



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): 03-AUG-2020
ORM Number: LRB-2020-00985
Associated JDs: N/A or ORM numbers and identifiers (e.g. HQS-2020-00001-MSW-MITSITE)
Review Area Location¹:
State/Territory: NY City: Colden County/Parish/Borough: Erie County
Center Coordinates of Review Area: Latitude 42.673108 Longitude -78.652219

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)²

§ 10 Name	§ 10 Size	§ 10 Criteria	Rationale for § 10 Determination
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

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

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

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

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⁵ 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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D. Excluded Waters or Features

Excluded waters ((b)(1) – (b)(12))⁴:

Exclusion Name	Exclusion Size	Exclusion ⁵	Rationale for Exclusion Determination
Pond 1	1 acre	(b)(8) Artificial lake/pond constructed or excavated in upland or a non-jurisdictional water, so long as the artificial lake or pond is not an impoundment of a jurisdictional water that meets (c)(6)	Pond was constructed away from the existing stream located to the west. Soils mapped in the area contain approximately 5% hydric components. The surveys of the property, including an old version show the stream away from the pond. The pond does not appear ever to have been an impoundment of the stream. Historic aerial photographs are inconclusive as the area of the pond area is forested and it is impossible to distinguish where the exact stream location is. The pond does have an overflow to the stream, which likely contributes flow at least once during a typical year, however, since the pond was not constructed in a water of the US, this connection does not confer jurisdiction.

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 (*is/is not/is and is not*) sufficient for purposes of this AJD.
Rationale: *N/A or describe rationale for insufficiency (including partial insufficiency)*.
- Data sheets prepared by the Corps: *Title(s) and/or date(s)*.
- Photographs: (*NA, aerial, other, aerial and other*) *Erie County Aerial photography 1928, 1951*.
- Corps Site visit(s) conducted on: *Date(s)*.
- 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: *Web soil survey, accessed 28 JUL 2020*
- 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	ORM resources layers, USGS quadrangle, NWI maps
State/Local/Tribal Sources	N/A.
Other Sources	N/A.

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

C. Additional comments to support AJD: Based upon available resources, the pond was constructed in uplands. While USGS resource maps show an existing stream routed through the area where the pond currently exists, an old property survey shows the stream and pond as separate. NYSDEC personnel visited the site in 2020 and confirmed that the pond and stream are separate, and that the pond is not an impoundment of the stream. There is an outlet from the pond to the stream which likely contributes some ephemeral flow to the stream at least once in a typical year, however, since there is insufficient evidence to support that the pond was constructed in the stream or adjacent wetland, this connection does not confer jurisdiction over the waterbody. The historic aerial photographs do not show the pond under construction, and the location of the stream is difficult to discern due to the resolution and the presence of forest at the site. The soils mapped in the area of the pond are Hornell silt loam, which have a hydric rating of 5. The NWI maps show the stream running through the pond, but this is inaccurate as shown by the site surveys and the visual inspection.

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