

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): **MAR 27 2017**

B. ST PAUL, MN DISTRICT OFFICE, FILE NAME, AND NUMBER:
MVP-2017-00076-LMG Sartell School

C. PROJECT LOCATION AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

State: Minnesota County/parish/borough: Stearns City: Sartell

Center coordinates of site (lat/long in degree decimal format): Lat. 45.65903° N, Long. -94.22815° W.
Universal Transverse Mercator:

Name of nearest waterbody: Mississippi River

Name of watershed or Hydrologic Unit Code (HUC): 07010201 Upper Mississippi Region

- ☒ 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 14, 2017
☐ 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: **There is 1 wetland and 2 storm ponds in the review area as shown on enclosed figures labeled MVP-2017-00076-LMG Page 1 of 4 through Page 4 of 4. Wetland 1 is a depressional basin and does not have a surface or shallow subsurface hydrologic connection to any navigable waters or their tributaries, as confirmed in the Sartell Schools Wetland Delineation Report dated January 5, 2017. The wetland is surrounded by upland, and has no swales, pipes or other means to connect it to waters of the U.S. (WOUS). We have determined that this wetland is an isolated depression and not a water of the U.S.**

Wetland 1 does not support a link to interstate or foreign commerce because it is not known to be used by interstate or foreign travelers for recreation or other purposes; does not produce fish or shellfish that could be taken and sold in interstate or foreign commerce; and is not known to be used for industrial purposes by industries in interstate or foreign commerce. This wetland does not have an ecological connection to other waters within the review area. The waterbody was determined to not be jurisdictional under the CWA.

The 2 stormwater ponds were constructed in uplands in the early 2000s and are not a waters of the US. This was confirmed by reviewing the Stearns County soil survey which has the stormwater ponds and surrounding area mapped as non-hydric soil. The non-jurisdictional determination for these ponds is in accordance with the preamble to the 1986 Corps Regulations (33 CFR Parts 320-330), which states that the Corps does not generally consider the following to be waters of the US; 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.

¹ Supporting documentation is presented in Section III.F.

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): **The stormwater ponds are not waters of the US pursuant to the preamble to the Corps 1986 regulations (33 CFR Parts 320-330).**

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: 0.14 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: Kjolhaug Environmental Services
- ☒ 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: 1:24K MN-LITTLE ROCK LAKE
- ☒ USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Soil Survey. Citation: Stearns County Soil Survey
- ☒ National wetlands inventory map(s). Cite name: USFWS NWI & MnDNR NWI
- ☐ State/Local wetland inventory map(s):
- ☐ FEMA/FIRM maps:
- ☐ 100-year Floodplain Elevation is: (National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929)
- ☒ Photographs: ☒ Aerial (Name & Date): FSA 1991-2013
 - or ☒ Other (Name & Date): Google Earth May 2015
- ☒ Previous determination(s). File no. and date of response letter:
- ☐ Applicable/supporting case law:
- ☐ Applicable/supporting scientific literature:
- ☒ Other information (please specify): Sherburne County LiDAR data

B. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS TO SUPPORT JD: The stormwater ponds were constructed in uplands and are not waters of the US, as detailed in Section II, B2.



Figure 2 - Existing Conditions Map (World Imagery - Lidar)

