

**DRY LAND APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION FORM<sup>1</sup>**  
**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):** December 13, 2021

**B. DISTRICT OFFICE, FILE NAME, AND NUMBER:** CESAM-RD, Wechsler Foundation, SAM-2021-01201-LET

**C. PROJECT LOCATION AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** Renovate an existing historic school building (built circa 1894) on an approximately 2.12-acre parcel into a museum including installation of gas lines to support a new HVAC system.

State: Mississippi County/parish/borough: Lauderdale City: Meridian

Center coordinates of site (lat/long in degree decimal format): Lat. 32.371527 °, Long. -88.708911 °

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

Name of nearest waterbody: UT to Sowashee Creek (Shears Branch per FEMA mapping)

Name of watershed or Hydrologic Unit Code (HUC): 031700010503 Lower Sowashee Creek

- ☒ Check if map/diagram of review area is 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: December 12, 2021

☐ Field Determination. Date(s): [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.

**B. CWA SECTION 404 DETERMINATION OF JURISDICTION.**

There **are no** “waters of the U.S.” within Clean Water Act (CWA) jurisdiction (as defined by 33 CFR part 328) in the review area.

**SECTION III: 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.](#)
- ☒ U.S. Geological Survey Hydrologic Atlas: [Click here to enter text.](#)
- ☒ USGS NHD data.
- ☐ USGS 8 and 12 digit HUC maps.
- ☒ U.S. Geological Survey map(s). Cite scale & quad name: 1:24,000 Meridian South, MS
- ☒ USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Soil Survey. Citation: Soil Survey Staff, Natural Resources Conservation Service, United States Department of Agriculture. Web Soil Survey, Lauderdale County, Mississippi, Version 16, Sept. 14, 2021. Available online at <http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov/> accessed [12/12/2021]
- ☐ National wetlands inventory map(s). Cite name: [Click here to enter text.](#)
- ☐ State/Local wetland inventory map(s): [Click here to enter text.](#)
- ☒ FEMA/FIRM maps: Lauderdale Co., MS and incorporated areas Map No. 28075C0302F effective 2/3/2010
- ☐ 100-year Floodplain Elevation is: [Click here to enter text.](#) (National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929)
- ☒ Photographs: ☒ Aerial (Name & Date): 7/2015 and 11/2019 color aerial photos downloaded from GoogleEarth Pro
- ☐ or ☐ Other (Name & Date): [Click here to enter text.](#)
- ☒ Previous determination(s). File no. and date of response letter: SAM-2018-00667-APW
- ☐ 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.](#)

<sup>1</sup> This form is for use only in recording approved JDs involving dry land. It extracts the relevant elements of the longer approved JD form in use since 2007 for aquatic areas and adds no new fields.

**B. REQUIRED ADDITIONAL COMMENTS TO SUPPORT JD. EXPLAIN RATIONALE FOR DETERMINATION THAT THE REVIEW AREA ONLY INCLUDES DRY LAND:** The entire approximately 2.12-acre parcel on which the Wechsler School is located is an existing cleared, graded, developed, and maintained dry land area surrounded by paved city streets in a neighborhood setting. Construction of the school dates back to 1894 at which time any aquatic features that could have historically existed immediately surrounding the school building were leveled and filled to accommodate the school's construction.