

**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 17, 2023

**B. ST PAUL, MN DISTRICT OFFICE, FILE NAME, AND NUMBER:** 11100 West Walnut Road Property, City of Wauwatosa (Wetlands A, B, and Ditches 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7) / 2022-02254-JLK

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

State: Wisconsin County/parish/borough: Milwaukee City: Wauwatosa

Center coordinates of site (lat/long in degree decimal format): Lat. 43.05528° N, Long. -88.05300° E.

Universal Transverse Mercator: Zone 16

Name of nearest waterbody: Underwood Creek

Name of watershed or Hydrologic Unit Code (HUC): Great Lakes Region (04040003)

☒ 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: March 17, 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: **Based on a review of aerial photography, topographic maps, Lidar data, and the wetland delineation report submitted by the requestor, we have determined that Wetlands A and B 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 the wetland boundaries and are surrounded entirely by uplands. Wetlands A and B include industrial development to the south, east, west, southeast, and southwest with previously placed fill material bisecting the two wetlands. To the north is a wooded area bordered by a paved roadway and residential development traversing from east to west with Interstate Highway 41 further northeast. There is a slight elevation increase around both wetlands within the review area, as shown with lidar data provided by the National Regulatory Viewer and USGS topo maps, suggesting water collects and remains within the wetland boundaries.**

**Wetlands A and B do not abut and are not separated from any waters of the U.S. by natural or man-made features. The WI Surface Water Data Viewer shows the nearest mapped aquatic resource is Underwood Creek located approximately 0.53 mile to the south of the review area. The area in-between the review area and Underwood Creek are uplands involving residential development, paved roadways, and a fallow field and there is no surface or subsurface connection to a downstream TNW. Based on this information, Wetlands A and B 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**

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

industrial purposes by industries in interstate commerce. Therefore, the Corps has determined Wetlands A and B are not regulated by the Corps under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.

The review area also includes seven aquatic resources (labeled as Ditch 1 (0.003 acre), Ditch 2 (0.12 acre), Ditch 3 (0.02 acre), Ditch 4 (0.14 acre), Ditch 5 (0.14 acre), Ditch 6 (0.09 acre), and Ditch 7 (0.13 acre) on 2022-02254-JLK Figure 2 of 2) which are described as ditches constructed in uplands sometime before 1963. A review of historical aerial photos shows no wet signatures were present within the footprint of the ditches prior to construction. The Wisconsin Surface Water Data Viewer shows there are no mapped wetlands within the majority of the review area and lidar data provided by the National Regulatory Viewer shows an increase in elevation on both sides of the features, indicating the ditches drain only uplands. In accordance with the preamble to the 1986 Corps Regulations (33 CFR Parts 320-330), the Corps does not generally consider the following waters to be waters of the United States; non-tidal drainage ditches excavated on dry land. Further clarification is provided in the December 2, 2008 Revised Guidance on Clean Water Act Jurisdiction following the Supreme Court Decision in *Rapanos v. U.S.* and *Carabell v. U.S.* issued jointly by the Corps and EPA which indicates that ditches excavated wholly in and draining only uplands and do not carry a relatively permanent flow are not waters of the United States. Based on this information, Ditches 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 are non-WOUS which are not subject to Corps jurisdiction under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, or Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors 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): **The review area includes seven ditches (totaling approximately 0.64 acre) constructed in uplands that drain only uplands and do not convey a relatively permanent flow. These features are described in Section II.B.2 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 A and B: Totaling 0.12 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: **Wetland & Waterway Consulting, LLC, 2020 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: **Milwaukee 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): **2020 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): **National Regulatory Viewer-Lidar**

**B. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS TO SUPPORT JD:**