

## 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): August 26, 2020 ORM Number: LRN-2020-00652 Associated JDs: N/A Review Area Location<sup>1</sup>: State/Territory: AL City: Tanner County/Parish/Borough: Limestone

Center Coordinates of Review Area: Latitude 34.735697 Longitude -86.96174

## **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 or describe rationale.
- □ 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)<sup>2</sup>

§ 10 Name	§ 10 Size		§ 10 Criteria	Rationale for § 10 Determination
N/A.	N/A.	N/A	N/A.	N/A.

#### C. Clean Water Act Section 404

Territorial Seas and Traditional Navigable Waters ((a)(1) waters): <sup>3</sup>					
(a)(1) Name	(a)(1) Size		(a)(1) Criteria	Rationale for (a)(1) Determination	
N/A.	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.	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.	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.	N/A.		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Map(s)/figure(s) are attached to the AJD provided to the requestor.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 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 (	Excluded waters $((b)(1) - (b)(12))$ : <sup>4</sup>					
Exclusion Name	Exclusior	n Size	Exclusion <sup>5</sup>	Rationale for Exclusion Determination		
Schoolhouse Branch	2300	linear feet	(b)(3) Ephemeral feature, including an ephemeral stream, swale, gully, rill, or pool.	Schoolhouse Branch lacks any obvious ordinary high water mark within the review area. The channel runs west to east along the property's southern border and exits the property through a culvert on the eastern border under Highway 31. The channel is dominated by vegetation throughout and lacks hydric soils in the channel bed. There was no water present during the July 23, 2020 site visit. No evidence of groundwater input or flows other than immediately following rain events from the surrounding agricultural land.		

# **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: Reference report submitted by Hawkins Groundwork Inc. June 2020

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 and Other: Aerial maps submitted by Hawkins Groundwork Inc. June 2020; digital photos submitted by Hawkins Groundwork Inc. June 2020 and digital photos taken by Adam McHann, USACE, during July 2020 site visit

- Corps site visit(s) conducted on: 23-JUL-2020
- 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: Submitted by Hawkins Groundwork Inc. June 2020, Title"Limestone County, Alabama Strain Farm Soil Map" generated June 15, 2020

USFWS NWI maps: Submitted buy Hawkins Groundwork Inc. June 2020, Titled "National Wetland Map for Strain Farm" generated June 15, 2020

USGS topographic maps: Tanner Quad 1":24000' Limestone, AL; reference report submitted by Hawkins Groundwork Inc. June 2020

### 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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> 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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> 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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Data Source (select)	Name and/or date and other relevant information
NOAA Sources	N/A.
USACE Sources	N/A.
State/Local/Tribal Sources	N/A.
Other Sources	N/A.

- **B.** Typical year assessment(s): The APT lists the field review as occurring duiring drier than noprmal conditions during the dry part of the growing season. With this in mind, there was no water in the stream channel and the channel did not present with hydric soils during the July 23, 2020 site visit. The stream does not occur within a mapped flood zone and the channel was dominated by vegetation.
- C. Additional comments to support AJD: N/A or provide additional discussion as appropriate.