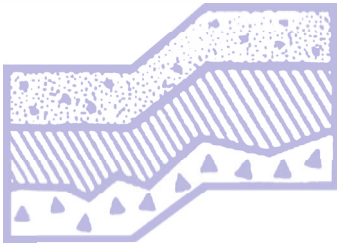


# **GEOTECHNICAL REPORT**

**Buchan 9119  
9017 SE 60th Street  
Mercer Island, Washington**

**Project No. T-8644**



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**Prepared for:**

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Buchan 9119  
9017 Southeast 60th Street  
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Dear Mr. Buchan:

As requested, we have conducted a geotechnical engineering study for the subject project. The attached report presents our findings and recommendations for the geotechnical aspects of project design and construction.

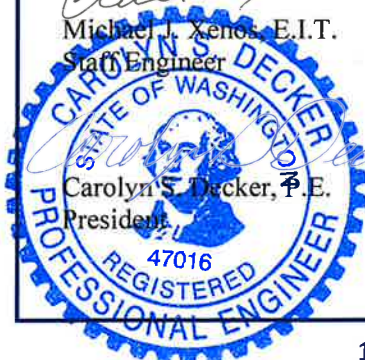
Our field exploration indicates the site is generally underlain by approximately three to eight inches of organic topsoil overlying approximately two to three feet of medium dense granular fills consisting of silty sand with gravel over medium dense to very dense silty sand gravel (weathered and unweathered glacial till) to the termination of the test pits. We did not observe any groundwater seepage in any of the test pits during our explorations.

In our opinion, the native soils on the site will be suitable for support of the proposed development, provided the recommendations presented in this report are incorporated into project design and construction.

We trust the information presented in this report is sufficient for your current needs. If you have any questions or require additional information, please call.

Sincerely yours,  
**TERRA ASSOCIATES, INC.**

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**1.0 PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The project consists of redeveloping the site with a new single-family residence, associated landscaping, and access. Site development and building plans were unavailable at the time of this report. Based on existing topography, we would expect grading to be minor, with cuts and fills between one and five feet.

We expect the residential building constructed on the lot will be a two- to- three-story, wood-framed building constructed over a crawlspace with an attached garage constructed at-grade. Structural loading should be relatively light, with bearing walls carrying loads of 2 to 3 kips per foot and isolated columns carrying maximum loads of 30 to 40 kips.

The recommendations in the following sections of this report are based on our understanding of the preceding design features. We should review design drawings as they become available to verify our recommendations have been properly interpreted and to supplement them, if required.

**2.0 SCOPE OF WORK**

On October 7, 2021, we observed soil and groundwater conditions at three soil test pits excavated with a mini-excavator to maximum depths of approximately three to six feet below existing grades. Using the information obtained from the subsurface exploration, we performed analyses to develop geotechnical recommendations for project design and construction.

Specifically, this report addresses the following:

- Soil and groundwater conditions.
- Geologic Hazards per the City of Mercer Island City Code.
- Seismic Site Class per the current International Building Code (IBC).
- Site preparation and grading.
- Excavations.
- Foundation support.
- Slab-on-grade floors.
- Lateral earth pressures for below-grade walls.
- Infiltration feasibility.

- Drainage.
- Utilities.
- Pavements.

It should be noted, recommendations outlined in this report regarding drainage are associated with soil strength, design earth pressures, erosion, and stability. Design and performance issues with respect to moisture as it relates to the structure environment are beyond Terra Associates, Inc.'s purview. A building envelope specialist or contractor should be consulted to address these issues, as needed.

### **3.0 SITE CONDITIONS**

#### **3.1 Surface**

The site is a single residential tax parcel totaling about 0.26 acres located at 9017 Southeast 60th Street in Mercer Island, Washington. The approximate site location is shown on Figure 1.

The site is currently developed with a single-family residence, along with associated access and landscaping. Vegetation on the site mainly consists of a grass lawn and landscaped shrubs, along with several small- to mature-sized trees along the perimeter of the property. Site topography consists of a slight slope that descends from the northwest to the southeast, with an overall relief of approximately three feet.

#### **3.2 Subsurface**

In general, the soil conditions at the site consist of approximately three to eight inches of organic topsoil overlying approximately two to three feet of medium dense granular fills consisting of silty sand with gravel over medium dense to very dense silty sand gravel (weathered and unweathered glacial till) to the termination of the test pits. The exception to this general condition were observed at Test Pit TP-1 where native weathered soils were observed underlying approximately 3 inches of 5/8" minus crushed rock.

The *Preliminary Geologic Map of Seattle and Vicinity, Washington* by H.H. Waldron, B.A. Leisch, D.R. Mullineaux, and D.R. Crandell (1961) maps the site as Glacial Till (Qt). This mapped description is consistent with the native soils observed in the test pit locations.

The preceding discussion is intended to be a general review of the soil conditions encountered. For more detailed descriptions, please refer to the Test Pit Logs in Appendix A. The approximate location of the test pits is shown on the Exploration Location Plan, Figure 2.

#### **3.3 Hydraulic Soil Group**

The United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) classifies the onsite soils as Arents, Alderwood material. A soil horizon, consisting of this material, is typically by glacial processes, in the form of till plains and is derived from Basal till which is consistent with our exploratory findings and knowledge of the area's geologic setting.

Per the NRCS there are four hydrologic soil groups. Arents, Alderwood material is typically classified as a Group B material which “have moderately low runoff potential when thoroughly wet. Water transmission through the soil is unimpeded. Group B soils typically have between 10 percent and 20 percent clay and 50 percent to 90 percent sand and have loamy sand or sandy loam textures. Some soils having loam, silt loam, silt, or sandy clay loam textures may be placed in this group if they are well aggregated, of low bulk density, or contain greater than 35 percent rock fragments.”

Based on our observations, the soils at this site do not meet the criteria for Group B soils as water does not flow freely through the formation and the runoff potential is moderately high when wet.

Per NRCS Group C soils “have moderately high runoff potential when thoroughly wet. Water transmission through the soil is somewhat restricted. Group C soils typically have between 20 percent and 40 percent clay and less than 50 percent sand and have loam, silt loam, sandy clay loam, clay loam, and silty clay loam textures. Some soils having clay, silty clay, or sandy clay textures may be placed in this group if they are well aggregated, of low bulk density, or contain greater than 35 percent rock fragments.”

Based on our observations, it is our opinion that the soils at the site are better represented by Hydraulic Group C as the runoff potential is moderately high and the site textural class would be loam. Therefore, Group C should be used for the design of the site.

### **3.4 Groundwater**

We did not observe any groundwater seepage in any of the test pits. However, mottled soils were observed within the dense to very dense unweathered glacial till soils observed in all the test pits which indicates the presence of perched groundwater seepage throughout much of the site. The occurrence of shallow perched groundwater is typical for sites underlain by fine-grained soils. We expect perched groundwater levels and flow rates will fluctuate seasonally and will typically reach their highest levels during and shortly following the wet winter months (November through April).

### **3.5 Geologic Hazards**

Section 19.07.160.A of the Mercer Island City Code (MICC) defined geologically hazardous areas as “...lands that are susceptible to erosion, landslides, seismic events, or other factors as identified by WAC 365-190-120.” We have evaluated the site below for the presence of erosion hazard areas, landslide hazard areas, and seismic hazard areas.

#### ***3.5.1 Erosion Hazard Areas***

Section 19.16.010 of the MICC defines erosion hazard areas as “Those areas greater than 15 percent slopes and subject to a severe risk of erosion due to wind, rain, water, slope, and other natural agents including those soil types and/or areas identified by the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Natural Resources Conservation Service as having a “severe” or “very severe” rill and inter-rill erosion hazard.”

The soils observed onsite are classified as Arents, Alderwood material, zero to six percent slopes by the United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). Across the site, with the existing slope gradients, these soils will have a slight potential for erosion when exposed. Therefore, the site does not meet the above criteria for an erosion hazard area as defined by the MICC in our opinion.

Regardless, the site soils would be susceptible to some erosion when exposed during construction. In our opinion, proper implementation, and maintenance of Best Management Practices (BMPs) for erosion prevention and sediment control would adequately mitigate the erosion potential in the planned development area. Erosion protection measures as required by the City of Mercer Island will need to be in place prior to and during grading activities at the site.

### **3.5.2 *Landslide Hazard Areas***

Section 19.16.010 of the MICC defines landslide hazard areas as “Those areas subject to landslides based on a combination of geologic, topographic, and hydrogeologic factors, including:

1. Areas of historic failures;
2. Areas with all three of the following characteristics:
  - a. Slopes steeper than 15 percent; and
  - b. Hillsides intersecting geologic contacts with a relatively permeable sediment overlying a relatively impermeable sediment or bedrock; and
  - c. Springs or ground water seepage;
3. Any areas that have shown evidence of past movement or that are underlain or covered by mass wastage debris from past movements;
4. Areas potentially unstable because of rapid stream incision and stream bank erosion; or
5. Steep Slope. Any slope of 40 percent or greater calculated by measuring the vertical rise over any 30-foot horizontal run.”

As noted above, existing site topography consists of a slight slope with little to no risk of mass movement due to geologic, topographic, or hydrologic factors. Therefore, the site is not a landslide hazard area as defined by the MICC in our opinion.

### **3.5.3 *Seismic Hazard Areas***

Section 19.16.010 of the MICC defines seismic hazard areas as “...areas subject to severe risk of damage as a result of earthquake induced ground shaking, slope failure, settlement, soil liquefaction or surface faulting.”

Liquefaction is a phenomenon where there is a reduction or complete loss of soil strength due to an increase in water pressure induced by vibrations. Liquefaction mainly affects geologically recent deposits of fine-grained sands underlying the groundwater table. Soils of this nature derive their strength from intergranular friction. The generated water pressure or pore pressure essentially separates the soil grains and eliminates this intergranular friction; thus, eliminating the soil’s strength.

Based on the soil and groundwater conditions we observed, it is our opinion that the risk for soil liquefaction occurring at the site is negligible due to the relative density of the soils and amount of cohesive material that would be sufficient to resist the cyclical loading of a seismic event.

A review of a map titled *Mercer Island Seismic Hazard Assessment*, dated April 2009 by Kathy G. Troost and Aaron P. Wisher shows the site does not reside within any mapped known or suspected seismically hazardous areas. Therefore, in our opinion, the site does not meet the above criteria for a seismic hazard area as defined by the MICC.

### **3.6 Seismic Site Class**

Based on soil conditions observed in the test pits and our knowledge of the area geology, per Chapter 16 of the 2018 International Building Code (IBC), Site Class “C” should be used in structural design.

## **4.0 DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **4.1 General**

Based on our study, there are no geotechnical considerations that would preclude development of the site as currently planned. The residential building can be supported on conventional spread footings bearing on competent native soils, on existing medium dense fill soils observed below the organic surface horizon, or on structural fill placed above these competent soils. Pavement and floor slabs can be similarly supported.

The existing fill and native soils encountered at the site contain a sufficient amount of soil fines that will make them difficult to compact as structural fill when too wet. The ability to use the native soils from site excavations as structural fill will depend on its moisture content and the prevailing weather conditions at the time of construction.

The following sections provide detailed recommendations regarding the preceding issues and other geotechnical design considerations. These recommendations should be incorporated into the final design drawings and construction specifications.

### **4.2 Site Preparation and Grading**

To prepare the site for construction, all vegetation, organic surface soils, and other deleterious material should be stripped and removed from the site. Surface stripping depths of approximately three to eight inches should be expected to remove the organic surface soils and vegetation. In the developed portions of the site, demolition of existing structures should include removal of existing foundations and abandonment of underground septic systems and other buried utilities. Abandoned utility pipes that fall outside of new building areas can be left in place provided they are sealed to prevent intrusion of groundwater seepage and soil. Organic topsoil will not be suitable for use as structural fill but may be used for limited depths in nonstructural areas.



Once clearing and stripping operations are complete, cut and fill operations can be initiated to establish desired building grades. Prior to placing fill, all exposed bearing surfaces should be observed by a representative of Terra Associates, Inc. to verify soil conditions are as expected and suitable for support of new fill or building elements. Our representative may request a proofroll using heavy rubber-tired equipment to determine if any isolated soft and yielding areas are present. If excessively yielding areas are observed and they cannot be stabilized in place by compaction, the affected soils should be excavated and removed to firm bearing and grade restored with new structural fill. If the depth of excavation to remove unstable soils is excessive, the use of geotextile fabrics such as Mirafi 500X or an equivalent fabric can be used in conjunction with clean granular structural fill. Our experience has shown, in general, a minimum of 18 inches of a clean, granular structural fill placed and compacted over the geotextile fabric should establish a stable bearing surface.

The existing fills and native soils encountered at the site contain a sufficient amount of soil fines that will make them difficult to compact as structural fill when too wet or too dry. The ability to use native soils from site excavations as structural fill will depend on its moisture content, the prevailing weather conditions at the time of construction and the contractor's ability to compact the native silt soils. If wet soils are encountered, the contractor will need to dry the soils by aeration during dry weather conditions. Alternatively, the use of an additive such as Portland cement, cement kiln dust (CKD), or lime to stabilize the soil moisture can be considered. If the soil is amended, additional Best Management Practices (BMPs) addressing the potential for elevated pH levels will need to be included in the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program (SWPPP) prepared with the Temporary Erosion and Sedimentation Control (TESC) plan.

If grading activities are planned during the wet winter months, or if they are initiated during the summer and extend into fall and winter, the owner should be prepared to import wet-weather structural fill. For this purpose, we recommend importing a granular soil that meets the following grading requirements:

<b>U.S. Sieve Size</b>	<b>Percent Passing</b>
6 inches	100
No. 4	75 maximum
No. 200	5 maximum*

\* Based on the 3/4-inch fraction.

Prior to use, Terra Associates, Inc. should examine and test all materials imported to the site for use as structural fill.

Structural fill should be placed in uniform loose layers not exceeding 12 inches and compacted to a minimum of 95 percent of the soil's maximum dry density, as determined by American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) Test Designation D-1557 (Modified Proctor). The moisture content of the soil at the time of compaction should be within two percent of its optimum, as determined by this ASTM standard. In nonstructural areas, the degree of compaction can be reduced to 90 percent.

#### **4.3 Excavations**

All excavations at the site associated with confined spaces, such as utility trenches, must be completed in accordance with local, state, and federal requirements. Based on regulations outlined in the Washington Industrial Safety and Health Act (WISHA), the upper, medium dense soils would be classified as Type C soils. The lower dense, unweathered soils would be Classified as Type A soils.

Accordingly, temporary excavations in Type C soils should have their slopes laid back at an inclination of 1.5:1 (Horizontal: Vertical) or flatter, from the toe to the crest of the slope. Side slopes in Type A soils can be laid back at a slope inclination of 0.75:1 or flatter. For temporary excavation slopes less than 8 feet in height in Type A soils, the lower 3.5 feet can be cut to a vertical condition, with a 0.75:1 slope graded above. For temporary excavation slopes greater than 8 feet in height up to a maximum height of 12 feet, the slope above the 3.5-foot vertical portion will need to be laid back at a minimum slope inclination of 1:1. No vertical cut with a backslope immediately above is allowed for excavation depths exceeding 12 feet. In this case, a four-foot vertical cut with an equivalent horizontal bench to the cut slope toe is required.

All exposed temporary slope faces that will remain open for an extended period of time should be covered with a durable reinforced plastic membrane during construction to prevent slope raveling and rutting during periods of precipitation.

The above information is provided solely for the benefit of the owner and other design consultants and should not be construed to imply that Terra Associates, Inc. assumes responsibility for job site safety. It is understood that job site safety is the sole responsibility of the project general contractor.

#### **4.4 Foundation Support**

The residential building may be supported on conventional spread footing foundations bearing on competent native soils, or on existing medium dense fill soils. Foundation subgrade should be prepared as recommended in Section 4.2 of this report. Perimeter foundations exposed to the weather should bear a minimum depth of one and one-half feet below final exterior grades for frost protection. Interior foundations can be constructed at any convenient depth below the floor slab.

Foundations can be dimensioned for a net allowable bearing capacity of 2,500 pounds per square foot (psf). For short-term loads, such as wind and seismic, a one-third increase in this allowable capacity can be used. With structural loading as anticipated and this bearing stress applied, estimated total settlements are less than one inch.

For designing foundations to resist lateral loads, a base friction coefficient of 0.35 can be used. Passive earth pressures acting on the side of the footing and buried portion of the foundation stem wall can also be considered. We recommend calculating this lateral resistance using an equivalent fluid weight of 350 pcf. We recommend not including the upper 12 inches of soil in this computation because they can be affected by weather or disturbed by future grading activity. This value assumes the foundation will be constructed neat against competent existing fill, native soil, or backfilled with structural fill as described in Section 4.2 of this report. The values recommended include a safety factor of 1.5.

#### **4.5 Slab-on-Grade Floors**

Slab-on-grade floors may be supported on subgrade prepared as recommended in Section 4.2 of this report. Immediately below the floor slab, we recommend placing a four-inch-thick capillary break layer composed of clean, coarse sand or fine gravel that has less than five percent passing the No. 200 sieve. This material will reduce the potential for upward capillary movement of water through the underlying soil and subsequent wetting of the floor slab.

The capillary break layer will not prevent moisture intrusion through the slab caused by water vapor transmission. Where moisture by vapor transmission is undesirable, such as covered floor areas, a common practice is to place a durable plastic membrane on the capillary break layer and then cover the membrane with a layer of clean sand or fine gravel to protect it from damage during construction and to aid in uniform curing of the concrete slab. It should be noted, if the sand or gravel layer overlying the membrane is saturated prior to pouring the slab, it will not be effective in assisting uniform curing of the slab and can actually serve as a water supply for moisture bleeding through the slab, potentially affecting floor coverings. Therefore, in our opinion, covering the membrane with a layer of sand or gravel should be avoided if floor slab construction occurs during the wet winter months and the layer cannot be effectively drained. We recommend floor designers and contractors refer to the current American Concrete Institute (ACI) Manual of Concrete Practice for further information regarding vapor barrier installation below slab-on-grade floors.

#### **4.6 Lateral Earth Pressures for Below-Grade Walls**

The magnitude of earth pressure development on below-grade walls will partly depend on the quality of the wall backfill. We recommend placing and compacting wall backfill as structural fill as described in Section 4.2 of this report. To guard against hydrostatic pressure development, wall drainage must also be installed. A typical recommended wall drainage detail is shown on Figure 3.

With wall backfill placed and compacted as recommended, and drainage properly installed, we recommend designing unrestrained walls for an active earth pressure equivalent to a fluid weighing 35 pounds per cubic foot (pcf). For restrained walls, an additional uniform load of 100 psf should be added to the 35 pcf. To account for typical traffic surcharge loading, the walls can be designed for an additional imaginary height of two feet (two-foot soil surcharge). For evaluation of wall performance under seismic loading, a uniform pressure equivalent to  $8H$  psf, where  $H$  is the height of the below-grade portion of the wall, should be applied in addition to the static lateral earth pressure. These values assume a horizontal backfill condition and that no other surcharge loading, sloping embankments, or adjacent buildings will act on the wall. If such conditions exist, then the imposed loading must be included in the wall design. Friction at the base of foundations and passive earth pressure will provide resistance to these lateral loads. Values for these parameters are provided in Section 4.4 of this report.

#### **4.7 Infiltration Feasibility**

Based on our study, subsurface conditions are generally not favorable for infiltration of site stormwater. The relatively shallow unweathered glacial till soils observed at the site contain a high percentage of soil fines that would impede any downward migration of site stormwater. Even low impact development (LID) techniques would likely fill up and overtop during rain events and cause minor local flooding. Based on these soil conditions, infiltration at the site is not feasible and the stormwater should be managed using a conventional system.

## **4.8 Drainage**

### ***Surface***

Final exterior grades should promote free and positive drainage away from the site at all times. Water must not be allowed to pond or collect adjacent to foundations or within the immediate building areas. We recommend providing a positive drainage gradient away from the building perimeter. If this gradient cannot be provided, surface water should be collected adjacent to the structures and directed to appropriate storm facilities.

### ***Subsurface***

We recommend installing perimeter foundation drains adjacent to shallow foundations. The drains can be laid to grade at an invert elevation equivalent to the bottom of footing grade. The drains can consist of four-inch diameter perforated PVC pipe enveloped in washed pea gravel-sized drainage aggregate. The aggregate should extend six inches above and to the sides of the pipe. Roof and foundation drains should be tightlined separately to the storm drains. All drains should be provided with cleanouts at easily accessible locations.

## **4.9 Utilities**

Utility pipes should be bedded and backfilled in accordance with American Public Works Association (APWA) or the local jurisdictional specifications. At a minimum, trench backfill should be placed and compacted as structural fill as described in Section 4.2 of this report. As noted, most native soils excavated on the site should be suitable for use as backfill material during dry weather conditions. However, if utility construction takes place during the wet winter months, it will likely be necessary to import suitable wet weather fill for utility trench backfilling.

## **4.10 Pavements**

Pavement subgrades should be prepared as described in the Section 4.2 of this report. Regardless of the degree of relative compaction achieved, the subgrade must be firm and relatively unyielding before paving. The subgrade should be proofrolled with heavy rubber-tired construction equipment such as a loaded 10-yard dump truck to verify this condition.

The pavement design section is dependent upon the supporting capability of the subgrade soils and the traffic conditions to which it will be subjected. For residential access, with traffic consisting mainly of light passenger vehicles with only occasional heavy traffic, and with a stable subgrade prepared as recommended, we recommend the following pavement sections:

- Two inches of Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) over four inches of Crushed Rock Base (CRB)
- Three and one-half inches of full depth HMA

The paving materials used should conform to the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) specifications for half-inch class HMA and CRB.

Long-term pavement performance will depend on surface drainage. A poorly drained pavement section will be subject to premature failure as a result of surface water infiltrating into the subgrade soils and reducing their supporting capability. For optimum pavement performance, we recommend surface drainage gradients of at least two percent. Some degree of longitudinal and transverse cracking of the pavement surface should be expected over time. Regular maintenance should be planned to seal cracks when they occur.

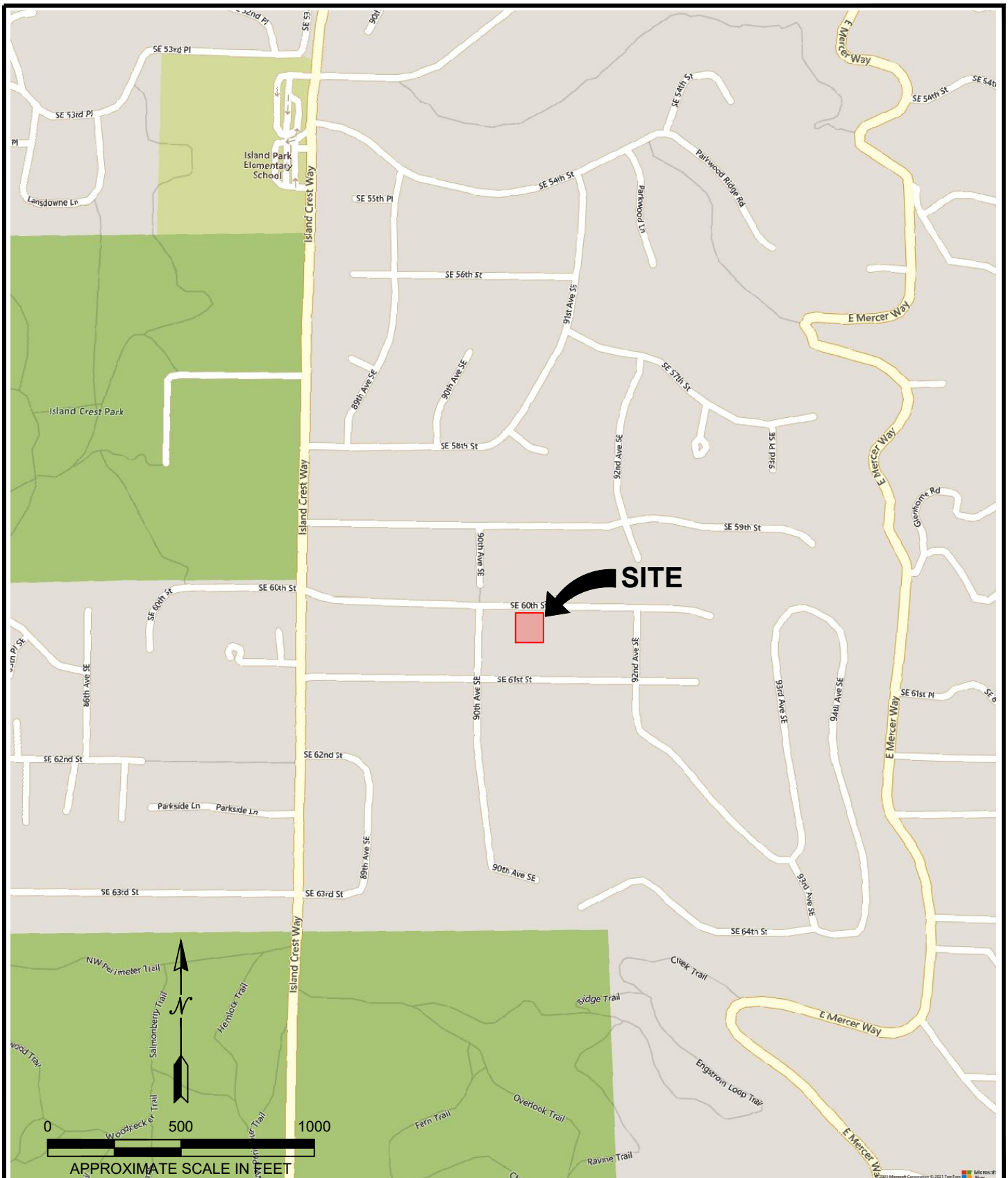
## **5.0 ADDITIONAL SERVICES**

Terra Associates, Inc. should review the final design drawings and specifications in order to verify earthwork and foundation recommendations have been properly interpreted and implemented in project design. We should also provide geotechnical service during construction to observe compliance with our design concepts, specifications, and recommendations. This will allow for design changes if subsurface conditions differ from those anticipated prior to the start of construction.

## **6.0 LIMITATIONS**

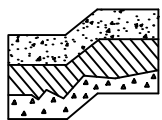
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The analyses and recommendations presented in this report are based on data obtained from the subsurface explorations completed onsite. Variations in soil conditions can occur, the nature and extent of which may not become evident until construction. If variations appear evident, Terra Associates, Inc. should be requested to reevaluate the recommendations in this report prior to proceeding with construction.



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Figure 1




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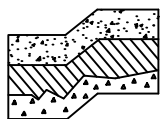
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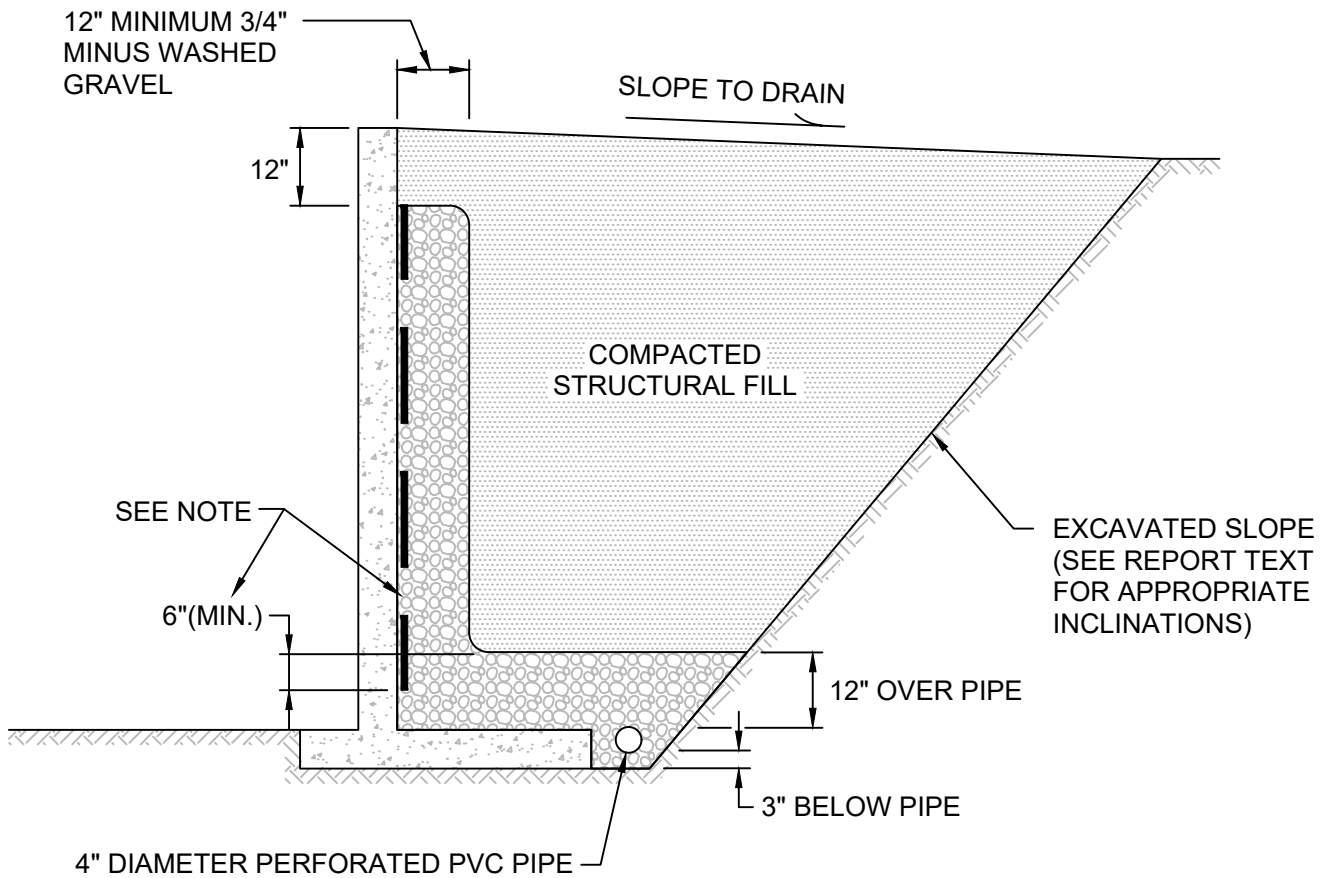
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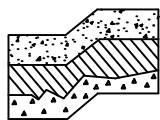
Figure 2



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**NOTE:**

MIRADRAIN G100N PREFABRICATED DRAINAGE PANELS OR SIMILAR PRODUCT CAN BE SUBSTITUTED FOR THE 12-INCH WIDE GRAVEL DRAIN BEHIND WALL. DRAINAGE PANELS SHOULD EXTEND A MINIMUM OF SIX INCHES INTO 12-INCH THICK DRAINAGE GRAVEL LAYER OVER PERFORATED DRAIN PIPE.



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TYPICAL WALL DRAINAGE DETAIL  
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Figure 3



**APPENDIX A  
FIELD EXPLORATION AND LABORATORY TESTING**

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On October 7, 2021, we completed our site exploration by observing soil and groundwater conditions at three test pits. The test pits were excavated with a mini-excavator to maximum depths of approximately three to six feet below existing site grades. Test pit locations were determined in the field by measurements from existing site features. The approximate location of the test pits is shown on the attached Exploration Location Plan, Figure 2. Test Pit Logs are attached as Figures A-2 through A-4.

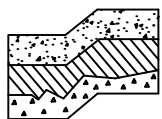
A geotechnical engineer from our office conducted the field exploration. Our representative classified the soil conditions encountered, maintained a log of each test pit, obtained representative soil samples, and recorded water levels observed during excavation. All soil samples were visually classified in accordance with the Unified Soil Classification System (USCS) described on Figure A-1.

Representative soil samples obtained from the test pits were placed in sealed plastic bags and taken to our laboratory for further examination and testing. The moisture content of selected samples was measured and is reported on the corresponding Test Pit Logs. Grain size analyses were also performed on select samples. The results are shown on Figure A-5.

MAJOR DIVISIONS			LETTER SYMBOL	TYPICAL DESCRIPTION	
<b>COARSE GRAINED SOILS</b>	More than 50% material larger than No. 200 sieve size	<b>GRAVELS</b> More than 50% of coarse fraction is larger than No. 4 sieve	Clean Gravels (less than 5% fines)	GW	Well-graded gravels, gravel-sand mixtures, little or no fines.
				GP	Poorly-graded gravels, gravel-sand mixtures, little or no fines.
			Gravels with fines	GM	Silty gravels, gravel-sand-silt mixtures, non-plastic fines.
				GC	Clayey gravels, gravel-sand-clay mixtures, plastic fines.
	More than 50% of coarse fraction is smaller than No. 4 sieve	<b>SANDS</b> More than 50% of coarse fraction is smaller than No. 4 sieve	Clean Sands (less than 5% fines)	SW	Well-graded sands, sands with gravel, little or no fines.
				SP	Poorly-graded sands, sands with gravel, little or no fines.
			Sands with fines	SM	Silty sands, sand-silt mixtures, non-plastic fines.
				SC	Clayey sands, sand-clay mixtures, plastic fines.
<b>FINE GRAINED SOILS</b>	More than 50% material smaller than No. 200 sieve size	<b>SILTS AND CLAYS</b> Liquid Limit is less than 50%	ML	Inorganic silts, rock flour, clayey silts with slight plasticity.	
			CL	Inorganic clays of low to medium plasticity. (Lean clay)	
			OL	Organic silts and organic clays of low plasticity.	
		<b>SILTS AND CLAYS</b> Liquid Limit is greater than 50%	MH	Inorganic silts, elastic.	
			CH	Inorganic clays of high plasticity. (Fat clay)	
			OH	Organic clays of high plasticity.	
HIGHLY ORGANIC SOILS			PT	Peat.	

### DEFINITION OF TERMS AND SYMBOLS

<b>COHESIONLESS</b>	<u>Density</u>	<u>Standard Penetration Resistance in Blows/Foot</u>		2" OUTSIDE DIAMETER SPILT SPOON SAMPLER
	Very Loose Loose Medium Dense Dense Very Dense	0-4 4-10 10-30 30-50 >50		2.4" INSIDE DIAMETER RING SAMPLER OR SHELBY TUBE SAMPLER
<b>COHESIVE</b>	<u>Consistency</u>	<u>Standard Penetration Resistance in Blows/Foot</u>		WATER LEVEL (Date)
	Very Soft Soft Medium Stiff Stiff Very Stiff Hard	0-2 2-4 4-8 8-16 16-32 >32	Tr	TORVANE READINGS, tsf
			Pp	PENETROMETER READING, tsf
			DD	DRY DENSITY, pounds per cubic foot
			LL	LIQUID LIMIT, percent
			PI	PLASTIC INDEX
		N	STANDARD PENETRATION, blows per foot	



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**UNIFIED SOIL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM**  
 BUCHAN 9119  
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Figure A-1

# LOG OF TEST PIT NO. TP-1

FIGURE A-2

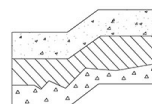
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**LOCATION:** Mercer Island, Washington      **SURFACE CONDITIONS:** Grass Lawn      **APPROX. ELEV:** NA

**DATE LOGGED:** October 7, 2021      **DEPTH TO GROUNDWATER:** NA      **DEPTH TO CAVING:** NA

Depth (ft)	Sample No.	Description	Consistency/ Relative Density	W (%)
0		(8-inches organic TOPSOIL) (3-inches 5/8" minus crushed rock)  Reddish-brown silty SAND with gravel, fine to coarse sand, fine to coarse gravel, moist, trace rootlets, trace cobbles. (SM)	medium dense	11.6
1				
2		Gray silty SAND with gravel, fine to coarse sand, fine to coarse gravel, moist, mottled, trace cobbles, strong cementation. (SM)	very dense	
3				10.7
4		Test Pit terminated at approximately 3 feet. No groundwater seepage observed. No caving observed.		

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# LOG OF TEST PIT NO. TP-2

FIGURE A-3

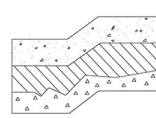
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**DATE LOGGED:** October 7, 2021      **DEPTH TO GROUNDWATER:** NA      **DEPTH TO CAVING:** NA

Depth (ft)	Sample No.	Description	Consistency/ Relative Density	W (%)
0		(4-inches organic TOPSOIL)		
1		FILL: Brown silty SAND with gravel, fine to coarse sand, fine to coarse gravel, moist, trace rootlets, trace cobbles. (SM)	medium dense	14.1
2		*Pea gravel and 6-inch diameter pipe observed on north side of test pit from approximately 2 to 3 feet*		
3		Gray silty SAND with gravel, fine to coarse sand, fine to coarse gravel, moist, mottled, trace cobbles, moderate to strong cementation. (SM)	dense	10.1
4			very dense	
5				
6		Test Pit terminated at approximately 6 feet. No groundwater seepage observed. No caving observed.		9.4
7				

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# LOG OF TEST PIT NO. TP-3

FIGURE A-4

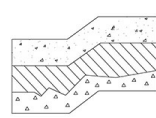
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**DATE LOGGED:** October 7, 2021      **DEPTH TO GROUNDWATER:** NA      **DEPTH TO CAVING:** NA

Depth (ft)	Sample No.	Description	Consistency/ Relative Density	W (%)
0		(3-inches organic TOPSOIL)		
1		FILL: Brown silty SAND with gravel, fine to coarse sand, fine to coarse gravel, moist, trace rootlets, trace cobbles, occasional wire. (SM)		18.1
2		Reddish-brown silty SAND with gravel, fine to medium sand, fine to coarse gravel, moist, trace cobbles. (SM)	medium dense	10.3
3				
4				
5		Gray silty SAND with gravel, fine to coarse sand, fine to coarse gravel, moist, mottled, trace cobbles, strong cementation. (SM)	very dense	8.4
6		Test Pit terminated at approximately 6 feet. No groundwater seepage observed. No caving observed.		9.1
7				

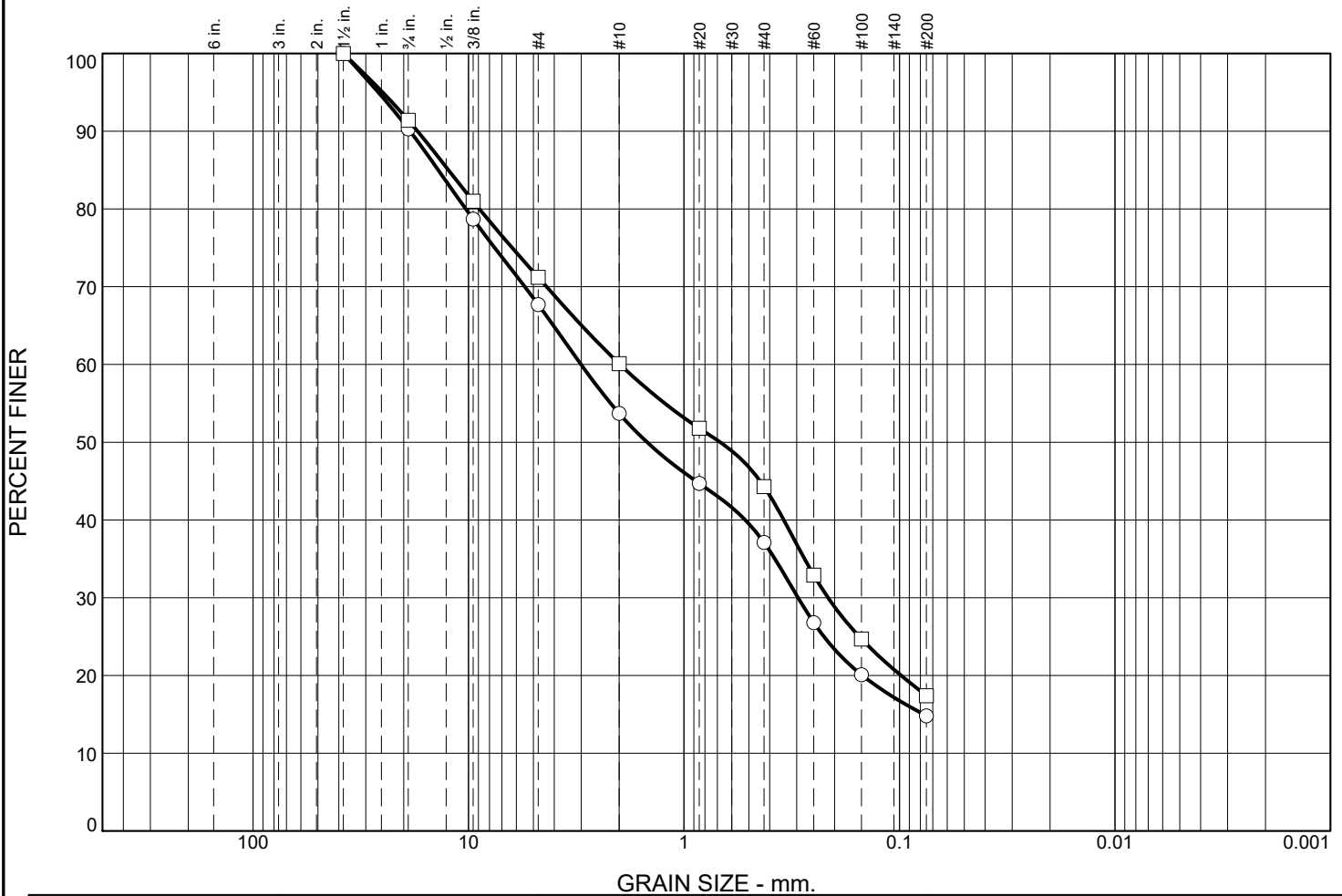
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# Particle Size Distribution Report



	% +3"	% Gravel		% Sand			% Fines	
		Coarse	Fine	Coarse	Medium	Fine	Silt	Clay
○	0.0	9.7	22.6	14.0	16.6	22.3	14.8	
□	0.0	8.6	20.2	11.1	15.8	26.9	17.4	

	LL	PL	D85	D60	D50	D30	D15	D10	Cc	Cu
○			13.8173	3.0041	1.4840	0.2954	0.0773			
□			12.3840	1.9827	0.6790	0.2145				

Material Description	USCS	AASHTO
○ silty SAND with gravel	SM	
□ silty SAND with gravel	SM	

<b>Project No.</b> T-8644 <b>Project:</b> Buchan 9119	<b>Client:</b> William E. Buchan, Inc.	<b>Remarks:</b> ○ Tested on October 11, 2021 □ Tested on October 11, 2021
○ <b>Location:</b> Test Pit TP-1 □ <b>Location:</b> Test Pit TP-3	<b>Depth:</b> -1 ft <b>Depth:</b> -2.5 ft	<b>Sample Number:</b> 1 <b>Sample Number:</b> 2
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Tested By: FQ

Figure A-5