



determination of jurisdictional wetlands is based on their adjacency to a water of the United States and/or evidence indicating that their use, degradation, or destruction could affect interstate or foreign commerce. The presence of indicators of wetland hydrology, hydric soils, and hydrophytic plant communities are delineated in accordance with our 1987 Wetlands Delineation Manual to identify the jurisdictional limits of the wetlands. The wetlands identified in the delineation exhibited wetland hydrology, hydric soils, and hydrophytic plant communities associated with jurisdictional wetlands.

3. The streams and wetlands were examined. All of the streams exhibited a defined bed, bank, and ordinary high water mark. It was determined that wetlands A-G (3.092 acres combined) are adjacent to a stream. The on-site inspection showed that the wetlands H-K (0.436 acre combined) are isolated, depressions that are not adjacent to other jurisdictional waters. They are totally surrounded by uplands, with no apparent surface waters coming in. A review of the Stark County Soil Survey confirmed the conditions observed on-site. In addition to being hydrologically isolated from a surface tributary system, the wetlands do not appear to have any connection with interstate or foreign commerce.

4. There are 7 additional wetlands on the project site which are jurisdictional. They encompass 3.092 acres with one of the wetlands extending off the site slightly. In addition, there is 2126.62 linear feet of jurisdictional stream on the project site. As indicated in the wetland delineation report and verified by the Stark County Soil Survey, all of the streams merge on the site and flow off the site to the south by a single channel, an unnamed tributary of the West Branch of Nimishillen Creek. The West Branch of Nimishillen Creek empties into Nimishillen Creek which in turn flows into Sandy Creek. Sandy Creek is a tributary of the Tuscarawas River, a navigable water of the United States. All of the streams and adjacent wetlands (Wetlands A-G) are jurisdictional waters of the United States.