## APPENDIX 2Q. LETTER FROM ACOE RE JURISDICTIONAL DELINEATION DATED DECEMBER 19, 2007



## DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY NEW YORK DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS JACOB K. JAVITS FEDERAL BUILDING

NEW YORK, N.Y. 10278-0090

DEC 19 2007

REPLYTO ATTENTION OF: Regulatory Branch

SUBJECT: Permit Application Number NAN-2007-549-WOR by Kent Management Corp

Robert G. Torgersen
Landscape Architecture and
Environmental Sciences
Three Main Drive
Nanuet, New York 10954

Dear Mr. Torgersen:

On April 11, 2007, the New York District Corps of Engineers received a request for a Department of the Army jurisdictional determination for the above referenced project. The site consists of approximately 197.716 acres, in the Hudson River watershed, in the Towns of Cornwall and New Windsor, Orange County, New York. The proposed project would involve the construction of a commercial development.

In the letter received on April 11, 2007, your office submitted a proposed delineation of the extent of waters of the United States within the subject property. A site inspection was conducted by representatives of this office on August 2, 2007, during which it was determined that USACE concurred with the proposed delineation.

Based on the material submitted and the observations of the representatives of this office during the site visit, this site has been determined to contain jurisdictional waters of the United States based on: the presence of wetlands determined by the occurrence of hydrophytic vegetation, hydric soils and wetland hydrology according to criteria established in the 1987 "Corps of Engineers Wetlands Delineation Manual, " Technical Report Y-87-1 that are either adjacent to or part of a tributary system; the presence of a defined water body (e.g. stream channel, lake, pond, river, etc.) which is part of a tributary system; and the fact that the location includes property below the ordinary high water mark, high tide line or mean high water mark of a water body as determined by known gage data or by the presence of physical markings including, but not limited to, shelving, changes in the character of soil, destruction of terrestrial vegetation, the presence of litter or debris or other characteristics of the surrounding area.

These jurisdictional waters of the United States are shown on the drawing entitled "Wetlands Map Prepared For Cornwall Commons Town of Cornwall Town of New Windsor Orange County, New York", prepared by Lanc & Tully Engineering and Surveying, P.C., dated July 21, 2006. This drawing indicates that there are four (4) principal wetland areas on the project site which are part of a tributary system, and are considered to be waters of the United States. Wetlands A, B, D and E are all considered to be adjacent to seasonal streams and are a total of 9.53 acres within the subject property. Three unnamed tributaries to Moodna Creek are a total of approximately 390 feet long within the subject property.

It should be noted that, in light of the U.S. Supreme Court decision (Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County v. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, No. 99-1178, January 9, 2001), the remainder of the wetlands shown on the above referenced drawing (Wetlands C and F) do not meet the current criteria of waters of the United States under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. The Court ruled that isolated, intrastate waters can no longer be considered waters of the United States, based solely upon their use by migratory birds.

This determination regarding the delineation shall be considered valid for a period of five years from the date of this letter unless new information warrants revision of the determination before the expiration date.

This determination was documented using the Approved Jurisdictional Determination Form, promulgated by the Corps of Engineers in June 2007. A copy of that document is enclosed with this letter, and will be posted on the New York District website at: <a href="http://www.nan.usace.army.mil/business/buslinks/regulat/jurisdet/index.htm">http://www.nan.usace.army.mil/business/buslinks/regulat/jurisdet/index.htm</a>.

This delineation/determination has been conducted to identify the limits of the Corps Clean Water Act jurisdiction for the particular site identified in this request. If you object to this determination, you may request an administrative appeal under Corps regulations at 33 CFR Part 331. Enclosed is a combined Notification of Appeal Process (NAP) and Request For Appeal (RFA) form. If you request to appeal this determination you must submit a completed RFA form to the North Atlantic Division Office at the following address:

James W. Haggerty, Regulatory Appeals Review Officer North Atlantic Division, U.S. Army Engineer Division Fort Hamilton Military Community General Lee Avenue, Building 301 Brooklyn, New York 11252-6700 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 Park 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

RFA form to the Division Office if you do not object to the determination in this letter.

This delineation/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 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.

It is strongly recommended that the development of the site be carried out in such a manner as to avoid as much as possible the discharge of dredged or fill material into the delineated waters of the United States. If the activities proposed for the site involve such discharges, authorization from this office may be necessary prior to the initiation of the proposed work. The extent of such discharge of fill will determine the level of authorization that would be required.

If any questions should arise concerning this matter, please contact Brian A. Orzel, of my staff, at (917) 790-8413.

Sincerely,

George Nieves

Chief, Western Permits Section

Enclosures

cf: NYSDEC - Region 3
Town of Cornwall
Town of New Windsor

## NOTIFICATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL OPTIONS AND PROCESS AND REQUEST FOR APPEAL

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SECTION I - The following identifies your rights and options regarding an administrative appeal of the above decision. Additional information may be found at http://usaco.army.mil/inet/functions/cw/cecwo/reg 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 New York 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 (JD) 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 New York District Engineer. Your objections must be received by the New York 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 New York 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 New York 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 New York 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 North Atlantic Division Engineer, ATTN: CENAD-PD-PSD-O, Fort Hamilton Military Community, Building 301, General Lee Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11252-6700. 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 North Atlantic Division Engineer, ATTN; CENAD-PD-PSD-O, Fort Hamilton Military Community, Building 301, General Lee Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11252-6700. 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 division engineer. This form must be received by the North Atlantic Division Engineer within 60 days of the date of this notice with a copy furnished to the New York District Engineer.
- 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.

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