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): 30 July 2015

B.	DISTRICT OFFICE, FILE NAME, AND NUMBER: Fort Worth District - SWF-2016-00194
C.	PROJECT LOCATION AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Reserve at Chamberlain Crossing State: Texas County/parish/borough: Rockwall City: Fate Center coordinates of site (lat/long in degree decimal format): Lat. 32.937455° N, Long96.372315° W. Universal Transverse Mercator: Zone 14 Name of nearest waterbody: Parker Creek Name of nearest Traditional Navigable Water (TNW) into which the aquatic resource flows: Sabine River Name of watershed or Hydrologic Unit Code (HUC): Upper Sabine (HUC8: 12010001) 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: 07/06/2016 Field Determination. Date(s): 07/30/2015
SE	CTION II: SUMMARY OF FINDINGS RHA SECTION 10 DETERMINATION OF JURISDICTION.
/ Bo	MIA SECTION TO DETERMINATION OF JURISDICTION.
	The Are no "navigable waters of the U.S." within Rivers and Harbors Act (RHA) jurisdiction (as defined by 33 CFR part 329) in the lew area. [Required] Waters subject to the ebb and flow of the tide.
	Waters subject to the eob and now of the fide. 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	are 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 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
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	b. Identify (estimate) size of waters of the U.S. in the review area:
	Non-wetland waters: 3.028 linear feet: ~4 width (ft) and/or 0.36 acres.

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

Elevation of established OHWM (if known):

Wetlands: 0.04 acres.

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: Isolated waters including erosion features, a drainage ditch, ponds, and wetlands were identified as being isolated with no significant nexus to TNW.

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: ~250 to 500 peres Drainage area: ~100 to 200 peres Average annual rainfall: 38.58 inches Average annual snowfall: 0.50 inches

(ii) Physical Characteristics:

(a) Relationship with TNW:

☐ Tributary flows directly into TNW.

Tributary flows through 3 tributaries before entering TNW.

Project waters are 30 (or more) river miles from TNW.

Project waters are 2-5 river miles from RPW.

Project waters are 25-30 aerial (straight) miles from TNW.

Project waters are 2-5 aerial (straight) miles from RPW.

Project waters cross or serve as state boundaries. Explain:

Identify flow route to TNW⁵: Water from Tributaries 1 and 2 flows north out of the project site where it eventually confluences with Parker Creek downstream. Parker Creek eventually intersects the South Fork Sabine River,

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.

which ultimate	ely empties into the Sabine River, a TNW, via Lake Ta Tributary stream order, if known: First Order.	wako	oni
(b)	General Tributary Characteristics (check all that apply Tributary is: Natural Artificial (man-made). Explai Manipulated (man-altered). Explai	n:	in: .
	Tributary properties with respect to top of bank (esting Average width: 6 to 15 feet Average depth: 2 to 6 feet Average side slopes: 2:1.	mate):
	Primary tributary substrate composition (check all that Silts Sands Cobbles Gravel Bedrock Uvegetation. Type/%		☐ Concrete ☐ Muck
	Tributary condition/stability [e.g., highly eroding, slow Presence of run/riffle/pool complexes. Explain: Ephe Tributary geometry: Tributary gradient (approximate average slope): 2-5 %	mera	g banks]. Explain: Shelving and Active Erosion present. I Tributary.
(c)	Flow: Tributary provides for: Ephemeral flow Estimate average number of flow events in review are Describe flow regime: Ephemeral flow - Flow th		ar: 6-10 a Tributary 1 and Tributary 2 occurs immediately following
large precipita		loug	Thomas I and Homas 2 occurs maneerately following
revieew areas.		cs: F	low is confined to the two tributary channels within the
	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 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. ⁷ Explain:		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
-		Mea	teral extent of CWA jurisdiction (check all that apply): in High Water Mark indicated by: survey to available datum; physical markings; vegetation lines/changes in vegetation types.
	mical Characteristics: racterize tributary (e.g., water color is clear, discolored Explain: Dry at the time of the evaluation.	, oily	film; water quality; general watershed characteristics, etc.)

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.

Identify specific pollutants, if known: .

	(iv)	Biol	logical Characteristics. Channel supports (check all that apply): Riparian corridor. Characteristics (type, average width): 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:
2.	Cha	ract	eristics of wetlands adjacent to non-TNW that flow directly or indirectly into TNW
	(i)		vsical Characteristics: General Wetland Characteristics:
			Properties: Wetland size:0.04acres
			Wetland type. Explain: Herbaceous. Wetland quality. Explain: Average clarity for silt/clay substrate.
			Project wetlands cross or serve as state boundaries. Explain:
		(b)	General Flow Relationship with Non-TNW:
			Flow is: Explain:
			Surface flow is: Discrete and confined
			Characteristics: Sediment filled portion of the Tributary, which has converted into a cattail wetland.
			Subsurface flow: Unknown. 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 30 (or more) river miles from TNW. Project waters are 25-30 aerial (straight) miles from TNW.
			Flow is from: Wetland to navigable waters.
			Estimate approximate location of wetland as within the 100 - 500-year floodplain.
	(ii)		emical Characteristics:
		Cha	aracterize wetland system (e.g., water color is clear, brown, oil film on surface; water quality; general watershed
		lde	characteristics; etc.). Explain: Soils are saturated, infrequently inundated with average water clarity. ntify specific pollutants, if known:
	(iii) Bio	logical Characteristics. Wetland supports (check all that apply):
	(Riparian buffer. Characteristics (type, average width):
			Vegetation type/percent cover. Explain:Herbaceous/Cattails - 100 percent cover. Habitat for:
			Federally Listed species. Explain findings:
			Fish/spawn areas. Explain findings:
			Other environmentally-sensitive species. Explain findings: Aquatic/wildlife diversity. Explain findings:
3.	Ch	rent	teristics of all wetlands adjacent to the tributary (if any)
٥.	CII		wetland(s) being considered in the cumulative analysis:
			proximately (0.04) acres in total are being considered in the cumulative analysis.

For each wetland, specify the following:

<u>Directly abuts? (Y/N)</u> <u>Size (in acres)</u> <u>Directly abuts? (Y/N)</u> <u>Size (in acres)</u> Wetland 1 (Y) <u>Size (in acres)</u>

Summarize overall biological, chemical and physical functions being performed:

Water, which flows through Tributary 2 enters Wetland 1. The Wetland provides biological functions as habitat for amphibians and invertebrates, as well as mammals. The vegetation detritus provides the basis of a food web that supports the wildlife community downstream. The water features provide for the nutrient and chemical uptake of the waters that percolate into the soils. This nutrient and chemical uptake provides for a reduced nutrient/chemical loading in the downstream water column.

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: Water from tributaries 1 and 2 flows north out of the project site where it eventually confluences with Parker Creek downstream. Parker Creek eventually intersects the South Fork Sabine River, which ultimately empties into the Sabine River, a TNW, via Lake Tawakoni. This provides an indirect hydrologic connection for the tributaries and Wetland I, to a TNW. These water features provide biological functions as habitat for amphibians and invertebrates, as well as mammals. The vegetation detritus provides the basis of a food web that supports the wildlife community downstream. These functions provide an indirect biological connection to the TNW. The tributaries and wetland provide for the nutrient and chemical uptake of waters that enter the stream and the waters that percolate into the soils. This nutrient and chemical uptake provides for a reduced nutrient/chemical loading in the downstream water column; providing an indirect chemical connection to a TNW. It is IES' professional opinion that Tributaries 1 and 2 and Wetland 1 would be considered waters of the United States as they provide an indirect biological, chemical, and hydrological connection to a TNW. Tributaries 1 and 2 and Wetland 1 would, therefore, be regulated under Section 404 of the CWA.
- 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: 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: linear feet width (ft). Other non-wetland waters: acres. 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: 3028 linear feet 3 to10 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 jurisidictional. 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 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: 0.04 acres.
7.	Impoundments of jurisdictional waters. 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).

 $^{^8 \}text{See}$ Footnote # 3. 9 To complete the analysis refer to the key in Section III.D.6 of the Instructional Guidebook.

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.
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 <u>sole</u> 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: 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: 0.62 acres. Other non-wetland waters: 0.05 acres. List type of aquatic resource: Swales.
	Wetlands: 0.17 acres.
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SE	CCTION 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: See Figures Attached.
	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: Rockwall - 1973, Royce City - 1966, Royce City - 2016. USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Soil Survey. Citation: 2007 USDA
	NRCS Digital Soils Database

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.

