

#### 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): 6/19/2021 ORM Number: CENAPOPR-2021-00240 (51) Associated JDs: N/A Review Area Location<sup>1</sup>: State/Territory: Pennsylvania City: Upper Mount Bethel Township County/Parish/Borough: Northampton County

Center Coordinates of Review Area: Latitude 40.907806 Longitude -75.185827

### **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 or describe rationale.
  - □ 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 |  |
| Unnamed<br>Tributary to<br>the East Fork<br>of Martins<br>Creek | 200         | linear<br>feet | (a)(2) Intermittent<br>tributary<br>contributes<br>surface water<br>flow directly or<br>indirectly to an<br>(a)(1) water in a<br>typical year. |                                    |  |

<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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| Tributaries ((a)(2) waters): |             |                 |  |  |
|------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|--|--|
| (a)(2) Name                  | (a)(2) Size | (a)(2) Criteria | Rationale for (a)(2) Determination   |  |
|                              |             |                 | months. As such, this channel will be characterized as having intermittent flow. |  |

| 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 wetla        | Adjacent wetlands ((a)(4) waters): |         |   |   |  |  |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------|---------|---|---|--|--|
| (a)(4) Name           | (a)(4) Size                        |         | (a)(4) Criteria                                     | Rationale for (a)(4) Determination  |  |  |
| 2021-00240<br>Wetland | 0.04                               | acre(s) | (a)(4) Wetland<br>abuts an (a)(1)-<br>(a)(3) water. | The wetland on the subject property was formerly<br>part of a much larger, regional forested wetland<br>complex. This small wetland was partially separated<br>from the larger complex by the construction of a light<br>rail bed. However, hydrology remains part of the<br>original tributary system, although that tributary was<br>historically altered as described above. The wetland<br>is abutting and its borders are contiguous with the<br>unnamed tributary stream. |  |  |

# D. Excluded Waters or Features

| Excluded waters $((b)(1) - (b)(12))$ : <sup>4</sup> |                |      |                        |                                       |  |
|---|----------------|------|------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| Exclusion Name                                      | Exclusion Size |      | Exclusion <sup>5</sup> | Rationale for Exclusion Determination |  |
| N/A.  | N/A.           | N/A. | N/A.                   | N/A.                                  |  |

# **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: Title(s) and date(s)
    This information Select. sufficient for purposes of this AJD.
    Rationale: N/A or describe rationale for insufficiency (including partial insufficiency).
  - Data shoets propared by the Corps: Propared by Michael P. Loggiero, Pielogist, S&E Sec.
  - Data sheets prepared by the Corps: Prepared by Michael P. Leggiero, Biologist, S&E Section, on March 25, 2021
  - Photographs: Other: Taken during site visit
  - Corps site visit(s) conducted on: March 25, 2021 and March 6, 2021
  - 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: Title(s) and/or date(s).
  - USFWS NWI maps: Title(s) and/or date(s).
  - USGS topographic maps: Title(s) and/or date(s).

<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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## 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): The Corps's Antecedent Precipitation Tool was not functioning as of the date of this JDIS. However, regional observations placed precipitation at normal or slightly wetter than normal conditions.
- **C.** Additional comments to support AJD: This JD is associated with the investigation of alleged unauthorized work on the subject property. As such, the investigation was limited to only those areas of recent earthwork. Other waters and wetlands may exist outside the limit of investigation that aren't included within this determination of jurisdiction.