



**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): 02/08/2021.

ORM Number: MVP-2020-02286-CCK

Associated JDs: N/A

Review Area Location¹: State/Territory: Minnesota City: Limestone County/Parish/Borough: Lincoln

Center Coordinates of Review Area: Latitude 44.460004 N Longitude -96.181649 W

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
- ☐ 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. | |

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 7 | 0.02 | acre(s) | (b)(1) Non-adjacent wetland. | Wetland 7 is an isolated wetland surrounded by upland areas, that does not have a direct surface water connection to a downstream (a)(1)-(a)(3) water. A review of the data sources in Section III.A indicates that the wetland is geographically isolated and physically separated from potential downstream waters. |

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: [Joint Permit Application for the CSAH 7 Improvement Project](#)

This information is sufficient for purposes of this AJD.

Rationale: [N/A](#)

☐ Data sheets prepared by the Corps: [Title\(s\) and/or date\(s\)](#).

☒ Photographs: [Aerial: Google Earth Imagery, \(1985-2015\)](#)

☐ 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: <http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov/>

☒ USFWS NWI maps: [USFWS NWI of MN, 1974-1978](#)

☒ USGS topographic maps: [1:24k USGS Porter SW Quadrangle](#)

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 | N/A. |
| State/Local/Tribal Sources | N/A. |
| Other Sources | N/A. |

B. Typical year assessment(s): [N/A or provide typical year assessment for each relevant data source used to support the conclusions in the AJD.](#)

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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C. Additional comments to support AJD: The review area for this determination is limited to the delineated boundaries of 1 wetland area labeled as Wetland 7 on the attached figures labeled 2020-02286-CCK AJD Attachments, Pages 1-57. The total area of non-jurisdictional waters within the review area is approximately 0.02 acres.

The wetland within the review area meets the definition of “wetlands” under paragraph (c)(16) and is not an (a)(4) water because it does not meet the definition of “adjacent wetlands” under paragraph (c)(1). A review of the data sources in Section III.A indicates that this wetland is geographically isolated and physically separated from potential downstream waters. This wetland lies in the southwest corner of the intersection of CSAH 17 and CSAH 7 at the northern termini of this linear transportation project. Wetland 7 is an isolated wetland surrounded by upland areas, that does not have a direct surface water connection to a downstream (a)(1)-(a)(3) water. Historic aerial imagery dating back to 1985, as well as NWI maps, demonstrate this wetland area is surrounded by uplands. Topography lines and color changes on USGS topo maps also demonstrate this wetland area is surrounded by uplands. The wetland may convey surface water to the closest adjacent wetlands to the east via a culvert underneath the road (CSAH 7) and through a roadside ditch that has been constructed through uplands. However a non-jurisdictional feature, such as a roadside ditch, cannot render an otherwise non-jurisdictional wetland jurisdictional regardless of flow. There is not evidence of the presence of a culvert providing surface water connectivity to wetlands located on the northern side of CSAH 17 as well.

This was confirmed by reviewing aerial photography, national hydrography data, and topographic data. Based on this review, the assessed ditches are not jurisdictional under the Navigable Waters Protection Rule because they meet the requirements of the exclusion for ditches under paragraph (b)(5).