

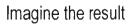


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1. Introduction

This Welland Delineation Report (report) presents the results of a wetland identification and boundary delineation performed by ARCADIS of New York, Inc. (ARCADIS BBL. formerly known as Blasland, Bouck & Lee, Inc. [BBL]) for the Chevron Environmental Management Company (Chevron) located on Golden Road in the Town of Chili, New York (Figure 1). Field activities for the wetland evaluation were performed on December 4, 2006 within the limits of the wetland assessment area presented on Figure 1. The wetland identification and boundary delineations were performed in accordance with the Routine Determination Method presented in the 1987 Corps of Engineers Wetlands Delineation Manual (Manual) (Environmental Laboratory, 1987). The Manual presents the current federal methodology for delineating federallyregulated wetlands. The federal methodology was also used to identify the boundaries of wetlands regulated by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. The Manual defines wetlands as those areas that are inundated or saturated by surface or groundwater at a frequency and duration sufficient to support, and which under normal conditions do support, a prevalence of vegetation typically adapted for life in saturated soil conditions (Environmental Laboratory, 1987). Wetland delineation methods presented in the Manual require areas identified as wetlands to meet all of the following criteria:

- the dominant vegetation is hydrophytic (water tolerant)
- the soils are hydric or possess reducing soil characteristics
- the area is either permanently or periodically at mean water depths less than
 or equal to 6.6 feet, or the soil is saturated to the surface at some time during
 the growing season of the prevalent vegetation

The Routine Determination Method combines information gathering and review with on-site evaluation of field characteristics to identify and delineate wetland boundaries. Descriptions of the information gathering and on-site activities are presented in the following sections.

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2. Information Review

The information review consisted of obtaining and reviewing the following sources of environmental information for the site:

- United States Geologic Survey (USGS) Topographic Quadrangle Clifton Quadrangle, New York (USGS, 1976)
- Soil Survey of Monroe County, NY (United States Department of Agriculture [USDA], 1973)
- Monroe County Hydric Soils List (USDA, 2006)
- New York State Freshwater Wetland Map, Clifton Quadrangle, New York (New York State Department of Environmental Conservation [NYSDEC], 1994)
- National Wetlands Inventory map, Clifton Quadrangle, New York (United States Department of the Interior [USDI], 2006)

Information obtained from these sources is discussed in the following sections.

2.1 Topographic Mapping

The USGS topographic map of the Clifton Quadrangle, New York shows the location of the site north of Interstate 490 and south of a Penn Central railroad line. General topography slopes to the northwest, with the lowest elevation in the vicinity of the site being approximately 560 feet above mean sea level. A small pond is shown in the southwestern portion of the assessment area and a large wetland system is shown to be present west of the site (Figure 1). No streams or rivers are visible on or in the immediate vicinity of the site.

2.2 Monroe County Soil Information

The Monroe County soil survey (USDA, 1973) provides information regarding the mapped soil types in the wetland assessment area (Figure 2). As shown, the soil series mapped in the wetland assessment area consist of Cosad loamy fine sand (Cu), Muck soils (Ms) and Made land (Mb). The mapped soil types were compared to the list of hydric soils in Monroe County (USDA, 2006) to determine if the mapped soils were

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hydric or contained potential hydric inclusions. Ms were the only hydric soil present on site. Descriptions of these soil types are provided below.

Soils of the Cu series are made up of deep, somewhat poorly drained, coarse-textured, level soils that are classified as Aquic Udorthents (USDA, 1973). The A horizon (0 to 8 inches) of this soil is typically very dark grey (10YR 3/1 – Munsell color descriptor indicating hue value/chroma) loamy fine sand. The A2 horizon (8 to 13 inches) is typically light yellowish-brown (2.5Y 6/4) loamy fine sand. The Cu soil series is not listed as a hydric soil in Monroe County (USDA, 2006). Cu soils are located in the eastern portion of the wetland assessment area.

Ms are deep to shallow, very poorly drained, organic soils developed in depressions or old glacial swamps from woody and fibrous plant remains (USDA, 1973). From 0 to 23 inches, Ms are black (10YR 2/1) well decomposed muck (USDA, 1973). The B horizon (11 to 23 inches) contains more than 20 percent reddish-brown (5YR 4/3) woody plant remains (USDA, 1973). Ms are listed as a hydric soil in Monroe County and are located in the western portion of the wetland assessment area (USDA, 2006).

Mb consists of areas that have been filled with waste, such as stone, old masonry material, bricks and tree stumps (USDA, 1973). Mb has a wide range of variability and some areas have been covered with a thin mantle of soil material (USDA, 1973). Mb is not listed as a hydric soil in Monroe County (USDA, 2006). Mb soils are located in a small area surrounded by Ms in the western portion of the wetland assessment area.

2.3 New York State Freshwater Wetlands Map

The New York State Freshwater Wetlands Map (NYSFWM) for the Clifton Quadrangle is presented on Figure 3. The NYSFWM shows a small portion of a state-regulated wetland, designated CI-3, present in the northwest portion of the wetland assessment area. Portions of this wetland exist on both sides of Interstate 490 and on both sides of the Conrail railroad line (Figure 3). This wetland is approximately 229 acres in size. Information obtained from the NYSDEC regarding Wetland CI-3 indicates the presence of a Class C stream that runs through the wetland and the portion of the wetland in the wetland assessment area (NYSDEC, 2006). This stream enters the wetland from the east, becomes unidentifiable in the wetland and then exits to the west eventually becoming a tributary to Black Creek.

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2.4 National Wetlands Inventory Map

The National Wetlands Inventory (NWI) Map for the Clifton Quadrangle is presented on Figure 4. The NWI Map indicates the boundaries of wetlands inventoried by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to monitor changes in waterfowl habitat and do not have regulatory significance other than indicating the locations of areas potentially meeting the federal wetland criteria. The NWI Map identifies large wetland systems south and west of the wetland assessment area with a portion of one wetland extending eastward into the assessment area (Figure 4). The wetland in the wetland assessment area is classified as a palustrine, forested, broad-leaved deciduous, seasonally saturated wetland (PFO1E) (USDI, 2006). Other NWI wetland types in the vicinity of the assessment area consist of a palustrine, seasonally saturated wetland with persistent emergent vegetation (PEM1E) and a palustrine, seasonally saturated wetland with a combination of deciduous broad-leaved scrub/shrub vegetation and persistent emergent vegetation (PSS1/EM1E) (USDI, 2006).

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3. Field Investigation

3.1 General Site Description

The field investigation component of the wetland assessment was performed by BBL on December 4, 2006. The area evaluated for the presence of wetlands is shown on Figure 1. Observations of site conditions indicated that a large portion of the assessment area consisted of fill material overgrown with woody vegetation. A central depression in the fill was observed to contain standing water. Areas in the western and southern portions of the assessment area were inundated with approximately 1 foot of water and were forested with trees averaging 6 inches in diameter. The wetland assessment was performed by walking the site and looking for any one of the three indicators of wetlands. When the soil, vegetation or hydrology characteristics of an area indicated a potential wetland, that area was further evaluated to determine if all three wetland criteria were met. If all three criteria were met, the area was identified as a wetland. The following sections describe the field characteristics that were used to evaluate and delineate wetlands found in the assessment area.

3.2 Vegetation Assessment

The criterion for wetland vegetation is a dominance of hydrophytic (water tolerant) species. A species is considered hydrophytic if it is classified as obligate (OBL). facultative wet (FACW) or facultative (FAC) in the National List of Plant Species That Occur in Wetlands published by the USFWS (1996). A dominance of hydrophytic vegetation requires that greater than 50 percent of the vegetation in an area be hydrophytic. In accordance with the Manual (Environmental Laboratory, 1987). observations of vegetation focused on dominant plant species for four strata: trees (greater than or equal to 3 inches in diameter at breast height), saplings/shrubs (less than 3 inches in diameter at breast height and greater than 3.2 feet tall), herbs and woody vines. Dominant species are the most abundant plant species that immediately exceed 50 percent of the total dominance measure for the stratum, plus any additional species comprising 20 percent or more of the total dominance measure for the stratum. Dominant vegetative species of the plant communities were recorded by ARCADIS BBL on field data forms (Attachment 2) and evaluated for the percentage of hydrophytic vegetation for wetland determinations. Vegetative communities dominated by hydrophytic vegetation were concluded to meet the vegetation criterion for wetlands.

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3.3 Soil Assessment

Site-specific soil characteristics were evaluated for consistency with the hydric soil series description presented in the soil survey (USDA, 1973) or for the presence of hydric soil field indicators. Investigatory boreholes were manually advanced with a Dutch auger at sample plots to a depth of at least 12 inches to evaluate soil characteristics. Observed soil characteristics of texture, degree of saturation, matrix color and the presence and color of mottles, when present, were recorded on field data forms (Attachment 2). Soils that were confirmed to be the hydric soil types mapped in the soil survey or that exhibited field indicators of hydric soils were concluded to meet the hydric soil criterion for wetlands.

3.4 Hydrology Assessment

According to the Manual, wetland hydrology consists of permanent or periodic inundation or soil saturation to the surface during the growing season. Hydrology can be evaluated by observing field conditions for the presence of primary and/or secondary hydrology indicators. Primary field indicators used to evaluate the presence of wetland hydrology included:

- ground surface inundation or evidence of inundation
- saturated soils within 12 inches of the ground surface
- standing water within 12 inches of the ground surface in investigatory boreholes
- drift lines
- · evidence of drainage patterns

The project area was examined for field indicators of wetland hydrology. If these indicators were present within the sample plots, the hydrology criterion for wetlands was concluded to be met. Hydrologic indicators within the sample plots were recorded on field data forms (Attachment 2).

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3.5 Wetland Identification Methodology

Wetland criteria evaluations were conducted in data collection plots within areas exhibiting potential wetland characteristics. Field data sheets were completed and evaluations of soil, hydrology and vegetation characteristics were performed along the wetland/upland interface to locate and refine the wetland boundary. Sample plot data were not documented on report forms if they were consistent with the conditions previously documented for the area. The identified wetland boundaries were flagged with sequentially numbered wetland delineation tape. The flag locations were subsequently surveyed and their locations transferred onto the identified wetland boundaries figure to depict the identified wetland boundaries (Figure 5). Field data forms documenting the observed field characteristics that resulted in the identified wetlands are included in this report as Attachment 2.

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4. Wetland Identification Results

The results of the wetland assessment and boundary delineation at the site indicated the presence of a forested wetland along the western, southern and eastern limits of fill material on site. In addition, a small pond near the center of the fill material was found to be in direct hydraulic connection with the forested wetland, which includes the pond as a component of the regulated wetland. Only the boundary of the portion of the wetland adjacent to the fill material of the site was delineated. Dominant vegetation of the forested wetland consisted of red maple, green ash, sensitive fern and reed canary grass (see Attachment 2). The wetland was inundated with up to 12 inches water and exhibited saturated soils to the ground surface along its boundary (see Attachment 2). Muck was the dominant soil type observed in the wetland, with black organic material observed to depths of up to 24 inches (see Attachment 2). The wetland boundary was marked with consecutively numbered flags. Details of the observed field characteristics that were used to define the wetland boundary are presented in Attachment 2. Photographs of the identified wetlands are provided in Attachment 1. The identified wetland boundaries are presented on Figure 5.

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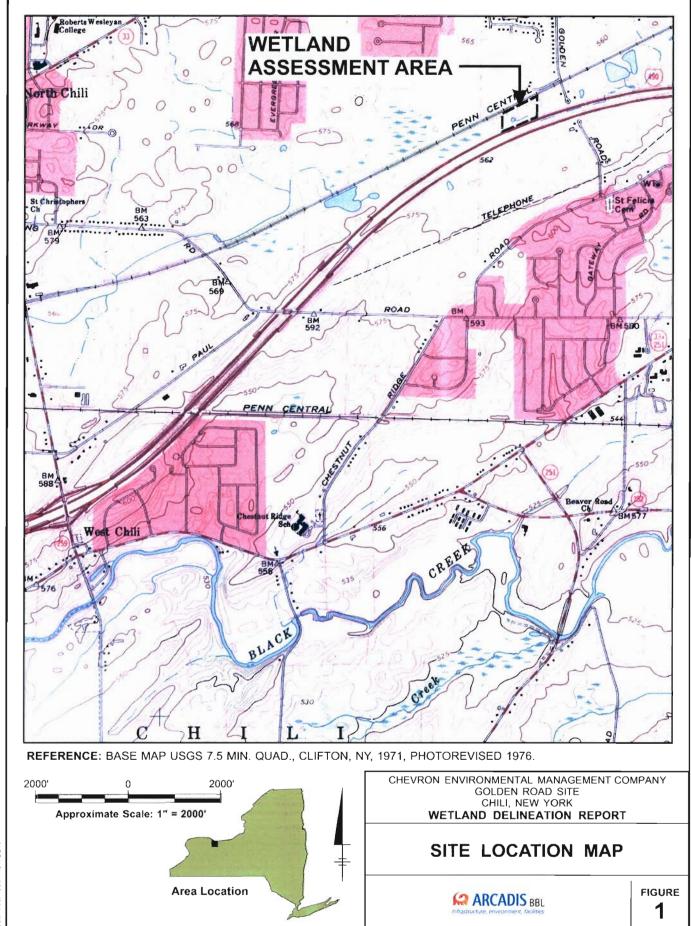
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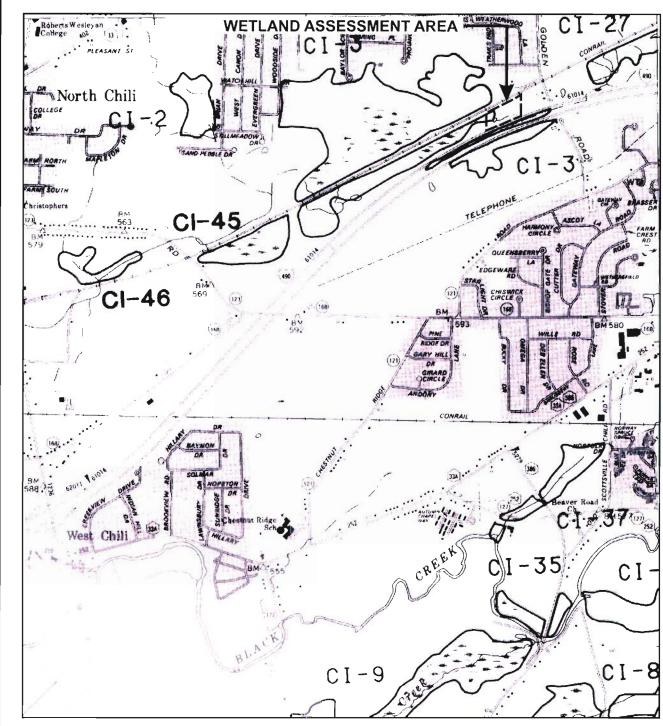
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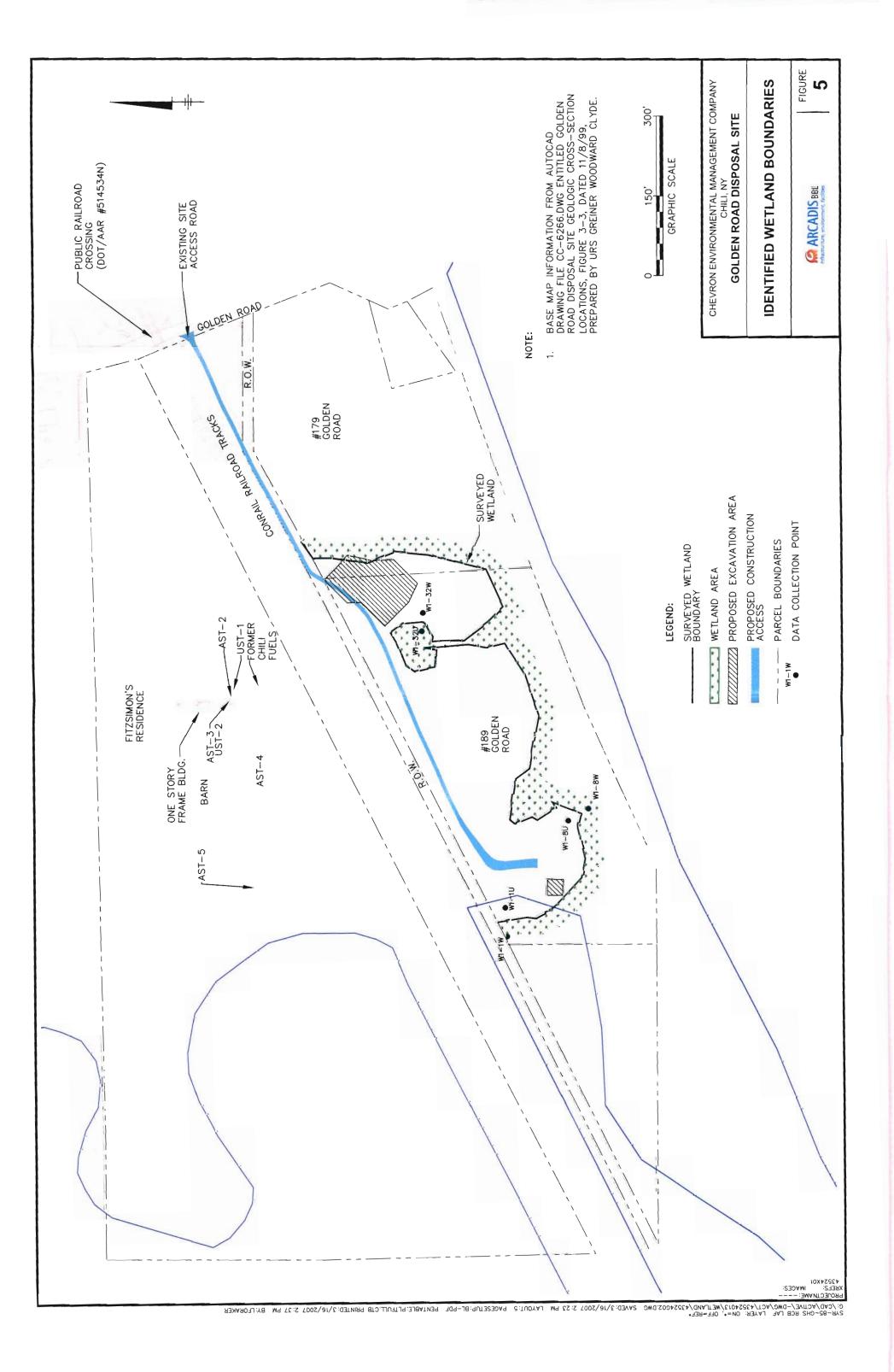
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NEW YORK STATE FRESHWATER WETLANDS MAP FOR THE VICINITY OF THE WETLAND ASSESSMENT AREA



FIGURE 3



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Attachment 1

Wetland Photographs



W1-1, Looking South at W1-2 and W1-3.



W1-6, Looking Southeast at W1 - W1-7





W1-13, Looking Southeast.



W1-21, Looking South.





W1-21, Looking East.



W1-21, Looking North at W1-22.





Ditch Connecting Main Wetland with Inland Pond, Looking North at W1-24.



W1-23, Looking South at Interstate 490.





Inland Pond, Looking Northeast from W1-25.



Inland Pond, Looking South from W1-29.





W1-37, Looking South.



W1-41, Looking East.





W1-42, Looking East.



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Attachment 2

Field Data Forms

DATA FORM ROUTINE ON-SITE DETERMINATION METHOD: Field Investigator(s): Anthony Esposito, David Cassel Date: 12/4/2006 Project/Site: Golden Rd., Chili, NY State: NY County: Monroe Applicant/Owner: Chevron Environmental Management Company Plant Community #/Name: W1-1W NOTE: If a more detailed site description is necessary, use the back of data form or field notebook. Do normal environmental conditions exist at the plant community? Yes X No (If not, explain on back) Has the vegetation, soils, and/or hydrology been significantly disturbed? No X (If yes, explain on back) **VEGETATION** Indicator Indicator **Dominant Plant Species** Stratum Dominant Plant Species **Status** Status <u>Stratum</u> 11. 1. Onoclea sensibilis FACW Herb 2. Acer rubrum FACW+ Tree 3. Fraxinus pennsylvanica FACW Tree FACW 4. Salix sp. Shrub 15. 18. _____ Percent of dominant species that are OBL, FACW, and/or FAC: 100% Is the hydrophytic vegetation criterion met? Yes X No Rationale: > 50% of vegetation is hydrophytic_ SOILS Series/phase: __Muck Subgroup²: Is the soil on the hydric soils list? Yes X No Undetermined: ___ Is the soil: Mottled? Yes ____ No _X _ Gleyed? Yes ____ No _X Matrix Color: 10YR 2/1 @ 0-24 in. Mottle Colors: Other hydric soil indicators: Soils saturated to surface Is the hydric soil criterion met? Yes X No Rationale: Listed hydric soil HYDROLOGY Is the ground surface inundated? Yes X No ____ Surface water depth: 0-3 in. Is the soil saturated? Yes X No Depth to free-standing water in pit/soil probe hole: 0 List other field evidence of surface inundation or soil saturation: Drainage patterns Is the wetland hydrology criterion met? Yes X No Rationale: Primary and secondary indicators observed JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION AND RATIONALE Is the plant community a wetland? Yes X No _ Rationale for jurisdictional decision: All three criteria met ¹This data form can be used for the Hydric Soil Assessment Procedure and the Plant Community Assessment Procedure. ²Classification according to "Soil Taxonomy."

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