

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

A. REPORT COMPLETION DATE FOR APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION (JD): September 28, 2016

B. DISTRICT OFFICE, FILE NAME, AND NUMBER: Buffalo District; Associated Grand Island, LLC; 2006-02581; Form 1 of 1; Wetlands 2, 4-6, 9-10, 13, 15-28, 31, 34, 36-37, 41-55, 61-68.

C. PROJECT LOCATION AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

State: New York County/parish/borough: Erie City: Grand Island
Center coordinates of site (lat/long in degree decimal format): Lat. 43.00262 ° N, Long. -78.96022 ° W
Universal Transverse Mercator: 17

Name of nearest waterbody: Spicer Creek
Name of nearest Traditional Navigable Water (TNW) into which the aquatic resource flows: Niagara River
Name of watershed or Hydrologic Unit Code (HUC): 04120104

- 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: September 28, 2016
 Field Determination. Date(s): August 22, 2014, [Click here to enter a date.](#)

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: [Click here to enter text.](#)

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):¹

- TNWs, including territorial seas
 Wetlands adjacent to TNWs
 Relatively permanent waters² (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: *Choose an item.*

Elevation of established OHWM (if known): [Click here to enter text.](#)

2. 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.

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.

Explain: Based on a site visit, conducted on August 22, 2014, as well as a review of in-house resources including, topographical maps, aerial photography, soils maps, and previous jurisdictional determination completed in 2008 were looked at. The boundaries of Wetlands 2, 4-6, 9-10, 13, 15-28, 31, 34, 36-37, 41-55, 61-68 were walked. No surface flows or culverts were observed in or near the wetlands. (Note: All isolated wetlands are colored orange on sheets 3-19.)

Wetland 2 (0.53 acres, PSS Wetland) (Map quad E3) boundary was walked and based on the on-site examination and a review of in-house resources, it was determined that Wetland 2 is a depressional wetland with no connection to a WOUS. Wetland 2 is over 700 feet southeast from Spicer Creek and over 300 feet southeast of an unnamed tributary to Spicer Creek (Drainage 4).

Wetland 4 (0.61 acres, PFO Wetland) (Map quad E3) boundary was walked and based on the on-site examination and a review of in-house resources, it was determined that Wetland 4 is a depressional wetland with no connection to a WOUS. Wetland 4 is over 700 feet southeast from Spicer Creek and over 200 feet south of an unnamed tributary to Spicer Creek (Drainage 4).

Wetland 5 (0.15 acres, PFO Wetland) (Map quad D3) boundary was walked and based on the on-site examination and a review of in-house resources, it was determined that Wetland 5 is a depressional wetland with no connection to a WOUS. Wetland 5 is over 600 feet southeast from Spicer Creek and over 300 feet southwest of an unnamed tributary to Spicer Creek (Drainage 4).

Wetland 6 (0.15 acres, PFO Wetland) (Map quad E3) boundary was walked and based on the on-site examination and a review of in-house resources, it was determined that Wetland 6 is a depressional wetland with no connection to a WOUS. Wetland 6 is over 600 feet southeast from Spicer Creek and over 200 feet southwest of an unnamed tributary to Spicer Creek (Drainage 4).

Wetland 9 (0.19 acres, PSS Wetland) (Map quad E3) boundary was walked and based on the on-site examination and a review of in-house resources, it was determined that Wetland 9 is a depressional wetland with no connection to a WOUS. Wetland 9 is over 700 feet southeast from Spicer Creek and over 200 feet southeast of an unnamed tributary to Spicer Creek (Drainage 4).

Wetland 10 (0.11 acres, PSS Wetland) (Map quad E3) boundary was walked and based on the on-site examination and a review of in-house resources, it was determined that Wetland 10 is a depressional wetland with no connection to a WOUS. Wetland 10 is over 800 feet southeast from Spicer Creek and over 500 feet southeast of an unnamed tributary to Spicer Creek (Drainage 4).

Wetland 13 (0.18 acres, PEM Wetland) (Map quad A4) boundary was walked and based on the on-site examination and a review of in-house resources, it was determined that Wetland 13 is a depressional wetland with no connection to a WOUS. Wetland 13 is over 600 feet south of an unnamed tributary to Spicer Creek (Drainage 3).

Wetland 15 (0.13 acres, PFO Wetland) (Map quad B4) boundary was walked and based on the on-site examination and a review of in-house resources, it was determined that Wetland 15 is a depressional wetland with no connection to a WOUS. Wetland 15 is over 700 feet south of an unnamed tributary to Spicer Creek (Drainage 3).

Wetland 16 (0.10 acres, PSS Wetland) (Map quad B4) boundary was walked and based on the on-site examination and a review of in-house resources, it was determined that Wetland 16 is a depressional wetland with no connection to a WOUS. Wetland 16 is over 700 feet south of an unnamed tributary to Spicer Creek (Drainage 3).

Wetland 17 (0.14 acres, PEM Wetland) (Map quad B4) boundary was walked and based on the on-site examination and a review of in-house resources, it was determined that Wetland 17 is a depressional wetland with no connection to a WOUS. Wetland 17 is over 700 feet south of an unnamed tributary to Spicer Creek (Drainage 3).

Wetland 18 (0.22 acres, PEM Wetland) (Map quad B4) boundary was walked and based on the on-site examination and a review of in-house resources, it was determined that Wetland 18 is a depressional wetland with no connection to a WOUS. Wetland 18 is over 600 feet south of an unnamed tributary to Spicer Creek (Drainage 3).

Wetland 19 (0.23 acres, PSS Wetland) (Map quad B4) boundary was walked and based on the on-site examination and a review of in-house resources, it was determined that Wetland 19 is a depressional wetland with no connection to a WOUS. Wetland 19 is over 300 feet south of an unnamed tributary to Spicer Creek (Drainage 3).

Wetland 20 (0.16 acres, PSS Wetland) (Map quad B4) boundary was walked and based on the on-site examination and a review of in-house resources, it was determined that Wetland 20 is a depressional wetland with no connection to a WOUS. Wetland 20 is over 400 feet south of an unnamed tributary to Spicer Creek (Drainage 3).

Wetland 21 (0.15 acres, PSS Wetland) (Map quad B4) boundary was walked and based on the on-site examination and a review of in-house resources, it was determined that Wetland 21 is a depressional wetland with no connection to a WOUS. Wetland 21 is over 400 feet south of an unnamed tributary to Spicer Creek (Drainage 3).

Wetland 22 (0.03 acres, PFO Wetland) (Map quad D3) boundary was walked and based on the on-site examination and a review of in-house resources, it was determined that Wetland 22 is a depressional wetland with no connection to a WOUS. Wetland 22 is over 200 feet southeast from Spicer Creek.

Wetland 23 (0.10 acres, PFO Wetland) (Map quad D3) boundary was walked and based on the on-site examination and a review of in-house resources, it was determined that Wetland 23 is a depressional wetland with no connection to a WOUS. Wetland 23 is over 200 feet southeast from Spicer Creek.

Wetland 24 (0.16 acres, PFO Wetland) (Map quad D3) boundary was walked and based on the on-site examination and a review of in-house resources, it was determined that Wetland 24 is a depressional wetland with no connection to a WOUS. Wetland 24 is over 300 feet southeast from Spicer Creek.

Wetland 25 (0.02 acres, PFO Wetland) (Map quad D3) boundary was walked and based on the on-site examination and a review of in-house resources, it was determined that Wetland 25 is a depressional wetland with no connection to a WOUS. Wetland 25 is over 200 feet southeast from Spicer Creek.

Wetland 26 (0.16 acres, PSS Wetland) (Map quad A4) boundary was walked and based on the on-site examination and a review of in-house resources, it was determined that Wetland 26 is a depressional wetland with no connection to a WOUS. Wetland 26 is over 400 feet south of an unnamed tributary to Spicer Creek (Drainage 3).

Wetland 27 (0.12 acres, PSS Wetland) (Map quad A4) boundary was walked and based on the on-site examination and a review of in-house resources, it was determined that Wetland 27 is a depressional wetland with no connection to a WOUS. Wetland 27 is over 400 feet south of an unnamed tributary to Spicer Creek (Drainage 3).

Wetland 28 (0.20 acres, PFO Wetland) (Map quad A4) boundary was walked and based on the on-site examination and a review of in-house resources, it was determined that Wetland 28 is a depressional wetland with no connection to a WOUS. Wetland 28 is over 400 feet south of an unnamed tributary to Spicer Creek (Drainage 3).

Wetland 31 (0.31 acres, PSS Wetland) (Map quad A4) boundary was walked and based on the on-site examination and a review of in-house resources, it was determined that Wetland 31 is a depressional wetland with no connection to a WOUS. Wetland 31 is over 150 feet south of an unnamed tributary to Spicer Creek (Drainage 3).

Wetland 34 (0.07 acres, PSS Wetland) (Map quad B4) boundary was walked and based on the on-site examination and a review of in-house resources, it was determined that Wetland 34 is a depressional wetland with no connection to a WOUS. Wetland 34 is over 100 feet south of an unnamed tributary to Spicer Creek (Drainage 3).

Wetland 36 (0.11 acres, PFO Wetland) (Map quad C2) boundary was walked and based on the on-site examination and a review of in-house resources, it was determined that Wetland 36 is a depressional wetland with no connection to a WOUS. Wetland 36 is over 400 feet northwest from Spicer Creek.

Wetland 37 (0.04 acres, PFO Wetland) (Map quad C2) boundary was walked and based on the on-site examination and a review of in-house resources, it was determined that Wetland 37 is a depressional wetland with no connection to a WOUS. Wetland 37 is over 450 feet northwest from Spicer Creek.

Wetland 41 (0.09 acres, PFO Wetland) (Map quad C1) boundary was walked and based on the on-site examination and a review of in-house resources, it was determined that Wetland 41 is a depressional wetland with no connection to a WOUS. Wetland 41 is over 700 feet south of an unnamed tributary to Spicer Creek (Drainage 1).

Wetland 42 (0.05 acres, PSS Wetland) (Map quad E1) boundary was walked and based on the on-site examination and a review of in-house resources, it was determined that Wetland 42 is a depressional wetland with no connection to a WOUS. Wetland 42 is over 200 feet north from Spicer Creek.

Wetland 43 (0.11 acres, PSS Wetland) (Map quad E1) boundary was walked and based on the on-site examination and a review of in-house resources, it was determined that Wetland 43 is a depressional wetland with no connection to a WOUS. Wetland 43 is over 250 feet north from Spicer Creek.

Wetland 44 (0.06 acres, PSS Wetland) (Map quad E1) boundary was walked and based on the on-site examination and a review of in-house resources, it was determined that Wetland 44 is a depressional wetland with no connection to a WOUS. Wetland 44 is over 400 feet north from Spicer Creek.

Wetland 45 (0.08 acres, PSS Wetland) (Map quad D1) boundary was walked and based on the on-site examination and a review of in-house resources, it was determined that Wetland 45 is a depressional wetland with no connection to a WOUS. Wetland 45 is over 450 feet north from Spicer Creek.

Wetland 46 (0.06 acres, PEM Wetland) (Map quad D1) boundary was walked and based on the on-site examination and a review of in-house resources, it was determined that Wetland 46 is a depressional wetland with no connection to a WOUS. Wetland 46 is over 600 feet north from Spicer Creek.

Wetland 47 (0.13 acres, PSS Wetland) (Map quad D1) boundary was walked and based on the on-site examination and a review of in-house resources, it was determined that Wetland 47 is a depressional wetland with no connection to a WOUS. Wetland 47 is over 250 feet north from Spicer Creek.

Wetland 48 (0.03 acres, PFO Wetland) (Map quad D1/2) boundary was walked and based on the on-site examination and a review of in-house resources, it was determined that Wetland 48 is a depressional wetland with no connection to a WOUS. Wetland 48 is over 300 feet north from Spicer Creek.

Wetland 49 (0.09 acres, PFO Wetland) (Map quad C1) boundary was walked and based on the on-site examination and a review of in-house resources, it was determined that Wetland 49 is a depressional wetland with no connection to a WOUS. Wetland 49 is over 500 feet south of an unnamed tributary to Spicer Creek (Drainage 1).

Wetland 50 (0.47 acres, PFO Wetland) (Map quad C1) boundary was walked and based on the on-site examination and a review of in-house resources, it was determined that Wetland 50 is a depressional wetland with no connection to a WOUS. Wetland 50 is over 500 feet south of an unnamed tributary to Spicer Creek (Drainage 1).

Wetland 51 (0.05 acres, PFO Wetland) (Map quad C1) boundary was walked and based on the on-site examination and a review of in-house resources, it was determined that Wetland 51 is a depressional wetland with no connection to a WOUS. Wetland 51 is over 500 feet south of an unnamed tributary to Spicer Creek (Drainage 1).

Wetland 52 (0.12 acres, PSS Wetland) (Map quad C1) boundary was walked and based on the on-site examination and a review of in-house resources, it was determined that Wetland 52 is a depressional wetland with no connection to a WOUS. Wetland 52 is over 250 feet south of an unnamed tributary to Spicer Creek (Drainage 1).

Wetland 53 (0.08 acres, PFO Wetland) (Map quad C1) boundary was walked and based on the on-site examination and a review of in-house resources, it was determined that Wetland 53 is a depressional wetland with no connection to a WOUS. Wetland 53 is over 300 feet south of an unnamed tributary to Spicer Creek (Drainage 1).

Wetland 54 (0.06 acres, PFO Wetland) (Map quad C1) boundary was walked and based on the on-site examination and a review of in-house resources, it was determined that Wetland 54 is a depressional wetland with no connection to a WOUS. Wetland 54 is over 350 feet south of an unnamed tributary to Spicer Creek (Drainage 1).

Wetland 55 (0.13 acres, PFO Wetland) (Map quad C1/2) boundary was walked and based on the on-site examination and a review of in-house resources, it was determined that Wetland 55 is a depressional wetland with no connection to a WOUS. Wetland 55 is over 700 feet south of an unnamed tributary to Spicer Creek (Drainage 1).

Wetland 61 (0.02 acres, PEM Wetland) (Map quad A1) boundary was walked and based on the on-site examination and a review of in-house resources, it was determined that Wetland 61 is a depressional wetland with no connection to a WOUS. Wetland 61 is over 500 feet south of an unnamed tributary to Spicer Creek (Drainage 1).

Wetland 62 (0.01 acres, PFO Wetland) (Map quad A1) boundary was walked and based on the on-site examination and a review of in-house resources, it was determined that Wetland 62 is a depressional wetland with no connection to a WOUS. Wetland 62 is over 400 feet south of an unnamed tributary to Spicer Creek (Drainage 1).

Wetland 63 (0.16 acres, PFO Wetland) (Map quad A1) boundary was walked and based on the on-site examination and a review of in-house resources, it was determined that Wetland 63 is a depressional wetland with no connection to a WOUS. Wetland 63 is over 200 feet south of an unnamed tributary to Spicer Creek (Drainage 1).

Wetland 64 (0.06 acres, PFO Wetland) (Map quad A1) boundary was walked and based on the on-site examination and a review of in-house resources, it was determined that Wetland 64 is a depressional wetland with no connection to a WOUS. Wetland 64 is over 350 feet south of an unnamed tributary to Spicer Creek (Drainage 1).

Wetland 65 (0.02 acres, PFO Wetland) (Map quad A1) boundary was walked and based on the on-site examination and a review of in-house resources, it was determined that Wetland 65 is a depressional wetland with no connection to a WOUS. Wetland 65 is over 300 feet south of an unnamed tributary to Spicer Creek (Drainage 1).

Wetland 66 (0.08 acres, PFO Wetland) (Map quad B1) boundary was walked and based on the on-site examination and a review of in-house resources, it was determined that Wetland 66 is a depressional wetland with no connection to a WOUS. Wetland 66 is over 200 feet south of an unnamed tributary to Spicer Creek (Drainage 1).

Wetland 67 (0.07 acres, PSS Wetland) (Map quad B1) boundary was walked and based on the on-site examination and a review of in-house resources, it was determined that Wetland 67 is a depressional wetland with no connection to a WOUS. Wetland 67 is over 100 feet south of an unnamed tributary to Spicer Creek (Drainage 1).

Wetland 68 (0.02 acres, PSS Wetland) (Map quad B1) boundary was walked and based on the on-site examination and a review of in-house resources, it was determined that Wetland 68 is a depressional wetland with no connection to a WOUS. Wetland 68 is over 200 feet south of an unnamed tributary to Spicer Creek (Drainage 1).

During the site visit, evidence of hydrology was not present within the wetlands. There was no evidence of drainage or flow from the wetlands into any of the onsite drainage ways, or roadside drainages along Stale Road (to the north), Baseline Road (to the west), Love Road, Carl Road and Glen Avon Road (to the south) or drainage along the Interstate 190. Due to the distance to the nearest drainages and on-site soil conditions, it is unlikely that any shallow subsurface connection exists between the wetlands and the nearest drainages. The wetlands are physically and geographically isolated in a depression on the landscape and water would not make it to a TNW. There are other wetlands within the project boundary that have been determined to be jurisdictional and will be verified under a Preliminary Jurisdictional Determination.

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: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Summarize rationale supporting determination: [Click here to enter text.](#)

2. Wetland adjacent to TNW

Summarize rationale supporting conclusion that wetland is "adjacent": [Click here to enter text.](#)

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 waterbody⁴ 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

⁴ Note that the Instructional Guidebook contains additional information regarding swales, ditches, washes, and erosional features generally and in the arid West.

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: # *Choose an item.*

Drainage area: # *Choose an item.*

Average annual rainfall: # inches

Average annual snowfall: # inches

(ii) Physical Characteristics:

(a) Relationship with TNW:

Tributary flows directly into TNW.

Tributary flows through *Choose an item.* tributaries before entering TNW.

Project waters are *Choose an item.* river miles from TNW.

Project waters are *Choose an item.* river miles from RPW.

Project waters are *Choose an item.* aerial (straight) miles from TNW.

Project waters are *Choose an item.* aerial (straight) miles from RPW.

Project waters cross or serve as state boundaries. Explain: *Click here to enter text.*

Identify flow route to TNW⁵: *Click here to enter text.*

Tributary stream order, if known: *Click here to enter text.*

(b) General Tributary Characteristics (check all that apply):

Tributary is: Natural

Artificial (man-made). Explain: *Click here to enter text.*

Manipulated (man-altered). Explain: *Click here to enter text.*

Tributary properties with respect to top of bank (estimate):

Average width: # feet

Average depth: # feet

Average side slopes: *Choose an item.*

Primary tributary substrate composition (check all that apply):

Silts Sands Concrete

Cobbles Gravel Muck

Bedrock Vegetation. Type/% cover: *Click here to enter text.*

Other. Explain: *Click here to enter text.*

Tributary condition/stability [e.g., highly eroding, sloughing banks]. Explain: *Click here to enter text.*

Presence of run/riffle/pool complexes. Explain: *Click here to enter text.*

Tributary geometry: *Choose an item.*

Tributary gradient (approximate average slope): #%

(c) Flow:

Tributary provides for: *Choose an item.*

Estimate average number of flow events in review area/year: *Choose an item.*

Describe flow regime: *Click here to enter text.*

Other information on duration and volume: *Click here to enter text.*

Surface flow is: *Choose an item.* Characteristics: *Click here to enter text.*

Subsurface flow: *Choose an item.* Explain findings: *Click here to enter text.*

Dye (or other) test performed: *Click here to enter text.*

Tributary has (check all that apply):

Bed and banks

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.

- OHWM⁶ (check all indicators that apply):
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| <input type="checkbox"/> clear, natural line impressed on the bank | <input type="checkbox"/> the presence of litter and debris |
| <input type="checkbox"/> changes in the character of soil | <input type="checkbox"/> destruction of terrestrial vegetation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> shelving | <input type="checkbox"/> the presence of wrack line |
| <input type="checkbox"/> vegetation matted down, bent, or absent | <input type="checkbox"/> sediment sorting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> leaf litter disturbed or washed away | <input type="checkbox"/> scour |
| <input type="checkbox"/> sediment deposition | <input type="checkbox"/> multiple observed or predicted flow events |
| <input type="checkbox"/> water staining | <input type="checkbox"/> abrupt change in plant community Click here to enter text. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> other (list): Click here to enter text. | |
- Discontinuous OHWM.⁷ Explain: [Click here to enter text.](#)

If factors other than the OHWM were used to determine lateral extent of CWA jurisdiction (check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> High Tide Line indicated by: | <input type="checkbox"/> Mean High Water Mark indicated by: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> oil or scum line along shore objects | <input type="checkbox"/> survey to available datum; |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fine shell or debris deposits (foreshore) | <input type="checkbox"/> physical markings; |
| <input type="checkbox"/> physical markings/characteristics | <input type="checkbox"/> vegetation lines/changes in vegetation types. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> tidal gauges | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> other (list): Click here to enter text. | |

(iii) Chemical Characteristics:

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

Explain: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Identify specific pollutants, if known: [Click here to enter text.](#)

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

- Riparian corridor. Characteristics (type, average width): [Click here to enter text.](#)
- Wetland fringe. Characteristics: [Click here to enter text.](#)
- Habitat for:
- Federally Listed species. Explain findings: [Click here to enter text.](#)
 - Fish/spawn areas. Explain findings: [Click here to enter text.](#)
 - Other environmentally-sensitive species. Explain findings: [Click here to enter text.](#)
 - Aquatic/wildlife diversity. Explain findings: [Click here to enter text.](#)

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

(i) Physical Characteristics:

(a) General Wetland Characteristics:

Properties:

Wetland size: # acres

Wetland type. Explain: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Wetland quality. Explain: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Project wetlands cross or serve as state boundaries. Explain: [Click here to enter text.](#)

(b) General Flow Relationship with Non-TNW:

Flow is: [Choose an item.](#) Explain: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Surface flow is: [Choose an item.](#)

Characteristics: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Subsurface flow: [Choose an item.](#) Explain findings: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Dye (or other) test performed: [Click here to enter text.](#)

(c) Wetland Adjacency Determination with Non-TNW:

Directly abutting

Not directly abutting

Discrete wetland hydrologic connection. Explain: [Click here to enter text.](#)

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.

- Ecological connection. Explain: [Click here to enter text.](#)
- Separated by berm/barrier. Explain: [Click here to enter text.](#)

(d) Proximity (Relationship) to TNW

Project wetlands are [Choose an item.](#) river miles from TNW.

Project waters are [Choose an item.](#) aerial (straight) miles from TNW.

Flow is from: [Choose an item.](#)

Estimate approximate location of wetland as within the [Choose an item.](#) 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: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Identify specific pollutants, if known: [Click here to enter text.](#)

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

- Riparian buffer. Characteristics (type, average width): [Click here to enter text.](#)
- Vegetation type/percent cover. Explain: [Click here to enter text.](#)
- Habitat for:
 - Federally Listed species. Explain findings: [Click here to enter text.](#)
 - Fish/spawn areas. Explain findings: [Click here to enter text.](#)
 - Other environmentally-sensitive species. Explain findings: [Click here to enter text.](#)
 - Aquatic/wildlife diversity. Explain findings: [Click here to enter text.](#)

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

All wetland(s) being considered in the cumulative analysis: [Choose an item.](#)

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

For each wetland, specify the following:

<u>Directly abuts? (Y/N)</u>	<u>Size (in acres)</u>	<u>Directly abuts? (Y/N)</u>	<u>Size (in acres)</u>
Y/N	#	Y/N	#
Y/N	#	Y/N	#
Y/N	#	Y/N	#
Y/N	#	Y/N	#

Summarize overall biological, chemical and physical functions being performed: [Click here to enter text.](#)

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: [Click here to enter text.](#)
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: [Click here to enter text.](#)

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: [Click here to enter text.](#)

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.

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: [Click here to enter text.](#)
 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: [Click here to enter text.](#)

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: [Click here to enter text.](#)

3. **Non-RPWs⁸ 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: [Click here to enter text.](#)

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: [Click here to enter text.](#)
 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: [Click here to enter text.](#)

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 jurisdictional. 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).

⁸See Footnote # 3.

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

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):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: [Click here to enter text.](#)
- Other factors. Explain: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Identify water body and summarize rationale supporting determination: [Click here to enter text.](#)

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: [Click here to enter text.](#)
- Wetlands: # acres.

F. NON-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: [Click here to enter text.](#)
- Other: (explain, if not covered above): [Click here to enter text.](#)

Provide acreage estimates for non-jurisdictional waters in the review area, where the sole 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: [Click here to enter text.](#)
- Wetlands: 6.45 acres.

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):

- Non-wetland waters (i.e., rivers, streams): # linear feet # width (ft).
- Lakes/ponds: # acres.
- Other non-wetland waters: # acres. List type of aquatic resource: [Click here to enter text.](#)
- 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):

- Maps, plans, plots or plat submitted by or on behalf of the applicant/consultant: [Click here to enter text.](#)
- 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: [Click here to enter text.](#)
- Corps navigable waters’ study: [Click here to enter text.](#)
- U.S. Geological Survey Hydrologic Atlas: [Click here to enter text.](#)
 - USGS NHD data.
 - USGS 8 and 12 digit HUC maps.

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.

- U.S. Geological Survey map(s). Cite scale & quad name: 24k:1, Tonawanda West
- USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Soil Survey. Citation: [Click here to enter text.](#)
- National wetlands inventory map(s). Cite name: USFWS online mapping
- State/Local wetland inventory map(s): [Click here to enter text.](#)
- FEMA/FIRM maps: [Click here to enter text.](#)
- 100-year Floodplain Elevation is: [Click here to enter text.](#) (National Geodectic Vertical Datum of 1929)
- Photographs: Aerial (Name & Date): Bing Birds Eye (2016), Google Earth Pro (2016)
or Other (Name & Date): Earth Dimensions Inc. (2014)
- Previous determination(s). File no. and date of response letter: 2006-02581; December 23, 2008
- Applicable/supporting case law: [Click here to enter text.](#)
- Applicable/supporting scientific literature: [Click here to enter text.](#)
- Other information (please specify): [Click here to enter text.](#)

B. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS TO SUPPORT JD:

Isolated Wetlands 2, 4-6, 9-10, 13, 15-28, 31, 34, 36-37, 41-55, 61-68 (total of 6.45 acres) were field verified by the Corps of Engineers on August 22, 2014. The perimeter of the wetlands were walked and no evidence of an ecological continuum or any connections to other waters were identified. The Wetlands are isolated and outside the Department of the Army's jurisdiction. The determination is supported by the review of in-house resources and field verification. Wetlands 2, 4-6, 9-10, 13, 15-28, 31, 34, 36-37, 41-55, 61-68 are outside Department of the Army jurisdiction as they do not meet the criteria for jurisdictional waters of the United States according to 33 CFR Part 328.3(a)(1-7) as follows:

1. do not/have not supported interstate or foreign commerce;
2. are not an interstate water/wetland;
3. the degradation or destruction of which would not affect interstate or foreign commerce and does not include such waters:
 - (i) which are or could be used by interstate or foreign travelers for recreational or other purposes; or
 - (ii) from which fish or shellfish are or could be taken and sold in interstate or foreign commerce; or
 - (iii) which are used or could be used for industrial purpose by industries in interstate commerce
4. are not an impoundment of water otherwise defined as WOUS under the definition;
5. are not tributaries of waters identified in paragraphs (a)(1)-(4) of this section;
6. are not territorial seas;
7. are not wetland adjacent to waters (other than waters that are themselves wetlands) identified in paragraphs (a)(1)-(6) of this section;

The wetlands were determined to be isolated and therefore non-jurisdictional. The remaining wetlands will be verified under a Preliminary Jurisdictional Determination.

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Date