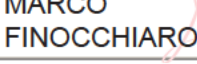




Clean Water Act Section 404: Site Visit/Case Development

For inspections authorized pursuant to Clean Water Act sections 308 and 404 (33 U.S.C. §§ 1318 and 1344)

This report includes only factual information gained by documentation, onsite observations, and/or onsite interviews.

Inspector Name(s)	Stephanie Andreescu Austin Jepsky (in-training)	Time In	~11:50 AM	Start Date	May 16, 2023
		Time Out	1:45 PM	End Date	May 16, 2023
Inspector's Organization	U.S. EPA Region 2				
Organization Requesting Inspection (if different)					
Inspection Type	Evaluation	Inspection Status	Original		
Site Name	SVG Holdings, LLC Property - 1821 Albany Post Road				
Site Address*	1821 Albany Post Road (106.1-2-24)				
City*	Wallkill	County*	Ulster	State*	NY
Zip Code*	12589				
Mailing Address*	260 Bruyn Turnpike				
City*	Wallkill	County*	Ulster	State*	NY
Zip Code*	12589				
Latitude*	41.61486	Longitude*	-74.20285		
Estimated Size of Site (acres)	45.7	Is there a home on the site?	☐ Yes ☒ No		
Inspector Signature	 Digitally signed by Andreescu, Stephanie Date: 2023.06.15 15:29:07 -04'00'			Date	6/15/23
Supervisor Signature	 MARCO FINOCCHIARO Digitally signed by MARCO FINOCCHIARO Date: 2023.06.23 14:23:52 -04'00'			Date	6/23/23

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Inspection Purpose	Initial site visit		
Opening Conference			
☒ Presentation of Inspector Credentials Name and Title (Use N/A if owner/operator not available to join the inspection) Inspector credentials were presented to Mr. Seamus Glynn, president of SVG Holdings, LLC			
☒ Opening Conference Name of person authorizing access if applicable I spoke with Mr. Glynn via phone to arrange the inspection.			
Notes from Opening Conference The opening conference with Mr. Glynn occurred at the beginning of the inspection of 260 Bruyn Turnpike, which EPA was inspecting before the inspection at 1821 Albany Post Road. During that opening conference, we explained to Mr. Glynn which areas we were looking to inspect. This included the parcel with the address - 1821 Albany Post Road.			
☐ Access Issues if Any Describe N/A			
Inspection Observations and Sample Collection			
Site Owner/Site Operator/Responsible Party (Name, title and contact information) Mr. Seamus Glynn, president of SVG Holdings, LLC, U.S. FOIA (b)(6), U.S. FOIA (b)(6)			
Additional Persons Present at Inspection Mr. Seamus Glynn			
General Site Characteristics (layout of property, etc.) The site is a 45.7-acre agricultural parcel bisected by Albany Post Road into a western portion and an eastern portion. The site is used as a cattle farm, mostly undeveloped, and generally covered with herbaceous field/pasture vegetation. The western portion is bounded by parcels to the north and west (including 260 Bruyn Turnpike); Bruyn Turnpike to the south; and Albany Post Road to the east. The eastern portion is bounded by parcels to the north and east; Bruyn Turnpike to the south; and Albany Post Road to the west. The portion is nearly rectangular with a small residential parcel cutout (not owned by SVG Holdings, LLC) where the southwest corner would be. A barn with cattle is located along Albany Post Road north of the cutout. A small pond is located in the southeast quadrant.			

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Purpose and Need for Discharge of Dredged and/or Fill Material			
The site was graded to provide flat and dry land for cattle grazing.			
Site Overview (Past inspections, site description, permits, etc.)			
EPA's Wetland Protection Section had not previously inspected the site. However, EPA did visit the neighboring property located at 260 Bruyn Turnpike, also owned by SVG Holdings, LLC, on September 9, 2022 and earlier in the day on May 16, 2023 to conduct Clean Water Act Section 404 inspections. There is no record of prior Corps permits for work at the property.			
Scope of Inspection (Areas inspected or not inspected)			
The inspection was limited to the eastern portion of the site (east of Albany Post Road) where potential filling activities had occurred.			

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		End Date	May 16, 2023
Environmental Conditions (e.g., wind, rain, smoke, dust, temperature, snow)			
mid 70's, sunny, clear			
Field Work Conducted			
Data recorded during the inspection included GPS data, photographs, handwritten notes, and two soil samples. EPA only accessed the eastern portion of the site (east of Albany Post Road). From the parking area, EPA walked east along a farm road and then north to a fenced pond. Some wetland/hydrophytic vegetation, including tussock sedge (<i>Carex stricta</i>) and purple loosestrife (<i>Lythrum salicaria</i>), was observed around the perimeter of the pond. The area around the pond had been mostly grubbed of trees and low areas had been filled. Unvegetated areas were observed near the pond. A soil sample taken near the pond showed potential fill or disturbance on top of hydric soils. EPA also observed a pile of dirt near the pond. Southeast of the pond, EPA observed unvegetated areas displaying soil cracking, a secondary indicator of hydrology consistent with the Northcentral and Northeast Regional Supplement to the Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual. EPA took a second soil sample in one of these areas and found 6 inches of fill material (dirt) on top of the original vegetated surface with hydric soils beneath. EPA walked along the eastern boundary of the site and observed a gravel-filled drainage. In the northeast corner of the property, EPA observed stockpiled logs and stockpiled trees with roots attached. Near the stockpiles, EPA observed a drainage outlet to potential wetlands on a neighboring property to the north. Along the northern boundary of the site, EPA observed areas of standing water and wetland/hydrophytic vegetation north of the property boundary. At one particular location, EPA observed an inundated red maple swamp with trees that displayed buttressing and an understory of tussock sedge. Fill material consisting primarily of dirt was located up to the property boundary and adjacent to the swamp.			
Closing Conference			
Documents Received and/or Requested During the Inspection			
N/A			
Compliance Assistance Provided (If any)			
N/A			
Observations Relayed to Site Owner/Operator			
N/A			
Actions Taken by Owner/Operator During the Inspection (If any)			
N/A			

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Potential Issues of Concern Including Regulatory Citations			
Fill material had been potentially discharged into wetland areas without prior Corps authorization.			
Attachments*			
☒ Maps and Sketches ☒ Photographs (including location) and Photo Log ☐ Other (SSIP, Wetlands Delineation Forms, etc.)			
Additional Notes			
Mr. Glynn stated that the pond was fed by precipitation/surface water. He also stated that silt from the pond was used to fill in low areas on the property. Prior to this inspection, EPA conducted a second/follow-up inspection at a neighboring property, 260 Bruyn Turnpike, Wallkill, NY, which is also owned by SVG Holdings, LLC.			



2021 Imagery

potential wetland area
standing water

gravel drain

soil pit

soil pit

0 250 500 1,000 Feet

NYS ITS GIS Program Office



SVG Holdings, LLC Property
1821 Albany Post Road, Walkill, NY
41.61485, -74.20271

5/16/2023 EPA GPS Points

Site / Parcel Boundary

CWA 404 Inspection
SVG Holdings Property
1821 Albany Post Road
Wallkill, Ulster County, NY

May 16, 2023



Date: 5/16/2023
Time: 12:06 PM
Photographer: SSA
Photo ID: 1 – P5160010

Description:

(1/6) Panorama of pond area;
southeast quadrant of eastern
portion of site



Date: 5/16/2023
Time: 12:06 PM
Photographer: SSA
Photo ID: 2 – P5160011

Description:

(2/6) Panorama of pond area;
southeast quadrant of eastern
portion of site



Date: 5/16/2023
Time: 12:06 PM
Photographer: SSA
Photo ID: 3 – P5160012

Description:

(3/6) Panorama of pond area;
southeast quadrant of eastern
portion of site



Date: 5/16/2023
Time: 12:06 PM
Photographer: SSA
Photo ID: 4 – P5160013

Description:

(4/6) Panorama of pond area;
southeast quadrant of eastern
portion of site



Date: 5/16/2023
Time: 12:06 PM
Photographer: SSA
Photo ID: 5 – P5160014

Description:
(5/6) Panorama of pond area;
southeast quadrant of eastern
portion of site



Date: 5/16/2023
Time: 12:06 PM
Photographer: SSA
Photo ID: 6 – P5160015

Description:

(6/6) Panorama of pond area;
southeast quadrant of eastern
portion of site



Date: 5/16/2023
Time: 12:14 PM
Photographer: SSA
Photo ID: 7 – P5160016

Description:
Tussock sedge (*Carex stricta*)
and purple loosestrife (*Lythrum
salicaria*) next to pond
GPS Point



Date: 5/16/2023
Time: 12:17 PM
Photographer: SSA
Photo ID: 8 – P5160017
Description:
Soil sample pit



Date: 5/16/2023
Time: 12:17 PM
Photographer: SSA
Photo ID: 9 – P5160018

Description:
Soil sample pit



Date: 5/16/2023
Time: 12:17 PM
Photographer: SSA
Photo ID: 10 – P5160019

Description:
Soil sample pit



Date: 5/16/2023
Time: 12:17 PM
Photographer: SSA
Photo ID: 11 – P5160020

Description:
Soil sample pit



Date: 5/16/2023
Time: 12:23 PM
Photographer: SSA
Photo ID: 12 – P5160021
Description:
Fill pile near pond



Date: 5/16/2023
Time: 12:28 PM
Photographer: SSA
Photo ID: 13 – P5160022

Description:
Fill on east side of pond



Date: 5/16/2023
Time: 12:32 PM
Photographer: SSA
Photo ID: 14 – P5160023

Description:
Unvegetated areas in pasture



Date: 5/16/2023
Time: 12:37 PM
Photographer: SSA
Photo ID: 15 – P5160024

Description:

Soil profile from unvegetated area, southeastern quadrant of eastern portion of site



Date: 5/16/2023
Time: 12:41 PM
Photographer: SSA
Photo ID: 16 – P5160025

Description:

Soil profile from unvegetated area, southeastern quadrant of eastern portion of site
6 inches of fill material on top of original surface



Date: 5/16/2023
Time: 12:44 PM
Photographer: SSA
Photo ID: 17 – P5160026

Description:

Soil pit location in unvegetated area, southeastern quadrant of eastern portion of site



Date: 5/16/2023
Time: 12:52 PM
Photographer: SSA
Photo ID: 18 – P5160027

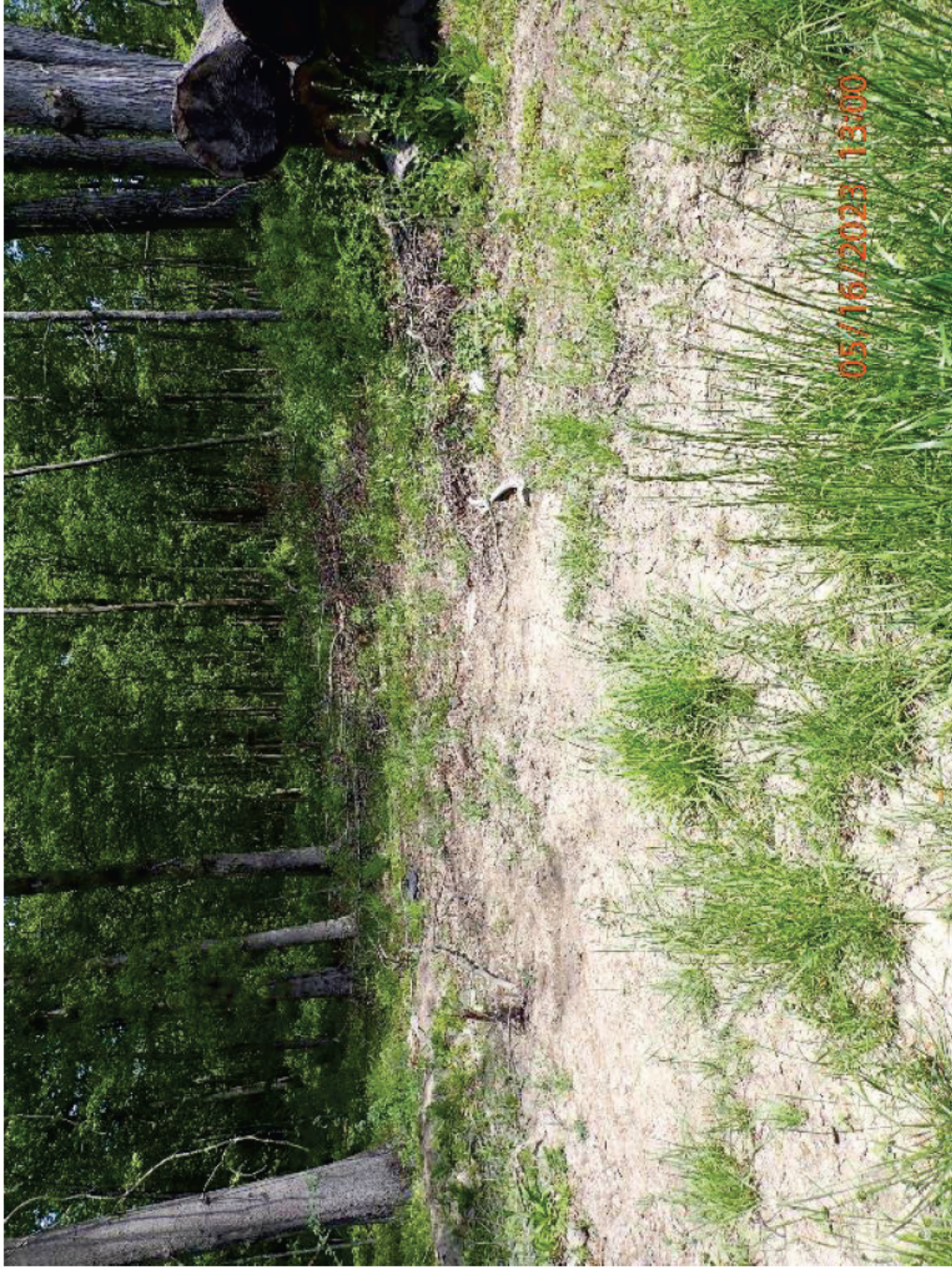
Description:

Gravel drainage near eastern
property boundary



Date: 5/16/2023
Time: 12:56 PM
Photographer: SSA
Photo ID: 19 – P5160028

Description:
Northeast corner of property



Date: 5/16/2023
Time: 1:00 PM
Photographer: SSA
Photo ID: 20 – P5160029

Description:

(1/6) Panorama of field and potential drainage outlet north to neighboring property



Date: 5/16/2023
Time: 1:00 PM
Photographer: SSA
Photo ID: 21 – P5160030

Description:

(2/6) Panorama of field and potential drainage outlet north to neighboring property



Date: 5/16/2023
Time: 1:00 PM
Photographer: SSA
Photo ID: 22 – P5160031

Description:

(3/6) Panorama of field and potential drainage outlet north to neighboring property

Date: 5/16/2023
Time: 1:00 PM
Photographer: SSA
Photo ID: 23 – P5160032

Description:

(4/6) Panorama of field and potential drainage outlet north to neighboring property





Date: 5/16/2023
Time: 1:00 PM
Photographer: SSA
Photo ID: 24 – P5160033

Description:

(5/6) Panorama of field and potential drainage outlet north to neighboring property



Date: 5/16/2023
Time: 1:00 PM
Photographer: SSA
Photo ID: 25 – P5160034

Description:

(6/6) Panorama of field and potential drainage outlet north to neighboring property



Date: 5/16/2023
Time: 1:02 PM
Photographer: SSA
Photo ID: 26 – P5160035

Description:

Standing water; potential wetland on property to north
Potential wetland area dominated by tussock sedge

GPS Point



Date: 5/16/2023
Time: 1:10 PM
Photographer: SSA
Photo ID: 27 – P5160036

Description:

Fill material adjacent to
potential red maple swamp
Standing water observed

GPS Point



Date: 5/16/2023
Time: 1:11 PM
Photographer: SSA
Photo ID: 28 – P5160037

Description:

(1/4) Panorama of fill material adjacent to potential red maple swamp

Standing water observed

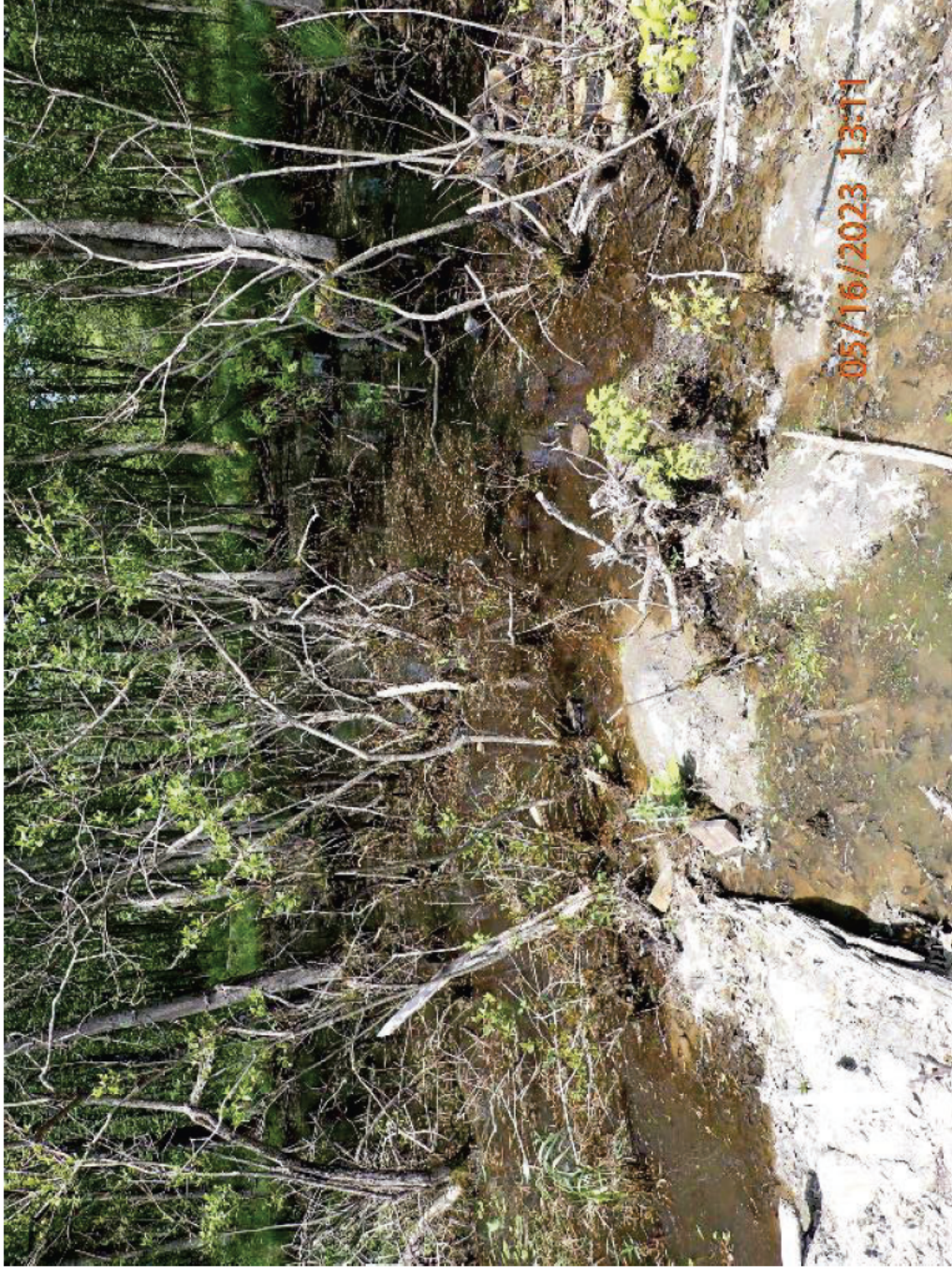
Wetland vegetation observed growing through fill material



Date: 5/16/2023
Time: 1:11 PM
Photographer: SSA
Photo ID: 29 – P5160038

Description:

(2/4) Panorama of fill material adjacent to potential red maple swamp
Standing water observed
Wetland vegetation observed growing through fill material
Tree buttressing



Date: 5/16/2023
Time: 1:11 PM
Photographer: SSA
Photo ID: 30 – P5160039

Description:

(3/4) Panorama of fill material adjacent to potential red maple swamp

Standing water observed

Tree buttressing



Date: 5/16/2023
Time: 1:11 PM
Photographer: SSA
Photo ID: 31 – P5160040

Description:

(4/4) Panorama of fill material adjacent to potential red maple swamp

Standing water observed



Date: 5/16/2023
Time: 1:19 PM
Photographer: SSA
Photo ID: 32 – P5160041

Description:

Algae observed on unvegetated areas in pasture



Date: 5/16/2023
Time: 1:22 PM
Photographer: SSA
Photo ID: 33 – P5160042

Description:
Gravel drain in pasture
GPS point