

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, NEW YORK DISTRICT 26 FEDERAL PLAZA, ROOM 16-406 NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10278-0090

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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: US Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) Approved Jurisdictional Determination in accordance with the "Revised Definition of 'Waters of the United States'"; (88 FR 3004 (January 18, 2023) as amended by the "Revised Definition of 'Waters of the United States'; Conforming" (8 September 2023), 1 NAN-2024-00744-WOR.2

BACKGROUND. An Approved Jurisdictional Determination (AJD) is a Corps document stating the presence or absence of waters of the United States on a parcel or a written statement and map identifying the limits of waters of the United States on a parcel. AJDs are clearly designated appealable actions and will include a basis of JD with the document.³ AJDs are case-specific and are typically made in response to a request. AJDs are valid for a period of five years unless new information warrants revision of the determination before the expiration date or a District Engineer has identified, after public notice and comment, that specific geographic areas with rapidly changing environmental conditions merit re-verification on a more frequent basis.⁴

On January 18, 2023, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Department of the Army ("the agencies") published the "Revised Definition of 'Waters of the United States," 88 FR 3004 (January 18, 2023) ("2023 Rule"). On September 8, 2023, the agencies published the "Revised Definition of 'Waters of the United States'; Conforming", which amended the 2023 Rule to conform to the 2023 Supreme Court decision in *Sackett v. EPA*, 598 U.S., 143 S. Ct. 1322 (2023) ("*Sackett*").

This Memorandum for Record (MFR) constitutes the basis of jurisdiction for a Corps AJD as defined in 33 CFR §331.2. For the purposes of this AJD, we have relied on Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (RHA),⁵ the 2023 Rule as amended,

¹ While the Revised Definition of "Waters of the United States"; Conforming had no effect on some categories of waters covered under the CWA, and no effect on any waters covered under RHA, all categories are included in this Memorandum for Record for efficiency.

² When documenting aquatic resources within the review area that are jurisdictional under the Clean Water Act (CWA), use an additional MFR and group the aquatic resources on each MFR based on the TNW, the territorial seas, or interstate water that they are connected to. Be sure to provide an identifier to indicate when there are multiple MFRs associated with a single AJD request (i.e., number them 1, 2, 3, etc.).

³ 33 CFR 331.2.

⁴ Regulatory Guidance Letter 05-02.

⁵ USACE has authority under both Section 9 and Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 but for convenience, in this MFR, jurisdiction under RHA will be referred to as Section 10.

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as well as other applicable guidance, relevant case law, and longstanding practice in evaluating jurisdiction.

1. SUMMARY OF CONCLUSIONS.

- a. Provide a list of each individual feature within the review area and the jurisdictional status of each one (i.e., identify whether each feature is/is not a water of the United States and/or a navigable water of the United States).
 - i. Wetland B, non-jurisdictional
 - ii. Wetland C, non-jurisdictional
- iii. Wetland D, non-jurisdictional
- iv. Wetland E, non-jurisdictional
- v. Wetland F, jurisdictional, Section 404
- vi. Wetland G, jurisdictional, Section 404
- vii. Wetland H, jurisdictional, Section 404
- viii. Stream 1, jurisdictional, Section 404

2. REFERENCES.

- a. "Revised Definition of 'Waters of the United States," 88 FR 3004 (January 18, 2023) ("2023 Rule")
- b. "Revised Definition of 'Waters of the United States'; Conforming" 88 FR 61964 (September 8, 2023))
- 3. REVIEW AREA. Review area size 129.01 acres, 41.6522, -73.8512, Town of LaGrange, Dutchess County, New York.
- 4. NEAREST TRADITIONAL NAVIGABLE WATER (TNW), THE TERRITORIAL SEAS, OR INTERSTATE WATER TO WHICH THE AQUATIC RESOURCE IS CONNECTED. Wappinger Creek is located approximately 4,300 feet west of the project site.⁶
- 5. FLOWPATH FROM THE SUBJECT AQUATIC RESOURCES TO A TNW, THE TERRITORIAL SEAS, OR INTERSTATE WATER.

⁶ This MFR should not be used to complete a new stand-alone TNW determination. A stand-alone TNW determination for a water that is not subject to Section 9 or 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (RHA) is completed independently of a request for an AJD. A stand-alone TNW determination is conducted for a specific segment of river or stream or other type of waterbody, such as a lake, where upstream or downstream limits or lake borders are established.

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Waters on site flow roughly south, within the channel of a perennial, unnamed tributary to Wappinger Creek, off site, then directly into Wappinger Creek. Wappinger Creek flows directly into the Hudson River. Wappinger Creek is tidally influenced near its confluence with the Hudson River.

- 6. SECTION 10 JURISDICTIONAL WATERS⁷: Describe aquatic resources or other features within the review area determined to be jurisdictional in accordance with Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899. Include the size of each aquatic resource or other feature within the review area and how it was determined to be jurisdictional in accordance with Section 10.8 N/A
- 7. SECTION 404 JURISDICTIONAL WATERS: Describe the aquatic resources within the review area that were found to meet the definition of waters of the United States in accordance with the 2023 Rule as amended, consistent with the Supreme Court's decision in Sackett. List each aquatic resource separately, by name, consistent with the naming convention used in section 1, above. Include a rationale for each aquatic resource, supporting that the aquatic resource meets the relevant category of "waters of the United States" in the 2023 Rule as amended. The rationale should also include a written description of, or reference to a map in the administrative record that shows, the lateral limits of jurisdiction for each aquatic resource, including how that limit was determined, and incorporate relevant references used. Include the size of each aquatic resource in acres or linear feet and attach and reference related figures as needed.
 - a. Traditional Navigable Waters (TNWs) (a)(1)(i): N/A
 - b. The Territorial Seas (a)(1)(ii): N/A
 - c. Interstate Waters (a)(1)(iii): N/A

d. Impoundments (a)(2): N/A

e. Tributaries (a)(3): Stream 1 flows through Wetlands F, G and H, off site, then directly into Wappinger Creek. Wappinger Creek then flows directly into the Hudson River.

⁷ 33 CFR 329.9(a) A waterbody which was navigable in its natural or improved state, or which was susceptible of reasonable improvement (as discussed in § 329.8(b) of this part) retains its character as "navigable in law" even though it is not presently used for commerce, or is presently incapable of such use because of changed conditions or the presence of obstructions.

⁸ This MFR is not to be used to make a report of findings to support a determination that the water is a navigable water of the United States. The district must follow the procedures outlined in 33 CFR part 329.14 to make a determination that water is a navigable water of the United States subject to Section 10 of the RHA.

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- f. Adjacent Wetlands (a)(4): Wetlands F, G and H directly abut Stream 1, as described above.
- g. Additional Waters (a)(5): N/A

8. NON-JURISDICTIONAL AQUATIC RESOURCES AND FEATURES

- a. Describe aquatic resources and other features within the review area identified in the 2023 Rule as amended as not "waters of the United States" even where they otherwise meet the terms of paragraphs (a)(2) through (5). Include the type of excluded aquatic resource or feature, the size of the aquatic resource or feature within the review area and describe how it was determined to meet one of the exclusions listed in 33 CFR 328.3(b).9 N/A
- b. Describe aquatic resources and features within the review area that were determined to be non-jurisdictional because they do not meet one or more categories of waters of the United States under the 2023 Rule as amended (e.g., tributaries that are non-relatively permanent waters; non-tidal wetlands that do not have a continuous surface connection to a jurisdictional water):
 - Wetland B is located approximately 60 feet from and 4 feet higher in elevation than Wetland G, the nearest waters of the United States, with no apparent continuous surface connection.
 - Wetland C is located approximately 550 feet from and 46 feet higher in elevation than Wetland F, the nearest waters of the United States, with no apparent continuous surface connection.
 - Wetlands D and E are located approximately 1,300 feet from and 80 feet higher in elevation than the off-site portion of Wetland F, the nearest waters of the United States, with no apparent continuous surface connection.
- 9. DATA SOURCES. List sources of data/information used in making determination. Include titles and dates of sources used and ensure that information referenced is available in the administrative record.
 - a. Site visits conducted on May 21, 2014, (Application Number NAN-2014-00321-WOR) and August 21, 2024.

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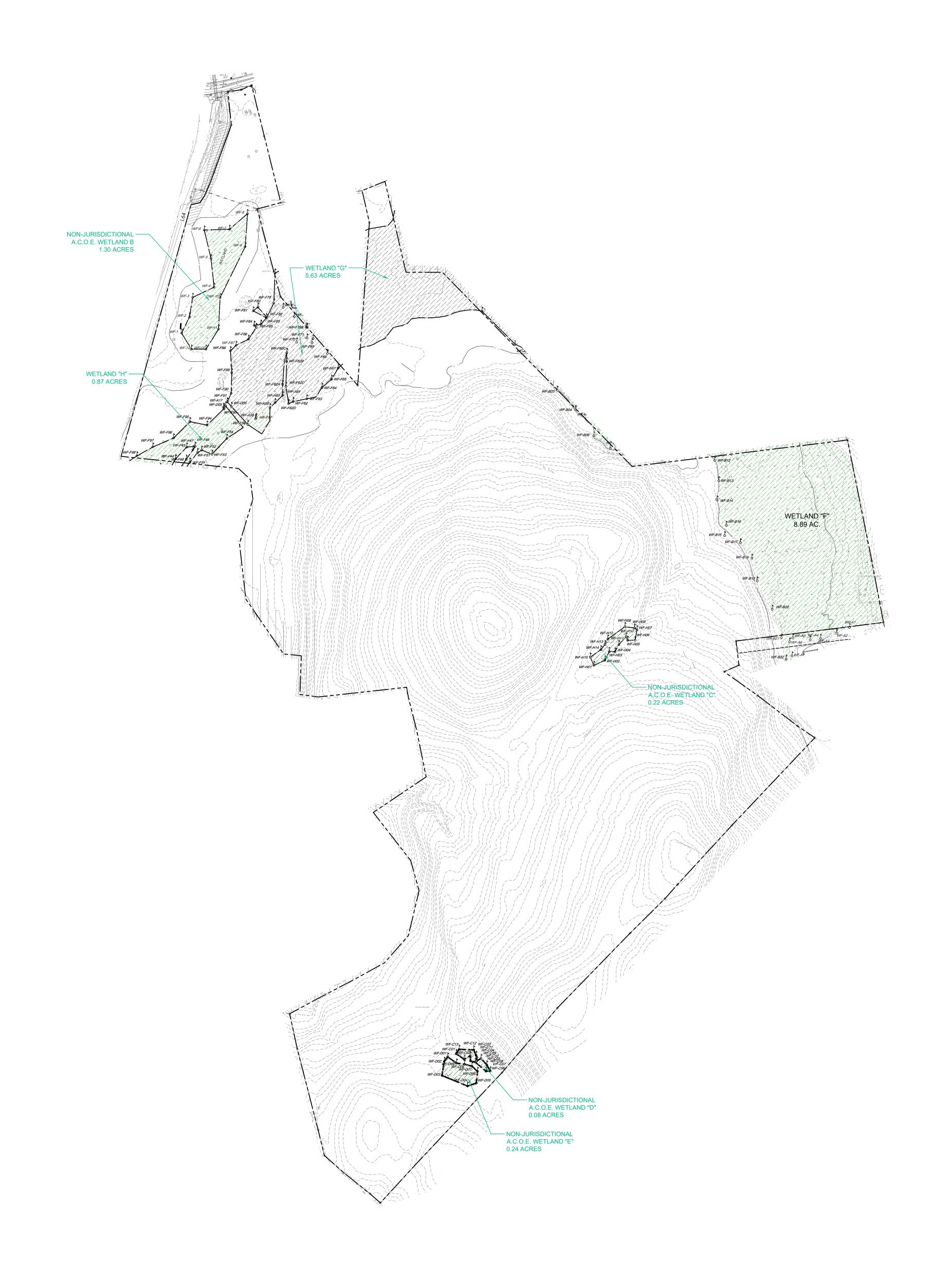
⁹ 88 FR 3004 (January 18, 2023)

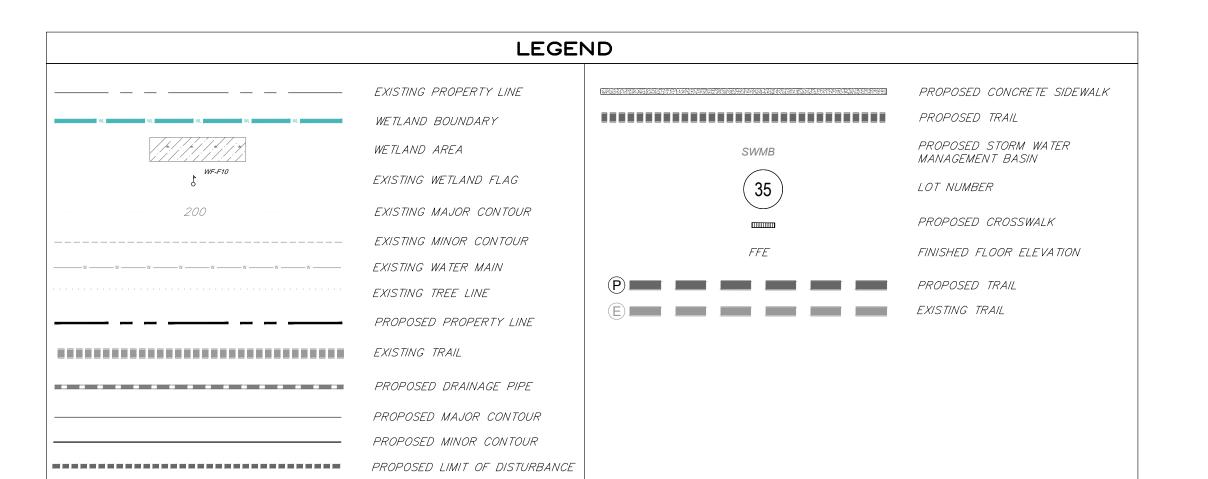
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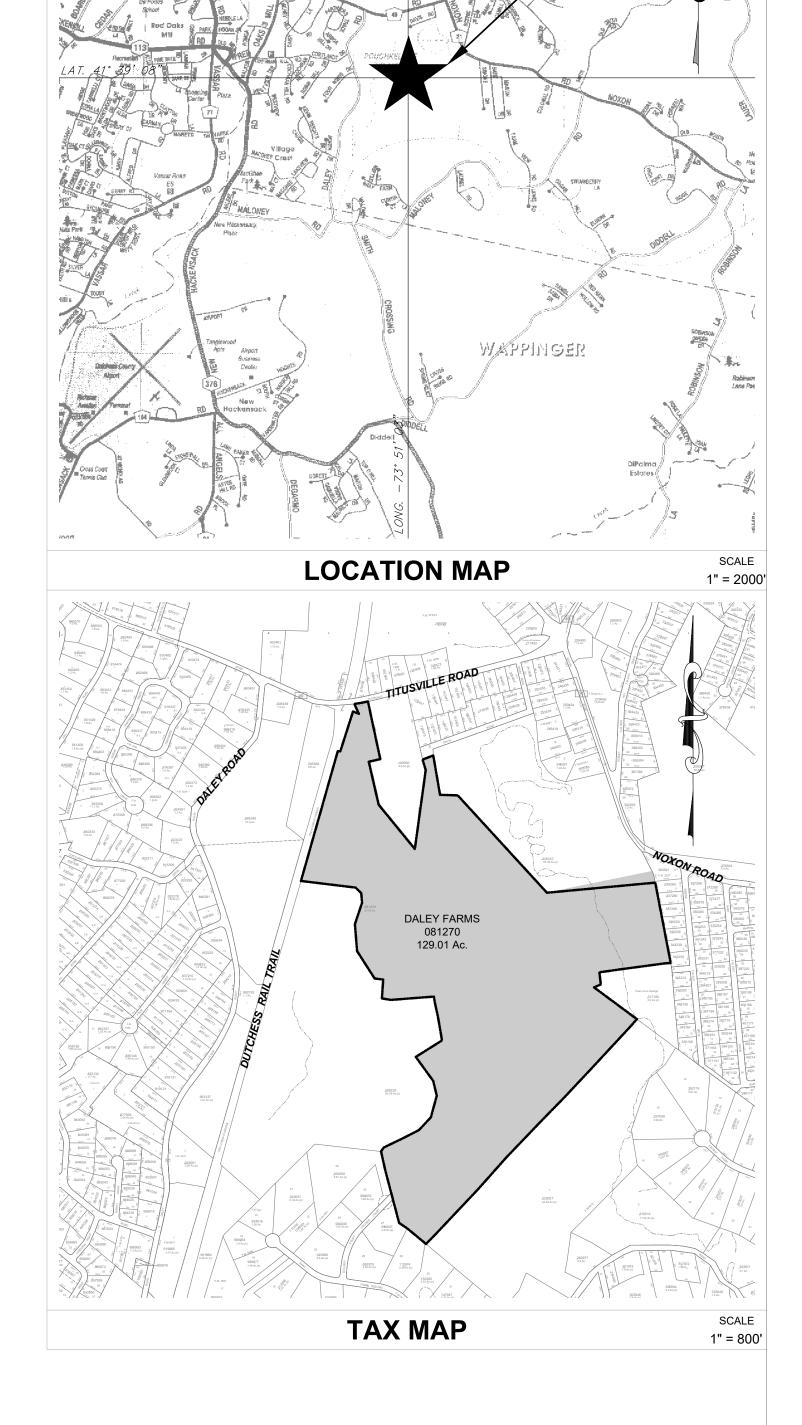
- b. "Wetland Delineation Report Daley Farms Daley Road Town of LaGrange Dutchess County, NY", prepared by Ecological Solutions, LLC, dated April 16, 2014, including wetland data sheets and aerial photographs.
- c. Approved Jurisdictional Determination issued January 26, 2015, under Application Number NAN-2014-00321-WOR.
- d. USDA Web Soil Survey as part of Wetland Delineation Report dated April 16, 2014.
- e. USGS Pleasant Valley, NY topographic map.

10. OTHER SUPPORTING INFORMATION. N/A

11.NOTE: The structure and format of this MFR were developed in coordination with the EPA and Department of the Army. The MFR's structure and format may be subject to future modification or may be rescinded as needed to implement additional guidance from the agencies; however, the approved jurisdictional determination described herein is a final agency action.







GENERAL NOTES:

- 1. THE WETLANDS AS DELINEATED BY ECOLOGICAL SOLUTIONS AND SURVEYED AND MAPPED IN 2005 BY JAMES A. BARTLES, LS, WAS REVIEWED IN THE FIELD BY MICHAEL NOWICKI OF ECOLOGICAL SOLUTIONS, LLC AND HEATHER GIERLOFF OF NYSDEC DURING SEPTEMBER 2009. IN COORDINATION WITH NYSDEC, THE WETLANDS BOUNDARY HAS BEEN REVISED TO REFLECT THAT FIELD REVIEW.
- 2. TOTAL SITE ACREAGE = 129.01 ACRES

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SPECIFICATIONS OR REPORTS IN
ANY WAY, UNLESS ACTING UNDER
TOWN OF LAGRANGE DUTCHESS COUNTY, NY THE DIRECTION OF A LICENSED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER. **EXISTING WETLAND PLAN** (FEDERAL) OUGHKEEPSIE, NEW YORK 12601 TEL (845) 454-3411 FAX (845) 473-1962 ARCHITECTURE - ENGINEERING - PLANNING

DATE SCALE DESIGNED BY: KRS
06/27/17 1" = 200' DRAWN BY: KRS
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ZONING DESIGNATION: DALEY FARM PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

ACREAGE OF PARCEL: 129.01± ACRES (REMAINING PARCEL "C" AFTER LOT LINE RE-ALIGNMENT PER FILED MAP 12751)

OWNER & APPLICANT:
TITUSVILLE ESTATES, LLC
1100 ROUTE 55 SUITE 201
LAGRANGE, N.Y. 12540 GRID NO. OF PARCEL:
133400-6360-03-081270-0000 (PARCEL "C" FILED MAP 12751)

