APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION FORM U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

SE	CTION I: BACKGROUND INFORMATION
A.	REPORT COMPLETION DATE FOR APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION (JD): APR 1 2016
B.	DISTRICT OFFICE, FILE NAME, AND NUMBER: NAB-2015-01545-M18 (Parole Place, LLC Property/Approved JD)
C.	PROJECT LOCATION AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION:
	State: Maryland County/parish/borough: Anne Arundel City: Annapolis Center coordinates of site (lat/long in degree decimal format): Lat. 38.58' 36.9" Long. 7632'12.4" Universal Transverse Mercator:
	Name of nearest waterbody: Church Creek
	Name of nearest Traditional Navigable Water (TNW) into which the aquatic resource flows: Church Creek
	Name of watershed or Hydrologic Unit Code (HUC): 02060004
	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:
	Field Determination. Date(s): January 12, 2016
SE.	CTION II: SUMMARY OF FINDINGS
	RHA SECTION 10 DETERMINATION OF JURISDICTION.
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	ere Are no "navigable waters of the U.S." within Rivers and Harbors Act (RHA) jurisdiction (as defined by 33 CFR part 329) in the iew area. [Required]
104	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.
The	ere 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: 828 linear feet: width (ft) and/or acres.
	Wetlands: 3,113 sq. ft. acres.
	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.

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: 10acres

Drainage area: 10 acres

Average annual rainfall: 40 inches

Average annual snowfall: inches

(ii) Physical Characteristics:

(a) Relationship with TNW:

☐ Tributary flows directly into TNW.

Tributary flows through tributaries before entering TNW.

Project waters are 1 (or less) river miles from TNW.

Project waters are 1 (or less) river miles from RPW.

Project waters are 1 (or less) aerial (straight) miles from TNW.

Project waters are 1 (or less) aerial (straight) miles from RPW.

Project waters cross or serve as state boundaries. Explain:

Identify flow route to TNW⁵: Ephemeral Channel drains to headwaters of Church Creek which flows to navigable (tidal) portion of Church Creek.

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.

		Tributary stream order, if known:		
	(b)	General Tributary Characteristics (check all that apply Tributary is: Natural		control by imptellation of stormalaria and all
		Manipulated (man-altered). Explai		reated by installation of stormdrain outfall. in:
		Tributary properties with respect to top of bank (esting Average width: 5 feet	mate):
		Average depth: .25 feet Average side slopes: 4:1 (or greater).		
		Primary tributary substrate composition (check all that Silts Sands Gravel		Concrete Muck
		☐ Bedrock ☐ Vegetation. Type/% ☐ Other. Explain:	COV	Στ.
		Tributary condition/stability [e.g., highly eroding, slow Presence of run/riffle/pool complexes. Explain: Chan Tributary geometry: Relatives traged Tributary gradient (approximate average slope): <5 %	nel d	
	(c)	Flow: Tributary provides for: Ephemeral flow Estimate average number of flow events in review are Describe flow regime: Intermittent. Other information on duration and volume: <48 hours		r: 6-10
		Surface flow is: Overland sheetflow. Characteristics		
		Subsurface flow: Unknown. Explain findings: Dye (or other) test performed:		
		Tributary has (check all that apply):		
		☐ Bed and banks ☐ OHWM ⁶ (check all indicators that apply):		
		clear, natural line impressed on the bank		the presence of litter and debris
		changes in the character of soil shelving	X	destruction of terrestrial vegetation the presence of wrack line
		vegetation matted down, bent, or absent		sediment sorting
		leaf litter disturbed or washed away		scour
		sediment deposition water staining other (list):		multiple observed or predicted flow events abrupt change in plant community
		Discontinuous OHWM.7 Explain:		
		High Tide Line indicated by:	Mea	teral extent of CWA jurisdiction (check all that apply): an High Water Mark indicated by:
		oil or scum line along shore objects fine shell or debris deposits (foreshore)		survey to available datum; physical markings;
		physical markings/characteristics tidal gauges other (list):		vegetation lines/changes in vegetation types.
(iii)	Che	emical Characteristics:		
	Cha	aracterize tributary (e.g., water color is clear, discolored Explain: Channel predominantly dry. ntify specific pollutants, if known:	l, oily	film; water quality; general watershed characteristics, etc.).
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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.

	(iv)	Biol	logical Characteristics. Channel supports (check all that apply): Riparian corridor. Characteristics (type, average width): 200'+.
			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:
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2.	Cha	ract	eristics of wetlands adjacent to non-TNW that flow directly or indirectly into TNW
	(i)	Phy	vsical Characteristics:
	(-)		General Wetland Characteristics:
		(-)	Properties:
			Wetland size: acres
			Wetland type. Explain: .
			Wetland quality. Explain:
			Project wetlands cross or serve as state boundaries. Explain:
		(L)	Connect Flow Poletianskin with Non TNW.
		(0)	General Flow Relationship with Non-TNW: Flow is: Explain:
			Flow is. Explain.
			Surface flow is: Pick List
			Characteristics: .
			Subsurface flow: Die Carlo 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:
			_ Sopanies by sum same. 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)	Chi	emical Characteristics:
	()		aracterize wetland system (e.g., water color is clear, brown, oil film on surface; water quality; general watershed
		Olle	characteristics; etc.). Explain:
		Ide	ntify specific pollutants, if known:
	(iii	Bio	logical Characteristics. Wetland supports (check all that apply):
		닏	Riparian buffer. Characteristics (type, average width):
		H	Vegetation type/percent cover. Explain:
		Ш	Habitat for:
			Federally Listed species. Explain findings:
			Fish/spawn areas. Explain findings:
			Other environmentally-sensitive species. Explain findings:
			Aquatic/wildlife diversity. Explain findings:
3.	Chs	ract	teristics of all wetlands adjacent to the tributary (if any)
٠,			wetland(s) being considered in the cumulative analysis:
			proximately () acres in total are being considered in the cumulative analysis.
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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:

Regarding the ephemeral channel, there is no evidence that this system is fed by groundwater, but there is evidence of surface erosion, sediment sorting, and removal of leaf litter in the flow path. The channel is located within a forested area and the drainage area is less than five acres. There is OWHM and the ephemeral channel has jurisdictional stream characteristics. There are no associated wetlands and the ephemeral stream does not meet the criteria in the 1987 Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual and/or appropriate Regional Supplements.

Aquatic Life (organisms): No aquatic species or indicators of aquatic species were observed during the site visit. The channel was dry at the time fo the site visit.

Habitat for Wildlife: A detailed assessment of the quality of the wildlife habitat was not performed. The ephemeral channel and adjacent upland areas provide habitat for a variety of urban wildlife species.

Support Nutrient Cycling: This area of review supports nutrient cycling. The riparian forested corridor manages the nutrients from the adjacent upland area. The deciduous forest also inputs detritus into this ephemeral system. The opportunity to perform this function is limited since there are less than 5 acres of forest that drain to the channel and the channel lacks the plant cover to cycle the nutrients in the detritus.

Sediment Transport: This reach transports some sediment from the upland runoff and from the eroding banks of the ephemeral channel.

Pollutant Trapping and Filtration: This drainage pattern does not have the capacity to trap/filter pollutants given its limited length.

Flood Storage: There is little opportunity for this reach to provide this function because its drainage pattern is small and shallow.

Navigation: This reach is not navigable.

Recreation: Because this reach is on private property, it offers limited recreation opportunities.

Based on the field evidence and field experience of the Corps'evaluator, this reach has the opportunity to provide nutrient cycling and to transport sediment, and thus has a significant nexus with the physical, chemical, or biological integrity of the TNW.

- 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):

TH	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: 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: It was observed during the site visit on January 12, 2016, runoff from the surrounding urban area outfalls through an eroded culvert pipe in the steep channelized headwater. The downstream portion of the channel levels out with ground			
	water providing the hydrology for seasonal stream flow. Runoff from rain fall is a supplemental source of water for the RPW. The "seasonal" tributary does not appear on the Anne Arundel County Soil Survey map, NWI mapping or the USGS mapping.			
	Provide estimates for jurisdictional waters in the review area (check all that apply): Tributary waters: 691 linear feet 7 width (ft). Other non-wetland waters: Identify type(s) of waters:			
3.	Non-RPWs ⁸ 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: 137 linear feet 5 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: During the site visit on January 12, 2016, the boundaries of the wetlands were verified as jurisdictional and abutting (i.e. touching) the RPW within the area of review.			

acres.

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

Provide acreage estimates for jurisdictional wetlands in the review area: 3,113 sq. ft.

⁸See Footnote # 3.

	Wetlands that do not directly abut an RPW, but when considered in combination with the tributary to which they are adjacer and with similarly situated adjacent wetlands, have a significant nexus with a TNW are jurisidictional. Data supporting this conclusion is provided at Section III.C.	t
	Provide acreage estimates for jurisdictional wetlands in the review area: acres.	
	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 an with similarly situated adjacent wetlands, have a significant nexus with a TNW are jurisdictional. Data supporting this conclusion is provided at Section III.C.	d
	Provide estimates for jurisdictional wetlands in the review area: acres.	
	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.	SOLATED [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:	
	dentify 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.	
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 udgment (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.	1
	Provide acreage estimates for non-jurisdictional waters in the review area that do not meet the "Significant Nexus" standard, where su a finding is required for jurisdiction (check all that apply): Non-wetland waters (i.e., rivers, streams): linear feet, width (ft).	ch

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.

	Lakes/ponds: acres.	
200	Other non-wetland waters:	acres. List type of aquatic resource:
翻	Wetlands: acres.	

SECTION IV: DATA SOURCES.

	PORTING DATA. Data reviewed for JD (check all that apply - checked items shall be included in case file and, where checked requested, appropriately reference sources below):
\boxtimes	Maps, plans, plots or plat submitted by or on behalf of the applicant/consultant:
\boxtimes	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.
100	Data sheets prepared by the Corps: .
RIG.	Corps navigable waters' study:
100	U.S. Geological Survey Hydrologic Atlas: .
_	USGS NHD data.
	USGS 8 and 12 digit HUC maps.
NA.	
	U.S. Geological Survey map(s). Cite scale & quad name: South River.
23	USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Soil Survey. Citation: Anne Arundel County web soil survey.
×	National wetlands inventory map(s). Cite name: US FWS September 2014.
	State/Local wetland inventory map(s):
1888	FEMA/FIRM maps: .
100	100-year Floodplain Elevation is: (National Geodectic Vertical Datum of 1929)
M	Photographs: Aerial (Name & Date):
1	or \(\times \) Other (Name & Date): Gound photographs - July 22, 2015.
1000	Previous determination(s). File no. and date of response letter:
ACC.	
880	Applicable/supporting case law:
	Applicable/supporting scientific literature: .
X	Other information (please specify): Corps field review of January 12, 2016.

B. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS TO SUPPORT JD:

