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.

SEO	CTION I: BACKGROUND INFORMATION REPORT COMPLETION DATE FOR APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION (JD): 9-11-2019
В.	DISTRICT OFFICE, FILE NAME, AND NUMBER: Fort Worth, Town Lake East, SWF-2019-00110
C.	PROJECT LOCATION AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION: State: Texas
	Name of nearest Traditional Navigable Water (TNW) into which the aquatic resource flows: Elm Fork Trinity River Name of watershed or Hydrologic Unit Code (HUC): 12030104 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): May 24, 2019
SEG A.	CTION II: SUMMARY OF FINDINGS RHA SECTION 10 DETERMINATION OF JURISDICTION.
	Are no "navigable waters of the U.S." within Rivers and Harbors Act (RHA) jurisdiction (as defined by 33 CFR part 329) in the ew 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.
The	re 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): 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: 392-linear feet: 2-foot width (ft) and/or 0.018- acres. Wetlands: 1.453- acres.

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

Elevation of established OHWM (if known):

Potentially jurisdictional waters and/or wetlands were assessed within the review area and determined to be not jurisdictional. Explain: One ephemeral stream approximately 100 linear feet, and one wetland are located in the northeastern portion of the study area. The ephemeral stream drains into the adjacent wetland and ony carries water for a short duration and at infrequent rates. Both features are located outside the 500-year floodplain and lack a significant nexus to other jurisdictional features; therefore are determined to be non-jurisdictional.

c. Limits (boundaries) of jurisdiction based on: 1987 Delineation Manual

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).

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: 103 acres Drainage area: 103 acres

Average annual rainfall: 37.52 inches

Average annual rainfall: 37.52 inches
Average annual snowfall: 1.0 inches

(ii) Physical Characteristics:

(a) Relationship with TNW:

Tributary flows directly into TNW.

Tributary flows through 2 tributaries before entering TNW.

Project waters are 20-25 river miles from TNW.

Project waters are 1-2 river miles from RPW.

Project waters are 5-10 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: No.

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

Identify flow route to TNW^5 : Onsite jurisdictional wetlands and Stream A drain offsite into an unnamed tributary that flows into Triple R Ranch Lake, which drains into an unnamed tributary of Grapevine Lake. Grapevine Lake is an impoundment of Denton Creek, which flows into Elm Fork Trinity River. Elm Fork Trinity River is the TNW.

Tributary stream order, if known:

(b)	General Tributary Characteristics (check all that apply): Tributary is:
	Tributary properties with respect to top of bank (estimate): Average width: 2 feet Average depth: 0.5 feet Average side slopes: 4:1 (or greater).
	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: Tributary has minor active erosion. Presence of run/riffle/pool complexes. Explain: No. Tributary geometry: Relatively straight Tributary gradient (approximate average slope): <1 %
(c)	Flow: Tributary provides for: Ephemeral flow Estimate average number of flow events in review area/year: 2-5 Describe flow regime: Flow is only expected after rainfall events. Other information on duration and volume: RPW is off site and has not been evaluated in the field.
	Surface flow is: Discrete and confined. Characteristics: Ephemeral flow.
	Subsurface flow: No. Explain findings: Dye (or other) test performed:
	Tributary has (check all that apply): Bed and banks OHWM6 (check all indicators that apply): clear, natural line impressed on the bank the presence of litter and debris destruction of terrestrial vegetation the presence of wrack line vegetation matted down, bent, or absent sediment sorting sediment deposition multiple observed or predicted flow events abrupt change in plant community other (list): Discontinuous OHWM. Explain:
	If factors other than the OHWM were used to determine lateral extent of CWA jurisdiction (check all that apply): High Tide Line indicated by:
(iii) Che	emical Characteristics:

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.

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.

Tlbid.

Characterize tributary (e.g., water color is clear, discolored, oily film; water quality; general watershed characteristics, etc.). Explain: Water was present from previous rainfall event and was brown from sediment. The watershed, in general, consists of residential runoff.

Identify specific pollutants, if known: sediment.

(iv) B	Habitat for:
	 ☐ Federally Listed species. Explain findings: ☐ Fish/spawn areas. Explain findings: ☐ Other environmentally-sensitive species. Explain findings: ☐ Aquatic/wildlife diversity. Explain findings:
2. Chara	cteristics of wetlands adjacent to non-TNW that flow directly or indirectly into TNW
	hysical Characteristics:
) General Wetland Characteristics: Properties: Wetland size:1.45 acres
receive mos	Wetland type. Explain: Non-forested, emergent wetland. Wetland quality. Explain: Poor to medium quality. The wetlands are down gradient of the surrounding area and t of their water as overland flow/runoff from neighboring residential properties.
	Project wetlands cross or serve as state boundaries. Explain: No.
(b) General Flow Relationship with Non-TNW: Flow is: Intermittent flow. Explain: Wetlands typically have water during the wet months of the year.
	Surface flow is: Confined Characteristics: During wet months and after rainfall events, water flows indirectly from the wetlands into a TNW.
	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:
(c	Proximity (Relationship) to TNW Project wetlands are 20-25 river miles from TNW. Project waters are 5-10 aerial (straight) miles from TNW. Flow is from: Wetland to navigable waters. Estimate approximate location of wetland as within the 500-year or greater floodplain.
C	hemical Characteristics: haracterize wetland system (e.g., water color is clear, brown, oil film on surface; water quality; general watershed characteristics; etc.). Explain: Surface water was present (approximately 1-2 inches) and was slightly turbid due to suspended sediment. The watershed, in general, consists of residential runoff. entify specific pollutants, if known: sediment.
	iological Characteristics. Wetland supports (check all that apply): Riparian buffer. Characteristics (type, average width): . Vegetation type/percent cover. Explain:75% cover. Steinchisma hians (gaping grass), Rumex crispus (curly dock), Carex and Persicaria hydropiperoides (swamp sumpweed) .
	Habitat for: ☐ Federally Listed species. Explain findings: ☐ Fish/spawn areas. Explain findings: ☐ Other environmentally-sensitive species. Explain findings:
3. Chara	Aquatic/wildlife diversity. Explain findings: cteristics of all wetlands adjacent to the tributary (if any)

3.

All wetland(s) being considered in the cumulative analysis: 4
Approximately (1.45) 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) Wetland 3 (Yes)	Size (in acres)
Wetland 1 (Yes)	1.05		0.095
Wetland 2 (Yes)	0.168	Wetland 4 (Yes)	0.140

Summarize overall biological, chemical and physical functions being performed: Wetlands provide some biological productivity, water quality benefits, and some floodwater storage.

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: .
	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: 392 linear feet 2 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 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: 1.45 acres.
7.	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).
SU C	DLATED [INTERSTATE OR INTRA-STATE] WATERS, INCLUDING ISOLATED WETLANDS, THE USE, GRADATION OR DESTRUCTION OF WHICH COULD AFFECT INTERSTATE COMMERCE, INCLUDING ANY CH 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:

E.

 ⁸See Footnote # 3.
 To complete the analysis refer to the key in Section III.D.6 of the Instructional Guidebook.
 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.

		vide 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.		N-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: One ephemeral stream and one emergent wetland located in the northeastern portion of the site are isolated. Other: (explain, if not covered above):
	fact	vide acreage estimates for non-jurisdictional waters in the review area, where the sole potential basis of jurisdiction is the MBR ors (i.e., presence of migratory birds, presence of endangered species, use of water for irrigated agriculture), using best professional genent (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.
	a fir	vide acreage estimates for non-jurisdictional waters in the review area that do not meet the "Significant Nexus" standard, where such ading is required for jurisdiction (check all that apply): Non-wetland waters (i.e., rivers, streams): 100 linear feet, 1 width (ft). Lakes/ponds: 0.484 acres. Other non-wetland waters: acres. List type of aquatic resource: Wetlands: 0.036 acres.
SEC	CTIO	ON IV: DATA SOURCES.
A. 1	and	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): 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: USGS NHD data. 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: National wetlands inventory map(s). Cite name: State/Local wetland inventory map(s): FEMA/FIRM maps: 100-year Floodplain Elevation is: (National Geodectic Vertical Datum of 1929) Photographs: Aerial (Name & Date): 2015 NAIP. U. S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service. or Other (Name & Date): Site photos taken during Delineation field visit.
		Previous determination(s). File no. and date of response letter: Applicable/supporting case law: Applicable/supporting scientific literature: Other information (please specify):

Identify water body and summarize rationale supporting determination:

B. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS TO SUPPORT JD:

The project site is an approximately 90-acre tract located east of Flower Mound Road and south of FM 1171 in Flower Mound, Texas (Figure 1). Four jurisdictional wetlands (Wetland 1, 2, 3, and 4) totaling 1.453 acres and one ephemeral stream (Stream A) are located on site. Stream A originates on site in the western portion of the site. Water from Wetlands 1 and 2 drains south and has created an ephemeral stream channel with defined bed, banks, and OHWMs. Stream A flows south for approximately 392 linear feet (If) with an average width between the OHWMs of 2 ft. (0.018 acres) before losing defined banks and transitioning into Wetland 3. Wetland 1 is located in the northern portion of the property and encompasses approximately 1.050 acres extending south from the northern property boundary. Wetland 2 is a linear wetland that is partially contiguous with Wetland 1, extending south from the northern property boundary and encompassing approximately 0.168 acres before transitioning into an ephemeral stream channel (Stream A). Wetland 3 is a linear wetland encompassing 0.095 acres extending south from Stream A and draining to Wetland 4. Wetland 4 is located in the southern portion of the property and encompasses approximately 0.140 acres before draining offsite through a concrete culvert beneath Flower Mound Road into an unnamed tributary that flows into Triple R Ranch Lake. Triple R Ranch Lake drains into an unnamed tributary of Grapevine Lake, which is an impoundment of Denton Creek, and ultimately drains into Elm Fork Trinity River, a traditionally navigable water. These features are considered "waters of the United States," and are therefore subject to Federal regulation under the jurisdiction of the USACE. Three non-jurisdictional ponds are also located on site.

One isolated wetland, and one isolated ephemeral stream are located in the northeastern portion of the property. Three isolated ponds are also located on site. One is located in the northeastern portion of the property and two are located in the southeastern portion of the property. These features are outside of the 500-year floodplain and lack a significant nexus to a traditionally navigable water; therefore, would not be subject to Federal regulation under the jurisdiction of the USACE.

The NHD for the site (Attachment C, Figure 3) does not depict any water features on site. The United States Geologic Survey (USGS) topographic map for the project site (Attachment D, Figure 6) depicts four isolated ponds throughout the site. Soils on the project site are described in the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Soil Survey of Denton County. The soil survey map is provided as Attachment E, Figure 7. Six soil types are mapped on the site, none of which are considered hydric by the NRCS. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) National Wetland Inventory Map Web Server map depicts surface waters regardless of their federal or state jurisdiction. The NWI map that includes this site indicates the four isolated ponds located throughout the property are designated as Palustrine, Unconsolidated Bottom, Permanently Flooded, Diked/Impounded (PUBHh) (Attachment F, Figure 8). The entirety of the project site is located within "Zone X", areas determined to be outside the 500-year floodplain as mapped by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA Q3 data for Kaufman County) (Attachment G, Figure 9).

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