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# 1. Introduction

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At the request of Mr. Brett Jory of RBF Storage, GEI Consultants of Michigan, P.C. (GEI) conducted a wetland delineation and assessment of wetlands as regulated pursuant to Part 303, Wetlands, of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, P.A. 451 of 1994, as amended (NREPA) and waters (streams) regulated pursuant to Part 301, Inland Lakes and Streams, of NREPA for the Atlas Township Parcel located near S State Road and Coolidge Road in Atlas Township, Genessee County, Michigan (Figure 1). The subject property, referred to as the Atlas Township Parcel is parcel #25-02-10-300-018. The purpose for the delineation and assessment was to determine the presence or absence of wetlands and waters (lakes, ponds, streams, etc...) within the assessment area and, if present, to delineate and map their boundaries.

## 2. Methods

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### 2.1 Desktop Review

Before conducting a site visit, GEI reviewed several resource databases and reference maps encompassing the assessment area. These included the U.S. Geologic Survey (USGS) Topographic Map Series and National Hydrography Dataset (NHD), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) National Wetland Inventory (NWI), U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA NRCS) Soil Survey, Michigan Wetland Mapper, and Federal Emergency Management Act (FEMA) Floodplain Data. These maps assist in identifying potential drainageways, wetlands, streams, and wetland soil units in the project area.

### 2.2 Field Assessments

GEI walked throughout the entire subject property, to determine the extent and regulatory status of any wetlands and waters present. Wetland areas were identified and delineated in accordance with the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) 1987 Wetland Delineation Manual (Environmental Laboratory 1987) and the Northcentral and Northeast (NENC) Regional Supplement (USACE 2011). Changes to Part 303 of NREPA now has the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) utilizing those procedures for identifying and

delineating wetlands in Michigan. Streams were identified and delineated according to the standards under Part 301 (NREPA) which defines a stream as a waterbody with definite banks, a bed, and evidence of a continued occurrence of water.

Wetland and water body boundaries were located with a global positioning system (GPS). GPS mapping was conducted with the ArcGIS Field Maps application and a Trimble Da2 GNSS receiver to facilitate sub-meter accuracy. Wetland boundaries were also flagged and sequentially labeled alphanumerically in the field with pink flagging tape. A dominance of wetland rated plants, and soils with field indicators of hydric soils coupled with visual signs of hydrology at the surface or within the soil profile were used to confirm the presence of wetlands. A dominance of upland rated plants, soils lacking field indicators of hydric soils, and/or visual signs of hydrology were used to confirm the presence of upland. Plant observations were recorded following the nomenclature of Michigan Flora Online (Reznicek 2011).

USACE Wetland Determination Data Forms were completed to document the delineated wetland boundaries of the various wetland types encountered on the property. Representative photographs of all delineated wetlands and data point locations were taken.

## 3. Results

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On October 26, 2023, GEI investigated the entire assessment area to determine the presence or absence of wetlands and waters. Upon investigation, GEI identified and delineated two wetlands within the assessment area. The wetlands are labeled as Wetland A and Wetland B (Figure 2).

### 3.1 Wetland A

Wetland A is a Palustrine Emergent (PEM) wetland (Cowardin et al, 1979) which occupies a low basin area surrounded by upland slopes and fields. A linear ditch extends east to west along the southern parcel boundary, and Wetland A occupies only a small area on the north side of it. Wetland A also extends beyond the subject property to the southwest across a wider basin area (Figure 2).

One set of representative wetland data points were recorded along the boundary of Wetland A. Wetland data point 01 (DP01) was recorded within Wetland A and wetland data point 02 (DP02) was recorded above the Wetland A boundary within the upland field area (Appendix A).

Several indicators of wetland hydrology were observed in Wetland A. Soil saturation (A3), High Water Table (A2), and geomorphic position (D2) were all observed at DP01. The dominant vegetation observed in Wetland A was reed canary (*Phalaris arundinacea*), Canada goldenrod (*Solidago canadensis*), and smooth goldenrod (*Solidago gigantea*). These three species were by far the most dominant in relative cover within the portion of Wetland A on the subject property. Additional species were observed in this area, but in far lower abundance.

Clay and sandy clay soils were observed in Wetland A. The USGS soil maps showed that the surface soil complex in Wetland A is Sloan silt loam. The soil profile at DP01 revealed a dark surface layer from 0-12" in depth above a depleted matrix layer reaching below the bottom of the profile at 20". The soil profile at DP01 met the Depleted Below Dark Surface (A11) hydric soil indicator.

### **3.2 Wetland B**

Wetland B is a Palustrine Emergent (PEM) wetland (Cowardin et al, 1979) located along the northern edge of the subject property. Wetland B is primarily located on the neighboring parcel north of the subject property, but a small piece of it extends southward into the subject property. This area of Wetland B is north of the mowed path and continues downslope northeast toward the S State Road shoulder. Wetland B is defined by its position within a topographic depression and its dominant wetland vegetation of reed canary grass, willow species, and dogwood species. Our parcel layer shows a narrow piece of Wetland B within the subject property, but it's possible all of Wetland B is within the neighboring parcel and outside the subject property.

### **3.3 Water Bodies**

The National Hydrologic Dataset (NHD) shapefile showed a mapped stream feature in the southeast corner of the subject property. The mapped stream path travels from the southern border to the northeast corner and connects the Wetland A and Wetland B polygons shown on Figure 2. GEI's field investigation revealed no stream path on the subject property nor stream characteristics in the topographic depression between Wetland A and Wetland B. The topographic depression was populated by upland vegetation and neither hydrologic or geomorphic evidence of a stream were observed.

## 4. Summary and Conclusions

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GEI determined that two wetlands (Wetlands A and B) are present within the subject property. Wetland A is less than 5 acres in size within the subject property, however, it appears to be contiguous with a larger wetland system on the neighboring property to the south which is either adjacent to or within 500 feet of a regulated waterbody. Wetland B is neither 5 acres in size nor within 500 feet of a regulated waterbody. It is GEI's professional opinion that Wetland A would be considered regulated by EGLE pursuant to Part 303 of NREPA since it is within 500 feet of a defined water body pursuant to Part 301 of NREPA. Wetlands are considered contiguous and regulated by Part 303 of NREPA if they meet any of the following criteria:

1. A permanent surface water connection or other direct physical contact with an inland lake or stream, a pond, a river, one of the Great Lakes, or the connecting waters of the Great Lakes;
2. A seasonal or intermittent direct surface water connection to an inland lake or stream, a pond, river, one of the Great Lakes, or the connecting waters of the Great Lakes;
3. Partially or entirely located within 500 feet of the ordinary high watermark of an inland lake or stream, a pond, or a river or is within 1,000 feet of the ordinary high watermark of one of the Great Lakes or the connecting waters of the Great Lakes, unless it is determined by EGLE that there is no surface water or groundwater connection to these waters; or
4. Two or more areas of wetland separated only by barriers, such as dikes, roads, berms, or other similar features, but with any of the wetland areas contiguous under the criteria described in this definition. The connecting waters of the Great Lakes shall be considered part of the Great Lakes for purposes of this definition.
5. The wetland is not connected to one of the Great Lakes or Lake St. Clair, or an inland lake, pond, stream, or river, but is more than 5 acres in size.
6. The wetland is not connected to one of the Great Lakes or Lake St. Clair, or an inland lake, pond, stream, or river, and less than 5 acres in size, but EGLE has determined that these wetlands are essential

to the preservation of the state's natural resources and has notified the property owner.

It is GEI's opinion that a permit is required from EGLE for any proposed dredging, filling, draining, or maintained use or development within a regulated wetland pursuant to Part 303 of NREPA. A permit from EGLE would not be required if the regulated wetland is avoided and none of the forementioned activities are proposed within the regulated wetland.

Due to the dynamic nature of wetland resources, this study reflects wetland boundaries as they existed during the time the delineation was completed. Please be advised this regulatory delineation represents our professional opinion based on application of established regulatory methodologies. EGLE is the state agency charged with wetland regulatory oversight within the State of Michigan.

## 5. Literature Cited and Reference Materials

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# Figures

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Figure 1. Location Map

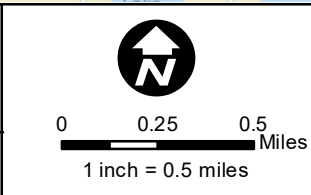
Figure 2. Wetland Delineation Map



 Project Location

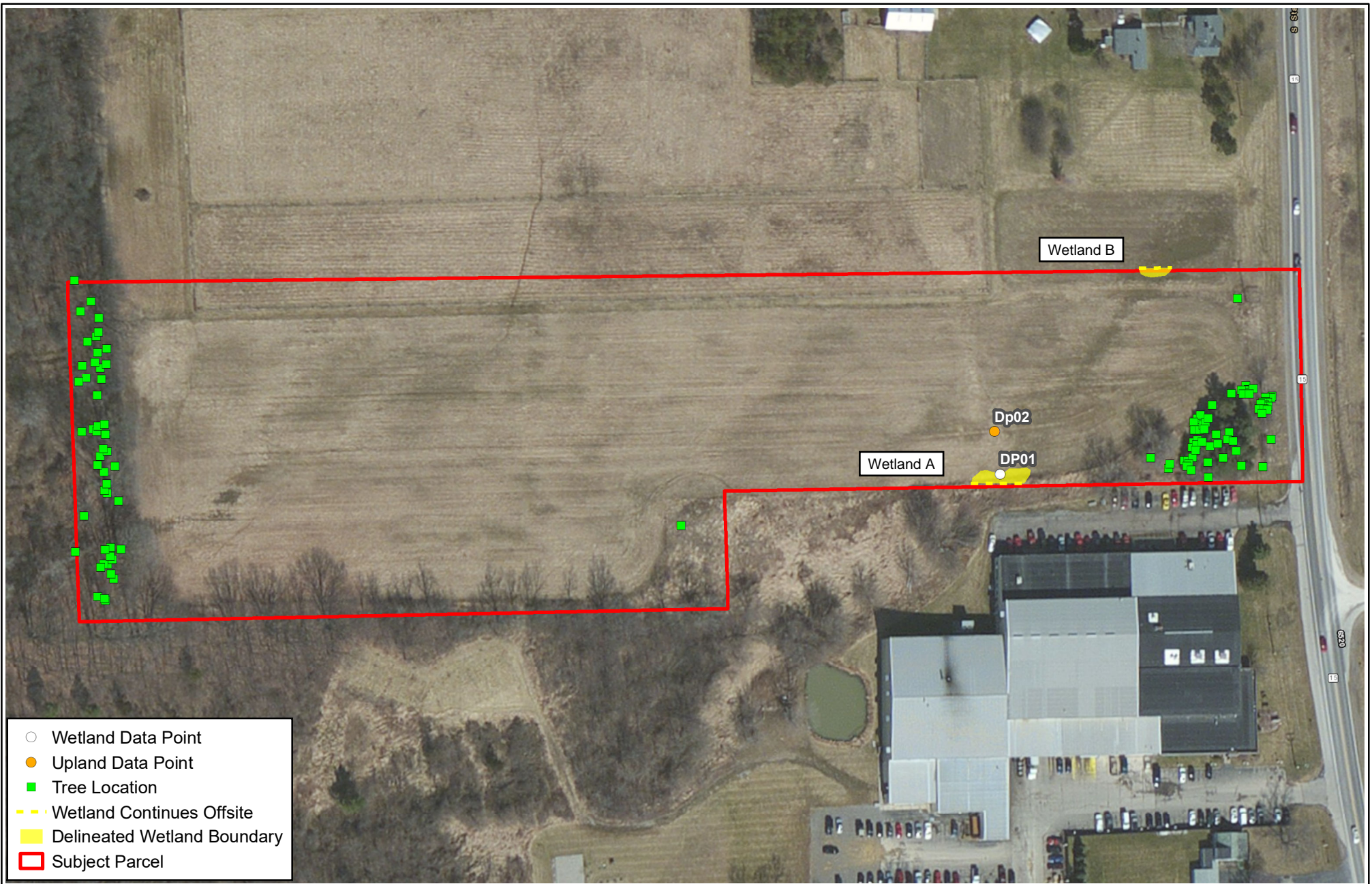
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**PROJECT LOCATION**

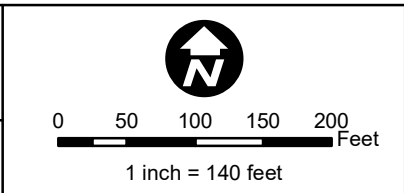
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- Wetland Data Point
- Upland Data Point
- Tree Location
- - - Wetland Continues Offsite
- Delineated Wetland Boundary
- Subject Parcel

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**WETLAND DELINEATION  
AND TREE SURVEY**

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# Appendix A – USACE/EGLE Wetland Determination Forms

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## WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Northcentral and Northeast Region

Project/Site: Atlas Township Parcel City/County: Genesee County Sampling Date: 10/26/2023  
 Applicant/Owner: RBF Storage State: MI Sampling Point: DP01  
 Investigator(s): S. Nyczak Section, Township, Range: T6N, R8W, S10  
 Landform (hillside, terrace, etc.): basin Local relief (concave, convex, none): concave Slope (%): 1  
 Subregion (LRR or MLRA): LRR L, MLRA 98 Lat: 42° 55' 59.86" N Long: 83° 30' 22.05" W Datum: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Soil Map Unit Name: Sloan Silt Loam, occasionally flooded NWI classification: none

Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes X No \_\_\_\_\_ (If no, explain in Remarks.)  
 Are Vegetation n, Soil n, or Hydrology n significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes X 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 sampling point locations, transects, important features, etc.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes <u>X</u> No _____ Hydric Soil Present? Yes <u>X</u> No _____ Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes <u>X</u> No _____	<b>Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?</b> Yes <u>X</u> No _____ If yes, optional Wetland Site ID: _____
Remarks: (Explain alternative procedures here or in a separate report.) Survey done immediately following heavy rainfall.	

### HYDROLOGY

<b>Wetland Hydrology Indicators:</b> <u>Primary Indicators (minimum of one is required; check all that apply)</u> _____ Surface Water (A1) _____ Water-Stained Leaves (B9) <u>X</u> High Water Table (A2) _____ Aquatic Fauna (B13) <u>X</u> Saturation (A3) _____ Marl Deposits (B15) _____ Water Marks (B1) _____ Hydrogen Sulfide Odor (C1) _____ Sediment Deposits (B2) _____ Oxidized Rhizospheres on Living Roots (C3) _____ Drift Deposits (B3) _____ Presence of Reduced Iron (C4) _____ Algal Mat or Crust (B4) _____ Recent Iron Reduction in Tilled Soils (C6) _____ Iron Deposits (B5) _____ Thin Muck Surface (C7) _____ Inundation Visible on Aerial Imagery (B7) _____ Other (Explain in Remarks) _____ Sparsely Vegetated Concave Surface (B8)	<u>Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)</u> _____ Surface Soil Cracks (B6) _____ Drainage Patterns (B10) _____ Moss Trim Lines (B16) _____ Dry-Season Water Table (C2) _____ Crayfish Burrows (C8) _____ Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery (C9) _____ Stunted or Stressed Plants (D1) <u>X</u> Geomorphic Position (D2) _____ Shallow Aquitard (D3) _____ Microtopographic Relief (D4) _____ FAC-Neutral Test (D5)
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<b>Field Observations:</b> Surface Water Present? Yes _____ No <u>x</u> Depth (inches): _____ Water Table Present? Yes <u>x</u> No _____ Depth (inches): <u>6</u> Saturation Present? Yes <u>x</u> No _____ Depth (inches): <u>0</u> (includes capillary fringe)	<b>Wetland Hydrology Present?</b> Yes <u>X</u> No _____
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Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available:

Remarks:

**VEGETATION** – Use scientific names of plants.

Sampling Point: DP01

	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status
<b>Tree Stratum</b> (Plot size: _____)			
1. <u>Acer negundo</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>FAC</u>
2. _____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____	_____
6. _____	_____	_____	_____
7. _____	_____	_____	_____
	<u>5</u>	=Total Cover	
<b>Sapling/Shrub Stratum</b> (Plot size: _____)			
1. <u>Salix nigra</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>OBL</u>
2. <u>Acer negundo</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>FAC</u>
3. _____	_____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____	_____
6. _____	_____	_____	_____
7. _____	_____	_____	_____
	<u>4</u>	=Total Cover	
<b>Herb Stratum</b> (Plot size: _____)			
1. <u>Solidago canadensis</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>FACU</u>
2. <u>Phalaris arundinacea</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>FACW</u>
3. <u>Solidago gigantea</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>FACW</u>
4. <u>Cirsium arvense</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>FACU</u>
5. <u>Symphyotrichum ericoides</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>FACU</u>
6. <u>Galium aparine</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>FACU</u>
7. <u>Alliaria petiolata</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>FACU</u>
8. _____	_____	_____	_____
9. _____	_____	_____	_____
10. _____	_____	_____	_____
11. _____	_____	_____	_____
12. _____	_____	_____	_____
	<u>93</u>	=Total Cover	
<b>Woody Vine Stratum</b> (Plot size: _____)			
1. _____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____	_____
	_____	=Total Cover	

**Dominance Test worksheet:**

Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 2 (A)

Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: 3 (B)

Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 66.7% (A/B)

**Prevalence Index worksheet:**

Total % Cover of:	Multiply by:
OBL species <u>2</u>	x 1 = <u>2</u>
FACW species <u>50</u>	x 2 = <u>100</u>
FAC species <u>7</u>	x 3 = <u>21</u>
FACU species <u>43</u>	x 4 = <u>172</u>
UPL species <u>0</u>	x 5 = <u>0</u>
Column Totals: <u>102</u> (A)	<u>295</u> (B)
Prevalence Index = B/A = <u>2.89</u>	

**Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:**

   1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation

2 - Dominance Test is >50%

3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0<sup>1</sup>

   4 - Morphological Adaptations<sup>1</sup> (Provide supporting data in Remarks or on a separate sheet)

   Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation<sup>1</sup> (Explain)

<sup>1</sup>Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

**Definitions of Vegetation Strata:**

**Tree** – Woody plants 3 in. (7.6 cm) or more in diameter at breast height (DBH), regardless of height.

**Sapling/shrub** – Woody plants less than 3 in. DBH and greater than or equal to 3.28 ft (1 m) tall.

**Herb** – All herbaceous (non-woody) plants, regardless of size, and woody plants less than 3.28 ft tall.

**Woody vines** – All woody vines greater than 3.28 ft in height.

**Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?**      Yes       No   

Remarks: (Include photo numbers here or on a separate sheet.)

**SOIL**

Sampling Point: DP01

Profile Description: (Describe to the depth needed to document the indicator or confirm the absence of indicators.)								
Depth (inches)	Matrix		Redox Features				Texture	Remarks
	Color (moist)	%	Color (moist)	%	Type <sup>1</sup>	Loc <sup>2</sup>		
0-12	10YR 3/2	75					Loamy/Clayey	Clay
	10YR 4/2	25						
12-20	10YR 4/2	70	10YR 3/4	5	C	M	Loamy/Clayey	Sandy Clay
	10YR 5/2	25						

<sup>1</sup>Type: C=Concentration, D=Depletion, RM=Reduced Matrix, CS=Covered or Coated Sand Grains. <sup>2</sup>Location: PL=Pore Lining, M=Matrix.

**Hydric Soil Indicators:**

- Histosol (A1)
- Histic Epipedon (A2)
- Black Histic (A3)
- Hydrogen Sulfide (A4)
- Stratified Layers (A5)
- Depleted Below Dark Surface (A11)
- Thick Dark Surface (A12)
- Sandy Mucky Mineral (S1)
- Sandy Gleyed Matrix (S4)
- Sandy Redox (S5)
- Stripped Matrix (S6)
- Dark Surface (S7)

- Polyvalue Below Surface (S8) (LRR R, MLRA 149B)
- Thin Dark Surface (S9) (LRR R, MLRA 149B)
- High Chroma Sands (S11) (LRR K, L)
- Loamy Mucky Mineral (F1) (LRR K, L)
- Loamy Gleyed Matrix (F2)
- Depleted Matrix (F3)
- Redox Dark Surface (F6)
- Depleted Dark Surface (F7)
- Redox Depressions (F8)
- Marl (F10) (LRR K, L)

**Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils<sup>3</sup>:**

- 2 cm Muck (A10) (LRR K, L, MLRA 149B)
- Coast Prairie Redox (A16) (LRR K, L, R)
- 5 cm Mucky Peat or Peat (S3) (LRR K, L, R)
- Polyvalue Below Surface (S8) (LRR K, L)
- Thin Dark Surface (S9) (LRR K, L)
- Iron-Manganese Masses (F12) (LRR K, L, R)
- Piedmont Floodplain Soils (F19) (MLRA 149B)
- Mesic Spodic (TA6) (MLRA 144A, 145, 149B)
- Red Parent Material (F21)
- Very Shallow Dark Surface (TF12)
- Other (Explain in Remarks)

<sup>3</sup>Indicators of hydrophytic vegetation and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

**Restrictive Layer (if observed):**

Type: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Depth (inches): \_\_\_\_\_

Hydric Soil Present? Yes  No

**Remarks:**

This data form is revised from Northcentral and Northeast Regional Supplement Version 2.0 to reflect the NRCS Field Indicators of Hydric Soils version 7.0 March 2013 Errata. ([http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE\\_DOCUMENTS/nrcs142p2\\_051293.docx](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/nrcs142p2_051293.docx))

## WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Northcentral and Northeast Region

Project/Site: Atlas Township Parcel City/County: Genesee County Sampling Date: 10/26/2023  
 Applicant/Owner: RBF Storage State: MI Sampling Point: DP02  
 Investigator(s): S. Nyczak Section, Township, Range: T6N, R8W, S10  
 Landform (hillside, terrace, etc.): hillslope Local relief (concave, convex, none): convex Slope (%): 1  
 Subregion (LRR or MLRA): LRR L, MLRA 98 Lat: 42° 55' 59.98" N Long: 83° 30' 21.81" W Datum: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Soil Map Unit Name: Sloan Silt Loam, occasionally flooded NWI classification: none

Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes X No \_\_\_\_\_ (If no, explain in Remarks.)  
 Are Vegetation n, Soil n, or Hydrology n significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes X 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 sampling point locations, transects, important features, etc.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?	Yes _____	No <u>x</u>	<b>Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?</b> Yes _____ No <u>X</u> If yes, optional Wetland Site ID: _____
Hydric Soil Present?	Yes _____	No <u>x</u>	
Wetland Hydrology Present?	Yes _____	No <u>x</u>	
Remarks: (Explain alternative procedures here or in a separate report.) Survey done immediately following heavy rainfall.			

### HYDROLOGY

<b>Wetland Hydrology Indicators:</b> <u>Primary Indicators (minimum of one is required; check all that apply)</u> _____ Surface Water (A1)                      _____ Water-Stained Leaves (B9) _____ High Water Table (A2)                      _____ Aquatic Fauna (B13) _____ Saturation (A3)                                      _____ Marl Deposits (B15) _____ Water Marks (B1)                                      _____ Hydrogen Sulfide Odor (C1) _____ Sediment Deposits (B2)                              _____ Oxidized Rhizospheres on Living Roots (C3) _____ Drift Deposits (B3)                                      _____ Presence of Reduced Iron (C4) _____ Algal Mat or Crust (B4)                                      _____ Recent Iron Reduction in Tilled Soils (C6) _____ Iron Deposits (B5)                                      _____ Thin Muck Surface (C7) _____ Inundation Visible on Aerial Imagery (B7)                      _____ Other (Explain in Remarks) _____ Sparsely Vegetated Concave Surface (B8)	<u>Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)</u> _____ Surface Soil Cracks (B6) _____ Drainage Patterns (B10) _____ Moss Trim Lines (B16) _____ 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) _____ FAC-Neutral Test (D5)
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<b>Field Observations:</b> Surface Water Present? Yes _____ No <u>x</u> Depth (inches): _____ Water Table Present? Yes _____ No <u>x</u> Depth (inches): _____ Saturation Present? Yes _____ No <u>x</u> Depth (inches): _____ (includes capillary fringe)	<b>Wetland Hydrology Present?</b> Yes _____ No <u>x</u>
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Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available:

Remarks:

**VEGETATION** – Use scientific names of plants.

Sampling Point: DP02

<u>Tree Stratum</u> (Plot size: _____)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status
1. _____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____	_____
6. _____	_____	_____	_____
7. _____	_____	_____	_____
	_____ =Total Cover		
<u>Sapling/Shrub Stratum</u> (Plot size: _____)			
1. _____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____	_____
6. _____	_____	_____	_____
7. _____	_____	_____	_____
	_____ =Total Cover		
<u>Herb Stratum</u> (Plot size: _____)			
1. <u>Solidago canadensis</u>	60	Yes	FACU
2. <u>Achillea millefolium</u>	5	No	FACU
3. <u>Daucus carota</u>	15	Yes	UPL
4. <u>Cirsium arvense</u>	10	No	FACU
5. <u>Symphyotrichum ericoides</u>	5	No	FACU
6. <u>Galium aparine</u>	15	Yes	FACU
7. <u>Fragaria virginiana</u>	5	No	FACU
8. <u>Taraxacum officinale</u>	2	No	FACU
9. <u>Prunus serotina</u>	2	No	FACU
10. <u>Asclepias syriaca</u>	1	No	UPL
11. _____	_____	_____	_____
12. _____	_____	_____	_____
	120 =Total Cover		
<u>Woody Vine Stratum</u> (Plot size: _____)			
1. _____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____	_____
	_____ =Total Cover		

**Dominance Test worksheet:**

Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 0 (A)

Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: 3 (B)

Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 0.0% (A/B)

**Prevalence Index worksheet:**

Total % Cover of:	Multiply by:
OBL species <u>0</u>	x 1 = <u>0</u>
FACW species <u>0</u>	x 2 = <u>0</u>
FAC species <u>0</u>	x 3 = <u>0</u>
FACU species <u>104</u>	x 4 = <u>416</u>
UPL species <u>16</u>	x 5 = <u>80</u>
Column Totals: <u>120</u> (A)	<u>496</u> (B)
Prevalence Index = B/A = <u>4.13</u>	

**Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:**

   1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation

   2 - Dominance Test is >50%

   3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0<sup>1</sup>

   4 - Morphological Adaptations<sup>1</sup> (Provide supporting data in Remarks or on a separate sheet)

   Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation<sup>1</sup> (Explain)

<sup>1</sup>Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

**Definitions of Vegetation Strata:**

**Tree** – Woody plants 3 in. (7.6 cm) or more in diameter at breast height (DBH), regardless of height.

**Sapling/shrub** – Woody plants less than 3 in. DBH and greater than or equal to 3.28 ft (1 m) tall.

**Herb** – All herbaceous (non-woody) plants, regardless of size, and woody plants less than 3.28 ft tall.

**Woody vines** – All woody vines greater than 3.28 ft in height.

**Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?**      Yes         No    x

Remarks: (Include photo numbers here or on a separate sheet.)



## Appendix B – Representative Site Photographs

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**Photograph 1. View of subject property, facing east toward topographic depression.**



**Photograph 2. View of Wetland B, facing East. Wetland B is located along the subject property boundary and at the middle of the topographic depression.**



**Photograph 3. View of linear topographic depression in eastern half of the subject property, facing South.**



**Photograph 4. View of subject property, facing West.**



**Photograph 5. View of Wetland A, facing East.**



**Photograph 6. View of DP01, from Wetland A.**



**Photograph 7. View of DP02, from uplands adjacent to Wetland A.**