

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): FEB 05 2015

B. DISTRICT OFFICE, FILE NAME, AND NUMBER: CENAB-OP-RMS (SOUTH CAPITOL STREET/FREDERICK DOUGLASS MEMORIAL BRIDGE/DC) 2012-02589-M32

PROJECT LOCATION AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Reaches: 1 stream, 1 river, and 4 non-tidal wetlands on an approximately 759-acre area of review includes the proposed limit of disturbance (LOD) for construction-related impacts for the proposed relocation of the Fredrick Douglass Memorial Bridge

State: **Washington D.C.**

County/parish/borough:

City:

Center coordinates of site (lat/long in degree decimal format): **latitude N 38.864038 and longitude W -76.99899**

Name of nearest waterbody: **Stickfoot Branch or Anacostia River**

Name of nearest Traditional Navigable Water (TNW) into which the aquatic resource flows: **Anacostia River**

Name of watershed or Hydrologic Unit Code (HUC): **Anacostia River (HUC: 0207001002)**

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: **10 November 2014**

Field Determination. Date(s): **20 August 2014**

SECTION II: SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

A. RHA SECTION 10 DETERMINATION OF JURISDICTION.

There **are** "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: **the Anacostia River is a TNW**

B. CWA SECTION 404 DETERMINATION OF JURISDICTION.

There are and are not "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 waters² (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: **The project site consists of approximately 790 square feet along 395 linear feet of Stickfoot Branch, a perennial stream, 13.10 acres of the Anacostia River, a TNW, and approximately 1.07 acres of isolated wetlands including two PFOs (W-1 and W-7), one PEMs (W-9), and one PEM/PFO (W-10)**

The project impact area is indicated below.

c. Limits (boundaries) of jurisdiction based on: **the Atlantic and Gulf Coastal Plain Regional Supplement to the Corps Wetland Delineation Manual**

Elevation of established OHWM (if known):.

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).

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

Potentially jurisdictional waters and/or wetlands were assessed within the review area and determined not to be jurisdictional. Explain: **During the 20 August 2014 Corps site visit, the circumference of the isolated wetlands, including two PFOs (W-1 and W-7), one PEM (W-9), and one PEM/PFO (W-10), were walked and no culvert or other drainage was visible connecting the wetlands to Stickfoot Branch, the Anacostia River, or any other stream. W-1, a 0.05-acre isolated wetland, is located approximately 3,000 feet from the nearest water, the Anacostia River. W-7, a 0.41-acre isolated wetland, is located approximately 700 feet from the nearest water, the Anacostia River. W-9, a 0.07-acre isolated wetland is located approximately 300 feet downgradient from the nearest water, Stickfoot Branch, and approximately 4,000 feet from the nearest downgradient water, the Anacostia River. W-10, a 0.09-acre isolated wetland is located approximately 300 feet from the nearest stream, Stickfoot Branch, but is separated from the stream by uplands. Wetlands W-1 and W-7 were likely formed by direct precipitation and runoff from the adjacent road water inputs trapped in a low spot along the road. Both W-1 and W-7 were heavily disturbed systems and likely experienced soil compaction, further exacerbating wetland conditions forming from direct precipitation and surface runoff. Wetland W-7 is located within the 100-year floodplain of the Anacostia River, a TNW. The distance of upland area between W-7 and the Anacostia River indicates that W-7 would be unlikely to be directly connected to the Anacostia River, even if the man-made barriers of the cloverleaf road and seawall separating W-7 from the Anacostia River were not present. Therefore, despite close proximity, W-7 is not located adjacent to the Anacostia River and is isolated. Surface water was present during the Corps site visit in wetlands W-9 and W-10 and, considering that it had last rained in the AOR five days prior to the site visit, it is likely that W-9 and W-10 have sources of hydrology other than direct precipitation and surface runoff. The agent stated that he believed that a leaking water pipe was the primary provider of hydrology for W-10. Wetland W-9 is located at a similar elevation to the perennial Stickfoot Branch, and may be intercepting groundwater as the source of hydrology. The areas immediately adjacent to the isolated wetlands are upland and there is no culvert connecting the wetlands with any waters of the United States at this location or any other field evidence of connection to a stream; therefore, based on US vs James Wilson 4th circuit case/CFR 328.3 (a)(3), the Baltimore District does not regulate the four isolated wetlands W-1, W-7, W-9, W-10.**

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: **13.10 acres of the Anacostia River**

Summarize rationale supporting determination: **The Anacostia River has traditionally supported and currently supports vessel traffic. While the upper reaches of the Anacostia River have become less accessible to vessels due to silting in of the channel over time, the lower portion of the Anacostia River in the project area of review is still regularly used for vehicle traffic.**

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.

³ Supporting documentation is presented in Section III.F.

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: **173.5 square miles (Anacostia River – 10-digit HUC 0207001002)**

Drainage area: **unknown**

Normal average monthly rainfall for August: **approximately 3 inches per month⁵**

Departure from normal average monthly rainfall for August 2014: **0.5 inches more than average in the general vicinity of the project area**

(ii) Physical Characteristics:

(a) Relationship with TNW:

- Tributary flows directly into TNW.
- Tributary flows through__ tributaries before entering TNW

Project waters are approximately **less than 1** river miles from TNW.

Project waters are approximately **less than 1** river miles from RPW.

Project waters are approximately **less than 1** aerial (straight) miles from TNW.

Project waters are approximately **less than 1** aerial (straight) miles from RPW.

Project waters cross or serve as state boundaries. Explain: **N/A.**

Identify flow route to TNW⁶: **Stickfoot Branch flows through culverts directly into the Anacostia River, a TNW.**

Tributary stream order, if known: **1st order**

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

Tributary is: Natural:
 Artificial (man-made). Explain:
 Manipulated (man-altered). Explain: **a portion of Stickfoot Branch was flowing through a natural channel within the project area of review, but most of Stickfoot Branch flows through buried culverts**

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

Average width: **2 - 4 feet**

Average depth: **2 feet**

Average side slopes: **0.5: 1**

Primary tributary substrate composition (check all that apply):

- Silts Sands
- Concrete Cobbles
- Gravel
- Muck Bedrock
- Vegetation. Type/% cover:
- Other. Explain:

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

Tributary geometry:

Tributary gradient (approximate average slope): **~1%,**

(c) Flow:

Tributary provides for: **perennial flow**

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

Describe flow regime: **see above**

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

⁵ NOAA, National Weather Service, Advanced Hydrologic Prediction Service, <http://water.weather.gov/precip/> Accessed 10 November 2014. For additional information on normal rainfall, please see <http://water.weather.gov/precip/about.php>

⁶ 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.

Other information on duration and volume: **The Corps observed flow in Stickfoot Branch between two culverts during the site visit on 20 August 2014. The agent stated that Stickfoot Branch had also been flowing at the time of the wetland delineation.**

Surface flow is: **perennial** Characteristics:

Subsurface flow: **unknown**;

Dye (or other) test performed: **N/A**.

Tributary has (check all that apply):

Bed and banks

OHWM⁷ (check all indicators that apply):

clear, natural line impressed on the bank

changes in the character of soil

shelving

vegetation matted down, bent, or absent

leaf litter disturbed or washed away

sediment deposition

water staining

other (list):

Discontinuous OHWM.⁸ Explain: **N/A**.

the presence of litter and debris

destruction of terrestrial vegetation

the presence of wrack line

sediment sorting

scour

multiple observed or predicted flow events

abrupt change in plant community

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

High Tide Line indicated by:

oil or scum line along shore objects

fine shell or debris deposits (foreshore)

physical markings/characteristics

tidal gauges

other (list):

Mean High Water Mark indicated by:

survey to available datum;

physical markings;

vegetation lines/changes in vegetation types.

(iii) Chemical Characteristics:

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

Explain: **water color is clear**

Identify specific pollutants, if known: **unknown**

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

Riparian corridor. Characteristics (type, average width): **forested, approximately 21 feet wide**

Wetland fringe. Characteristics:

Habitat for:

Federally Listed species. Explain findings:

Fish/spawn areas. Explain findings:

Other environmentally-sensitive species. Explain findings:

Aquatic/wildlife diversity. Explain findings: **Although Stickfoot Branch has perennial flow directly into the Anacostia River, long culverts, such as the length of the stream culverted between the natural channel portion of Stickfoot Branch and the Anacostia River, are difficult for fish to migrate through. The natural portion of Stickfoot Branch within the area of review would likely only support terrestrial faunal habitat and any aquatic insects for which the adults laid eggs in the natural portion.**

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:

Wetland type.

Wetland quality. Explain: **Refer to Section IV.B.**

Project wetlands cross or serve as state boundaries. Explain: **N/A**.

(b) General Flow Relationship with Non-TNW:

Flow is:

Characteristics:

Subsurface flow: Explain findings:

Dye (or other) test performed:

⁷A 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

⁸Ibid.

(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 river miles from TNW.

Project wetlands are aerial (straight) miles from TNW.

Flow is from:

Estimate approximate location of wetland as within the 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:

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: **Refer to Section IV.B.**

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:

- * Aquatic Life (Organisms):
- * Habitat for Wildlife:
- * Support Nutrient Cycling:
- * Sediment Transport:
- * Pollutant Trapping:
- * WQ Improvement:
- * Temperature:
- * Flood Storage:
- * Commerce:
- * Navigation:
- * Recreation:
- * Public Health:
- * Groundwater Discharge:
- * Groundwater recharge:

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:
- Wetlands adjacent to TNWs:

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: **Stickfoot Branch was observed to have well developed stream morphology characteristic of perennial flow, including flow observed during the Corps site visit in the middle of the “dry” season when the last rain had been approximately five days prior to the site visit; and clear and consistent bed, bank, and ordinary high water mark as indicated by the absence of rooted vegetation within the channel, the absence of debris within the channel, and some scour of the channel.**

- 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: The streams

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

- Tributary waters (linear feet):
 - Other non-wetland waters: acres.
- Identify type(s) of waters:

3. **Non-RPWs⁹ 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.

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

- Tributary waters:
- Other non-wetland waters:
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:

⁹See Footnote # 3.

- 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:

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:

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 acreage estimates for jurisdictional wetlands in the review area:

7. **Impoundments of jurisdictional waters.**¹⁰

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):**¹¹

- 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:
 Other non-wetland waters:
Identify type(s) of waters:
 Wetlands:

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: **During the 20 August 2014 Corps site visit, the circumference of the isolated wetlands, including two PFOs (W-1 and W-7), one PEM (W-9), and one PEM/PFO (W-10), were walked and no culvert or other drainage was visible connecting the wetlands to Stickfoot Branch, the Anacostia River, or any other stream. W-1, a 0.05-acre isolated wetland, is located approximately 3,000 feet from the nearest water, the Anacostia River. W-7, a 0.41-acre isolated wetland, is located approximately 700 feet from the nearest water, the Anacostia River. W-9, a 0.07-acre isolated wetland is located approximately 300 feet downgradient from the nearest water, Stickfoot Branch, and approximately 4,000 feet from the nearest downgradient water, the Anacostia River. W-10, a 0.09-acre isolated wetland is located approximately 300 feet from the nearest stream, Stickfoot Branch, but is separated from the stream by uplands. Wetlands W-1 and W-7 were likely formed by direct precipitation and runoff from the adjacent road water inputs trapped in a low spot along the road. Both W-1 and W-7 were heavily disturbed systems and likely experienced soil compaction, further exacerbating wetland conditions forming from direct precipitation and surface runoff. Wetland W-7 is located within the 100-year floodplain of the Anacostia River, a TNW. The distance of upland area between W-7 and the Anacostia River indicates that W-7 would be unlikely to be directly connected to the Anacostia River, even if the man-made barriers of the**

¹⁰ To complete the analysis refer to the key in Section III.D.6 of the Instructional Guidebook.

¹¹ 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.

cloverleaf road and seawall separating W-7 from the Anacostia River were not present. Therefore, despite close proximity, W-7 is not located adjacent to the Anacostia River and is isolated. Surface water was present during the Corps site visit in wetlands W-9 and W-10 and, considering that it had last rained in the AOR five days prior to the site visit, it is likely that W-9 and W-10 have sources of hydrology other than direct precipitation and surface runoff. The agent stated that he believed that a leaking water pipe was the primary provider of hydrology for W-10. Wetland W-9 is located at a similar elevation to the perennial Stickfoot Branch, and may be intercepting groundwater as the source of hydrology. The areas immediately adjacent to the isolated wetlands are upland and there is no culvert connecting the wetlands with any waters of the United States at this location or any other field evidence of connection to a stream; therefore, based on US vs James Wilson 4th circuit case/CFR 328.3 (a)(3), the Baltimore District does not regulate the four isolated wetlands W-1, W-7, W-9, W-10.

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):
- Lakes/ponds:
- Other non-wetland waters: List type of aquatic resource:
- Wetlands:

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):
- Lakes/ponds:
- Other non-wetland waters: acres. List type of aquatic resource:
- Wetlands: **W-1 - 0.5 ac, W-7 - 0.41 ac, W-9 - 0.07 ac, W-10 - 0.09 ac**

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: **vicinity map included in submission dated 08 August 2014.**
- 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: **soil series mapped on aerial photograph included in submission dated August 2014.**
- National wetlands inventory map(s). Cite name: **NWI map of site provided in submission dated August 2014.**
- State/Local wetland inventory map(s):
- FEMA/FIRM maps:
- 100-year Floodplain Elevation is: (National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929)
- Photographs: Aerial (Name & Date): **GoogleEarth - 1988, 1999, 2006; DC Atlas - Bare Earth LIDAR layer - 2004, 2008; DC Atlas - 100-year floodplain layer; ARC GIS Explorer 100-year floodplain layer; aerial photograph dated 2005 and 2014 provided in submission dated August 2014.**
 - or Other (Name & Date): **Photographs included with Delineation Report dated August 2014.**
- Previous determination(s). File no. and date of response letter: **2005-02623 (SOUTH CAPITOL STREET/JD) - 01 July 2005**
- Applicable/supporting case law:
- Applicable/supporting scientific literature:
- Other information (please specify): **stream characterization data sheets included in August 2014 submission; normal and departure from normal precipitation for August 2014 from NOAA NWS (for Corps site visit)**

B. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS TO SUPPORT JD:

References:

NOAA National Weather Service <http://water.weather.gov/precip/> Accessed 10 November 2014.

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