

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): TBD

B. DISTRICT OFFICE, FILE NAME, AND NUMBER: Galveston District, SWG-2016-00061, HCFCD Project ID No. U520-01-00-E001/U520-01-00-E003

C. PROJECT LOCATION AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

State: Texas County/parish/borough: Harris City: Houston
Center coordinates of site (lat/long in degree decimal format): Lat. 29.874059° **N**, Long. -95.697508° **W**.
Universal Transverse Mercator: UTM Zone 15, 3307887N, 239455 E, NAD83

Name of nearest waterbody: Dinner Creek

Name of nearest Traditional Navigable Water (TNW) into which the aquatic resource flows: Buffalo Bayou

Name of watershed or Hydrologic Unit Code (HUC): 12040104

☒ 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: 09/22/2022

☐ 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. [Required]

☐ Waters subject to the ebb and flow of the tide.

☐ Waters are presently used, or have been used in the past, or may be susceptible for use to transport interstate or foreign commerce.
Explain: .

B. CWA SECTION 404 DETERMINATION OF JURISDICTION.

There **Are** "waters of the U.S." within Clean Water Act (CWA) jurisdiction (as defined by 33 CFR part 328) in the review area. [Required]

1. Waters of the U.S.

a. Indicate presence of waters of U.S. in review area (check all that apply): ¹

- ☐ TNWs, including territorial seas
- ☐ Wetlands adjacent to TNWs
- ☒ Relatively permanent waters ² (RPWs) that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs
- ☐ Non-RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs
- ☐ Wetlands directly abutting RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs
- ☐ Wetlands adjacent to but not directly abutting RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs
- ☐ Wetlands adjacent to non-RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs
- ☐ Impoundments of jurisdictional waters
- ☐ Isolated (interstate or intrastate) waters, including isolated wetlands

b. Identify (estimate) size of waters of the U.S. in the review area:

Non-wetland waters: Dinner Creek linear feet: width (ft) and/or 0.73 acres.

Wetlands: acres. SEE TABLE 1

c. Limits (boundaries) of jurisdiction based on: Established by OHWM.

Elevation of established OHWM (if known): .

2. Non-regulated waters/wetlands (check if applicable):³

☒ Potentially jurisdictional waters and/or wetlands were assessed within the review area and determined to be not jurisdictional.
Explain:

¹ Boxes checked below shall be supported by completing the appropriate sections in Section III below.

² For purposes of this form, an RPW is defined as a tributary that is not a TNW and that typically flows year-round or has continuous flow at least "seasonally" (e.g., typically 3 months).

³ Supporting documentation is presented in Section III.F.

Non-Regulated Wetlands

The nearest relatively permanent water is Dinner Creek. Non-regulated wetlands present on the subject property are detailed in Table 2, along with their distance to Dinner Creek.

All of the 12 wetlands listed in Table 2 (2.44 ac) are located above the base 100-year floodplain elevation of approximately 126-feet above mean sea level (AMSL) in the southern part of the project area. These wetlands would not be considered impoundments of jurisdictional waters, are not in the floodplain of the nearest RPW or TNW, and have no hydrological connection to any jurisdictional waters or wetlands in the area. Therefore, these wetlands have been determined to be "ISOLATED" as defined in federal regulations (33 CFR 330.2(e)).

Based on the topography and aerial imagery, the majority of the site is level, with gradual sloping south towards Dinner Creek along the southern boundary of the project site. The wetlands were identified using the 1987 Manual Regional Supplement Atlantic and Gulf Coastal Plain Region, which requires that all three wetland criteria be present under normal circumstances for an area to be determined a wetland. The wetlands are located in depressional areas that experience seasonal hydrology during and after rain events, providing the conditions necessary for wetlands to establish.

Impacts to these wetlands would not affect interstate or foreign travelers for recreational or other purposes, would not affect fish or shellfish that could be taken and sold in interstate or foreign commerce, and would not affect the current use or potential use for industrial purposes by industries in interstate commerce. Therefore, these areas are considered not waters of the US.

"Adjacent" as per Federal regulations 33 CFR 328.3 is defined: "bordering, contiguous, or neighboring. Wetlands separated from other Waters of the U.S. by man-made dikes or barriers, natural river berms, beach dunes, and the like are 'adjacent wetlands'." The nearest Waters of the U.S. to the wetlands listed in Table 2 is Dinner Creek. These wetlands are not expected to share surface hydrology with Dinner Creek, including during high flow (e.g., the 100-year floodplain), as they are elevated above the base floodplain elevation and separated from Dinner Creek by upland areas. These wetlands are separated from other Waters of the U.S. by uplands that do not allow the exchange of waters via a confined surface hydrology connection during normal conditions and these wetlands are not inseparably bound with Dinner Creek.

"Isolated" waters as defined in 33 CFR 330.2 (e) is: "those non-tidal Waters of the U.S. that are: (1) not part of a surface tributary system to interstate or navigable Waters of the U.S.; and (2) not adjacent to such tributary waterbodies." All wetlands listed in Table 2 have been identified as wetlands and have been determined to be isolated.

The subject wetlands are not located reasonably close to a water of the US as to infer they are "ecologically adjacent"; for a water/wetland to be determined to "reasonably close" it must be in a geomorphic position such that an ecologic interconnectivity is beyond speculation or insubstantial for a known biologic species that requires both, the subject water/wetland and the nearest known water of the U.S. other than an adjacent wetland to fulfill spawning and/or life cycle requirements. There are no known species in this geo-region that require both the water/wetlands under review and the nearest known waterway to fulfill their life cycle requirements, therefore these wetlands are ecologically isolated. The wetlands have no known nexus to interstate commerce. Therefore, it is the Corps' position that these aquatic resources are not Waters of the U.S. and are not subject to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act or Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act

"Waters of the U.S." are defined in 33 CFR 328.3 (a) 1 through 7 which is addressed in the following. The aquatic resources listed in Table 2: (1) are not currently used, or were used in the past, nor susceptible to be used for interstate or foreign commerce nor subject to the ebb and flow of the daily tide; (2) do not cross interstate or tribal boundaries; (3) the destruction of these wetlands are not expected to affect (i) interstate or foreign travelers for recreational purposes or other purposes or (ii) fish or shellfish that could be taken and sold in interstate or foreign commerce or (iii) current use or potential use for industrial purposes by industries in interstate commerce; (4) are not impoundments of Waters of the U.S.; (5) are not part of a surface tributary system of (a) (1) through (4); (6) are not part of the territorial seas; and (7) are not adjacent to Waters of the U.S. identified in (a) (1) through (6). Therefore, it is SWG position that these aquatic resources are not Waters of the U.S. subject to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.

Non-Regulated Waters

Non-regulated waters present on the subject property are detailed in Table 3, along with their distance to Dinner Creek. There are two man-made drainage ditches located on the project site (Area S, Area W). Area S is an unnamed man-made stormwater drainage channel that was excavated wholly from uplands between 1989 and 1995 to convey stormwater from a commercial development to Dinner Creek. Area W is a roadside drainage ditch that was excavated wholly from upland sometime between 1930 and 1944 to provide drainage to the surrounding detention basins that were developed at that time.

Based on visual observations, short-duration surface water flows within these drainage ditches from surrounding upland areas occur with sufficient hydrology to produce an Ordinary High Water Mark (OHWM). The OHWM of these ditches were characterized using methodology set forth in Regulatory Guidance Letter 05-05 and the HCFCD Ordinary High Water Mark Delineation Manual for Section 404 Waters. All man-made drainage ditches flow directly or indirectly into Dinner Creek.

All man-made drainage ditches were not constructed within wetlands or tributaries. They were constructed wholly from and drain only uplands and do not carry a relatively permanent flow of water, therefore, it is SWG position that these aquatic resources are not Waters of the U.S. subject to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.

There are 4 stormwater detention basins located on the project site (Area AA, Area BB, Area CC, and Area O). All of these detention basins were excavated from uplands. Area AA was excavated between 2018 and 2021. Areas BB and CC were excavated between 2004 and 2010. Area O was excavated between 2000 and 2004. Stormwater detention basins are not considered to be regulated waters of the United States as per exclusions of the 1986/1988 definition of Waters of the United States as written in 40 CFR 230.3(s) which indicates that waste treatment systems, including treatment ponds or lagoons designed to meet the requirements of Clean Water Act (other than cooling ponds as defined in 40 CFR 423.11(m) which also meet the criteria of this definition) are not waters of the United States.

SECTION III: CWA ANALYSIS

A. TNWs AND WETLANDS ADJACENT TO TNWs

The agencies will assert jurisdiction over TNWs and wetlands adjacent to TNWs. If the aquatic resource is a TNW, complete Section III.A.1 and Section III.D.1. only; if the aquatic resource is a wetland adjacent to a TNW, complete Sections III.A.1 and 2 and Section III.D.1.; otherwise, see Section III.B below.

1. TNW

Identify TNW: .

Summarize rationale supporting determination: .

2. Wetland adjacent to TNW

Summarize rationale supporting conclusion that wetland is “adjacent”: .

B. CHARACTERISTICS OF TRIBUTARY (THAT IS NOT A TNW) AND ITS ADJACENT WETLANDS (IF ANY):

This section summarizes information regarding characteristics of the tributary and its adjacent wetlands, if any, and it helps determine whether or not the standards for jurisdiction established under *Rapanos* have been met.

The agencies will assert jurisdiction over non-navigable tributaries of TNWs where the tributaries are “relatively permanent waters” (RPWs), i.e. tributaries that typically flow year-round or have continuous flow at least seasonally (e.g., typically 3 months). A wetland that directly abuts an RPW is also jurisdictional. If the aquatic resource is not a TNW, but has year-round (perennial) flow, skip to Section III.D.2. If the aquatic resource is a wetland directly abutting a tributary with perennial flow, skip to Section III.D.4.

A wetland that is adjacent to but that does not directly abut an RPW requires a significant nexus evaluation. Corps districts and EPA regions will include in the record any available information that documents the existence of a significant nexus between a relatively permanent tributary that is not perennial (and its adjacent wetlands if any) and a traditional navigable water, even though a significant nexus finding is not required as a matter of law.

If the waterbody⁴ is not an RPW, or a wetland directly abutting an RPW, a JD will require additional data to determine if the waterbody has a significant nexus with a TNW. If the tributary has adjacent wetlands, the significant nexus evaluation must consider the tributary in combination with all of its adjacent wetlands. This significant nexus evaluation that combines, for analytical purposes, the tributary and all of its adjacent wetlands is used whether the review area identified in the JD request is the tributary, or its adjacent wetlands, or both. If the JD covers a tributary with adjacent wetlands, complete Section III.B.1 for the tributary, Section III.B.2 for any onsite wetlands, and Section III.B.3 for all wetlands adjacent to that tributary, both onsite and offsite. The determination whether a significant nexus exists is determined in Section III.C below.

1. Characteristics of non-TNWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNW

(i) General Area Conditions:

Watershed size: square miles

Drainage area square miles

Average annual rainfall: inches

Average annual snowfall: inches

(ii) Physical Characteristics:

(a) Relationship with TNW:

☐ Tributary flows directly into TNW.

☐ Tributary flows through 4 tributaries before entering TNW.

Project waters are river miles from TNW.

Project waters are river miles from RPW.

Project waters are aerial (straight) miles from TNW.

Project waters are aerial (straight) miles from RPW.

Project waters cross or serve as state boundaries. Explain: .

Identify flow route to TNW⁵:

Tributary stream order, if known:

⁴ Note that the Instructional Guidebook contains additional information regarding swales, ditches, washes, and erosional features generally and in the arid West.

⁵ Flow route can be described by identifying, e.g., tributary a, which flows through the review area, to flow into tributary b, which then flows into TNW.

(b) General Tributary Characteristics (check all that apply):

Tributary is: ☐ Natural
☐ Artificial (man-made). Explain: .
☐ Manipulated (man-altered). Explain

Tributary properties with respect to top of bank (estimate):

Average width: feet

Average depth: feet

Average side slopes.

Primary tributary substrate composition (check all that apply):

<input type="checkbox"/> Silts	<input type="checkbox"/> Sands	<input type="checkbox"/> Concrete
<input type="checkbox"/> Cobbles	<input type="checkbox"/> Gravel	<input type="checkbox"/> Muck
<input type="checkbox"/> Bedrock	<input type="checkbox"/> Vegetation. Type/% cover:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other. Explain: .		

Tributary condition/stability [e.g., highly eroding, sloughing banks]. Explain: .

Tributary geometry:

Tributary gradient (approximate average slope):

(c) Flow:

Tributary provides for:

Estimate average number of flow events in review area/year:

Describe flow regime:.

Other information on duration and volume: .

Surface flow is:.. Characteristics: .

Subsurface flow:.. Explain findings: .

☐ Dye (or other) test performed: .

Tributary has (check all that apply):

<input type="checkbox"/> Bed and banks	
<input type="checkbox"/> OHWM ⁶ (check all indicators that apply):	
<input type="checkbox"/> clear, natural line impressed on the bank	<input type="checkbox"/> the presence of litter and debris
<input type="checkbox"/> changes in the character of soil	<input type="checkbox"/> destruction of terrestrial vegetation
<input type="checkbox"/> shelving	<input type="checkbox"/> the presence of wrack line
<input type="checkbox"/> vegetation matted down, bent, or absent	<input type="checkbox"/> sediment sorting
<input type="checkbox"/> leaf litter disturbed or washed away	<input type="checkbox"/> scour
<input type="checkbox"/> sediment deposition	<input type="checkbox"/> multiple observed or predicted flow events
<input type="checkbox"/> water staining	<input type="checkbox"/> abrupt change in plant community
<input type="checkbox"/> other (list):	
<input type="checkbox"/> Discontinuous OHWM. ⁷ Explain: .	

If factors other than the OHWM were used to determine lateral extent of CWA jurisdiction (check all that apply):

<input type="checkbox"/> High Tide Line indicated by:	<input type="checkbox"/> Mean High Water Mark indicated by:
<input type="checkbox"/> oil or scum line along shore objects	<input type="checkbox"/> survey to available datum;
<input type="checkbox"/> fine shell or debris deposits (foreshore)	<input type="checkbox"/> physical markings;
<input type="checkbox"/> physical markings/characteristics	<input type="checkbox"/> vegetation lines/changes in vegetation types.
<input type="checkbox"/> tidal gauges	
<input type="checkbox"/> other (list):	

(iii) **Chemical Characteristics:**

Characterize tributary (e.g., water color is clear, discolored, oily film; water quality; general watershed characteristics, etc.).

Explain: Turbid water, likely from upstream sediment sources.

Identify specific pollutants, if known: .

(iv) **Biological Characteristics. Channel supports (check all that apply):**

☐ Riparian corridor. Characteristics (type, average width).
☐ Wetland fringe. Characteristics: .
☐ Habitat for:
☐ Federally Listed species. Explain findings: .

⁶A natural or man-made discontinuity in the OHWM does not necessarily sever jurisdiction (e.g., where the stream temporarily flows underground, or where the OHWM has been removed by development or agricultural practices). Where there is a break in the OHWM that is unrelated to the waterbody's flow regime (e.g., flow over a rock outcrop or through a culvert), the agencies will look for indicators of flow above and below the break.

⁷Ibid.

- ☐ Fish/spawn areas. Explain findings: .
- ☐ Other environmentally-sensitive species. Explain findings: .
- ☐ Aquatic/wildlife diversity. Explain findings: .

2. Characteristics of wetlands adjacent to non-TNW that flow directly or indirectly into TNW

(i) Physical Characteristics:

(a) General Wetland Characteristics:

Properties:

Wetland size: acres

Wetland type. Explain: Palustrine.

Wetland quality. Explain: .

Project wetlands cross or serve as state boundaries. Explain: .

(b) General Flow Relationship with Non-TNW:

Flow is: **Pick List**. Explain: .

Surface flow is: **Pick List**

Characteristics: .

Subsurface flow: **Pick List**. Explain findings: .

☐ Dye (or other) test performed: .

(c) Wetland Adjacency Determination with Non-TNW:

☐ Directly abutting

☐ Not directly abutting

☐ Discrete wetland hydrologic connection. Explain: .

☐ Ecological connection. Explain: .

☐ Separated by berm/barrier. Explain: .

(d) Proximity (Relationship) to TNW

Project wetlands are **Pick List** river miles from TNW.

Project waters are **Pick List** aerial (straight) miles from TNW.

Flow is from: **Pick List**.

Estimate approximate location of wetland as within the **Pick List** floodplain.

(ii) Chemical Characteristics:

Characterize wetland system (e.g., water color is clear, brown, oil film on surface; water quality; general watershed characteristics; etc.). Explain: .

Identify specific pollutants, if known: .

(iii) Biological Characteristics. Wetland supports (check all that apply):

☐ Riparian buffer. Characteristics (type, average width): .

☐ Vegetation type/percent cover. Explain: .

☐ Habitat for:

☐ Federally Listed species. Explain findings: .

☐ Fish/spawn areas. Explain findings: .

☐ Other environmentally-sensitive species. Explain findings: .

☐ Aquatic/wildlife diversity. Explain findings: .

3. Characteristics of all wetlands adjacent to the tributary (if any)

All wetland(s) being considered in the cumulative analysis: **Pick List**

Approximately () acres in total are being considered in the cumulative analysis.

For each wetland, specify the following:

Directly abuts? (Y/N)

Size (in acres)

Directly abuts? (Y/N)

Size (in acres)

Summarize overall biological, chemical and physical functions being performed: .

C. SIGNIFICANT NEXUS DETERMINATION

A significant nexus analysis will assess the flow characteristics and functions of the tributary itself and the functions performed by any wetlands adjacent to the tributary to determine if they significantly affect the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of a TNW. For each of the following situations, a significant nexus exists if the tributary, in combination with all of its adjacent wetlands, has more than a speculative or insubstantial effect on the chemical, physical and/or biological integrity of a TNW. Considerations when evaluating significant nexus include, but are not limited to the volume, duration, and frequency of the flow of water in the tributary and its proximity to a TNW, and the functions performed by the tributary and all its adjacent wetlands. It is not appropriate to determine significant nexus based solely on any specific threshold of distance (e.g. between a tributary and its adjacent wetland or between a tributary and the TNW). Similarly, the fact an adjacent wetland lies within or outside of a floodplain is not solely determinative of significant nexus.

Draw connections between the features documented and the effects on the TNW, as identified in the *Rapanos* Guidance and discussed in the Instructional Guidebook. Factors to consider include, for example:

- Does the tributary, in combination with its adjacent wetlands (if any), have the capacity to carry pollutants or flood waters to TNWs, or to reduce the amount of pollutants or flood waters reaching a TNW?
- Does the tributary, in combination with its adjacent wetlands (if any), provide habitat and lifecycle support functions for fish and other species, such as feeding, nesting, spawning, or rearing young for species that are present in the TNW?
- Does the tributary, in combination with its adjacent wetlands (if any), have the capacity to transfer nutrients and organic carbon that support downstream foodwebs?
- Does the tributary, in combination with its adjacent wetlands (if any), have other relationships to the physical, chemical, or biological integrity of the TNW?

Note: the above list of considerations is not inclusive and other functions observed or known to occur should be documented below:

1. **Significant nexus findings for non-RPW that has no adjacent wetlands and flows directly or indirectly into TNWs.** Explain findings of presence or absence of significant nexus below, based on the tributary itself, then go to Section III.D: .
2. **Significant nexus findings for non-RPW and its adjacent wetlands, where the non-RPW flows directly or indirectly into TNWs.** Explain findings of presence or absence of significant nexus below, based on the tributary in combination with all of its adjacent wetlands, then go to Section III.D: .
3. **Significant nexus findings for wetlands adjacent to an RPW but that do not directly abut the RPW.** Explain findings of presence or absence of significant nexus below, based on the tributary in combination with all of its adjacent wetlands, then go to Section III.D: .

D. DETERMINATIONS OF JURISDICTIONAL FINDINGS. THE SUBJECT WATERS/WETLANDS ARE (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY):

1. **TNWs and Adjacent Wetlands.** Check all that apply and provide size estimates in review area:
☐ TNWs: linear feet width (ft), Or, acres.
☐ Wetlands adjacent to TNWs: acres.
2. **RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs.**
☒ Tributaries of TNWs where tributaries typically flow year-round are jurisdictional. Provide data and rationale indicating that tributary is perennial: Dinner Creek (0.73 ac) Water was observed flowing in the channel during multiple field visits at various times of the year. A review of historic aerial photography reveals that water is always present in the channel thru all years reviewed. .
☐ Tributaries of TNW where tributaries have continuous flow “seasonally” (e.g., typically three months each year) are jurisdictional. Data supporting this conclusion is provided at Section III.B. Provide rationale indicating that tributary flows seasonally: .

Provide estimates for jurisdictional waters in the review area (check all that apply):

- ☒ Tributary waters: **1,530** linear feet **20** width (ft).
☐ Other non-wetland waters: acres.
Identify type(s) of waters: .

3. **Non-RPWs⁸ that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs.**

- ☐ Waterbody that is not a TNW or an RPW, but flows directly or indirectly into a TNW, and it has a significant nexus with a TNW is jurisdictional. Data supporting this conclusion is provided at Section III.C.

⁸See Footnote # 3.

Provide estimates for jurisdictional waters within the review area (check all that apply):

- ☐ Tributary waters: linear feet width (ft).
☐ Other non-wetland waters: acres.

Identify type(s) of waters: .

4. Wetlands directly abutting an RPW that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs.

- ☐ Wetlands directly abut RPW and thus are jurisdictional as adjacent wetlands.
☐ Wetlands directly abutting an RPW where tributaries typically flow year-round. Provide data and rationale indicating that tributary is perennial in Section III.D.2, above. Provide rationale indicating that wetland is directly abutting an RPW: .
☐ Wetlands directly abutting an RPW where tributaries typically flow “seasonally.” Provide data indicating that tributary is seasonal in Section III.B and rationale in Section III.D.2, above. Provide rationale indicating that wetland is directly abutting an RPW: .

Provide acreage estimates for jurisdictional wetlands in the review area: acres.

5. Wetlands adjacent to but not directly abutting an RPW that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs.

- ☐ Wetlands that do not directly abut an RPW, but when considered in combination with the tributary to which they are adjacent and with similarly situated adjacent wetlands, have a significant nexus with a TNW are jurisdictional. Data supporting this conclusion is provided at Section III.C.

Provide acreage estimates for jurisdictional wetlands in the review area: acres.

6. Wetlands adjacent to non-RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs.

- ☐ Wetlands adjacent to such waters, and have when considered in combination with the tributary to which they are adjacent and with similarly situated adjacent wetlands, have a significant nexus with a TNW are jurisdictional. Data supporting this conclusion is provided at Section III.C.

Provide estimates for jurisdictional wetlands in the review area: acres.

7. Impoundments of jurisdictional waters.⁹

As a general rule, the impoundment of a jurisdictional tributary remains jurisdictional.

- ☐ Demonstrate that impoundment was created from “waters of the U.S.,” or
☐ Demonstrate that water meets the criteria for one of the categories presented above (1-6), or
☐ Demonstrate that water is isolated with a nexus to commerce (see E below).

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):¹⁰

- ☐ which are or could be used by interstate or foreign travelers for recreational or other purposes.
☐ from which fish or shellfish are or could be taken and sold in interstate or foreign commerce.
☐ which are or could be used for industrial purposes by industries in interstate commerce.
☐ Interstate isolated waters. Explain: .
☐ Other factors. Explain: .

Identify water body and summarize rationale supporting determination: .

Provide estimates for jurisdictional waters in the review area (check all that apply):

- ☐ Tributary waters: linear feet width (ft).
☐ Other non-wetland waters: acres.

Identify type(s) of waters: .

- ☐ Wetlands: acres.

⁹ To complete the analysis refer to the key in Section III.D.6 of the Instructional Guidebook.

¹⁰ Prior to asserting or declining CWA jurisdiction based solely on this category, Corps Districts will elevate the action to Corps and EPA HQ for review consistent with the process described in the Corps/EPA Memorandum Regarding CWA Act Jurisdiction Following Rapanos.

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): two man-made drainage ditches (Area S, Area W) are man-made upland drainage ditches and the elevation of the thalweg of the ditches is higher than the ordinary high water mark of the natural perennial stream the ditch flows into. These features were excavated out of uplands and thus is not typically regulated as waters of the US pursuant to the preamble of the November 13, 1986, Federal Register (51 FR, 41217, 1985). Stormwater basins (Area AA, Area BB, and Area CC, Area O) are also not waters of the US pursuant to 33 CFR 328.

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: 2.44 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: _____.
- ☒ 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:12040101.
- ☒ 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:Harris County Soil Survey.
- ☒ National wetlands inventory map(s). Cite name:USFWS Wetlands mapper.
- ☐ State/Local wetland inventory map(s): _____.
- ☒ FEMA/FIRM maps:Harris County Unincorporated Areas 48201C0605M, Harris County Unincorporated Areas 48201C0415M.
- ☒ 100-year Floodplain Elevation is:126 (National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929)
- ☒ Photographs: ☒ Aerial (Name & Date):1944, 1953, 1969, 1978, 1989, 1995, 2004, 2009, 2012, 2014, 2021.
- or ☒ Other (Name & Date):Site Photos.
- ☐ Previous determination(s). File no. and date of response letter:SWG-2016-00061, May 25, 2016.
- ☐ Applicable/supporting case law: _____.
- ☐ Applicable/supporting scientific literature: _____.
- ☐ Other information (please specify): _____.

B. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS TO SUPPORT JD: _____.

Table 1: Jurisdictional Aquatic Features

Field ID	Class	Acreage	Within 100- Year Floodplain	Resource Type	Latitude, Longitude
Area B (Dinner Creek)	Perennial	0.73	Yes	RPW	29.871038, -95.698271
Total Jurisdictional Aquatic Features		0.73 acres			

Table 2: Isolated Wetlands (Non-regulated)

Field ID	Class	Acreage	Within 100- Year Floodplain	Resource Type	Distance to Dinner Creek (Liner Feet)	Latitude, Longitude
Area E	PEM	0.12	No	Isolated Wetland	1,699.11	29.875751, -95.698327
Area F	PEM	0.23	No	Isolated Wetland	1,834.45	29.872179, -95.69503
Area G	PSS	0.07	No	Isolated Wetland	2,057.25	29.875239 -95.696642
Area H	PSS	0.05	No	Isolated Wetland	2,183.65	29.878072, -95.696674
Area I	PSS	0.04	No	Isolated Wetland	1,778.53	29.877956, -95.69671
Area J	PSS	0.16	No	Isolated Wetland	1,466.16	29.877348, -95.69686
Area K	PEM	0.39	No	Isolated Wetland	1,346.49	29.876891, -95.69822
Area L	PSS	0.17	No	Isolated Wetland	1,302.72	29.875590, -95.699763
Area T	PSS	0.01	No	Isolated Wetland	1,733.60	29.875751, -95.698327
Area U	PEM	0.06	No	Isolated Wetland	2,911.68	29.872179, -95.69503
Area V	PSS	0.04	No	Isolated Wetland	2,860.59	29.875239, -95.696642
Area X	PSS	1.10	No	Isolated Wetland	2,419.50	29.877956, -95.69671
Total Isolated Wetlands			2.44 acres			

Table 3: Non-Regulated Aquatic Features

Field ID	Class	Acreage	Within 100- Year Floodplain	Resource Type	Distance to Dinner Creek (Liner Feet)	Latitude, Longitude
Area S	Man-made Drainage Ditch	0.18	No	Ditch constructed wholly in uplands	153.61	29.873077, -95.695769
Area W	Man-made Drainage Ditch	0.09	No	Ditch constructed wholly in uplands	2,459.47	29.878072, -95.696674
Area AA	Stormwater Detention Basin	8.58	No	N/A	1,541.36	29.877348, -95.69686
Area BB	Stormwater Detention Basin	21.25	No	N/A	92.09	29.876891, -95.69822
Area CC	Stormwater Detention Basin	14.46	No	N/A	80.87	29.875590, -95.699763
Area O	Stormwater Detention Basin	3.23	No	N/A	1,638.35	29.872877, -95.698805
Total Stormwater Drainage Ditches (Non-RPWs)		0.27 acres				
Total Stormwater Detention Basins		47.52 acres				
Total Non-Regulated Aquatic Features		47.79 acres				