

**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):** March 14, 2023

**B. ST PAUL, MN DISTRICT OFFICE, FILE NAME, AND NUMBER:** MVP-2022-00410-BGO; Northridge 6th Addition Site

**C. PROJECT LOCATION AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

State: Minnesota County/parish/borough: Wright County City: Montrose

Center coordinates of site (lat/long in degree decimal format): Lat. 45.0787° N, Long. -93.9205° W.

Universal Transverse Mercator: X 427547.412744, Y 4992106.426343, UTM Zone 15

Name of nearest waterbody: North Fork Crow River

Name of watershed or Hydrologic Unit Code (HUC): HUC 8: 07010204 - North Fork Crow River Watershed

☒ 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: February 23, 2023

☐ Field Determination. Date(s):

**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.

1. **Waters of the U.S.:** N/A

2. **Non-regulated waters/wetlands (check if applicable):<sup>1</sup>**

- ☒ Potentially jurisdictional waters and/or wetlands were assessed within the review area and determined to be not jurisdictional. Explain: **The review area for this determination is limited to the boundaries of Wetlands 1-3 and Storm Pond 1, as shown on the enclosed figures labeled 2022-00410-BGO Figures 1-11 of 11. Based on the final wetland delineation report completed for this site, including aerial imagery and topographic maps it was determined that Wetlands 1-3 are incidental wetlands that were created in dry land due to ongoing road construction and residential development activities within the site. This is further supported by historical imagery and development plans, which show these wetlands were created within a roadway cut for the construction of the Northridge Development in 2003-2010 (2002-05773-GAE). In addition, the NRCS Web Soil Survey data shows predominantly non-hydric soils at these locations and no aquatic resources are identified on the national wetland and hydrography datasets.**

**Storm Pond 1 was constructed in uplands to treat storm water runoff from the area, including the residential development to the north. This was confirmed by reviewing historical imagery and the attached figures from the wetland delineation report, which shows the stormwater pond was constructed in forested uplands as part of the ongoing residential development activities within the site. The delineation notes Storm Pond 1 is a deep depressional area with graded slopes and there were two culverts and a drop structure observed within the stormwater pond at the time of the field visit. No aquatic resources are identified on the national wetland and hydrography datasets, and the NRCS Web Soil Survey data shows predominantly non-hydric/non-hydric soils at this location.**

**The non-jurisdictional determination for these waters is in accordance with the preamble to the 1986 Corps Regulations (CFR Parts 320-330), which states that the Corps generally does not consider the following waters to be Waters of the United States: "Waterfilled depressions created in dry land incidental**

<sup>1</sup> Supporting documentation is presented in Section III.F.

to construction activity and pits excavated in dry land for the purpose of obtaining fill, sand, or gravel unless and until the construction or excavation operation is abandoned and the resulting body of water meets the definition of waters of the United States" and "Artificial lakes or ponds created by excavating and/or diking dry land to collect and retain water and which are used exclusively for such purposes as stock watering, irrigation, settling basins, or rice growing." Based on this review, Wetlands 1-3 and Storm Pond 1 were created in dry land as part of the ongoing residential development activities within the site and are not jurisdictional under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.

### SECTION III: CWA ANALYSIS

A. TNWs AND WETLANDS ADJACENT TO TNWs: N/A

B. CHARACTERISTICS OF TRIBUTARY (THAT IS NOT A TNW) AND ITS ADJACENT WETLANDS (IF ANY): N/A

C. SIGNIFICANT NEXUS DETERMINATION: N/A

D. DETERMINATIONS OF JURISDICTIONAL FINDINGS. THE SUBJECT WATERS/WETLANDS ARE (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY): N/A

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): N/A

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:
- ☒ Other (explain, if not covered above): **Wetlands 1-3 (0.46 acre) and Storm Pond 1 (0.01 acre)**

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: .
- ☐ Wetlands: 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: .
- ☐ 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: Northridge 6th Addition Wetland Delineation Report, March 11, 2022
- ☒ 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:
- ☐ Corps navigable waters' study:
- ☒ U.S. Geological Survey Hydrologic Atlas: National Hydrography Dataset (USGS Service)
  - ☒ USGS NHD data.
  - ☐ USGS 8 and 12 digit HUC maps.
- ☐ U.S. Geological Survey map(s). Cite scale & quad name:
- ☒ USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Soil Survey. Citation: Wright County Soil Survey
- ☒ National wetlands inventory map(s). Cite name: USFWS NWI of MN, 1974-1978
- ☒ State/Local wetland inventory map(s): DNR NWI Update - MN, 2010-2019

- ☐ FEMA/FIRM maps:
- ☐ 100-year Floodplain Elevation is: (National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929)
- ☒ Photographs: ☒ Aerial (Name & Date): **Google Earth Imagery 1991-2021**  
or ☒ Other (Name & Date): **Historical Aerial Imagery 1991, 2003, 2008, 2010**
- ☐ Previous determination(s). File no. and date of response letter:
- ☐ Applicable/supporting case law:
- ☐ Applicable/supporting scientific literature:
- ☒ Other information (please specify): **2-Foot Contours Minnesota (LIDAR Service)**

**B. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS TO SUPPORT JD: N/A**