |           |         |                                  |  |  |
|---|-----------|---------|----------------------------------|--|--|
| Exclusion Name                                      | Exclusion | n Size  | Exclusion <sup>5</sup>           | Rationale for Exclusion Determination  |  |
| Feature A   | 0.25      | acre(s) | (b)(1) Non-<br>adjacent wetland. | Feature A was determined by USACE to be a<br>freshwater non-adjacent wetland. Rationale for<br>this determination is the absence of a<br>hydrological connection between Feature A and<br>Waters of the U.S. as per the definition of<br>"adjacent wetland" in the 22 June 2020<br>Navigable Waters Protection Rule. |  |

## **III. SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

**A.** Select/enter all resources that were used to aid in this determination and attach data/maps to this document and/or references/citations in the administrative record, as appropriate.

Information submitted by, or on behalf of, the applicant/consultant: Drawing E-1, entitled "Plot Plan", prepared by East Coast Engineering, Inc., dated 23 June 2020, and last revised by USACE on 30 October, 2020; and data sheets prepared by Israel Berrios of DuBois & Associates on 04 August 2020.

This information is sufficient for purposes of this AJD.

Rationale: N/A

- Data sheets prepared by the Corps: Title(s) and/or date(s).
- Photographs: Aerial and Other: Aerial and Site Photos dated 29 July 2020

Corps site visit(s) conducted on: 28 October 2020 by Robert Youhas, Biologist, CENAP-Regulatory Branch, Applications Section II.

- Previous Jurisdictional Determinations (AJDs or PJDs): ORM Number(s) and date(s).
- Antecedent Precipitation Tool: provide detailed discussion in Section III.B.
- USDA NRCS Soil Survey: .
- USFWS NWI maps: Title(s) and/or date(s).
- USGS topographic maps: Title(s) and/or date(s).

#### Other data sources used to aid in this determination:

| Data Source (select)       | Name and/or date and other relevant information |
|----------------------------|---|
| USGS Sources               | N/A.  |
| USDA Sources               | N/A.  |
| NOAA Sources               | N/A.  |
| USACE Sources              | N/A.  |
| State/Local/Tribal Sources | N/A.  |
| Other Sources              | N/A.  |

# B. Typical year assessment(s): N/A.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Some excluded waters, such as (b)(2) and (b)(4), may not be specifically identified on the AJD form unless a requestor specifically asks a Corps district to do so. Corps districts may, in case-by-case instances, choose to identify some or all of these waters within the review area.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Because of the broad nature of the (b)(1) exclusion and in an effort to collect data on specific types of waters that would be covered by the (b)(1) exclusion, four sub-categories of (b)(1) exclusions were administratively created for the purposes of the AJD Form. These four sub-categories are not new exclusions, but are simply administrative distinctions and remain (b)(1) exclusions as defined by the NWPR.



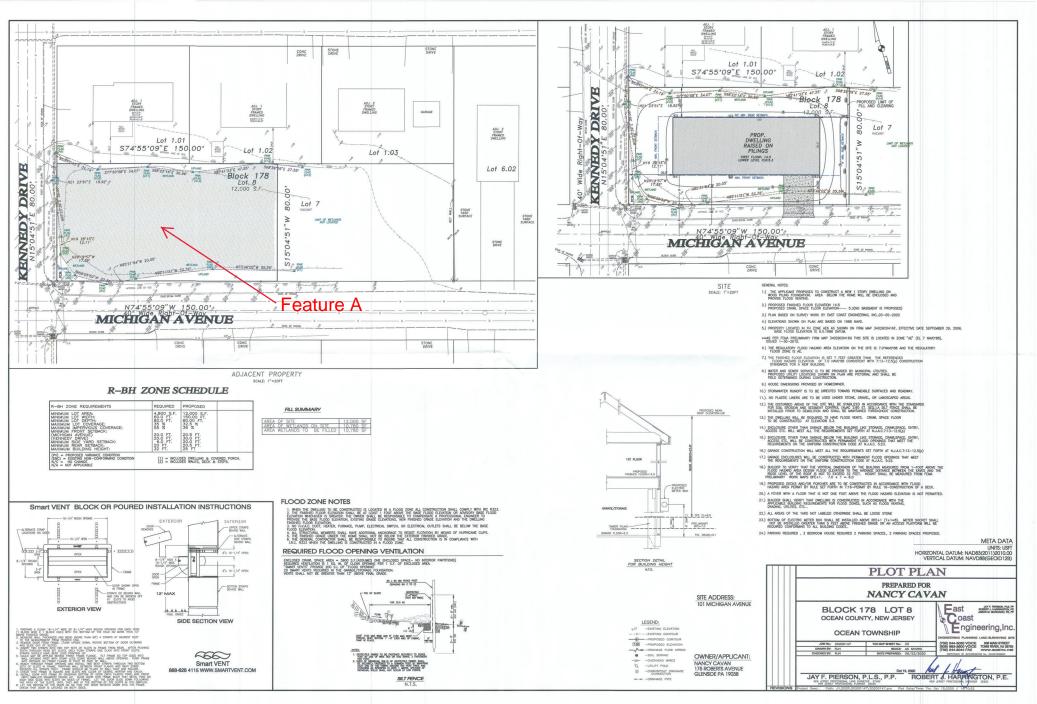
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## C. Additional comments to support AJD:

As per Section IIIA (page 2) of the 04 March 1997 Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the State of New Jersey and the Department of the Army regarding "assumption" Section 404 of the Clean Water Act of 1977 as amended:

"All Waters of the U.S., as defined at 40 C.F.R. Section 232.2(q), within the State of New Jersey, will be regulated by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection as part of their State program, with the exception of those waters which are presently used, or are susceptible to use in their natural condition or by reasonable improvement as a means to transport interstate or foreign commerce shoreward to their ordinary highwater mark, including all waters which are subject to the ebb and flow of the tide shoreward to their mean high water mark, including wetlands adjacent thereto. For the purposes of this agreement, the Corps will retain regulatory authority over those wetlands that are partially or entirely located within 1000 feet of the ordinary high water mark or mean high tide of the Delaware River, Greenwood Lake, and all water bodies which are subject to the ebb and flow of the tide."

Feature A at the subject property is located approximately 466.0-linear feet from the mean high water mark of Barnegat Bay, a Section 10 waterbody subject to the ebb and flow of tide. Thus, in accordance with the 04 March 1997 MOA between the State of New Jersey and the Department of the Army, Feature A falls under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Army (USACE). Feature A was determined by USACE to be a freshwater non-adjacent wetland. Rationale for this determination is the absence of a hydrological connection between Feature A and Waters of the U.S. (Barnegat Bay) as per the definition of "adjacent wetland" in the 22 June 2020 Navigable Waters Protection Rule.



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