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Wetlands Delineation

Wetland Delineation Report

Rhudes Creek Solar Project Hardin County, Kentucky



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1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Project Description

ibV Energy Partners (ibV) is proposing to construct a new, 100 MW_{ac} solar facility at the Rhudes Creek Solar, LLC Site (the Project Site), an approximately 1,480-acre site made up of multiple parcels situated around South Black Branch Road in Cecilia, Hardin County, Kentucky (please refer to the Site Location map, Figure 1).

1.2 Project Purpose

The purpose of this wetland and waterway delineation was to map all wetlands and surface waters (including rivers, streams, ponds, lakes, etc.) regardless of jurisdictional status as well as other features such as, swales, ditches, gullies, etc. Documentation of these features will be used for design and avoidance purposes. Specific tasks performed include a field delineation of all potential state and federal jurisdictional areas within the Project Site, a subsequent mapping survey of jurisdictional area boundaries utilizing a handheld Global Positioning System (GPS) with sub-meter accuracy, and detailed descriptions of jurisdictional areas based on hydrology, vegetation, and soil data collected in the field. All features documented during the Site visits are included in this report.

2.0 REGULATORY AUTHORITIES

2.1 Waters of the United States

As defined by the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Waters of the United States (WOTUS) include all lakes, ponds, streams (intermittent and perennial), and wetlands regulated under Sections 401 and 404 of the Clean Water Act. Wetlands are defined as "Those areas that are inundated or saturated by surface or ground water at a frequency and duration sufficient to support, and that under normal circumstances do support, a prevalence of vegetation typically adapted for life in saturated soil conditions." The Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet, Division of Water, Water Quality Certification Section is responsible for the section 401 water quality permitting process.

The USACE also regulates navigable waters under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbor Act (33 U.S.C. 401 et seq.), which requires a permit from the USACE to construct any structure in or over any navigable WOTUS, as well as any proposed action that would alter or disturb (such as excavation/dredging or deposition of materials) these waters. If the proposed structure or activity affects the course, location, condition, or capacity of the navigable water, even if the



proposed activity is outside the boundaries of the waterbody, a permit from the USACE is required.

2.2 Kentucky Wetlands and Buffer Rules

Currently there is no state-specific program in Kentucky for regulating wetlands. Municipalities, townships, and counties may have local zoning authority over certain areas or types of wetlands and waterways. The determination that a wetland or waterway is subject to regulatory jurisdiction is made independently by the federal, state, and local agencies. There are no state or local riparian buffer rules associated with the watershed where the Project Site is located.

3.0 PROJECT SETTING

3.1 Resources

A number of resources were reviewed and utilized in supporting this delineation, including United States Geological Survey (USGS) topographic mapping (Cecilia, KY and Howe Valley, KY 7.5 minute quadrangles)¹; United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) National Wetlands Inventory (NWI) wetlands mapper²; United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Web Soil Survey for Hardin County, KY³; the NRCS List of Hydric Soils of the State of Kentucky; the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Insurance maps⁴; the USGS National Hydrography Dataset (NHD)⁵; and recent aerial photography⁶.

3.2 Ecological Region

The Project Site is located in the Mitchell Plain Ecological Region of Kentucky (Level IV ecoregion 71b)⁷. Ecological Regions are large areas of similar climate where ecological communities occur in predictable patterns.

The rolling Mitchell Plain in the western part of the Interior Plateau (Level III Ecoregion 71). The Mitchell Plain is underlain by Mississippian limestones and is characterized by well-developed karst, low relief, and extensive agriculture. Sinkholes, ponds, springs, sinkhole wetlands, subterranean drainage, and dry valleys occur. Potential natural vegetation is a mosaic of bluestem prairie and oak-hickory forest. Today cropland and pastureland is extensive, mixed oak forest are found on steep slopes, and pin oak, swamp white oak, and sweetgum grow in poorly drained areas.



3.3 Soils

Soil survey maps provided by the USDA NRCS were reviewed prior to conducting the delineation fieldwork to determine the extent of mapped hydric soils within the Project Site. A total of 23 soil types occur within the Project Site (See Table 1, below and Figure 2). According to the National List of Hydric Soils prepared by the USDA NRCS⁸, six of the soils mapped within the Project Site are classified as having the potential for hydric inclusions. The mapped soil types range from very poorly drained to well drained soils. The soil series descriptions and drainage classifications for the Project Site are provided in Table 1 (below).

	Table 1. So	ils mappe	d at the Rhud	es Creek Solar Project Site	
Symbol	Soil Name	% Hydric	Hydrologic Soil Group	Drainage Class	Farmland Classification
Partially H	lydric Soils ¹				
Dn	Dunning silty clay loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes, frequently flooded	95	C/D	Very poorly drained	Prime farmland if drained and either protected from flooding or not frequently flooded in growing season
GnB	Gatton silt loam, 2 to 6 percent slopes	1	D	Moderately well drained	All areas are prime farmland
Lc	Lawrence silt loam, 0 to 2 percent slope	4	D	Somewhat poorly drained	Prime farmland if drained
Mv	Melvin silt loam	90	B/D	Poorly drained	Prime farmland if drained and either protected from flooding or not frequently flooded in growing season
Nb	Newark silt loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes, frequently flooded	2	B/D	Somewhat poorly drained	Prime farmland if drained and either protected from flooding or not frequently flooded in growing season



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Symbol	Soil Name	% Hydric	Hydrologic Soil Group	Drainage Class	Farmland Classification
No	Nolin silt loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes, frequently flooded	2	В	Well drained	Prime farmland if drained and either protected from flooding or not frequently flooded in growing season
Non-hydri	c Soils				
BrA	Bedford silt loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes	0	C/D	Moderately well drained	All areas are prime farmland
BrB	Bedford silt loam, 2 to 6 percent slopes	0	C/D	Moderately well drained	All areas are prime farmland
CrB	Crider silt loam, 2 to 6 slopes	0	В	Well drained	All areas are prime farmland
CrC	Crider silt loam, 6 to 12 percent slopes	0	В	Well drained	Farmland of statewide importance
CsC	Cumberland silt loam, 6 to 12 percent slopes	0	В	Well drained	Farmland of statewide importance
CsD	Cumberland silt loam, 12 to 20 percent slopes	0	В	Well drained	Not prime farmland
CtD3	Cumberland silty clay loam, 12 to 20 percent slopes, severely eroded	0	В	Well drained	Not prime farmland
FdC	Fedonia-Rock outcrop complex, 6 to 20 percent slopes	0	С	Well drained	Not prime farmland
Hū	Huntington silt loam	0	В	Well drained	Prime farmland if drained and either protected from flooding or not frequently flooded in growing season
OtA	Otwood silt loam, 0 to 2 percent, rarely flooded	0	C/D	Well drained	All areas are prime farmland
PmB	Pembroke silt loam, 2 to 6 percent slopes	0	В	Well drained	All areas are prime farmland



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Symbol	Soil Name	% Hydric	Hydrologic Soil Group	Drainage Class	Farmland Classification
PmC	Pembroke silt loam, 6 to 12 percent slopes	0	В	Well drained	Farmland of statewide importance
SnB	Sonora silt loam, 2 to 6 percent slopes	0	В	Well drained	All areas are prime farmland
SnC	Sonora silt loam, 6 to 12 percent slopes	0	В	Well drained	Farmland of statewide importance
SnC3	Sonora silt loam, 6 to 12 percent slopes, severely eroded	0	В	Well drained	Not prime farmland
VtD3	Vertrees silty clay loam, 6 to 20 percent slopes, severely eroded	0	С	Well drained	Not prime farmland
WbD	Waynesboro loam, 12 to 20 percent slopes	0	В	Well drained	Not prime farmland

¹Hydric classification taken from the *National List of Hydric Soils* (USDA NRCS 2015) which includes both major and minor (small) percentages for map units; therefore, in some cases most of the map unit may not be hydric. Also, some components may be phases of soil series that have a range of characteristics that both meet and do not meet hydric indicator requirements; therefore, only a portion of that component's concept may in fact be hydric. This can lead to a discrepancy between hydric classification and drainage class (USDA NRCS 2015).

4.0 HYDROLOGY

The Project Site is located within the Lower Valley Hydrologic Unit Code-12 (HUC-12) 051100011004 and Dorsey Run-Nolin River HUC-12 051100011006⁵. Black Branch and several unnamed tributaries flow through the site (Figure 3).

According to the FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), the entire project site is classified as Zone X which is an area of minimal flood hazard⁴.

There are two National Wetlands Inventory (NWI) wetlands and 24 NWI ponds mapped on the Project Site².

5.0 METHODOLOGY

Prior to initiating field investigations, TRC conducted a desktop review of publicly available data to determine the presence of mapped wetlands and waterbodies within the Project Site. TRC wetland scientists subsequently carried out field investigations within the Project Site to identify wetlands, waterbodies, and other surface waters. Surveys were performed in accordance with



criteria set forth in the USACE 1987 Wetlands Delineation Manual⁹ and the Regional Supplement to the Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual: Eastern Mountains and Piedmont Region¹⁰. Data were recorded on USACE Routine Wetland Determination forms (Appendix B). Boundaries of observed wetland and water features were flagged with pink ribbon with a handwritten resource label and flag number, and their locations were recorded with a Samsung Galaxy Tab E Tablet connected to a Geode GPS unit capable of sub-meter accuracy.

Hydrophytic vegetation was assessed by identifying plant species and their assigned wetland indicator rating of obligate, facultative wet, facultative, facultative upland, and upland according to the 2016 National Wetland Plant List¹¹. Vegetation in both upland and wetland communities were characterized using areal dominance method, which utilizes a of 30-foot radius around the sample location for tree cover, 15-foot radius for sapling and shrub cover, and five-foot radius for herbaceous plant cover.

Hydric soil indicators were determined using soil characteristics such as color matrix, hue, evidence of redox features which may include indicators such as saturation, gleyed matrix, mottling, hydrogen sulfide odor, and organic/peat layers present. Soil test pits were dug using a shovel to a depth of approximately 20-inches, or refusal due to the presence of a hardpan layer, rock, or fill materials. Soil color was described using the Munsell Color book¹²; texture described using USDA hand-texture methods; and the presence/absence of redoximorphic features, including depletions and concentrations, was recorded.

Hydrology was determined based on a number of indicators that are divided into two categories, primary and secondary. The USACE manual and Regional Supplement defines hydrology as present when at least one primary indicator or two secondary indicators are identified. One primary indicator is sufficient to determine if hydrology is present; however, if these are absent then two or more of the secondary indicators are required to determine hydrology. If other probable hydrology evidence was found then this was subsequently documented on the data form.

Additionally, surface waters (including waterbody channels and drainageways identified during field surveys) were investigated and characterized. To the extent practicable, these waters were investigated to determine drainage patterns and potential connections to other WOTUS. The criteria for a jurisdictional waterbody is the presence of a defined bed and bank, indicative of an active channel that exhibits stable characteristics¹³. The boundary of a jurisdictional waterbody extends to the ordinary high-water mark (OHWM) or to the boundaries of an adjacent wetland. All waterbodies within the Study Area were recorded and documented for future consultation efforts. Information collected included, but was not limited to, flow type, substrate type, and channel width and depth. Waterbody flow types are defined as follows:



- Perennial A waterbody expected to have continuous year-round flow, with a well-defined OHWM;
- Intermittent A waterbody expected to have seasonal flow with seasonal flow defined as continuous flow for a consecutive period of at least three months, with a defined OHWM;
- Ephemeral A waterbody expected to only have flow of short duration after a rainfall event, often without a well-defined OHWM and channel;
- Pond, Lake, Open Water A basin or area of non-flowing water where water is expected to pool on at least a seasonal basis defined as pooling for a consecutive period of at least three months, with a well-defined OHWM, hydrophilic vegetation may be present, in some cases manmade or altered.
- Ditch A manmade channel excavated within upland locations with the apparent intent to drain wetlands, ponds, or other waterbodies to aid in agriculture, ranching, or other land management activities. For the purpose of this wetland report, all ditch features are presumed to be non-jurisdictional aquatic resources. Final determination of jurisdiction, however, rests with the USACE.

Waterbodies within the proposed study area were identified by the presence of an OHWM. The top of bank or the centerline of the channels or edge of ponds was geographically located by using Global Positioning System (GPS) with sub-meter accuracy. When a wetland or waterbody boundary was inaccessible, publicly available aerial photographs were used to determine the boundary. Information was collected on each waterbody, including flow type (e.g., perennial, intermittent, or ephemeral), substrate type (mud/silt, sand, gravel, large rock, boulder, and/or bedrock), and channel width and depth.

Representative photographs were taken of each delineated wetland community and waterbody within the Project Site and are included in Appendix A.

6.0 RESULTS

Based upon field investigations, 38 wetlands, 48 streams, 11 ponds, and 35 upland drainage ditches were identified within the approximately 1480-acre Project Site between December 9, 2019 and December 20, 2019 (See Figures 4 and 5).

Approximately 0.76% (11.28 acres) of the 1480-acre Project Site is classified as wetland. The remainder of the Project Site contains primarily agricultural field uplands and mixed hardwood forested uplands. Tables 2 and 3 (below) contain the complete inventory of wetlands and







Table 2. Wetlands Delineated at the Rhudes Creek Solar Site

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Wetland Field Designation	Field Designated Cowardin Classification ¹	Delineated Area (acres)	Dominant Wetland Vegetation	Hydrological Indicators	TRC's Professional Opinion of Jurisdictional Status²	Watershed (HUC12)	Description
				WETLANDS			
W-JLB-01	PEM	0.36	Panicum virgatum, Juncus effusus	Surface Water (A1), High Water Table (A2), Saturation (A3), Oxidized Rhizospheres on Living Roots (C3)	Potentially Jurisdictional	051100011004	W-JLB-01 is situated between D- JLB-01 and D-JLB-02 which continues off property.
W-JLB-02	PEM	0.64	Panicum virgatum	Surface Water (A1), High Water Table (A2), Saturation (A3), Oxidized Rhizospheres on Living Roots (C3)	Potentially isolated	051100011004	W-JLB-02 covers a low area of an agricultural field and borders the railroad that intersects the eastern portion of the northern parcels.
W-JLB-03	PEM	0.07	Alopecurus pratensis, Panicum virgatum	High Water Table (A2), Saturation (A3), Oxidized Rhizospheres on Living Roots (C3)	Potentially Isolated	051100011004	W-JLB-03 is located just south of W-JLB-01 and does not have a nexus with any other feature.
W-JLB-04	PFO	0.03	Celtis Iaevigata, Ulmus americana, Quercus palustris	Oxidized Rhizospheres on Living Roots (C3), Surface Soil Cracks (B6), Geomorphic Position (D2)	Potentially Jurisdictional	051100011006	W-JLB-04 is located between S-JLB-04 and S-JLB-01. S-JLB-01 flows offsite approx. 140 feet SW of W-JLB-04.
W-JLB-05	PFO	60.0	Platanus occidentalis, Ulmus americana	Drainage Patterns (B10), Stunted or Stressed Plants (D1), Geomorphic Position (D2)	Potentially Jurisdictional	051100011006	W-JLB-05 is located between S-JLB-04 and S-JLB-09, S-JLB-09 enters the site approx. 200 feet NE of W-JLB-05.
W-JLB-06	PFO	0.71	Acer rubrum, Platanus occidentalis	High Water Table (A2), Saturation (A3), Oxidized Rhizospheres on Living Roots (C3)	Potentially Jurisdictional	051100011006	W-JLB-06 is located adjacent to S. Black Branch Rd and has multiple ephemeral streams flowing through it. S-JLB-09 flows into W-JLB-06 from off site.
W-JLB-07	PEM	0.06	Solidago gigantea, Carex grayi, Xanthium strumarium	High Water Table (A2), Saturation (A3), Drainage Patterns (B10)	Potentially Jurisdicitonal	051100011004	W-JLB-07 is located in an agricultural field immediately adjacent to waterbody WB-JLB-02.
W-JLB-08	PFO	0.12	Acer rubrum, Platanus occidentalis, Liquidambar stryraciflua, Quercus alba, Smilax rotundifolia	High Water Table (A2), Saturation (A3), Oxidized Rhizospheres on Living Roots (C3), Water-Stained Leaves	Potentially isolated	051100011006	Located across S Black Branch Road from W-JLB-06. No features with a direct surface connection were observed.
W-JLB-09	PEM	0.10	Xanthium strumarium, Solidago gigantea, Setaria pumila, Rumex crispus	Saturation (A3), Drainage Patterns (B10), Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery (C9), Geomorphic Position (D2)	Potentially Jurisdictional	051100011006	Wetland fringe of S-JLB-15, an unnamed tributary to Black Branch (S-MRR-29).
W-JLB-10	PFO	0.002	Acer rubrum, Platanus occidentalis, Chasmanthium latifolium	Surface Water (A1), High Water Table (A2), Saturation (A3), Water-Stained Leaves (B9)	Jurisdictional	051100011006	Located along Black Branch (5- MRR-29).
W-JLB-11	PFO	0.002	Acer rubrum, Platanus occidentalis, Chasmanthium latifolium	Surface Water (A1), High Water Table (A2), Saturation (A3), Water-Stained Leaves (B9)	Jurisdictional	051100011006	Located along Black Branch (S- MRR-29).



Description	Wetland fringe of S-JLB-17, an unnamed tributary to Black Branch (S-MRR-29).	Wetland fringe of S-JLB-17, an unnamed tributary to Black Branch (S-MRR-29). Direct connection to W-JLB-12 PEM.	Wetland fringe of S-JLB-17, an unnamed tributary to Black Branch (S-MRR-29). Direct connection to W-JLB-13 PEM.	Wetland fringe of S-JLB-17, an unnamed tributary to Black Branch (S-MRR-29). Direct connection to W-JLB-12 PEM and W-JLB-13 PFO.	Direct connection with S-ILB-18, and intermittent stream with a connection to S-ILB-14, a tributary to Black Branch.	Adjacent but not directly connected to Black Branch in the southern portion of the parcel that Black Branch transects.	Emergent wetland hydrologically connected to W-JLB-15 through S-JLB-19.	Located in the NW corner of the southernmost parcel. Connected to S-MRR-01 via S-MRR-06.	Adjacent to but does not have a surface connection with S-MRR-01 in the southernmost parcel.
Watershed (HUC12)	051100011006	051100011006	051100011006	051100011006	051100011006	051100011006	051100011006	051100011006	051100011006
TRC's Professional Opinion of Jurisdictional Status ²	Potentially Jurisdictional	Potentially Jurisdictional	Potentially Jurisdictional	Potentially Jurisdictional	Potentially Jurisdictional	Jurisdictional	Potentially Jurisdictional	Jurisdictional	Potentially Jurisdictional
Hydrological Indicators	Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery (C9), Geomorphic Position (D2)	High Water Table (A2), Saturation (A3), Crayfish Burrows (C8), Saturation Visible Imagery (C9)	High Water Table (A2), Saturation (A3), Water-Stained Leaves (B9)	High Water Table (A2), Saturation (A3), Drainage Patterns (B10), Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery (C9)	High Water Table (A2), Saturation (A3), Drainage Patterns (B10), Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery (C9)	High Water Table (A2), Saturation (A3), Drainage Patterns (B10), Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery (C9)	High Water Table (A2), Saturation (A3), Drainage Patterns (B10), Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery (C9), Geomorphic Position (D2)	High Water Table (A2), Saturation (A3), Water-Stained Leaves (B9), Drainage Patterns (B10), Geomorphic Position (D2)	Saturation (A3), Water Marks (B1), Sparsely Vegetated Concave Surface (B8), Drainage Patterns (B10)
Dominant Wetland Vegetation	Solidago gigantea, Ludwigia alternifolia, Dichanthelium clandestinum, Carex grayi, Symphyotrichum novae- angliae	Acer rubrum, Cornus amomum, Alnus serrulate, Solidago gigantea, Ludwigia alternifolia, Juncus effusus	Acer rubrum, Ulmus americana, Liquidambar styraciflua, Solidago gigantea, Symphyotrichum novae-angliae	Solidago gigantea, Carex grayi, Ludwigia alternifolia, Symphyotrichum novae- angliae, Carex lurida	Persicaria pensylvanica, Solidago gigantea, Setaria pumila, Juncus effusus	Setaria pumila, Cyperus esculentus, Xanthium strumarium, Juncus effusus	Setaria pumila, Cyperus esculentus, Xanthium strumarium, Juncus effusus, Carex grayi	Platanus occidentalis, Ulmus americana, Acer rubrum, Carya glabra, Liquidambar styraciflua, Poa palustris	Acer saccharinum, Celtis occidentalis, Carex bromoides, Carex
Delineated Area (acres)	0.63	0.33	0.05	09:0	0.57	0.21	0.44	0.04	0.24
Field Designated Cowardin Classification ¹	PEM	PSS	PFO	PEM	PEM	PEM	PEM	PFO	PFO
Wetland Field Designation	W-JLB-12	W-JLB-12	W-JLB-13	W-JLB-13	W-JLB-14	W-JLB-15	W-JLB-16	W-JLB-17	W-MRR-01



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Description	Adjacent to W-MRR-01 and S-MRR-01, but not directly connected to either.	Adjacent to S-MRR-01 in the NW part of the southernmost parcel. Connected to S-MRR-01 by S-MRR-05.	North of W-MRR-03 and W-JLB-17. Adjacent to S-MRR-01 but lacks a direct surface connection.	Located on the western boundary of the project site. No jurisdictional aquatic resources were observed near W-MRR-05.	Located in the center of an agricultural field. W-MRR-06 has no above-ground hydrologic connection to another aquatic resource.	Located in the center of an agricultural field. W-MRR-07 has no above-ground hydrologic connection to another aquatic resource.	Located in the center of an agricultural field. W-MRR-08 has no above-ground hydrologic connection to another aquatic resource.	Located in the center of an agricultural field. W-MRR-11 has no above-ground hydrologic connection to another aquatic resource.	Located near the western boundary of the northwestern-most parcel. Follows along ephemeral stream S-MRR-21
Watershed (HUC12)	051100011006	051100011006	051100011006	051100011006	051100011006	051100011006	051100011006	051100011006	051100011006
TRC's Professional Opinion of Jurisdictional Status ²	Potentially Jurisdictional	Jurisdictional	Potentially Jurisdictional	Potentially Non- Jurisdictional	Potentially Non- Jurisdictional	Potentially Non- Jurisdictional	Potentially Non- Jurisdictional	Potentially Non- Jurisdictional	Potentially Non- Jurisdictional
Hydrological Indicators	Surface Water (A1), Saturation (A3), Water Marks (B1), Water-Stained Leaves (B9)	Saturation (A3), High Water Table (A2), Drift Deposits (B3), Stunted or Stressed Plants (D1)	Saturation (A3), High Water Table (A2), Surface Water (A1), Sparsely Vegetated Concave Surface (B8)	Surface Water (A1), High Water Table (A2), Saturation (A3), Geomorphic Position (D2)	Surface Water (A1), Saturation (A3), Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery (C9), Geomorphic Position (D2)	Saturation (A3), Surface Water (A1), Geomorphic Position (D2), Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery (C9)	Surface Water (A1), Saturation (A3), Algal Mat or Crust (B4), Geomorphic Position (D2), Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery (C9)	Surface Water (A1), Saturation (A3), Inundation Visible on Aerial Imagery (B7), Geomorphic Position	Surface Water (A1), Saturation (A3), Drainage Patterns (B10), Geomorphic Position (D2)
Dominant Wetland Vegetation	Acer saccharinum, Carex intumescens, Rosa palustris, Cinna arundinacea	Platanus occidentalis, Quercus palustris, Solidago gigantea, Carex bromoides, Cinna arundinacea	Acer saccharinum, Platanus occidentalis, Carex bromoides, Carex grayi, Solidago gigantea, Elymus virginicus	Quercus palustris, Juncus effusus, Scirpus cyperinus, Symphyotrichum pilosum	Echinochloa frumentacea, Setaria faberi	Echinochloa frumentacea, Setaria faberi	Echinochloa frumentacea, Setaria faberi	Echinochloa frumentacea, Setaria faberi	Echinochloa frumentacea, Andropogon gerardii
Delineated Area (acres)	0.23	0.35	1.29	0.76	0.17	0.09	0.07	0.17	0.72
Field Designated Cowardin Classification ¹	PFO	PEM	PEM	PEM	PEM	PEM	PEM	PEM	PEM
Wetland Field Designation	W-MRR-02	W-MRR-03	W-MRR-04	W-MRR-05	W-MRR-06	W-MRR-07	W-MRR-08	W-MRR-11	W-MRR-12



Wetland Field Designation	Field Designated Cowardin Classification ¹	Delineated Area (acres)	Dominant Wetland Vegetation	Hydrological Indicators	TRC's Professional Opinion of Jurisdictional Status ²	Watershed (HUC12)	Description
W-MRR-13	PEM	1.01	Typha angustifolia, Juncus effusus, Scirpus cyperinus	Surface Water (A1), Saturation (A3), Drainage Patterns (B10), Geomorphic Position (D2)	Potentially Jurisdictional	051100011006	Located in an agricultural field near the center of the northwestern- most parcel adjacent to waterbody WB-MRR-13.
W-MRR-14	PFO	0.41	Quercus palustris, Ulmus americana, Carex grayi	Saturation (A3), Drainage Patterns (B10), Geomorphic Position (D2)	Potentially Jurisdictional	051100011006	Located on the western boundary of the northwestern-most parcel. Adjacent to stream S-MRR-18.
W-MRR-15	PFO	0.03	Carex grayi, Juncus effusus	Saturation (A3), Drainage Patterns (B10), Geomorphic Position (D2)	Potentially Jurisdictional	051100011006	Located on the western boundary of the northwestern-most parcel. Adjacent to stream S-MRR-18.
W-MRR-16	PFO	0.09	Quercus palustris, Carex grayi	Saturation (A3), Drainage Patterns (B10), Stunted Plants (D1), Geomorphic Position (D2)	Potentially Jurisdictional	051100011006	Located on the western boundary of the northwestern-most parcel. Adjacent to stream S-MRR-18.
W-MRR-17	PEM	0.35	Typha angustifolia	Surface Water (A1), High Water Table (A2), Saturation (A3), Geomorphic Position (D2)	Potentially Jurisdictional	051100011006	Located east of W-RCS-13 in an agriculture field. Wetland fringe of stream S-MRR-18.
W-MRR-18	PEM	0.18	Typha angustifolia, Carex grayi, Juncus effusus	Surface Water (41), Satuation (43), Geomorphic Position (D2), Drainage Patterns (B10)	Potentially Jurisdictional	051100011006	Located in an agricultural field. Wetland fringe of stream S-MRR- 18.
W-MRR-19	PEM	0.12	Echinochloa frumentacea	Saturation (A3), Inundation Visible on Aerial Imagery (B7), Geomorphic Position (D2), Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery (C9)	Potentially Jurisdictional	051100011006	Located in an agricultural field just north of and connected to stream S-MRR-18 via D-MRR-19.
W-MRR-20	PFO	0.21	Quercus palustris, Carex garyi, Carex bromoides, Solidago gigantea	Surface Water (A1), Saturation (A3), Water Marks (B1), Sparsely Vegetated Concave Surface (B8)	Potentially Jurisdictional	051100011006	Located towards the northern boundary of the project area adjacent to, but not directly connected to Black Branch.
Fotal wetla	Total wetland acreage:	11.27					



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Waterbody Field Designation	Resource amount (ft or ac)	Stream Type	Waterbody Name ¹	Watershed (HUC12)	TRC's Professional Opinion of Jurisdictional Status²	Description
S-JLB-01	183.63 ft	Intermittent	N/A	051100011006	Jurisdictional	Intermittent stream originating from W-JLB-04 and flowing SW offsite.
S-JLB-02	22.33 ft	Ephemeral	N/A	051100011006	Non- jurisdictional	Ephemeral stream that flows into S-JLB-01.
S-JLB-03	32.87 ft	Ephemeral	N/A	051100011006	Non- jurisdictional	Ephemeral stream that flows into S-JLB-01.
S-JLB-04	373.6 ft	Intermittent	N/A	051100011006	Jurisdictional	Intermittent stream which flows southwest out of W-JLB-05 and connects it to W-JLB-04.
S-JLB-05	31.19 ft	Ephemeral	W/A	051100011006	Non- jurisdictional	Ephemeral tributary to S-JLB-04.
S-JLB-06	28.88 ft	Ephemeral	W/A	051100011006	Non- jurisdictional	Ephemeral tributary to S-JLB-04.
S-JLB-07	41.78 ft	Ephemeral	W/A	051100011006	Non- jurisdictional	Ephemeral stream that flows SW into W-JLB-05.
S-JLB-08	259.8 ft	Intermittent	N/A	051100011006	Jurisdictional	Intermittent stream that flows in from offsite and into W-JLB-05.
S-JLB-09	43.03 ft	Ephemeral	N/A	051100011006	Non- jurisdictional	Ephemeral tributary to S-JLB-12, flowing in from offsite.
S-JLB-10	318 ft	Ephemeral	N/A	051100011006	Non- jurisdictional	Appears to be ephemeral drainage from upland agricultural field to the north.
S-JLB-11	183.86 ft	Ephemeral	N/A	051100011006	Non- jurisdictional	Appears to be ephemeral drainage from upland agricultural field to the north.



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TRC's Professional Opinion of Jurisdictional Status²	Non- Rephemeral stream flowing through the center of W-JLB-06. Flows out of WB-JLB-04.	051100011006 Non- Ephemeral tributary to S-JLB-12. Jurisdictional	lntermittent stream flowing southwest in from offsite under S Black Branch to 051100011006 Jurisdictional Road. Has a connection with Black Branch (S-MRR-29).	lntermittent stream flowing east into to 051100011006 Jurisdictional Black Branch. Fringed by W-JLB-12.	ed Potentially into Black Branch. Ephemeral tributary flowing southwest into Black Branch.	lntermittent tributary flowing southwest into black branch. Fringed by W-JLB-12 and W-JLB-13.	lntermittent tributary to S-JLB-18. Flows to 051100011006 Jurisdictional southwest out of W-JLB-14.	Potentially Connects W-JLB-15 to W-JLB-16.
Waterbody Name ¹	N/A	N/A	Unnamed tributary to S-MRR-29	Unnamed tributary to S-MRR-29	Unnamed tributary to S-MRR-29	Unnamed tributary to S-MRR-29	Unnamed tributary to S-JLB-14	*,
Stream Type	Ephemeral	Ephemeral	Intermittent	Intermittent	Ephemeral	Intermittent	Intermittent	
Resource amount (ft or ac)	356.5 ft	105.13 ft	1617.15 ft	671.59 ft	30.68 ft	2022.77 ft	680.66 ft	400000
Waterbody Field Designation	S-JLB-12	S-JLB-13	S-JLB-14	S-JLB-15	S-JLB-16	S-JLB-17	S-JLB-18	01 01 0



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S-MRR-01	9059.35 ft	Perennial	N/A	051100011006	Jurisdictional	Perennial stream flowing through the entirety of the southern parcels. Fringed by multiple delineated wetlands. May have an offsite connection with Black Branch.
S-MRR-02	125.36 ft	Ephemeral	N/A	051100011006	Potentially Jurisdictional	Ephemeral tributary to S-MRR-01.
S-MRR-03	122.52 ft	Perennial	Unnamed tributary to S-MRR-01	051100011006	Jurisdictional	Perennial tributary to S-MRR-01. Flows in from offsite.
S-MRR-04	29.48 ft	Ephemeral	N/A	051100011006	Potentially Jurisdictional	Ephemeral tributary to S-MRR-01.
S-MRR-05	110.28 ft	Ephemeral	N/A	051100011006	Potentially Jurisdictional	Ephemeral tributary to S-MRR-01. Connects W-MRR-03 to S-MRR-01
S-MRR-06	29.28 ft	Ephemeral	N/A	051100011006	Potentially Jurisdictional	Ephemeral tributary to S-MRR-01. Connects W-JLB-17 to S-MRR-01.
S-MRR-07	870.93 ft	Ephemeral	N/A	051100011006	Potentially Jurisdictional	Ephemeral tributary to S-MRR-01.
S-MRR-08	222.08 ft	Ephemeral	N/A	051100011006	Potentially Jurisdictional	Ephemeral tributary to S-MRR-09.
S-MRR-09	2070.20 ft	Intermittent	N/A	051100011006	Jurisdictional	Intermittent tributary to S-MRR-01.
S-MRR-10	452.30 ft	Intermittent	N/A	051100011006	Jurisdictional	Intermittent tributary to S-MRR-09. Flows out of WB-MRR-02.
S-MRR-11	1404.40 ft	Intermittent	N/A	051100011006	Jurisdictional	Intermittent tributary to S-MRR-01.



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S-MRR-12	410.25 ft	Ephemeral	N/A	051100011006	Potentially Jurisdictional	Ephemeral tributary to S-MRR-11.
S-MRR-13	81.02 ft	Ephemeral	N/A	051100011006	Potentially Jurisdictional	Ephemeral tributary to S-MRR-14.
S-MRR-14	514.84 ft	Ephemeral	N/A	051100011006	Potentially Jurisdictional	Ephemeral tributary to S-MRR-15.
S-MRR-15	961.74 ft	Ephemeral	N/A	051100011006	Potentially Jurisdictional	Ephemeral tributary to S-MRR-01.
S-MRR-16	794.05 ft	Ephemeral	N/A	051100011006	Potentially Jurisdictional	Ephemeral stream flowing north out of WB-MRR-02.
S-MRR-18	2218.41 ft	Perennial	Unnamed tributary to Black Branch	051100011006	Jurisdictional	Perennial stream transecting the northwestern most parcel. Fringed by multiple wetlands. Flows east into Black Branch (S-MRR-29).
S-MRR-19	223.39 ft	Intermittent	N/A	051100011006	Jurisdictional	Intermittent tributary to S-MRR-18.
S-MRR-20	273.17 ft	Ephemeral	N/A	051100011006	Potentially Jurisdictional	Ephemeral portion of S-MRR-19.
S-MRR-21	782.06 ft	Ephemeral	N/A	051100011006	Non- Jurisdictional	Ephemeral stream flowing north out of W-MRR-12.
S-MRR-22	308.47 ft	Ephemeral	N/A	051100011006	Potentially Jurisdictional	Ephemeral tributary to S-MRR-18.
S-MRR-23	641.10 ft	Ephemeral	N/A	051100011006	Potentially Jurisdictional	Ephemeral stream drainage agricultural field into W-MRR-13.



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S-MRR-24	617.06 ft	Ephemeral	N/A	051100011006	Potentially Jurisdictional	Ephemeral stream drainage agricultural field into W-MRR-13.
S-MRR-25	1261.48 ft	Intermittent	N/A	051100011006	Jurisdictional	Intermittent tributary flowing north from WB-MRR-13 and fringed by W-MRR-13.
S-MRR-26	460.43 ft	Ephemeral	N/A	051100011006	Potentially Jurisdictional	Ephemeral stream drainage agricultural field into W-MRR-13.
S-MRR-27	40.79 ft	Ephemeral	N/A	051100011006	Potentially Jurisdictional	Ephemeral stream drainage agricultural field into W-MRR-13.
S-MRR-28	533.02 ft	Ephemeral	N/A	051100011006	Non- jurisdictional	Apparently isolated ephemeral stream in an agricultural field.
S-MRR-29	6247.17 ft	Perennial	Black Branch	051100011006	Jurisdictional	Black Branch. Flows south through multiple parcels. Fringed by multiple wetlands and fed by many streams on site.
WB-JLB-1	0.16 acres	Pond	N/A	051100011006	Non- Jurisdictional	Isolated, seasonally flooded depression in an agricultural field.
WB-JLB-2	0.31 acres	Pond	N/A.	051100011006	Non- Jurisdictional	Bermed, ponded depression in an agricultural field. Bordered by W-JLB-07 and D-JLB-01.
WB-JLB-3	7.49 acres	Waterbody	N/A	051100011006	Potentially Jurisdictional	Large frequently flooded area of an agricultural field. Potentially impounded by a railroad track.



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WB-JLB-4	0.02 acres	Pond	N/A	051100011006	Potentially Jurisdictional	Small ponded depression at the head of S-JLB-12.
WB-JLB-5	0.22 acres	Pond	N/A	051100011006	Non- Jurisdictional	Small pond reportedly dug for agricultural purposes.
WB-JLB-6	0.11 acres	Pond	N/A	051100011006	Non- Jurisdictional	Small pond reportedly dug for agricultural purposes.
WB-JLB-7	0.05 acres	Pond	N/A	051100011006	Potentially Jurisdictional	Small ponded depression fed by W-JLB-08.
WB-MRR-2	1.68 acres	Waterbody	N/A	051100011006	Potentially Jurisdictional	Medium-sized pond. S-MRR-16 and S-MRR-10 flow out from it.
WB-MRR-13	0.34 acres	Waterbody	N/A	051100011006	Potentially Jurisdictional	Ponded area of wetland W-MRR-13.
WB-TJR-1	0.35 acres	Pond	N/A	051100011006	Non- Jurisdictional	Small, isolated agricultural pond.
WB-TJR-2	0.57 acres	Pond	N/A	051100011006	Non- jurisdictional	Small, isolated agricultural pond.
D-JLB-01	884.97 ft	Ditch	N/A	051100011004	Non- Jurisdictional	Non-JD excavated ditch. Extends southwest from W-JLB-01.
D-JLB-02	769.5 ft	Ditch	N/A	051100011004	Non- Jurisdictional	Non-JD dug ditch. Extends southeast to and from W-JLB-01.
D-JLB-03	564.11 ft	Ditch	N/A	051100011006	Non- Jurisdictional	Non-JD dug ditch. Isolated in an agricultural field.
D-JLB-04	1155.38 ft	Ditch	N/A	051100011004	Non- Jurisdictional	Non-JD dug ditch. Extends northwest from WB-JLB-03.



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D-1LB-05	156.62 ft	Ditch	N/A	051100011006	Non- Jurisdictional	Non-JD excavated ditch. Isolated in an agricultural field.
D-JLB-06	262.19 ft	Ditch	N/A	051100011004	Non- Jurisdictional	Non-JD excavated ditch. Isolated in an agricultural field.
D-1LB-07	608.63 ft	Ditch	N/A	051100011004	Non- Jurisdictional	Non-JD excavated ditch. Isolated in an agricultural field.
80-81r-Q	43.80 ft	Ditch	N/A	051100011004	Non- Jurisdictional	Non-JD excavated ditch. Extends west out of WB-JLB-06.
60-81r-Q	101.84 ft	Ditch	N/A	051100011004	Non- Jurisdictional	Non-JD dug excavated. Isolated in an agricultural field.
D-JLB-10	692.25 ft	Ditch	N/A	051100011006	Non- Jurisdictional	Non-JD excavated ditch. Isolated in an agricultural field.
D-JLB-11	1672.4 ft	Ditch	N/A	051100011006	Non- Jurisdictional	Non-JD excavated ditch. Isolated in an agricultural field.
D-JLB-12	494.08 ft	Ditch	N/A	051100011006	Non- Jurisdictional	Non-JD excavated ditch. Isolated in an agricultural field.
D-JLB-13	122.61 ft	Ditch	N/A	051100011004	Non- Jurisdictional	Non-JD excavated ditch. Isolated in an agricultural field.
D-MRR-01	258.53 ft	Ditch	N/A	051100011006	Non- Jurisdictional	Non-JD excavated ditch. Isolated in an agricultural field.
D-MRR-02	462.86 ft	Ditch	N/A	051100011006	Non- Jurisdictional	Non-JD excavated ditch. Isolated in an agricultural field.
D-MRR-03	597.22 ft	Ditch	N/A	051100011006	Non- Jurisdictional	Non-JD excavated ditch. Isolated in an agricultural field.



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D-MRR-04	511.15 ft	Ditch	N/A	051100011006	Non- Jurisdictional	Non-JD excavated ditch. Isolated in an agricultural field.
D-MRR-05	1732.82 ft	Ditch	N/A	051100011006	Non- Jurisdictional	Non-JD excavated ditch. Connected to D-MRR-06.
D-MRR-06	60.69 ft	Ditch	W/A	051100011006	Non- Jurisdictional	Non-JD excavated ditch. Connected to D-MRR-05.
D-MRR-07	17.06 ft	Ditch	N/A	051100011006	Non- Jurisdictional	Non-JD excavated ditch. Isolated in an agricultural field.
D-MRR-08	1004.11 ft	Ditch	N/A	051100011006	Non- Jurisdictional	Non-JD excavated ditch. Isolated in an agricultural field.
D-MRR-09	160.64 ft	Ditch	N/A	051100011006	Non- Jurisdictional	Non-JD excavated ditch. Isolated in an agricultural field.
D-MRR-10	1028.26 ft	Ditch	N/A	051100011006	Non- Jurisdictional	Non-JD excavated ditch. Isolated in an agricultural field.
D-MRR-11	210.28 ft	Ditch	N/A	051100011006	Non- Jurisdictional	Non-JD excavated ditch. Isolated in an agricultural field.
D-MRR-12	316.06 ft	Ditch	N/A	051100011006	Non- Jurisdictional	Non-JD excavated ditch. Isolated in an agricultural field.
D-MRR-13	282.64 ft	Ditch	N/A	051100011006	Non- Jurisdictional	Non-JD excavated ditch. Isolated in an agricultural field.
D-MRR-14	179.89 ft	Ditch	N/A	051100011006	Non- Jurisdictional	Non-JD excavated ditch. Isolated in an agricultural field.
D-MRR-15	172.69 ft	Ditch	N/A	051100011006	Non- Jurisdictional	Non-JD excavated ditch. Isolated in an agricultural field.



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D-MRR-16	711.31 ft	Ditch	N/A	051100011006	Non- Jurisdictional	Non-JD excavated ditch. Isolated in an agricultural field.
D-MRR-17	890.41 ft	Ditch	N/A	051100011006	Non- Jurisdictional	Non-JD excavated ditch. Isolated in an agricultural field.
D-MRR-18	130.93 ft	Ditch	N/A	051100011006	Non- Jurisdictional	Non-JD excavated ditch. Connected to D-MRR-19.
D-MRR-19	143.86 ft	Ditch	N/A	051100011006	Non- Jurisdictional	Non-JD excavated ditch. Connected to D-MRR-18.
D-TJR-01	379.10 ft	Ditch	N/A	051100011006	Non- Jurisdictional	Non-JD excavated ditch. Isolated in an agricultural field.
D-TJR-18	432.55 ft	Ditch	N/A	051100011006	Non- lurisdictional	Non-JD excavated ditch. Isolated in an

¹Waterbody name according to Federal and State Mapped Water Resources/FEMA Floodplain Mapping.
²Field determination of whether a stream falls under USACE Jurisdiction based on the definition of Waters of the United States (WOTUS)

Fotals:	
Streams	39,701.8 ft
Waterbodies	14.98 acres
Oitches	17,211.4 ft



7.0 CONCLUSIONS

TRC's analysis suggests that all wetlands with an observable surface connection to Waters of the US (WOTUS) within Project Site likely fall under USACE jurisdiction. Wetlands with no apparent jurisdictional connection (refer to Table 3 for individual assessments) appear to be isolated wetlands. However, due to proximity to jurisdictional features, some of the wetlands referred to as non-jurisdictional may be claimed as aquatic resources under USACE jurisdiction during agency review. The project site also contains agricultural tiles under multiple fields which affect the natural hydrology. These tiles may also affect the jurisdictional status of some features.

Streams and waterbodies with a hydrological connection to S-MRR-29 (Black Branch) and S-MRR-01 likely fall under USACE jurisdiction. It is TRC's professional opinion that all features delineated as ditches do not fall under USACE jurisdiction. However, a confirmation of this delineation and a final determination of jurisdictional status for wetlands and waterbodies onsite must be made by the USACE.

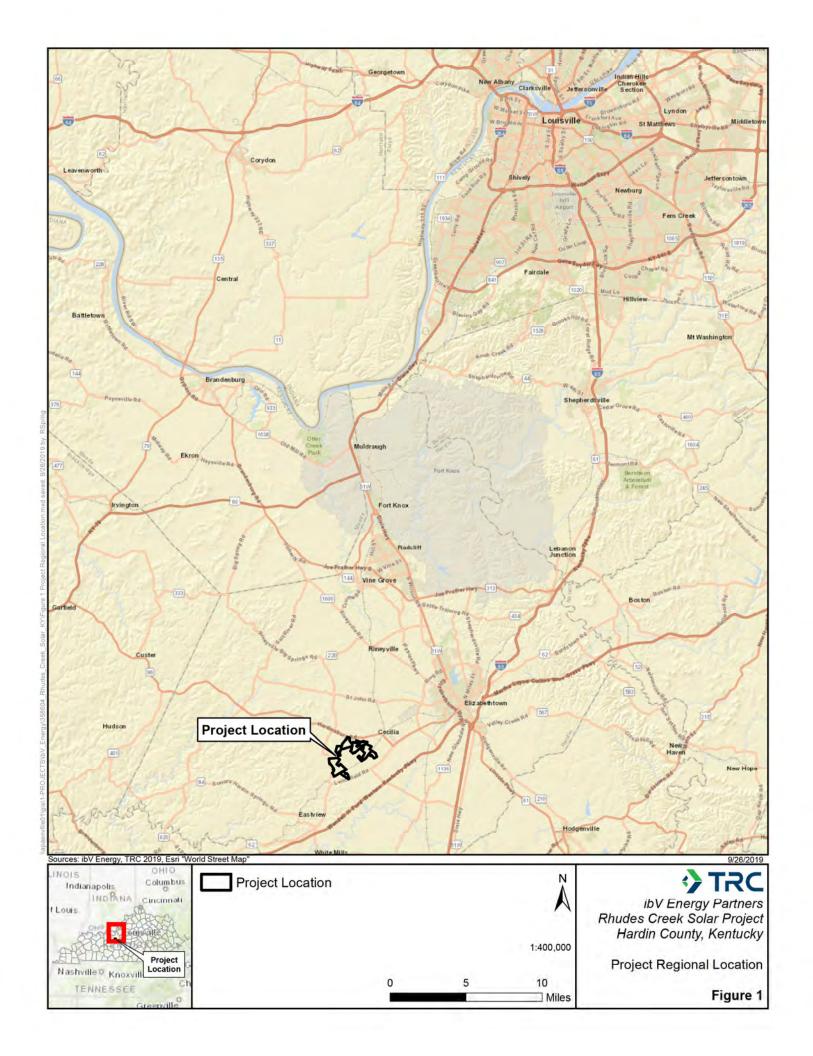


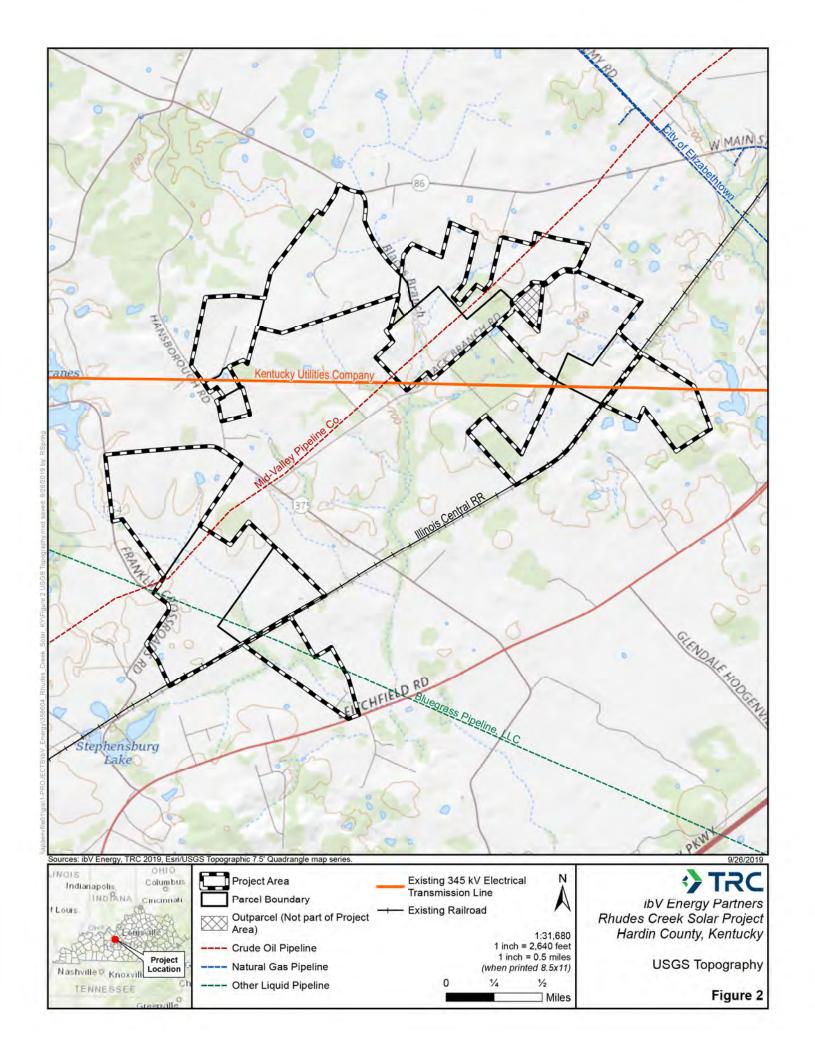
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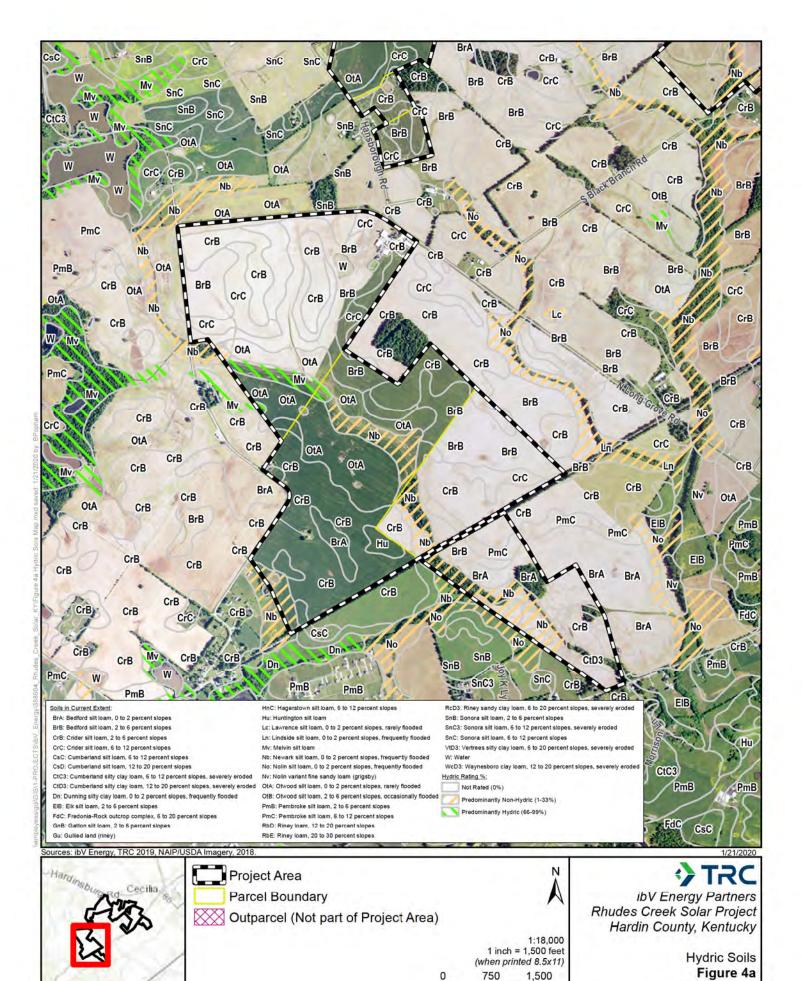
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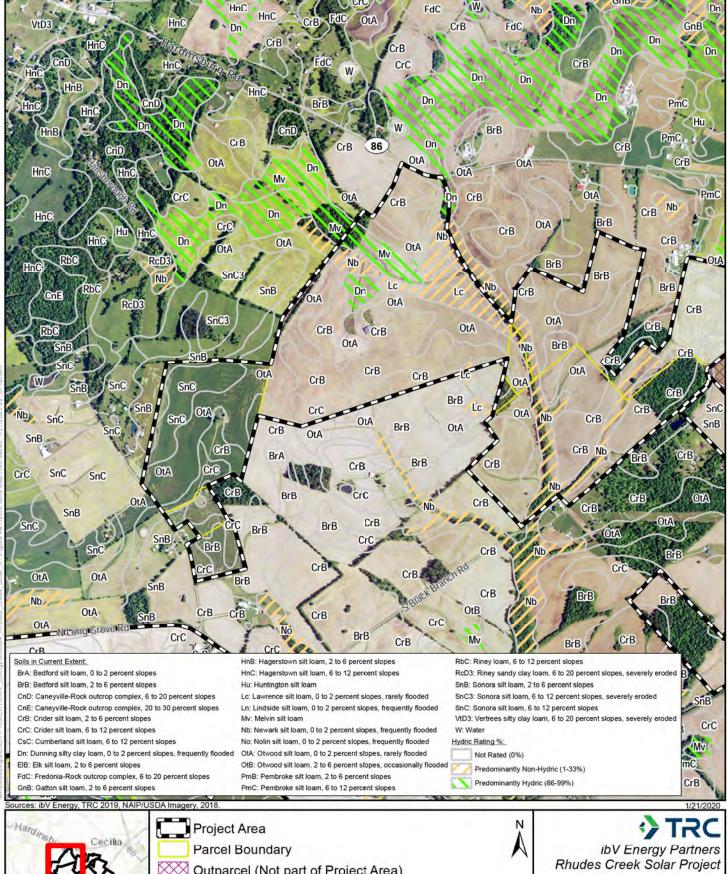




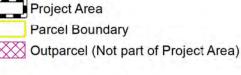


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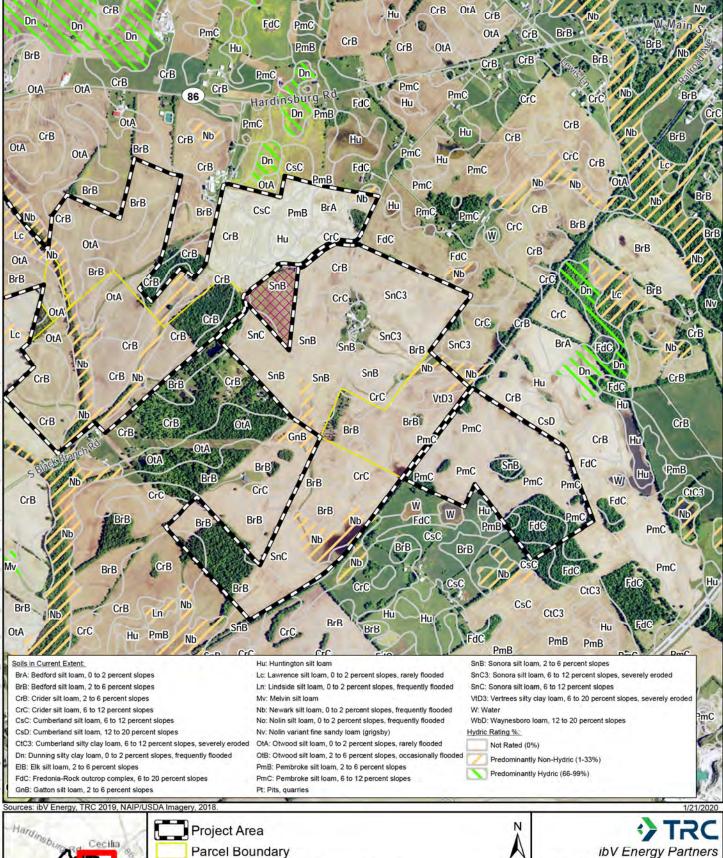




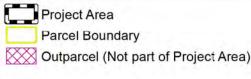


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