

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): 9/9/2020

ORM Number: SAM-2020-00733-ELB

Associated JDs: N/A

Review Area Location¹: State/Territory: Alabama City: Daphne County/Parish/Borough: Baldwin

Center Coordinates of Review Area: Latitude 30.608476° Longitude -87.874721°

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.	N/A.

C. Clean Water Act Section 404

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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.	

¹ Map(s)/figure(s) are attached to the AJD provided to the requestor.

² 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.

³ 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 $((b)(1) - (b)(12))$: ⁴					
Exclusion Name	Exclusion	Size	Exclusion ⁵	Rationale for Exclusion Determination	
Wetland 1	2.0	acre(s)	(b)(1) Non-adjacent wetland.	Wetland 1 is a wetland feature that does not abut an (a)(1), (2), or (3) water. The area in which Wetland 1 was constructed indicates land areas that do not lie below the OHWM or HTL of a jurisdictional water. The feature was constructed in non-jurisdictional waters (non-adjacent wetlands) and partial uplands in the mid-1990s to convey, treat, and store stormwater run-off. Although the feature does appear to directly connect to nearby roadside ditches, the mere interface between the excluded feature does not make the wetland feature jurisdictional.	

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: Project maps and land survey submitted by the City of Daphne

This information is sufficient for purposes of this AJD.

Rationale: N/A

Data sheets prepared by the Corps: N/A

□ Photographs: Aerial: Vicinity maps, Google Earth Pro 2019

☐ Corps site visit(s) conducted on: N/A

☐ Previous Jurisdictional Determinations (AJDs or PJDs): N/A

Antecedent Precipitation Tool: <u>provide detailed discussion in Section III.B.</u>

□ USDA NRCS Soil Survey: Baldwin County Web Soil Survey

□ USFWS NWI maps: Baldwin County Wetland Inventory Maps

Other data sources used to aid in this determination:

Data Source (select)	Name and/or date and other relevant information
USGS Sources	DEP Topographic Imagery
USDA Sources	N/A.
NOAA Sources	N/A.
USACE Sources	N/A.
State/Local/Tribal Sources	N/A.
FEMA/FIRM maps	01003C0632M eff. 4/19/2019; 010030655M eff. 4/19/2019; Area of minimal
	flood hazard, Zone X

⁴ 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.

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

C. Additional comments to support AJD: The review area is located within a highly disturbed parcel adjacent to Public Works Road in Baldwin County. The jurisdictional determination was requested for the 2.0-acre Austin Commercial Park's stormwater facility now owned by the City of Daphne. A desktop survey was performed for the 2-acre undeveloped area and the survey revealed a highly disturbed wetland area within which an artificial detention basin had been excavated. According to historic aerial imagery, this basin has existed since at least 1996 and is surrounded by industrial park and farm land. The existing depressional wetland feature is a result of a manmade stormwater basin with a maximum water depth range of 1.8 to 2.8 feet. On-site soils are shown to be comprised primarily of Grady soils (23.7%), along with surrounding Marlboro very fine sandy (51.9%) and Irvington (24.4%) loams.