

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): May 5, 2022

B. ST PAUL, MN DISTRICT OFFICE, FILE NAME, AND NUMBER: 2015-00973-AJK

C. PROJECT LOCATION AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

State: **WI** County/parish/borough: **Milwaukee** City: **Franklin**
Center coordinates of site (lat/long in degree decimal format): Lat. **42.866° N**, Long. **-88.060° W**.
Universal Transverse Mercator: **Zone 16N**

Name of nearest waterbody: **Ryan Creek**

Name of watershed or Hydrologic Unit Code (HUC): **Ryan Creek-Root River (040400020302)**

- ☒ 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 8, 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: **The review area contains one wetland, labeled W-6 (1.96 acres). This wetland is isolated, based on a review of the raSmith wetland delineation report which included USGS topography, 1-foot contours, NRCS hydric soil data, historic aerial photos, and ground level site photos. Since the delineation report was 7 years old, recent aerial photos and figures were reviewed to supplement the delineation and document changes to the site. The feature is a wet depression surrounded on three sides by upland farm fields that are being converted to a residential development. A storm water pond was constructed on the west side of W-6. The pond has an outlet to W-6 but does not connect to any other downstream waters of the US, and there are no other surface or shallow subsurface connections to a downstream water, based on recent aerial photos showing no confined flows leaving W-6. The nearest tributary is Ryan Creek, approximately 0.45 miles northeast of W-6.**

The wetland does not border, is not neighboring to or contiguous with another water of the US. They are not separated from another water of the US by man-made barriers, dikes or berms. Due to existing and surrounding land use (agricultural/residential development) and proximity to other waters, there are no ecological connections to other wetlands or waters. This aquatic resource does not support a link to interstate or foreign commerce; 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 commerce. Therefore, the Corps has determined that W-6 is 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

¹ Supporting documentation is presented in Section III.F.

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: 1.96 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: March 2015 wetland delineation report by raSmith
- ☐ 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: Franklin Quadrangles
- ☒ 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): Historic aerial photos (2000-2015), Google Earth photos (2015-2021)
or ☒ Other (Name & Date): Ground level site photos from delineation report
- ☐ Previous determination(s). File no. and date of response letter:
- ☐ Applicable/supporting case law:
- ☐ Applicable/supporting scientific literature:
- ☒ Other information (please specify): 1-foot contours

B. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS TO SUPPORT JD: