

# 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): 5/12/2020

ORM Number: NAP-2021-00081-95

Associated JDs: N/A

Review Area Location<sup>1</sup>: State/Territory: Pennsylvania City: Borough of Perkasie

County/Parish/Borough: Bucks

Center Coordinates of Review Area: Latitude 40.383871° Longitude -75.276465°

### 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):3					
(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 standalone 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 (	Excluded waters $((b)(1) - (b)(12))$ :				
Exclusion Name	Exclusion	Size	Exclusion <sup>5</sup>	Rationale for Exclusion Determination	
Feature A	285	linear feet	(b)(10) Stormwater control feature constructed or excavated in upland or in a non-jurisdictional water to convey, treat, infiltrate, or store stormwater runoff.	Features A (highlighted in blue on the enclosed drawing E-1) was determined to be a stormwater control feature, conveying stormwater runoff from offsite residential properties and a stormwater detention basin. This determination is in agreement with the definition of "stormwater control feature" in the 22 June 2020 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 "Existing Features Plan", prepared by Lenape Valley Engineering, Sheet E-1, 16 October 2019, last revised 12 May 2021 by USACE; and data sheets prepared on 18 February 2017.

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 Photos (GoogleEarth) dated 21 September 2020, 15 June 2018, 17 April 2016, 20 April 2014, 19 May 2012, 09 May 2010, 05 June 2004, 31 December 2001, and 12 March 1995. Site Photos dated 29 April 2021.
- ☐ Previous Jurisdictional Determinations (AJDs or PJDs): ORM Number(s) and date(s).
- Antecedent Precipitation Tool: <u>provide detailed discussion in Section III.B.</u>
- USDA NRCS Soil Survey: Bucks/Philadelphia County, PA Soil Survey Sheet #31.

## 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.

<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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Data Source (select)	Name and/or date and other relevant information
Other Sources	N/A.

- B. Typical year assessment(s): N/A.
- C. Additional comments to support AJD: Subsequent to the 29 April 2021 site visit, Mr. Robert Youhas, Biologist, CENAP-Regulatory Branch, contacted the Borough of Perkasie's municipal engineer and requested any available information regarding Feature A and the Borough of Perkasie's stormwater management system for the surrounding area. By email dated 10 May 2021, Perkasie Borough's engineer provided the most current Storm Sewer Collection System Map for Perkasie Borough and stated the following:

"The subject watercourse in question (i.e. Feature A) is known as 'E.B.P.-7' and flows from the stormwater detention basin located along Shadywood Place between Blooming Glen Drive and Meadow Drive to the Borough Line. The stormwater detention basin feeds this watercourse, which receives runoff from a portion of the Shadywood Development. The watercourse is also fed by the storm sewer system that runs up the south side of Blooming Glen Drive to N. 7th Street and down a portion of N. 7th Street. Based on the Storm Sewer Collection System Map and knowledge of the area, there are no ponds or watercourses that we are aware of that discharge into either the storm sewer system or detention basin. However, the Borough does have underground springs, especially along N. 7th Street, which may be contributing to the flow within the watercourse in question."

From review of all supporting information, including the information provided by the Borough of Perkasie's engineer, this office's determination is that Feature A is a stormwater control feature excluded from Clean Water Act jurisdiction under the 22 June 2020 Navigable Waters Protection Rule. Feature A conveys stormwater runoff from residential properties and a stormwater detention basin all located offsite to the northwest. This is in agreement with the definition of "stormwater control feature" in the 22 June 2020 Navigable Waters Protection Rule; and is also in agreement with the topography of the site and the surrounding land parcels, where elevation decreases from the northwest to the southeast. Any potential hydrological contribution from underground springs in the surrounding area is determined to be excluded from Clean Water Act jurisdiction under the 22 June 2020 Navigable Waters Protection Rule; specifically, the (b)(2) exclusion for groundwater, including groundwater drained through subsurface drainage systems. The remainder of the subject "Kratz Tract" was determined to be comprised of dry land in its entirety.

