December 4, 2023

Mr. Brent Good, RLA ELA Group, Inc. 743 S. Broad Street Lititz, PA 17543

RE: WETLAND INVESTIGATION ON THE CHIQUES CROSSING PROJECT; MOUNT

JOY BOROUGH & RAPHO TOWNSHIP, LANCASTER COUNTY,

PENNSYLVANIA

Dear Brent:

Vortex Environmental, Inc. has conducted a wetland investigation within an approximately 38.0-acre study area for the Chiques Crossing Project located along Mt Joy-Manheim Road (SR 772) in Mount Joy Borough & Rapho Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. The approximately 38.0-acre study area includes the main development parcel (Keller Tract), several adjacent residential and commercial properties along Mt. Joy - Manheim Road (SR 772) and some adjacent township property to the south of the Keller Tract. There are several existing dwellings, buildings, garages and out-buildings along the road frontage with Mt. Joy - Manheim Road (SR 772). The vegetation within the study area for the wetland investigation includes cultivated agricultural lands, mixed deciduous forest, mowed lawn, old field, emergent and forested wetlands. The Chiques Crossing Project is located south of Mt. Joy-Manheim Road (SR 772), east of its intersection with N. Barbara Street (Figure 1). The purpose of this investigation was to determine the presence or absence of "waters of the United States and Commonwealth" within the approximately 38.0-acre study area for the proposed apartment project. Waters of the United States and Commonwealth include lakes, ponds, reservoirs, swamps, marshes, wetlands, rivers and/or streams (including intermittent streams).

The study area is generally bounded to the north by Mt. Joy - Manheim Road (SR 772), residential and commercial properties, to the south by the Little Chiques Creek, to the east by mixed deciduous forest, residential and commercial properties, and to the west by the Little Chiques Creek, mixed deciduous forest and residential properties (Figure 2). Two (20 stream channels (Watercourses 1 and 2; Little Chiques Creek and an unnamed tributary) and three (3) associated wetland areas (Wetlands 1 - 3) were identified within the approximately 38.0-acre study area.

The investigation of the study area included examination of background materials and a field investigation. The background information examined included the Columbia East, PA 7.5-minute USGS topographic quadrangle, aerial photographs, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Wetlands Online Wetland Mapper. The field investigations were conducted on July 19 and August 2, 2022 by Bradly J. Gochnauer and Jacob DuBois of Vortex Environmental, Inc. The soils, hydrology, and vegetation within the study area were examined for wetland characteristics in accordance with the <u>United States Army Corps of</u>

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<u>Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual</u> (1987) and the <u>Regional Supplement to the Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual: Eastern Mountains and Piedmont Region – Version 2.0 (April 2012).</u>

Vegetation

The vegetation within the study area consisted of cultivated agricultural lands, mixed deciduous forest, mowed lawn, old field, emergent and forested wetlands. The cultivated agricultural lands were observed in the central portion of the study area and consisted of corn fields. The mixed deciduous forest was observed along the floodplain of the Little Chiques Creek in the eastern and southern portions of the study area and within hedgerows along the perimeter of the study area. The mixed deciduous forest vegetation consisted of garlic mustard, ground ivy, Japanese stiltgrass, jewelweed, reed canary grass, frost grape, Japanese honeysuckle, unidentified blackberry, Virginia creeper, multiflora rose, poison ivy, Tartarian honeysuckle, American sycamore, black cherry, black locust, black walnut, box-elder, green ash, common hackberry and silver maple. The mowed lawn was observed in the northern portion of the site, adjacent to the existing dwellings, garages, out-buildings and driveways. The mowed lawn vegetation consisted of broad-leaved plantain, common chickweed, common dandelion, English plantain, field garlic, garlic mustard, ground ivy, Indian strawberry, Japanese stiltgrass, jewelweed, Kentucky bluegrass, unidentified fescue, smooth crabgrass, yellow nutsedge and white clover. The old field was observed scattered throughout the study area along the edges of the cultivated agricultural fields and mixed deciduous forest. The old field vegetation consisted of curled dock, unidentified fescue, orchard grass, hemp dogbane, Japanese stiltgrass, common milkweed, Canada thistle, Canada goldenrod, ragweed, Queen Anne's lace, red clover, timothy, Japanese honeysuckle, multiflora rose and poison ivy.

The three (3) wetland areas (Wetlands 1 - 3) were observed within the floodplain of the Little Chiques Creek. Wetland 1 was observed in the southeastern portion of the study area. Wetland 2 in the western portion and Wetland 3 in the northwestern portion of the study area. The three (3) wetland areas contained a combination of emergent and forested wetland habitats. The emergent and forested wetland vegetation consisted of Japanese stiltgrass, jewelweed, moneywort, reed canary grass, wood-nettle, multiflora rose, Japanese honeysuckle, spicebush, poison ivy, pin oak, silver maple, red maple, black walnut and box-elder.

Soils

The NCSS Web Soil Survey for Lancaster County PA (USDA-SCS) (http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov/app) indicates that six soil series including seven soil types; Hagerstown silt loam, HaA and HaB; Hagerstown silty clay loam, HbC; Hagerstown-Urban land complex, Hc; Nolin silt loam, Ne; Pits quarry, Qu; and Water, W; exist within the

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study area (Figure 3). These soil series are not listed as having major hydric characteristics according to the Hydric Soils of the United States (USDA-SCS, 1987) and the "Hydric Soils of the State of Pennsylvania" (USDA-SCS, 1986). The Nolin silt loam soil series is listed as having possible inclusions of hydric characteristics. Hydric soils were observed within the three (3) wetland areas (Wetlands 1 - 3) identified within the approximately 38.0-acre study area during the field investigation.

Hydrology

Hydrology within the study area is generally conveyed via overland sheet flow to the south and west, where it drains into the Little Chiques Creek (Watercourse 1). The small perennial stream channel (Watercourse 1) flows on-site along the northwestern corner, then drains to the south and east along the western and southern boundary of the study area. Watercourse 2 is an intermittent unnamed tributary to Watercourse 1 (Little Chiques Creek) in the west-central portion of the study area, south of Wetland 2.

The three (3) wetland areas (Wetlands 1 - 3) are located within the floodplain of the Little Chiques Creek (Watercourse 1). Wetland 1 is located in the southeastern portion of the study area. Wetland 2 is located in the west-central boundary and Wetland 3 is located in the northwestern corner of the study area. Wetland 1 is associated with several persistent spring seeps, seasonal high groundwater elevations, overbank and floodplain flows from Watercourse 1, low-lying topography and poorly drained soils. Wetlands 2 and 3 are associated with seasonal high groundwater elevations, overbank and floodplain flows from Watercourse 1, low-lying topography and poorly drained soils. Primary indicators of wetland hydrology observed within the three (3) wetland areas included saturation in the upper 12 inches, water marks, water-stained leaves and oxidized root channels in the upper 12 inches of the soil profile. Secondary indicators of wetland hydrology included wetland drainage patterns and geomorphic position. The location of the two (2) regulated watercourses (Watercourses 1 and 2) and three (3) associated wetland areas (Wetlands 1 - 3) are shown on the attached wetland exhibit.

Conclusion

Vortex Environmental, Inc. examined background information and conducted a field investigation to determine the presence or absence of "waters of the United States and Commonwealth" within the approximately 38.0-acre study area for the Chiques Crossing Project located along Mt. Joy-Manheim Road (SR 772) in Mount Joy Borough & Rapho Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. The background information for the project did indicate the possibility of "waters of the United States and Commonwealth" within the study area. Vortex Environmental, Inc. conducted a wetland investigation, and observed two (2) regulated stream channels (Watercourses 1 and 2) and three (3) associated wetland areas (Wetlands 1 - 3) within the approximately 38.0-acre study area for the proposed apartment

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project. The location of these five (5) regulated features are shown on the attached wetland exhibit.

Based on the July 19 and August 2, 2022 field investigation, Vortex Environmental, Inc. concludes that five (5) "waters of the United States and Commonwealth" exist within the approximately 38.0-acre study area for the Chiques Crossing Project, including Watercourses 1 and 2 and Wetlands 1, 2 and 3.

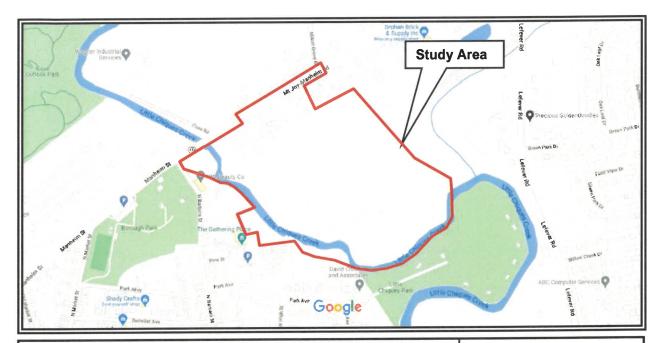
If there are any questions regarding this project, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

VORTEX ENVIRONMENTAL, INC.

Bradly J. Gochnauer

President

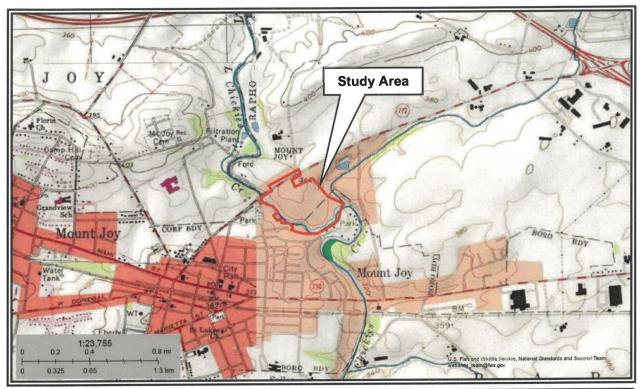


Legend: Project Boundary

NOT TO SCALE

Site Map for the Chiques Crossing Project Google Maps Figure 1:

www.google.com Mount Joy Borough & Rapho Township, Lancaster County, PA



Legend: NOT TO SCALE Project Boundary

Figure 2: USGS Map for the Chiques Crossing Project
Columbia East, PA, 7.5-minute USGS Topographic Quadrangle
2019
Mount Joy Borough & Rapho Township, Lancaster County, PA

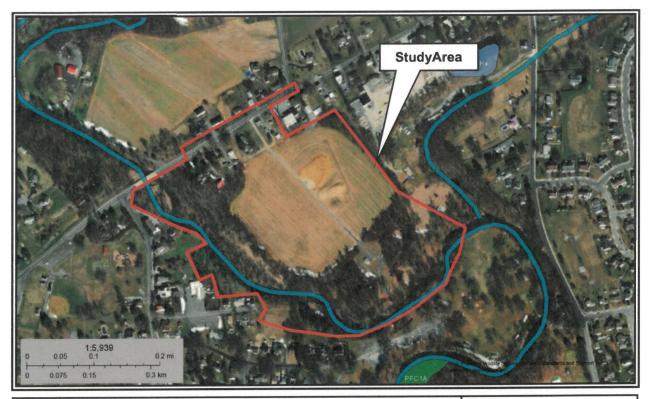


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Soil Map for the Chiques Crossing Project Figure 3:

Online Web Soil Survey of Lancaster County, PA

http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov/app Mount Joy Borough & Rapho Township, Lancaster County, PA



Legend:
Project Boundary

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Figure 4: NWI Map for the Chiques Crossing Project

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Wetlands Online Wetland Mapper http://wetlandsfws.er.usgs.gov/NWI/index.html
Mount Joy Borough & Rapho Township, Lancaster County, PA

DATA SHEETS (1 – 4)

Applicant/Owner: ELA Group, Inc. State: PA Sampling Point: 1 Investigator(s): Bradly J. Gochnauer Section, Township, Range: Mount Joy Borough Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): floodplain Local relief (concave, convex, none): concave Slope (%): 3% Lat: 40.115515 Long: -76.493319 Datum: UTM Soil Map Unit Name: Ne NWI classification: PEM1 Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes No (If no, explain in Remarks.) Are Vegetation N, Soil N, or Hydrology N significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes No Are Vegetation N, Soil N, or Hydrology N naturally problematic? (If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.)	_											
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SUMMARY OF FINDINGS - Attach site map showing sampling point locations, transects, important features, etc.												
Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes ⊠ No □ Is the Sampled Area Hydric Soil Present? Yes ⊠ No □ within a Wetland? Yes ⊠ No □												
Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ⊠ No □ Remarks: Emergent portion of Wetland 1 in the southeastern portion of the study area												
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VEGETATION - Use scientific names of plants. Absolute % Dominant Indicator												
Tree Stratum:(Plot Size: 30') Cover Species? Status Dominance Test worksheet:												
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Dominant Species												
Across All Strata: 3	(B)											
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Sapling/Shrub Stratum:(Plot Size:15') Species? Status Prevalence Index worksheet:												
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3 FACW speciesx2=												
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Wetland Hydrology Indicators: Primary Indicators (minimum of one is required; cl Surface Water (A1) High Water Table (A2) Saturation (A3) Water Marks (B1) Sediment Deposits (B2) Drift Deposits (B3) Algal or Crust (B4) Iron Deposits (B5) Inundation Visible on Aerial Imagery (B7) Water-Stained Leaves (B13) Aquatic Fauna (B13)			☐ True Aquation ☐ Hydrogen Solon ☐ Oxidized Rhize ☐ Presence of	zospheres or Reduced Iro Reduction ir	Living Roots (on (C4) n Tilled Soils ((C3)	Dry-Season Water Table (C2) Crayfish Burrows (C8) Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery (C9) Stunted or Stressed Plants (D1) Geomorphic Position (D2) Shallow Aquitard (D3) Microtopographic Relief (D4)		

Depth (inches): ___ Depth (inches): ___ Depth (inches): 2"

Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ⊠ No □

Surface Water Present? Yes \Boxed No \Boxed Depth (inches): \Boxed Depth (inches): \Boxed Water Table Present? Yes \Boxed No \Boxed Depth (inches): \Boxed Wetland Hydrocolor (includes capillary fringe)

Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available: No ⊠ No ⊠ No □

Field Observations:

Remarks: Emergent portion of Wetland 1

Project/Site:Chiques Crossing Project	City/County:_L	ancaster		Sampling Date: <u>08/02/22</u>							
Applicant/Owner: ELA Group, Inc.		State: PA	Sampling F	Point: 2							
Investigator(s):Bradly J. Gochnauer Section, Township, Range: Mount Joy Borough											
Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.):floodplain	cal relief (conca	ive, convex, no	ne): <u>none</u>								
Slope (%): <u>3%</u> Lat: <u>40.114247</u>	L	.ong: <u>-76.494753</u>	3	Datum: <u>UTM</u>							
Soil Map Unit Name: <u>Ne</u>				NWI classification: UPL							
Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes ⊠ No ☐ (If no, explain in Remark											
Are VegetationN, SoillN, or HydrologyN significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes ⊠ No □											
Are VegetationN, SoilN, or HydrologyN naturally problematic? (If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.) SUMMARY OF FINDINGS - Attach site map showing sampling point locations, transects, important features, etc.											
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Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☐ No ☒	within a Wet		Yes 🗆	No ⊠							
Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ☐ No ☒ Remarks: Mixed deciduous forest within the floodplain of	the Little Chique	s Creek (Water	course 1) along	the southwestern boundary of the study							
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VEGETATION - Use scientific names of plants.											
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5. ÷			<u>.</u>	supporting data in Remarks or on a separate sheet)							
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7. <u> </u>			<u>.</u>	☐ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation¹ (Explain)							
8. ÷			÷	¹ Indicators of hydric soil and wetland							
9			<u>.</u>	hydrology must be present, unless							
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Woody Vine Stratum:(Plot Size:30')	Cover	Species?	Status								
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Remarks:	10 - 10tal COV	-61		1 i iccont;							

SOIL							Samplin	g Point : <u>2</u>	
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<u>1-16</u>	10YR 4/6	<u>100</u>			-		Silt Loam		
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Remarks:									
HYDROLOG	Y								
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Field Observ Surface Wate Water Table F Saturation Pro (Includes capill	r Present? Yes Present? Yes esent? Yes ary fringe)	Microtopographic Relief (D4) FAC-Neutral Test (D5) FAC-Neutral Test (D5)							

Remarks: Mixed deciduous forest.

Project/Site:Chiques Crossing Project	City/County:_L	ancaster		Sampling Date:08/02/22							
Applicant/Owner: ELA Group, Inc.			Sampling	Point: 3							
Investigator(s):Bradly J. Gochnauer Section, Township, Range: Rapho Township											
Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.):closed depression Local relief (concave, convex, none):concave											
Slope (%): <u>3% </u>											
Soil Map Unit Name:Ne NWI classification:PFO1											
Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes No (If no, explain in Remarks.)											
Are VegetationN, SoillN, or HydrologyN significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes ⊠ No □											
Are Vegetation N, Soil N, or Hydrology N naturally problematic? (If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.)											
SUMMARY OF FINDINGS - Attach site map showing s			ects, importa	int features, etc.							
Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes ⊠ No ☐ Hydric Soil Present? Yes ⊠ No ☐	Is the Sample within a Wet		Yes 🛛	No □							
Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ⊠ No □											
Remarks: Forested portion of Wetland 2 along the west-central boundary of the study area											
VEGETATION - Use scientific names of plants.	Absolute %	Dominant	Indicator	1							
Tree Stratum:(Plot Size: 30')	Cover	Species?	Status	Dominance Test worksheet:							
Juglans nigra (Black Walnut)	<u>25</u>		FACU	Number of Dominant							
2. Acer negundo (Box-elder)	40	_ ⊠	FAC	Species That Are							
3. =	_		±	OBL, FACW, or FAC: 4 (A)							
4. ÷				Total Number of							
5. ÷			±	Dominant Species Across All Strata: 6 (B)							
6. -			±	ACIOSS All Strata. <u>0</u> (b)							
7. ÷			÷	Percent of Dominant							
8. -			±	Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC 66% (A/B)							
9. <u>÷</u>			±	OBE, FACTO, OFFICE GOAL (FUS)							
	65 = Total Cov	/er									
Sapling/Shrub Stratum:(Plot Size:15')		Dominant Species?	Indicator Status	Prevalence Index worksheet:							
Rosa multiflora (Multiflora Rose)	15	Species:	FACU	Total % Cover of: Multiply by:							
2.	-		ż	OBL speciesx1=							
3. ⁻			±	FACW speciesx2=							
3.			±	FAC speciesx3=							
4.		_	<u>.</u>	FACU speciesx4=							
5.			<u>.</u>								
6.				UPL speciesx5=							
7			-	Totals: (A) (B)							
8. <u>-</u> 9. <u>-</u>			<u>.</u>	Prevalence Index = B/A =							
	15 = Total Cov										
	Abaduta 0/	Dominant	Indicator								
Herb Stratum:(Plot Size:5')	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Status	Hydrophotic Vegetation Indicators:							
Microstegium vimineum (Japanese Stiltgrass)	<u>25</u>	\boxtimes	FAC	☐ Rapid Test for Hydrophotic Vegetation							
2. <u>Impatiens capensis (Jewelweed)</u>	<u>20</u>	\boxtimes	FACW	☑ Dominance Test is > 50%							
3. Lysimachia nummularia (Moneywort)	10		FACW	☐ Prevalence Index is 3.0 ¹							
4. Phalaris arundinacea (Reed Canary Grass)	40		FACW	Morphological Adaptations¹ (Provide							
5. ÷			±	supporting data in Remarks or on a separate sheet)							
6. ±			÷								
7. -			±	Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation¹ (Explain)							
8. -			±								
9. -			Δ	Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless							
- 	95 = Total Cov	er		disturbed or problematic.							
	Absolute %	Dominant	Indicator								
Woody Vine Stratum:(Plot Size:30')	Cover	Species?	Status								
1. <u>.</u>			÷	Hydrophytic							
2. <u>.</u>			±	Vegetation Yes ⊠ No □							
Pamarke	= Total	Cover		Present?							
Remarks:											

SOIL							Samplir	ng Point : 3			
Profile Desc	ription: (Describe to	the depth r	needed to docume	nt the indica	ator or confir	rm the absen	ce of indicators.)				
Depth	Matrix			Redox Features .							
(inches)	Color (moist)	<u>%</u>	Color (moist)	<u>%</u>	Type *	Loc**	<u>Texture</u>	Remarks			
<u>0-1</u>	10YR 4/3	<u>100</u>					Organic				
<u>1-16</u>	10YR 4/2	<u>80</u>	10YR 4/3	<u>20</u>	RM	<u>M</u>	Silt Loam				
								•			
							_ :				
							_ :	-			
						_	_ <u>-</u>				
*1Type: C=0	Concentration, D=De	pletion. RM	=Reduced Matrix.	CS=Covere	ed or Coated	Sand Grains	i.				
	PL=Pore Lining, M=M										
Histosol (A1)								al (TF2) Surface (TF12) emarks) chytic vegetation and must be present, unless			
Primary Indic Surface V High Water Saturation Water Ma Sediment Drift Depo Algal or C Inno Depo Inundation	drology Indicators: cators (minimum of one Vater (A1) er Table (A2) n (A3) rks (B1) Deposits (B2) sits (B3) crust (B4) sits (B5) n Visible on Aerial Ima ained Leaves (B13) auna (B13)		☐ True Aquati ☐ Hydrogen S ☐ Oxidized Rhi ☐ Presence of	c Plants (B1 ulfide Odor zospheres or f Reduced Ir Reduction i Surface (C7)	(C1) Living Roots on (C4) n Tilled Soils	(C3)	iurface Soil Cracks iprarsely Vegetated prainage Patterns (E floss Trim Lines (B1 pry-Season Water T crayfish Burrows (C taturation Visible on tunted or Stressed ieomorphic Positior in thallow Aquitard (D3 flicrotopographic Re	Concave Surface (B8) 310) 36) able (C2) 8) Aerial Imagery (C9) Plants (D1) 1 (D2) 3) slief (D4)			
Surface Water Water Table Saturation Pr	er Present? Yes Present? Yes		No								

Remarks: Forested portion of Wetland 2

Project/Site:Chiques Crossing Project	_City/County: <u>La</u>	ncaster		Sampling Date: 08/02/22						
Applicant/Owner: ELA Group, Inc.		State: PA	Sampling Po	g Point: 4						
Investigator(s):Bradly J. Gochnauer	Section, Township, Range: Rapho Township									
Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.):floodplain	Local relief (concave, convex, none):none									
Slope (%): <u>4% </u>										
Soil Map Unit Name: <u>NeNWI classification:UPL</u>										
Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for thi	is time of year? \	∕es ⊠	No 🗆	(If no, explain in Remarks.)						
Are VegetationN, SoillN, or HydrologyN significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes ⊠ No □										
Are VegetationN, SoilN, or HydrologyN naturally problematic? (If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.)										
SUMMARY OF FINDINGS - Attach site map showing sampling point locations, transects, important features, etc.										
Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes ⊠ No □	Is the Sample	d Area								
Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☐ No ☒ Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ☐ No ☒	within a Wetla	and?	Yes 🗌	No ⊠						
Remarks: Mixed deciduous forest within the floodplain of the Little Chiques Creek along the western boundary of the study area										
VEGETATION - Use scientific names of plants.										
VEGETATION - OSE SCIENTING Harnes of plants.	Absolute %	Dominant	Indicator							
Tree Stratum:(Plot Size: 30')	Cover	Species?	Status	Dominance Test worksheet:						
Acer negundo (Box-elder)	<u>85</u>	\boxtimes	FAC	Number of Dominant						
2. :			<u> -</u>	Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 3 (A)						
3. ÷			4	OBL, FACW, or FAC: 3 (A)						
4			÷	Total Number of						
5. ÷		П	_	Dominant Species						
		П		Across All Strata: <u>5</u> (B)						
6			<u>.</u>	Descent of Deminent						
7			<u>.</u>	Percent of Dominant Species That Are						
8. -		_		OBL, FACW, or FAC 60% (A/B)						
9			·							
	85 = Total Cove	er Dominant	Indicator							
Sapling/Shrub Stratum:(Plot Size: <u>15'</u>)		Species?	Status	Prevalence Index worksheet:						
Rosa multiflora (Multiflora Rose)	20		FACU	Total % Cover of: Multiply by:						
2.			±	OBL speciesx1=						
			_	FACW speciesx2=						
3			_							
4			<u>.</u>							
5. ⁻				FACU speciesx4=						
6. ⁻			·	UPL speciesx5=						
7. -			·	Totals:						
8. ÷			·	(A) (B)						
9. ±			·	Prevalence Index = B/A =						
	<u>20</u> = Total Cove	er .								
Herb Stratum:(Plot Size:5')	Absolute %	Dominant	Indicator							
Alliaria petiolata (Garlic Mustard)	Cover	Species?	Status FACU	Hydrophotic Vegetation Indicators:						
Glocoma headrace (Ground Ivy)	<u>25</u>	⊠	FACU	Rapid Test for Hydrophotic Vegetation						
Microstagium viminaum (Jananese Stiltgrass)	<u>10</u>		FAC	☑ Dominance Test is > 50%						
Januarians canonsis (Jawahyaad)	<u>20</u>		FACW	☐ Prevalence Index is 3.0 ¹ Morphological Adaptations¹ (Provide						
Phologic on Indinance (Peed Canany Grass)	<u>15</u>		FACW	☐ supporting data in Remarks or on a						
5.	<u>20</u>	⊠ □	<u>.</u>	separate sheet)						
6			_	☐ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation¹						
7. -			<u>.</u>	(Explain)						
8		_		¹ Indicators of hydric soil and wetland						
9. -	90 = Total Cove	er 🗆	_	hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.						
	_									
Woody Vine Stratum:(Plot Size:30')	Absolute %	Dominant Species?	Indicator							
, —	Cover		Status							
1. <u>.</u>				Hydrophytic						
2. <u>.</u>	= Total C	Cover	•	Vegetation Yes ⊠ No ☐ Present?						
Remarks:	Total C	,0Y01		. 1000.10.						

SOIL							Samplir	ng Point : 4
Profile Desc	cription: (Describe to	the depth I	needed to docume	nt the indica	ntor or confir	m the absenc	e of indicators.)	
Depth	Matrix			Redox	Features			
(inches)	Color (moist)	<u>%</u>	Color (moist)	<u>%</u>	Type *	Loc**	<u>Texture</u>	Remarks
0-1	10YR 4/3	<u>100</u>		-			Organic	
1-16	10YR 4/6	80	10YR 4/4	20			Silt Loam	
							_ ±	
							_ 4	
							•	
			~					
	Concentration, D=Dep PL=Pore Lining, M=M		=Reduced Matrix,	CS=Covere	d or Coated	Sand Grains.	•	
Location.	I L-I GIC LIIIIII G, IVI-IVI	atrix.					icators for Proble	
Stratified 2 cm Muc Depleted Thick Dar	pedon tic 1 Sulfide (A4) Layers (A5) k (A10) (LRR N) Below Dark Surface (A k Surface ucky Mineral (S1) (LRR N, eyed Matrix (S4) edox (S5)	•	Polyvalue Bo Thin Dark St Loamy Gleyo Depleted Ma Redox Dark Depleted Da Redox Depro Bolion-Mangano Umbric Surfa	□ Dark Surface (S7) □ 2cm Muck (A10) (ML Polyvalue Below Surface (S8)(MRLA 147, 148) □ Red Parent Material □ Loamy Gleyed Matrix (F2) □ Depleted Matrix (F3) □ Depleted Dark Surface (F6) □ Depleted Dark Surface (F7) □ Redox Depressions (F8) □ Iron-Manganese Masses (F12)(LRR N, MLRA 136) □ Umbric Surface (F13) (MRLA 136, 122) □ Piedmont Floodplain Soils (F19)(MLRA 148) □ 2cm Muck (A10) (ML Red or Muck (A10) (ML Red				
Restrictive I Type: Depth:	Layer (if observed):			н	ydric Soil Pre	esent? Yes] No ⊠	
Remarks:								
LIVEROLOG								
Wetland Hydrology Indicators: Primary Indicators (minimum of one is required; check all that apply) Surface Water (A1)								
Field Obser Surface Wat Water Table Saturation P (Includes cap Describe Re	resent? Yes Yes Yes Yes		No ⊠ □	Depth (inche Depth (inche Depth (inche otos, previou	s): s):	Wetland Hyd	AC-Neutral Test (D	

Remarks: Mixed deciduous forest within floodplain

SITE PHOTOGRAPHS (A – U)



Photo A: Northwestern view of Watercourse 1 (Little Chiques Creek) along the southern boundary of the study area.

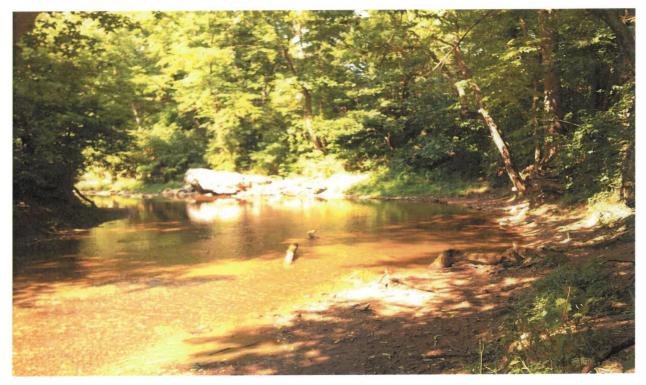


Photo B: Northern view of Watercourse 1 along the southern boundary of the study area.



Photo C: Northeastern view of Watercourse 1 along the western boundary of the study area.

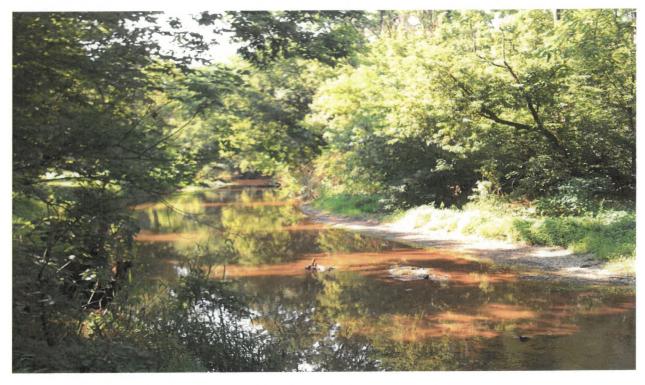


Photo D: Northwestern view of Watercourse 1 along the western boundary of the study area.



Photo E: Southeastern view of Watercourse 1 along the western boundary of the study area.



Photo F Northern view of the Wetland 3 and the existing bridge structure that carries Watercourse 1 under Mt. Joy-Manheim Road (SR 772).



Photo G: Southeastern view along the gravel driveway through the cultivated agricultural lands in the central portion of the study area.



Photo H: Western view of the mowed lawn, gravel driveway and cultivated agricultural lands in the northern portion of the study area.



Photo I: Northeastern view of the cultivated agricultural lands and forested hedgerow along the northern boundary of the study area.



Photo J: Northeastern view along Mt. Joy – Manheim Road (SR 772).

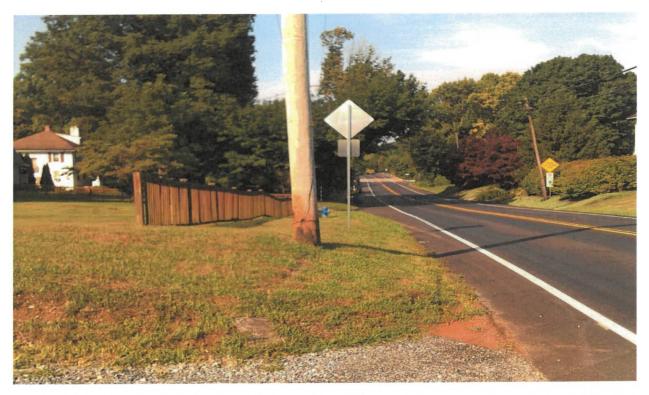


Photo K: Southwestern view along Mt. Joy – Manheim Road (SR 772), which forms the northern boundary of the study area.



Photo L: Southeastern view of the cultivated agricultural lands in the eastern portion of the study area.



Photo M: Northwestern view of the cultivated agricultural lands along the eastern boundary of the study area.



Photo N: Southeastern view of Wetland 1 in the southeastern portion of the study area.



Photo O: Southern view of Wetland 1 in the southeastern portion of the study area.



Photo P: Southern view of Wetland 1 in the in the southeastern portion of the study area.



Photo Q: Northern view of the mowed lawn in the southern portion of the study area.



Photo R: Western view of the mixed deciduous forest in the southern portion of the study area.



Photo S: Southeastern view of Wetland 2 along the west-central boundary of the study area.

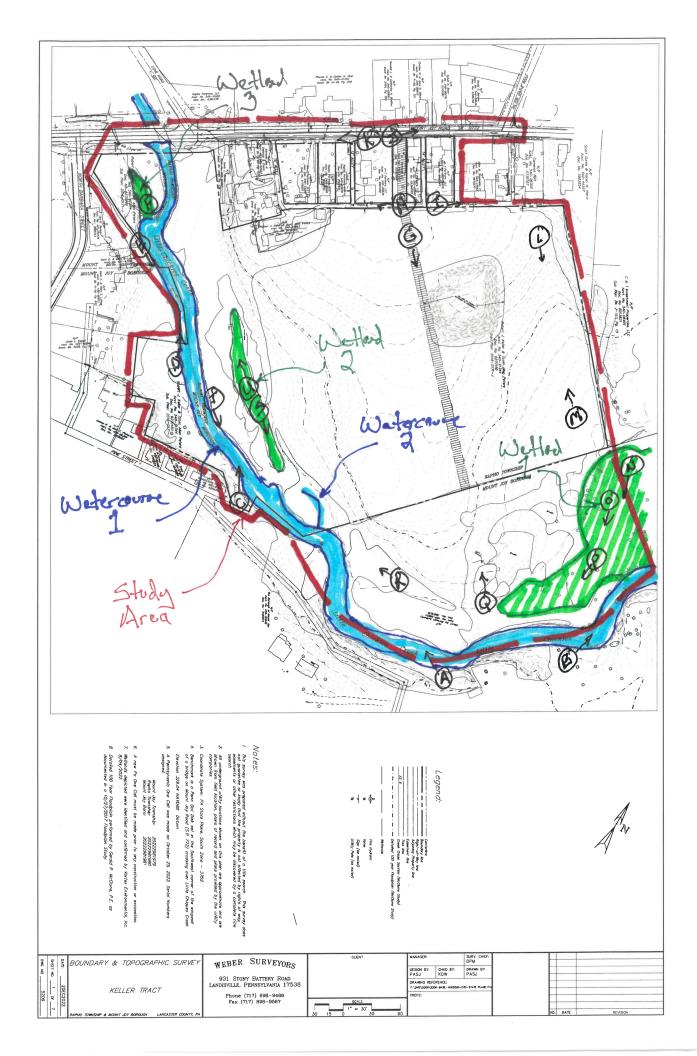


Photo T: Eastern view of Watercourse 1 along the southwestern boundary of the study area.



Photo U: Northwestern view of Wetland 2 along the west-central boundary of the study area.





RESUME

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EXPERIENCE

2004-Present

Vortex Environmental, Inc.

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Mr. Gochnauer has been involved in environmental research and consulting for eighteen (18) years. He has conducted environmental studies throughout Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, and New Jersey.

Mr. Gochnauer has conducted wetland delineations using the <u>Federal Manual for Identifying and Delineating Jurisdictional Wetlands</u> and analysis of soils, vegetation, and hydrology to determine the extent of regulatory jurisdiction. He has compiled and prepared numerous state and federal permit applications for a variety of residential commercial and industrial projects.

Mr. Gochnauer has prepared many wetland mitigation and wetland restoration plans. He has designed several stream stabilization and stream corridor enhancement projects. He has also been involved in the restoration of dredge spoil areas. Mr. Gochnauer managed the biological control program for Purple Loosestrife in the State of Pennsylvania. Mr. Gochnauer has been certified by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources as a qualified professional to perform and review Forest Stand Delineations, and Forest Conservation Plans as per the requirements of COMAR 08.19.06.01.

EDUCATION

The Pennsylvania State University, State College, PA. Bachelor of Science - Environmental Resource Management, 1992.

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PAEP, Phase I Bog Turtle Program, 2003, 2004

SAIC, Freshwater Wetland Construction, 1999

Pennsylvania State University; Construction of Treatment Wetlands; 1995

Maryland DNR; Forest Conservation and Stormwater Workshop; 1995

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Pennsylvania State University; Stormwater Runoff and Water Quality Management

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