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.

SEC A.	CTION I: BACKGROUND INFORMATION REPORT COMPLETION DATE FOR APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION (JD): February 11, 2011
В.	DISTRICT OFFICE, FILE NAME, AND NUMBER: St. Louis District; Diamond Head Dr. Storm Sewer; MVS-2010-438 (P-2779)
C.	PROJECT LOCATION AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION: State: Missouri County/parish/borough: St. Louis County City: Mehlville Center coordinates of site (lat/long in degree decimal format): Lat. 38.5160 °N, Long90.3271° W. Universal Transverse Mercator: 15N Name of nearest waterbody: Gravois Creek Name of nearest Traditional Navigable Water (TNW) into which the aquatic resource flows: Mississippi River Name of watershed or Hydrologic Unit Code (HUC): 0714010106 Gravois Creek-Prairie du Pont Creek-Mississippi River 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: May 13, 2010 Field Determination. Date(s): May 13, 2010
SEC	CTION II: SUMMARY OF FINDINGS RHA SECTION 10 DETERMINATION OF JURISDICTION.
The	re 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:
В.	CWA SECTION 404 DETERMINATION OF JURISDICTION.
The	re 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): □ 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
	b. Identify (estimate) size of waters of the U.S. in the review area: Non-wetland waters: 1,130 linear feet: 10 width (ft) and/or acres. Wetlands: acres.
	c. Limits (boundaries) of jurisdiction based on: Established by OHWM. Elevation of established OHWM (if known):
	 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:.

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).

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
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Identify TNW:

Summarize rationale supporting determination:

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 waterbody 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.

Characteristics of non-TNWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNW

(i) General Area Conditions:

Watershed size: 675 acres Drainage area: 87 acres

Average annual rainfall: 38 inches Average annual snowfall: 16 inches

(ii) Physical Characteristics:

(a) Relationship with TNW:

☐ Tributary flows directly into TNW.

Tributary flows through 2 tributaries before entering TNW.

Project waters are 5-10 river miles from TNW.

Project waters are Project waters are 2-5 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: The relevant reach water is intrastate.

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

Creek; thence approximately 5 miles generally northeast to the confluence of Gravois Creek and River des Peres; thence approximately 1.3 miles southeast to the confluence of River des Peres and the Mississippi River. Tributary stream order, if known: General Tributary Characteristics (check all that apply): Natural

☐ Artificial (man-made). Explain:

☐ Manipulated (man-altered). Explain: The District conducted a site visit on May 13, 2010. The Tributary is: existing project reach is moderately to severely degraded. The channel appears to be incised in portions, if not all of the reach. The channel bed contains noticeable quantities of bricks, broken concrete, and other debris. The channel is severely incised. The channel incision has likely contributed to an ongoing bank erosion problem within the reach. Substantial portions of the channel bed and banks have historically been impacted by homeowners' attempts to stabilize the channel. The methods of stabilization that have been used range from staked timber walls, manufactured gabion baskets, homemade gabion baskets, grouted stone, stacked blocks, bagged concrete, staked tire revetment, and a large anchored log. The existing stabilization measures are pervasive throughout the reach. At one location within the channel, an approximate 4-ft. vertical change in bed elevation has been fixed in place through the construction of a poured concrete weir. The efficacy of these attempts varies greatly. **Tributary** properties with respect to top of bank (estimate): Average width: 10 feet Average depth: 7 feet Average side slopes: Vertical (1:1 or less). Primary tributary substrate composition (check all that apply): ✓ Silts✓ Cobbles ☐ Sands Concrete Gravel Muck Bedrock ☐ Vegetation. Type/% cover: Other. Explain: Significant quantity of broken brick and concrete, riprap, and other debris. Tributary condition/stability [e.g., highly eroding, sloughing banks]. Explain: eroding; channel is very incised, and is either eroding or has widespread bank stabilization measures in place, some of which are failing or in need of major repair. Presence of run/riffle/pool complexes. No Explain:. Tributary geometry: Relatively straight Tributary gradient (approximate average slope): (c) Flow: Tributary provides for: Seasonal flow Estimate average number of flow events in review area/year: 20 (or greater) Describe flow regime: Channel is within a suburban/urban area. The area is an older community in the greater metropolitan area, and appears to have been developed prior to the advent of contemporary stormwater management techniques. The drainage area contains portions that have predominantly impervious surfaces. The tributary likely displays an abnormally peaked hydrograph. Other information on duration and volume: The HEC-RAS study performed by EFK-Moen indicates that the velocities within the channel range from 6.5 fps to 10.5 fps (existing condition). During the May 13, 2010 site visit, Shively observed benthic macroinvertebrates within the bed substrates. The presence of benthic macroinvertebrates indicates that the channel flow is at a minimum seasonally perennial/perennially pooled, if not perennial. The channel is shown on the USGS topographic map as a solid blue line. Surface flow is: Confined. Characteristics:. Subsurface flow: Unknown. 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 changes in the character of soil destruction of terrestrial vegetation the presence of wrack line shelving vegetation matted down, bent, or absent sediment sorting

Identify flow route to TNW⁵: Project reach continues generally north approximately 1 mile to its confluence with Gravois

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.

			Seaf litter disturbed or washed away Secour Sediment deposition Implicit water staining Implicit water staining Implicit other (list): Discontinuous OHWM. Explain: Secour Implicit water staining Implicit w
			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)	Cha	emical Characteristics: aracterize tributary (e.g., water color is clear, discolored, oily film; water quality; general watershed characteristics, etc.). Explain: The watershed of the project area is approximately 70% residential (predominantly smaller lots, high-density development), 25% commercial ("big-box" type buildings), with the remainder appearing to be undeveloped green space. These land uses likely contribute contaminants from roadway and parking lot runoff, yard fertilizers, trash and debris, etc. As previously described, the tributary is highly degraded. Channel incision appears to be severe, and bank stabilization measures are widespread through the reach. Intify specific pollutants, if known: No indication of specific contaminants was observed during our site visit (odor, sheen, etc.) However, the tributary is likely subject to nutrient loading and herbicide/pesticide contaminants from runoff from surrounding suburban residential property. Also likely subject to salts, petro-chemicals and other contaminants commonly found in runoff from roadways and parking lots.
	(iv)	□ wid	Riparian corridor. Characteristics (type, average width): The riparian corridor has generally been reduced to a single tree of the throughout the reach. Many of these trees are mature. Given the very minimal width of the forested corridor, this sitat type has not been selected as "supported". 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: During the May 13, 2010 site visit, benthic macro-invertebrates were observed. These were few in number, and were isopods and other low-quality indicator species. However, they indicate that the reach does support a low level of aquatic fauna. No fish were observed.
2.	Cha	ıract	teristics of wetlands adjacent to non-TNW that flow directly or indirectly into TNW
	(i)		ysical Characteristics: General Wetland Characteristics: Properties: Wetland size: Wetland type. Explain: Wetland quality. Explain:. Project wetlands cross or serve as state boundaries. Explain:.
		(b)	General Flow Relationship with Non-TNW: Flow is: Pick List. Explain:.
			Surface flow is: Pick List Characteristics:.
			Subsurface flow: Unknown. Explain findings: Dye (or other) test performed:
		(c)	Wetland Adjacency Determination with Non-TNW: ☐ Directly abutting ☐ Discrete wetland hydrologic connection. Explain:. ☐ Ecological connection. Explain:

⁷Ibid.

		☐ Separated by berm/b	parrier. Explain: .		
	(d)	Proximity (Relationship) to Project wetlands are Pick L Project waters are Pick Lis Flow is from: Pick List . Estimate approximate location	ist river miles from TNW t aerial (straight) miles fr	om TNW.	
	Ch	nemical Characteristics: laracterize wetland system (e.g characteristics; etc.). Expla entify specific pollutants, if kn	in:.	own, oil film on surface; water qu	ality; general watershed
	(iii) Bid	Riparian buffer. Characteristics. We Riparian buffer. Characteristics Vegetation type/percent cown Habitat for: Federally Listed species Fish/spawn areas. Expla Other environmentally-s Aquatic/wildlife diversit	stics (type, average width rer. Explain:. Explain findings: in findings: ensitive species. Explain):	
3.	All	teristics of all wetlands adjact wetland(s) being considered approximately () acres in	in the cumulative analysis		
	For	r each wetland, specify the fol	lowing:		
		Directly abuts? (Y/N)	Size (in acres)	Directly abuts? (Y/N)	Size (in acres)
		Summarize overall biologic	al, chemical and physical	functions being performed:.	

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: See description in Section B1-ii(b,c). □ 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: See description in Section B1-ii(b,c)
	Provide estimates for jurisdictional waters in the review area (check all that apply): Tributary waters: 1,130 linear feet 10 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: linear feet 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.

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⁸See Footnote # 3.

	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: 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).
E.	SUC	CLATED [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:
	Ide	ntify water body and summarize rationale supporting determination:
		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: Other: (explain, if not covered above):
	fact	vide acreage estimates for non-jurisdictional waters in the review area, where the <u>sole</u> 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 gment (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.
		wide acreage estimates for non-jurisdictional waters in the review area that do not meet the "Significant Nexus" standard, where such adding is required for jurisdiction (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.

SECTION IV: DATA SOURCES.

⁹ To complete the analysis refer to the key in Section III.D.6 of the Instructional Guidebook.

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.

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):
Plans dated September 14, 2010 and prepared by EFK-Moen.
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: MO-Webster Groves GIS.
USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Soil Survey. Citation:. National wetlands inventory map(s). Cite name: GIS. State/Local wetland inventory map(s):. FEMA/FIRM maps: GIS. 100-year Floodplain Elevation is: (National Geodectic Vertical Datum of 1929) Photographs: ✓ Aerial (Name & Date): GIS 2009, 2007, 2005, undated DOOO.
National wetanics inventory map(s). Cite name. Ois.
State/Local wetland inventory map(s):.
FEMA/FIRM maps: GIS.
100-year Floodplain Elevation is: (National Geodectic Vertical Datum of 1929)
or 🔀 Other (Name & Date): Undated site photos submitted with June 9, 2010 EFK-Moen application packet.
Previous determination(s). File no. and date of response letter: .
Applicable/supporting case law:
Applicable/supporting scientific literature: .
Other information (please specify):.

B. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS TO SUPPORT JD: