

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY BUFFALO DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS 1776 NIAGARA STREET BUFFALO, NEW YORK 14207-3199

November 30, 2021

Regulatory Branch

SUBJECT: Determination of No Permit Required for Department of the Army Processing No. LRB-2021-001394

Matthew Carver Canisius High School 1180 Delaware Avenue Buffalo, New York 14209

Dear Mr. Carver:

I have reviewed your request for a determination of "no permit required" for the parcel located adjacent to the Robert J. Stransky Memorial Complex located at 2885 Clinton Street, Town of West Seneca, Erie County, New York.

I have determined that the review area as depicted on Figure 3 of 4 is comprised entirely of dry land and contains no potential aquatic resources regulated under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act or Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899. Therefore, a Department of the Army permit **is not** required for any activities occurring within the review area.

Enclosed is an approved JD. This approved JD will remain valid for a period of five (5) years from the date of this correspondence unless new information warrants revision of the approved JD before the expiration date. At the end of this period, a new aquatic resource delineation will be required to support any request for a new JD.

Further, the delineation included herein has been conducted to identify the location and extent of the aquatic resource boundaries and/or the jurisdictional status of aquatic resources for purposes of the Clean Water Act for the particular review area identified in this request. This delineation and/or jurisdictional determination may not be valid for the Wetland Conservation Provisions of the Food Security Act of 1985, as amended. If you or your tenant are United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) program participants, or anticipate participation in USDA programs, you should discuss the applicability of a certified wetland determination with the local USDA service center, prior to starting work.

If you object to this determination, you may request an administrative appeal under Corps regulations at 33 CFR Part 331. Enclosed you will find a Notification of Appeal Process (NAP) fact sheet and Request for Appeal (RFA) form. If you request to appeal the above JD, you must submit a completed RFA form within 60 days of the date on this letter to the Great Lakes/Ohio River Division Office at the following address:

Regulatory Branch

SUBJECT: Approved Jurisdictional Determination for Department of the Army Processing No. LRB-2021-01394

Suzanne Chubb Regulatory Appeals Review Officer US Army Corps of Engineers Great Lakes and Ohio River Division 550 Main Street, Room 10524 Cincinnati, Ohio 45202-3222 Phone: 513-684-2699 Fax: 513-684-2460

In order for an RFA to be accepted, the Corps must determine that it is complete; that it meets the criteria for appeal under 33 CFR Part 331.5, and that it has been received by the Division Office within 60 days of the date of the NAP. Should you decide to submit an RFA form, it must be received at the above address by January 29, 2022.

It is not necessary to submit an RFA to the Division office if you do not object to the determination in this letter.

Questions pertaining to this matter should be directed to me at 716-879-4279, email: <u>joseph.m.rowley@usace.army.mil</u> or by writing to Joseph Rowley, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 1776 Niagara Street, Buffalo, New York 14207.

Sincerely, losept Romen-

Joseph Rowley Physical Scientist

Enclosures

NOTIFICATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL OPTIONS AND PROCESS AND REQUEST FOR APPEAL

Applica	nt: Canisius High School	File Number: 2021-01394	Date: 11/30/2021	
Attache	ed is:		See Section below	
	INITIAL PROFFERED PERMIT (Standard Permit or Lo	etter of permission)	А	
	PROFFERED PERMIT (Standard Permit or Letter of pe	rmission)	В	
	PERMIT DENIAL		С	
X	APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION		D	
	PRELIMINARY JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION	DN	E	
SECTION I - The following identifies your rights and options regarding an administrative appeal of the above decision. Additional information may be found at http://www.usace.army.mil/CECW/Pages/reg_materials.aspx or Corps regulations at 33 CFR Part 331.				
	TIAL PROFFERED PERMIT: You may accept or obje			
aut sigi	EPT: If you received a Standard Permit, you may sign the horization. If you received a Letter of Permission (LOP), pature on the Standard Permit or acceptance of the LOP mappeal the permit, including its terms and conditions, and a	you may accept the LOP and your work is eans that you accept the permit in its entir	authorized. Your ety, and waive all rights	
 •OBJECT: If you object to the permit (Standard or LOP) because of certain terms and conditions therein, you may request that the permit be modified accordingly. You must complete Section II of this form and return the form to the district engineer. Your objections must be received by the district engineer within 60 days of the date of this notice, or you will forfeit your right to appeal the permit in the future. Upon receipt of your letter, the district engineer will evaluate your objections, or (c) not modify the permit to address all of your concerns, (b) modify the permit to address some of your objections, or (c) not modify the permit having determined that the permit for your reconsideration, as indicated in Section B below. B: PROFFERED PERMIT: You may accept or appeal the permit 				
 ACCEPT: If you received a Standard Permit, you may sign the permit document and return it to the district engineer for final authorization. If you received a Letter of Permission (LOP), you may accept the LOP and your work is authorized. Your signature on the Standard Permit or acceptance of the LOP means that you accept the permit in its entirety, and waive all rights to appeal the permit, including its terms and conditions, and approved jurisdictional determinations associated with the permit. APPEAL: If you choose to decline the proffered permit (Standard or LOP) because of certain terms and conditions therein, you may appeal the declined permit under the Corps of Engineers Administrative Appeal Process by completing Section II of this form and sending the form to the division engineer. This form must be received by the division engineer within 60 days of the 				
C: PE	e of this notice. RMIT DENIAL: You may appeal the denial of a permit this section II of this form and sending the form to the division of the section of			
<u> </u>	rr within 60 days of the date of this notice. PROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION: M	Ou may accept or appeal the approved IT) or provide new	
D. Al informa		to a may accept of appear the approved JL	or provide new	
of t ●APPI Ap	EPT: You do not need to notify the Corps to accept an ap his notice, means that you accept the approved JD in its er EAL: If you disagree with the approved JD, you may appeal Process by completing Section II of this form and sen	tirety, and waive all rights to appeal the a eal the approved JD under the Corps of Er ding the form to the division engineer. Th	pproved JD. ngineers Administrative	
E: PR prelimi contact	the division engineer within 60 days of the date of this not ELIMINARY JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION nary JD. The Preliminary JD is not appealable. If you wis ing the Corps district for further instruction. Also you may ate the JD.	N: You do not need to respond to the Cor sh, you may request an approved JD (whic	ch may be appealed), by	

SECTION II - REQUEST FOR APPEAL or OBJECTIONS TO AN INITIAL PROFFERED PERMIT

REASONS FOR APPEAL OR OBJECTIONS: (Describe your reasons for appealing the decision or your objections to an initial proffered permit in clear concise statements. You may attach additional information to this form to clarify where your reasons or objections are addressed in the administrative record.)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: The appeal is limited to a review of the administrative record, the Corps memorandum for the record of the appeal conference or meeting, and any supplemental information that the review officer has determined is needed to clarify the administrative record. Neither the appellant nor the Corps may add new information or analyses to the record. However, you may provide additional information to clarify the location of information that is already in the administrative record.

POINT OF CONTACT FOR QUESTIONS OR INFORMATION:				
If you have questions regarding this decision and/or the appeal	If you only have questions regarding the appeal process you may			
process you may contact:	also contact:			
Joseph Rowley	Suzanne Chubb			
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	Regulatory Appeals Review Officer			
Buffalo District	US Army Corps of Engineers			
1776 Niagara Street	Great Lakes and Ohio River Division			
Buffalo, New York 14207	550 Main Street, Room 10524			
716-879-4279	Cincinnati, Ohio 45202-3222			
Joseph.m.rowley@usace.army.mil	Phone: 513-684-2699 Fax: 513-684-2460			
RIGHT OF ENTRY: Your signature below grants the right of entry to Corps of Engineers personnel, and any government				

consultants, to conduct investigations of the project site during the course of the appeal process. You will be provided a 15-day notice of any site investigation and will have the opportunity to participate in all site investigations.				
	Date:	Telephone number:		

Signature of appellant or agent.

DRY LAND APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION FORM¹ 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): 11/30/2021
- B. DISTRICT OFFICE, FILE NAME, AND NUMBER: LRB 2021-01394 Canisius High School

C. PROJECT LOCATION AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

State: New York County: Erie

City: West Seneca

Center coordinates of site (lat/long in degree decimal format): Latitude: 42.8659 Longitude: -78.7730 Name of nearest waterbody: Buffalo Creek Name of watershed or Hydrologic Unit Code (HUC): 0412010302

- Check if map/diagram of review area is 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: Nov 24, 2021
- Field Determination Date:

SECTION II: SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

A. RHA SECTION 10 DETERMINATION OF JURISDICTION.

There **are no** "navigable waters of the U.S." within Rivers and Harbors Act (RHA) jurisdiction (as defined by 33 CFR part 329) in the review area.

B. CWA SECTION 404 DETERMINATION OF JURISDICTION.

There are no "waters of the U.S." within Clean Water Act (CWA) jurisdiction (as defined by 33 CFR part 328) in the review area.

SECTION III: 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.
 - 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:
 - 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: 24000k; Buffalo SE, New York Quad
 - ☑ USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Soil Survey. Citation: USDA/NRCS Web Soil Survey
 - ☑ National wetlands inventory maps: USFWS Wetland Mapper
 - State/Local wetland inventory maps: NYSDEC Environmental Resource Mapper
 - FEMA/FIRM maps:

- 100-year Floodplain Elevation is: (National Geodectic Vertical Datum of 1929)
- Photographs: Aerial (Name & Date): Google Earth; HistoricAerials.com
 - or Other (Name & Date):
- Previous determination(s). File No. and date of response letter:
- Applicable/supporting case law:
- Applicable/supporting scientific literature:

¹ This form is for use only in recording approved JDs involving dry land. It extracts the relevant elements of the longer approved JD form in use since 2007 for aquatic areas and adds no new fields.

B. REQUIRED ADDITIONAL COMMENTS TO SUPPORT JD. EXPLAIN RATIONALE FOR DETERMINATION THAT THE REVIEW AREA ONLY INCLUDES DRY LAND

A review of the available historic topographic maps and aerial imagery depict Buffalo Creek and an oxbow formation to the South and West of the parcel. Also, the aerial imagery depicts wetlands to the West and South of the parcel. Finally, the aerial imagery indicts the parcel that is under review is regularly maintained.

The NWI and NYSDEC Environmental Resource Mapper depicts a mapped wetland, BU-17, adjacent to the parcel under review. Also, a portion of the parcel is located within the 100-foot adjacent area of the DEC wetland. Finally, the DEC reviewed the project and confirmed the boundary of Wetland BU-17.

Determination: USACE confirmed that the review area is located within the 100-foot adjacent area and is comprised entirely of dry land. There are no waters or water features, including wetlands, of any kind in the entire review area.

Canisius High School LRB 2021-01394 Sheet 1 of 4













