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Via Electronic Mail [SEGi Project #: 011-015.02]

Ms. Angela W. Faison, Associate Planner City of Wilmington 305 Chestnut Street Post Office Box 1810 Wilmington, NC 28402-1810 angela.faison@wilmingtonnc.gov

RE: Jacobs Ridge, Conservation Resource Determination
706 Jacobs Creek Lane, Wilmington, New Hanover County, North Carolina

Dear Ms. Faison.

This correspondence is in reference to the Jacobs Ridge project at 706 Jacobs Creek Lane, located off of Cabbage Inlet Lane, Wilmington, New Hanover County, North Carolina.

Our firm was retained by Mr. and Mrs. John Black to get a Jurisdictional Determination from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), to gain concurrence with our delineation of the limits of Section 404 wetlands within the parcel boundaries. We also delineated the landward extent of coastal/salt marsh vegetation, and the limits of normal high water. These lines were surveyed and platted on a site plan.

The USACE determination and signed wetland survey was issued on October 31, 2014 by Ms. Emily Hughes, concurring with our determination. This determination from the USACE states that there are wetlands present within the boundaries of the site. The USACE determination does not address adjacent properties, or the presence of wetlands on adjacent sites. The wetlands found within the parcel do connect with adjacent properties on 3 sides.

There is a small wetland feature that drains into the salt marsh along the eastern edge of the site. This feature is fed by upland cut ditches that originate in the neighborhoods upstream of the subject site. This are has been landscaped and maintained for a long period of time, and appears to have a man-made ditch running through it. It does not appear to resemble any of the listed Conservation Resource types identified in your ordinance.

Mr. Robb Mairs with the NC Division of Coastal Management has inspected the coastal/salt marsh vegetation delineation on April 9, and made a minor change to one area of our determination. This change is reflected the attached site map. This area meets the salt/brackish marsh Conservation Resource designation, and is shown on the attached plan, with the required 75' buffer zone shown.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us at (910) 452-2711.

Sincerely,

David Scibetta

Senior Project Manager

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Attachment: USACE Notice of Jurisdictional Determination

Conservation Resource Exhibit

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

WILMINGTON DISTRICT

Action Id. SAW-2014-00383 County: New Hanover U.S.G.S. Quad: NC-WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH

NOTIFICATION OF JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION

Property Owner:

Address:

John and Kathryn Black
706 Jacobs Creek Lane
Wilmington, NC, 28405

Telephone Number: (910) 297-7915

Size (acres) <u>6.07</u> Nearest Town <u>Wilmington</u>

Nearest WaterwayWhiskey CreekRiver BasinNew. North Carolina.USGS HUC3030001CoordinatesLatitude: 34.1612938131184

Longitude: -77.8594231578664

Location description: Property is located at 706 Jacobs Creek Lane, Wilmington, North Carolina. Parcel ID

R07200-005-001-000.

Indicate Which of the Following Apply:

A. Preliminary Determination

Based on preliminary information, there may be wetlands on the above described property. We strongly suggest you have this property inspected to determine the extent of Department of the Army (DA) jurisdiction. To be considered final, a jurisdictional determination must be verified by the Corps. This preliminary determination is not an appealable action under the Regulatory Program Administrative Appeal Process (Reference 33 CFR Part 331). If you wish, you may request an approved JD (which may be appealed), by contacting the Corps district for further instruction. Also, you may provide new information for further consideration by the Corps to reevaluate the JD.

B. Approved Determination

- X There are Navigable Waters of the United States within the above described property subject to the permit requirements of Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. Unless there is a change in the law or our published regulations, this determination may be relied upon for a period not to exceed five years from the date of this notification.
- X There are waters of the U.S. including wetlands on the above described property subject to the permit requirements of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (CWA)(33 USC § 1344). Unless there is a change in the law or our published regulations, this determination may be relied upon for a period not to exceed five years from the date of this notification.
 - _ We strongly suggest you have the wetlands on your property delineated. Due to the size of your property and/or our present workload, the Corps may not be able to accomplish this wetland delineation in a timely manner. For a more timely delineation, you may wish to obtain a consultant. To be considered final, any delineation must be verified by the Corps.
 - _ The waters of the U.S. including wetlands on your project area have been delineated and the delineation has been verified by the Corps. We strongly suggest you have this delineation surveyed. Upon completion, this survey should be reviewed and verified by the Corps. Once verified, this survey will provide an accurate depiction of all areas subject to CWA jurisdiction on your property which, provided there is no change in the law or our published regulations, may be relied upon for a period not to exceed five years.
 - X The waters of the U.S. including wetlands have been delineated and surveyed and are accurately depicted on the plat signed by the Corps Regulatory Official identified below on 10/31/2014. Unless there is a change in the law or our published regulations, this determination may be relied upon for a period not to exceed five years from the date of this notification.
- There are no waters of the U.S., to include wetlands, present on the above described project area which are subject to the permit requirements of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1344). Unless there is a change in the law or our published regulations, this determination may be relied upon for a period not to exceed five years from the date of this notification.

X The property is located in one of the 20 Coastal Counties subject to regulation under the Coastal Area Management Act (CAMA). You should contact the Division of Coastal Management in Wilmington, NC, at (910) 796-7215 to determine their requirements.

Placement of dredged or fill material within waters of the US and/or wetlands without a Department of the Army permit may constitute a violation of Section 301 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC § 1311). If you have any questions regarding this determination and/or the Corps regulatory program, please contact **Emily Hughes** at **910-251-4635 or Emily.B.Hughes@usace.army.mil.**

C. Basis For Determination: This site exhibits wetland criteria as described in the 1987 Corps Wetland
Delineation Manual and Coastal Plain Supplement and is adjacent to Whiskey Creek, a Section 10 tributary to the
Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway, a Navigable Water of the U.S. This determination is based on information
provided by Southern Environmental Group and a site visit by Emily Hughes on 3/14/2014.

D. Remarks:

E. Attention USDA Program Participants

This delineation/determination has been conducted to identify the limits of Corps' Clean Water Act jurisdiction for the particular site identified in this request. The delineation/determination may not be valid for the wetland conservation provisions of the Food Security Act of 1985. If you or your tenant are USDA Program participants, or anticipate participation in USDA programs, you should request a certified wetland determination from the local office of the Natural Resources Conservation Service, prior to starting work.

F. Appeals Information (This information applies only to approved jurisdictional determinations as indicated in B. above)

This correspondence constitutes an approved jurisdictional determination for the above described site. 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 this determination you must submit a completed RFA form to the following address:

US Army Corps of Engineers South Atlantic Division Attn: Jason Steele, Review Officer 60 Forsyth Street SW, Room 10M15 Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8801

In order for an RFA to be accepted by the Corps, 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 12/31/2014.

It is not necessary to submit an F correspondence.	EFA form to the Division Office if you do not object to the determination in this
Corps Regulatory Official:	
Date: October 31, 2014	Expiration Date: October 31, 2019

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NOTIFICATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL OPTIONS AND PROCESS AND REQUEST FOR APPEAL			
Applicant: John and Kathryn Black	File Number: SAW-2014-0038 3	3	Date: October 31, 2014
Attached is:		See Section below	
INITIAL PROFFERED PERMIT (Standard Permit or Letter of permission)			A
PROFFERED PERMIT (Standard Permit or Letter of permission)			В
PERMIT DENIAL			С
APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION			D
PRELIMINARY JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION			Е

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/Missions/CivilWorks/RegulatoryProgramandPermits.aspx or Corps regulations at 33 CFR Part 331.

A: INITIAL PROFFERED PERMIT: You may accept or object to 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.
- 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 and may: (a) 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 should be issued as previously written. After evaluating your objections, the district engineer will send you a proffered 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 date of this notice.
- C: PERMIT DENIAL: You may appeal the denial of a 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 date of this notice.
- D: APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION: You may accept or appeal the approved JD or provide new information.
- ACCEPT: You do not need to notify the Corps to accept an approved JD. Failure to notify the Corps within 60 days of the date of this notice, means that you accept the approved JD in its entirety, and waive all rights to appeal the approved JD.
- APPEAL: If you disagree with the approved JD, you may appeal the approved JD under the Corps of Engineers Administrative Appeal Process by completing Section II of this form and sending the form to the district engineer. This form must be received by the division engineer within 60 days of the date of this notice.

E: PRELIMINARY JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION: You do not need to respond to the Corps regarding the preliminary JD. The Preliminary JD is not appealable. If you wish, you may request an approved JD (which may be appealed), by contacting the Corps district for further instruction. Also you may provide new information for further consideration by the Corps to reevaluate the JD.				
SECTION II - REQUEST FOR APPEAL or OBJECTIONS	TO AN INITIAL PROFFERED PERMIT			
	our reasons for appealing the decision or your objections to an initial h additional information to this form to clarify where your reasons or			
record of the appeal conference or meeting, and any supplement clarify the administrative record. Neither the appellant nor t	review of the administrative record, the Corps memorandum for the nental information that the review officer has determined is needed to he Corps may add new information or analyses to the record. the location of information that is already in the administrative			
POINT OF CONTACT FOR QUESTIONS OR INFORMAT	ΓΙΟΝ:			
If you have questions regarding this decision and/or the appeal process you may contact: District Engineer, Wilmington Regulatory Division, Attn: Emily Hughes 69 Darlington Avenue Wilmington, North Carolina 28403 (910) 251-4635	If you only have questions regarding the appeal process you may also contact: Mr. Jason Steele, Administrative Appeal Review Officer CESAD-PDO U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, South Atlantic Division 60 Forsyth Street, Room 10M15 Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8801 Phone: (404) 562-5137			
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:			

For appeals on Initial Proffered Permits send this form to:

Signature of appellant or agent.

District Engineer, Wilmington Regulatory Division, Attn: Emily Hughes, 69 Darlington Avenue, Wilmington, North Carolina 28403

For Permit denials, Proffered Permits and approved Jurisdictional Determinations send this form to:

Division Engineer, Commander, U.S. Army Engineer Division, South Atlantic, Attn: Mr. Jason Steele, Administrative Appeal Officer, CESAD-PDO, 60 Forsyth Street, Room 10M15, Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8801 Phone: (404) 562-5137



