

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): August 25, 2022

B. ST PAUL, MN DISTRICT OFFICE, FILE NAME, AND NUMBER: 2076 West Frontier Road, Town of Little Suamico, (Wetlands 1, 3, & 4) / 2022-00572-JLK

C. PROJECT LOCATION AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

State: Wisconsin County/parish/borough: Oconto City: Little Suamico
Center coordinates of site (lat/long in degree decimal format): Lat. 44.74868° N, Long. -88.05223° E.
Universal Transverse Mercator: Zone 16

Name of nearest waterbody: Unnamed Tributary of Tibbet Creek

Name of watershed or Hydrologic Unit Code (HUC): Northwestern Lake Michigan (04030103)

- ☒ 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: April 12, 2022
☐ 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):¹

- ☒ Potentially jurisdictional waters and/or wetlands were assessed within the review area and determined to be not jurisdictional.
Explain: **Based on a review of aerial photography, topographic maps, and the wetland delineation report submitted by the requestor, we have determined that Wetlands 1, 3, & 4 are isolated wetland depressions with boundaries that transition into uplands. As depicted in current and historical aerial imagery, the wetland signatures observed within the delineated wetland features do not extend outside of these wetlands and are surrounded entirely by uplands including an agricultural field to the south, commercial development to the north/west, a small forested area to the north, and paved roadways in all directions. The delineation map indicates a small wetland is present south of the review area, however the delineation map and topo maps indicate this wetland is separated from Wetlands 1, 3, & 4 by the upland agricultural field and is not ecologically connected. In addition, the review area is predominantly flat with an increase in elevation towards the commercial development to the northwest, as shown in the USGS topo maps.**

Wetlands 1, 3, & 4 do not abut and are not separated from any waters of the U.S. by natural or man-made features. The nearest mapped tributary is an unnamed tributary to Tibbet Creek located approximately 0.10 mile north of the review area and Tibbet Creek located approximately 0.23 mile to the south of the review area. A review of historical aerial photos indicates the review area and all surrounding parcels were in agricultural production since before 1991. Since this time, commercial development and paved roadways have encircled the area, effectively isolating these wetlands from the tributary to the north. Based on the above information, Wetlands 1, 3, & 4 are ecologically separated from all other aquatic resources.

The above mentioned aquatic resources do not support a link to interstate foreign commerce; are not known to be used by interstate or foreign travelers for recreation or other purposes; do not produce fish or shellfish that could be taken and sold in interstate or foreign commerce; and are not known to be used for

¹ Supporting documentation is presented in Section III.F.

industrial purposes by industries in interstate commerce. Therefore, the Corps has determined these aquatic features are not regulated by the Corps 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):

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: **Wetlands 1, 3, & 4: Totaling 0.04 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: **Evergreen Consultants, LLC, 2021**

Wetland Delineation

- ☒ 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:
 - ☒ 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: **Oconto County**
- ☐ National wetlands inventory map(s). Cite name:
- ☒ State/Local wetland inventory map(s): **Wisconsin Wetland Inventory**
- ☐ FEMA/FIRM maps:
- ☐ 100-year Floodplain Elevation is: (National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929)
- ☒ Photographs: ☒ Aerial (Name & Date): **2021 Wetland Delineation Report**
or ☒ Other (Name & Date): **Ground level photos**
- ☐ Previous determination(s). File no. and date of response letter:

- ☐ Applicable/supporting case law:
- ☐ Applicable/supporting scientific literature:
- ☐ Other information (please specify):

B. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS TO SUPPORT JD: