

## MR 1-9 Storm Drainage Summary

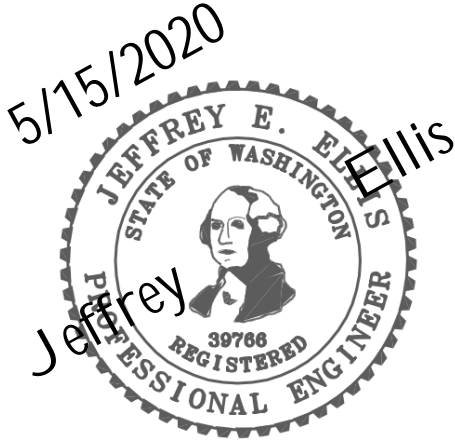
Petrie Residence  
2431 60<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE  
Mercer Island, WA 98040

**9,239 SF**

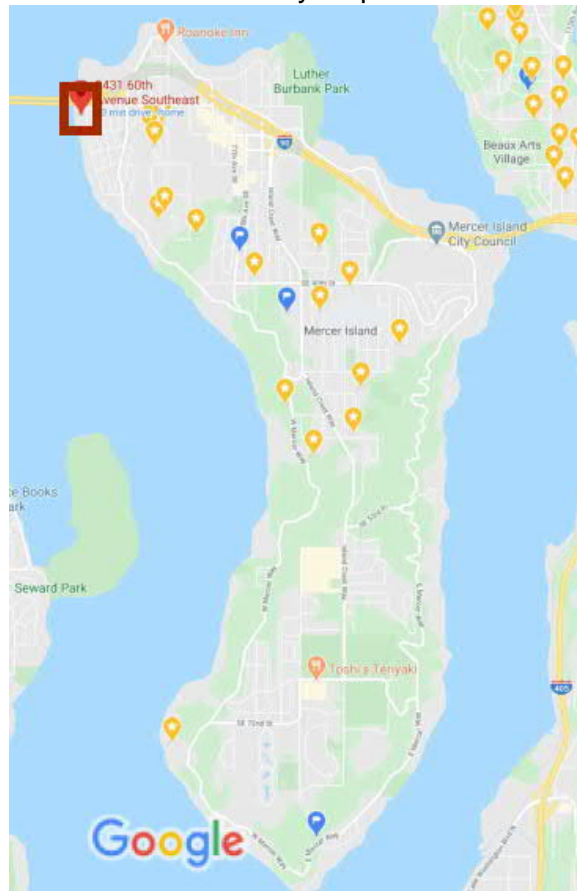
(NEW & REPLACED Impervious)

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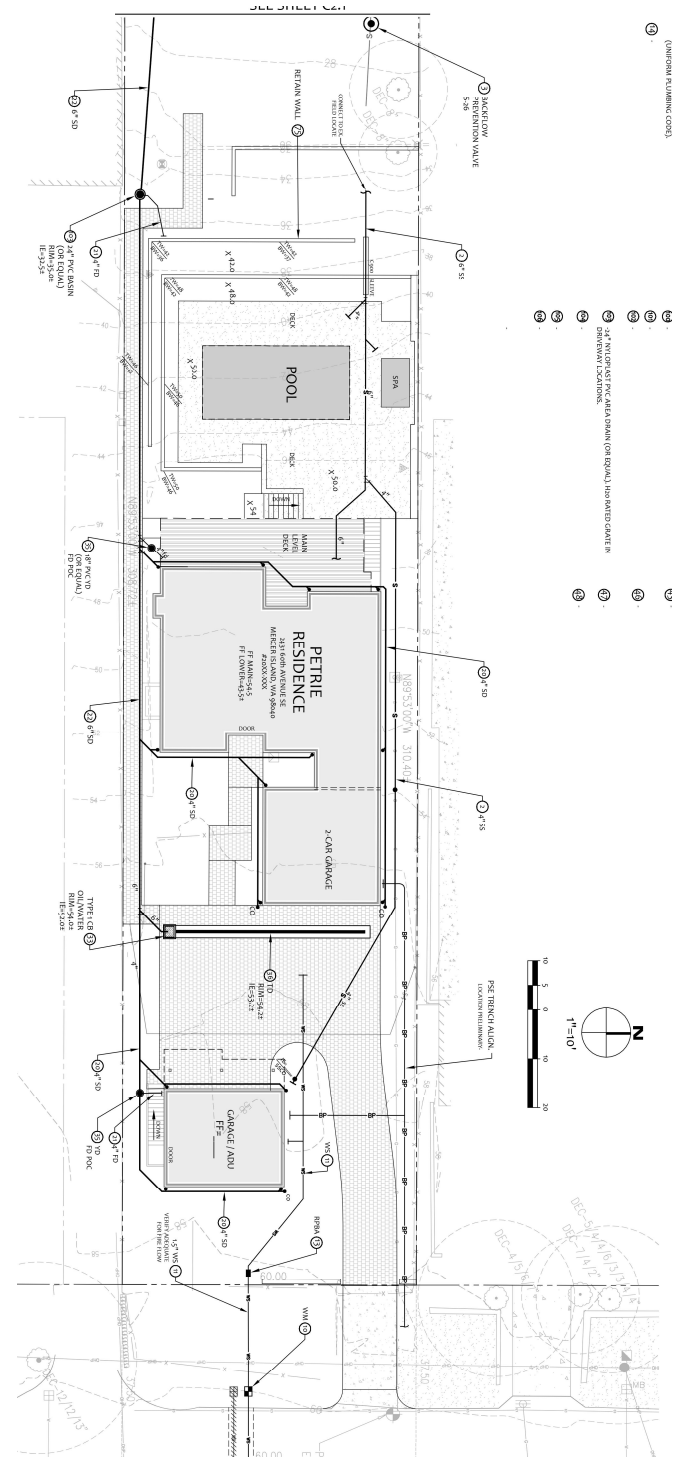
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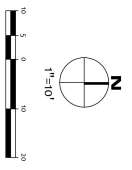
Vicinity Map



Reduced Size Drainage Plan



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General:

This site's new and replaced impervious area is **ABOVE 5,000** sf, site is subject to minimum DOE requirements MR1-9 identified below.

<b>MR1</b> = Preparation of Storm Water Site Plans	See C2.0 Drainage Plan
<b>MR2</b> = Construction Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan	See C1.0 TESCP in plan set. See CSWPPP in the appendix
<b>MR3</b> = Source Control of Pollution	See C1.0 for erosion control measures recommended to mitigate erosion and sediment discharge from site during construction phase.
<b>MR4</b> = Preservation of Natural Drainage Systems and Outfalls	<p>Project will not alter the natural pattern. Subject residential lot slopes and drains to Lake Washington.</p> <p><u>MR#4 Excerpt from the DOE Manual follows</u>  <i>“Natural drainage patterns shall be maintained, and discharges from site shall occur at the natural location, to the maximum extent practical. The manner by which runoff is discharged from the project site must not cause a significant adverse impact to downstream receiving waters and downgradient properties. All outfalls require energy dissipation.” (ref. I-2.4.4, 2014 Volume 1, DOE Manual)</i></p>
<b>MR5</b> = On-site Stormwater Management	<p>Stormwater BMPs are not proposed for this project given the steep topography of the site and proximity adjacent to Lake Washington</p> <p>For further discussion, see the MR5 BMP List discussion in body of report for additional discussion.</p>
<b>MR6</b> = Runoff Treatment	N/A: PGIS area = <b>2,132 SF</b> , less than the threshold of 5,000 sf for basic runoff treatment
<b>MR7</b> = Flow Control	Flow Control Facility is not proposed –

	Project should be eligible for a direct discharge exemption. Project is immediately adjacent to Lake Washington. Direct discharge path is less than ¼ mile.
<b>MR8</b> = Wetlands Protection	N/A – we are unaware of any wetlands present near or adjacent to this project
<b>MR9</b> = Operations and Maintenance	Can provide upon request.

Background:

A new house is proposed on this lakefront lot located just south of I-90 at the western upper bulb of Mercer Island. A single family house with a walk-out basement is proposed. Leif Anderson is the architect. Nelson Geotechnical Associates is the Geotechnical Engineer. Dar Webb is the landscape Architect. See our civil planset for reference.

The site generally slopes toward the lake at an average grade of roughly 13%, although the building site is relatively flat. Our storm design plan proposes all Stormwater collected from roofs and driveway discharge directly into the lake. A surface mounted pipe is indicated on our plans taking runoff to discharge to Lake Washington. Stormwater BMPs are not proposed for variety of reasons. No detention is proposed due to proximity to the lake. We discuss BMP's in the table "MR5 On-site Stormwater Management" section below. A CSWPPP document complying with MR#2 can be found in the appendix. A downstream analysis does not seem warranted.

Soils and Infiltration Feasibility:

See the Geotechnical Engineering Letter by Nelson Geotechnical Associates, March 2020. They visited the site, logged some borings, and do not recommend infiltration or dispersion. Infiltration is not permitted per Mercer Island's "Low impact development infiltration feasibility on Mercer Island" map showing "infiltration LID facilities are not permitted".

Storm Design Summary:

All runoff from the driveway and roof is collected and conveyed to Lake Washington shoreline. See sheets C2.0 and C2.1 for design details. We indicate a new surface mounted pipe install down the sloped site to the lake. We have notes for contractor to confirm if a viable existing storm pipe exists that could be re-used if it's at least 6 inch in size and good condition of course. Driveway catch basin with have usual oil/water separator feature.

### **MR5 = On-site Stormwater Management**

The List Approach (using List #2) selection process was applied to site to evaluate feasibility of BMP's (reference 2014 DOE Manual):

#### Lawn and Landscaped Areas:

- Post-Construction Soil Quality and Depth in accordance with BMP T5.13 in Chapter 5 of Volume V of the DOE Manual.  
Compost-Amended Soil is required and proposed.

#### Roof Surface BMP Evaluation:

- Full Dispersion:  
Infeasible due to lack of 100 LF flowpath
- Downspout Full Infiltration:  
Not recommended. Infiltration LID facilities are not permitted.
- Bioretention:  
Not recommended. Infiltration LID facilities are not permitted.
- Downspout Dispersion:  
Not recommended. Direct discharge to the lake is a better option.
- Perforated Stub-out Connection:  
Not recommended. Infiltration LID facilities are not permitted.

#### Driveway Surface BMP Evaluation:

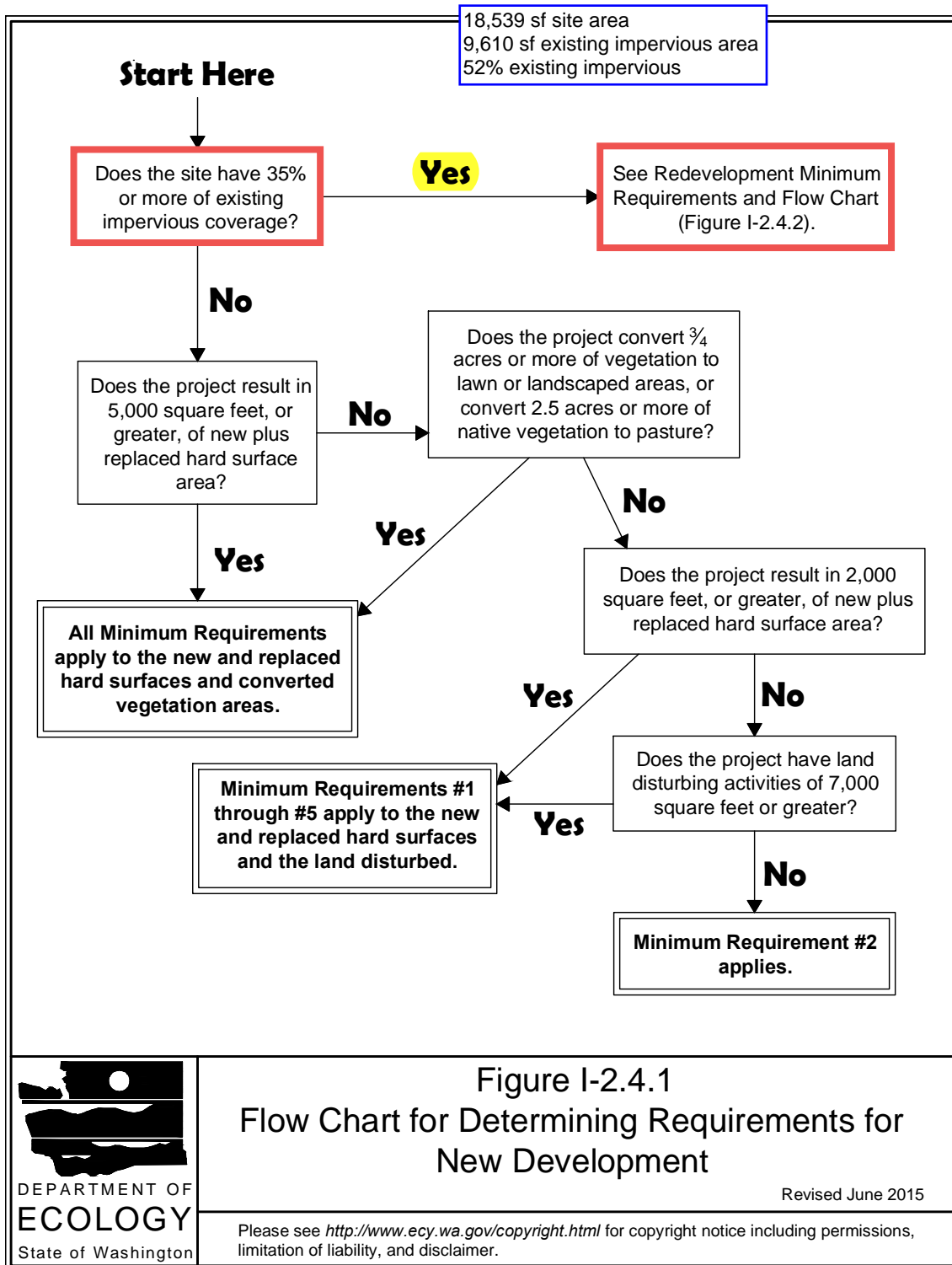
- Full Dispersion:  
Infeasible due to lack of 100 LF flowpath
- Permeable Pavement:  
A mutual materials paver surface is proposed by the landscape designer for the driveway. This will not be a permeable surface. We'll provide more details after coordinating with landscape architect and client.
- Bioretention:  
Not practical to propose for this project for variety of reasons.
- Sheet Flow Dispersion / Concentrated Flow Dispersion:  
Not advised for host of reasons. (1) slope of site, (2) proximity to lake Washington, (3) flowpath too steep.

## APPENDIX

- Impervious Area Spreadsheet
- DOE Flowchart for Determining Requirements for New Development pointing to redevelopment
- DOE Flowchart for Determining Requirements for Re-Development showing MR1-9
- Geotechnical Report by Nelson Geotechnical
- CSWPPP (MR 2 compliance)

Impervious Area Spreadsheet		
Petrie Residence - 2431 60th Avenue SE, Mercer Island, WA 98040 - CES #1909		
Gross Site area	18,539	sf
	0.426	acres
Existing Impervious Area to be demolished		
Existing Impervious Area to be demolished	9,177	sf
<b>total existing, to be demolished =</b>	<b>9,177</b>	<b>sf</b>
Existing Impervious Area to remain		
Existing Impervious Area to remain	436	sf
<b>total existing, to remain =</b>	<b>436</b>	<b>sf</b>
Proposed Impervious Area		
House Roof	2,499	sf
Exposed Back Porch	493	sf
Exposed Back Steps	45	sf
Detached Garage roof	710	sf
Exposed Garage Porch	33	sf
Exposed Garage Steps	42	sf
Driveway	1,934	sf
Front hardscape, exposed	222	sf
Pool Area (incl. pool)	2,063	sf
Sidewalk down to water	1,199	sf
<b>total on-site (new + replaced) proposed =</b>	<b>9,239</b>	<b>sf</b>
<b>total new impervious =</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>sf</b>
<b>total new + replaced + remaining impervious =</b>	<b>9,674</b>	<b>sf</b>
<b>PGIS =</b>	<b>2,132</b>	<b>sf</b>

**Figure I-2.4.1 Flow Chart for Determining Requirements for New Development**



2431 60th Ave SE  
Mercer Island, WA 98040



**Figure I-2.4.2 Flow Chart for Determining Requirements for Redevelopment**

18,539 sf site area  
62 sf new impervious area  
9,239 sf new + replaced impervious area

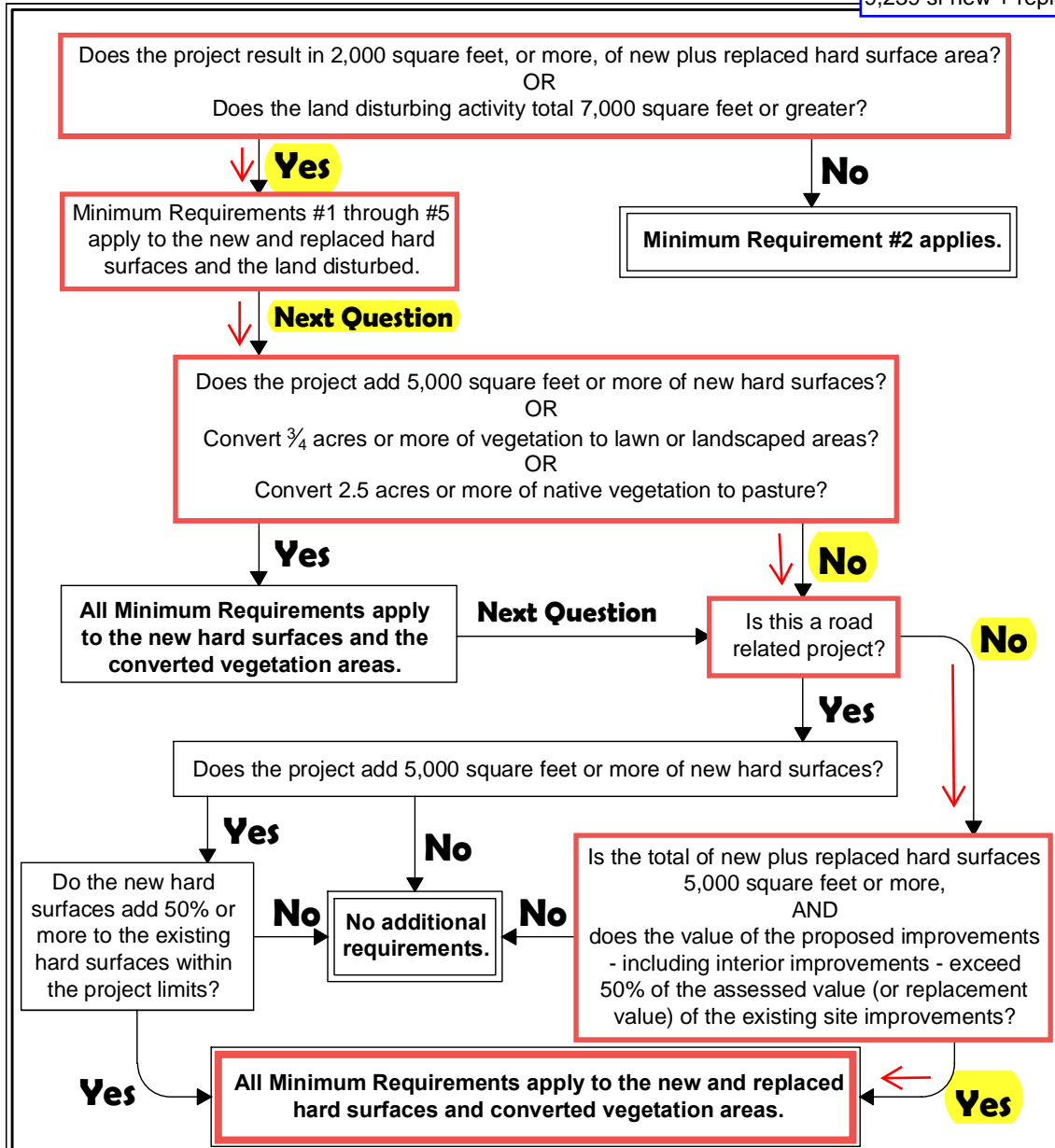


Figure I-2.4.2  
Flow Chart for Determining Requirements for Redevelopment

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Geotechnical Engineering Letter  
**Petrie Residence Additions and Liquefaction Assessment**  
**2431 – 60<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE**  
**Mercer Island, Washington**  
NGA File No. 1159920

Dear Mr. Petrie:

This letter presents the results of our geotechnical engineering evaluation of the proposed Petrie Residence Additions project on Mercer Island, Washington.

## **INTRODUCTION**

The project site is located at 2431 – 60<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE on Mercer Island, Washington, as shown on the Vicinity Map in Figure 1. The purpose of this study is to explore and characterize the site's surface and subsurface conditions and to provide geotechnical recommendations for the proposed site development. Our services were generally completed in accordance with the proposal signed by you on February 5, 2020.

The site is currently occupied by an existing single-family residence within the eastern portion of the approximately 0.43-acre, rectangular-shaped property. The property gently slopes westward toward the shoreline along Lake Washington. The proposed development plan consists of adding additions to the existing single-family residence and constructing a new detached garage, along with a 30-foot by 16-foot in-ground pool on the downslope side of the residence. We understand the pool will be between 4 and 6 feet in depth, maximum. The property is located within several critical areas as mapped by the City of Mercer Island, including landslide hazards, erosion hazards, and seismic hazards. We were retained to explore the subsurface soil conditions throughout the site, and provide a geotechnical assessment on the potential for liquefaction to affect the proposed development. The existing site layout is shown on the Site Plan in Figure 2.

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For our use in preparing this letter, we have been provided with a topographic map of the property titled “Petrie Property,” dated November 20, 2019 and produced by CORE Design. We have also been provided with a preliminary site plan and plan set dated January 22, 2020 and produced by Anderson Architecture.

## **SCOPE**

The purpose of this study is to explore and characterize the site surface and subsurface conditions, and provide general recommendations for site development. Specifically, our scope of services included the following:

1. Reviewing available soil and geologic maps of the area.
2. Exploring the subsurface soil and groundwater conditions within the vicinity of the proposed development with hand auger explorations.
3. Mapping the conditions on the slopes, performing shallow hand-tool excavations, cross-sections, and evaluating current slope stability conditions within the vicinity of the site.
4. Performing grain-size sieve analysis on soil samples, as necessary.
5. Providing recommendations for foundation support and embedment, as needed.
6. Providing recommendations for earthwork.
7. Providing recommendations for temporary and permanent slopes.
8. Providing recommendations for temporary shoring, as needed.
9. Providing recommendations for retaining walls.
10. Providing recommendations for slab and pavement subgrade preparation.
11. Providing recommendations for utility installation.
12. Providing recommendations for site drainage and erosion control.
13. Documenting the results of our findings, conclusions, and recommendations in a written geotechnical letter.

## **SITE CONDITIONS**

### **Surface Conditions**

The subject site consists of a rectangular-shaped parcel approximately 0.43 acres in area. The property is bordered to the east by 60<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE, to the north and south by existing residential development, and to the west by shoreline along Lake Washington. The site is currently occupied by a 1,490 square foot residence in the central portion of the site, and a 440 square foot attached garage to the east. Most of the eastern portion of the property is paved, and surface modifications elsewhere on the property include two short retaining walls in the central- and western portion of the property, and a rockery along Lake Washington forming the westernmost property line. In general, the site slopes gently to the west, as shown on Cross Section A-A' in Figure 3.

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The site is vegetated with grass areas and landscaping plants throughout the property, but also includes sparse deciduous landscaping trees. A network of buried irrigation lines are located below the backyard areas. Besides Lake Washington, we did not encounter surface water during our visit to the site on February 19, 2020.

### **Subsurface Conditions**

**Geology:** The Geologic Map of Mercer Island, Washington, by Kathy G. Troost, Wisher, A.P., et al. (USGS, 2006) was reviewed for this site. The majority of the site is mapped as fine-grained deposits of pre-Olympia age (Qpof), with lacustrine deposits (Ql) associated with the lowering of Lake Washington in 1916 mapped in the lower portions of the site near the shoreline. There are nearby areas mapped as pre-Olympia non-glacial deposits (Qpon). The mapped fine-grained deposits are described as hard silt and clay with sandy interbeds. The lake deposits are described as silt and clay with local sand layers in a very loose to medium dense condition. The nearby non-glacial deposits are described as sand, silt, clay, and organic deposits in a discontinuous layer.

In general, our explorations generally encountered fine sandy silt with clay in upper, eastern areas of the site, silty fine to medium sand with varying amounts of gravel in central areas, and clean sand immediately adjacent to Lake Washington in the lower, western portion of the site. Generally consistent with their mapped descriptions, we have interpreted these soils to be Qpof, Qpon, and Ql, respectively.

**Explorations:** The subsurface conditions within the site were explored on February 19, 2020 by completing seven shallow hand-auger boreholes throughout the property. Explorations were completed to depths ranging from 2.0 to 5.6 feet below the existing ground surface. The approximate locations of our explorations are shown on the Site Plan in Figure 2. A geologist from NGA was present during explorations, examined soils and geologic conditions encountered, obtained samples of different soil types, and maintained exploration logs.

The soils were visually classified in general accordance with the Unified Soil Classification System, presented in Figure 4. Logs of our hand auger explorations are attached to this report and are presented as Figure 5. We present a summary of the subsurface conditions below. For a detailed description of the subsurface conditions, exploration logs should be reviewed.

Explorations can be grouped into three categories based on location within the site. In upper, eastern portions of the site, Hand Augers 1 and 2 exposed a surficial mantle of 1.8 to 3.0 feet of undocumented fill containing brick fragments and debris. Underlying materials consisted of oxidized, light gray fine sandy silt becoming clayey with depth, and silty fine to medium sand in a medium dense or better condition.

We interpreted these soils to be consistent with the mapped fine-grained deposits, Qpof. Hand Augers 1 and 2 terminated within these native soils at depths of 5.0 feet.

Central portions of the site, including backyard areas exposed undocumented fill associated with retaining wall construction, and up to 2.8 feet of undocumented fill upslope from the retaining wall. In Hand Augers 3 and 7, the fill is underlain by gray-brown to light gray silty fine to coarse sand with varying amounts of gravel in a medium dense or better condition. Just below the retaining wall, Hand Auger 6 exposed dense silty fine to medium sand with gravel at a depth of 0.6 feet below surficial fill. We interpreted these soils to be consistent with the non-glacial deposits (Qpon) mapped nearby. Hand Augers 3, 4, 6, and 7 were terminated within these soils at depths between and 2.0 and 5.6 feet below the existing ground surface.

Hand Auger 5 encountered clean sand beneath a surficial 0.8-foot layer of topsoil fill, coarsening downward with depth. Hand Auger 5 terminated within the lacustrine soils at a depth of 4.0 feet below the existing grade.

### **Hydrogeologic Conditions**

Moderate groundwater seepage was observed in Hand Auger 3 at a depth of 4.2 feet below the surface, and saturated soils were encountered in Hand Auger 5 near the termination depth of 4.0 feet. We would interpret seepage in Hand Auger 3 to be perched water, and seepage in Hand Auger 5 to be associated with the groundwater table corresponding to Lake Washington. Perched water occurs when surface water infiltrates through less dense, more permeable soils and accumulates on top of a relatively low permeability material, such as the dense deposits encountered below the retaining wall. Perched water does not represent a regional groundwater "table" within the upper soil horizons. Perched water tends to vary spatially and is dependent upon the amount of rainfall. We would expect the amount of perched groundwater to decrease during drier times of the year and increase during wetter periods.

## **SENSITIVE AREA EVALUATION**

### **Seismic Hazard**

We reviewed the 2018 International Building Code (IBC) for seismic site classification for this project. Since very dense or better soils are interpreted to underlie the site at depth, the site best fits the IBC description for Site Class D.

Table 1 below provides seismic design parameters for the site that are in conformance with the 2018 IBC, which specifies a design earthquake having a two percent probability of occurrence in 50 years (return interval of 2,475 years), and the 2008 USGS seismic hazard maps.

**Table 1 – 2018 IBC Seismic Design Parameters**

Site Class	Spectral Acceleration at 0.2 sec. (g) $S_s$	Spectral Acceleration at 1.0 sec. (g) $S_1$	Site Coefficients		Design Spectral Response Parameters	
			$F_a$	$F_v$	$S_{DS}$	$S_{D1}$
D	1.378	0.531	1.000	1.500	0.919	0.531

The spectral response accelerations were obtained from the USGS Earthquake Hazards Program Interpolated Probabilistic Ground Motion website (2008 data) for the project latitude and longitude.

**Fault Rupture:** The site is contained within the Seattle Fault Zone (SFZ): an active, shallow region of seismicity within central Puget Sound. The latest recorded rupture within the SFZ has been dated to approximately 1,100 years before the present. The nearest fault strand in the zone is located approximately 0.8 miles to the south of the site. The SFZ can produce a M6–7.5 earthquake on a recurrence interval of several hundred years. In our opinion, the risk of a surface fault rupture within this specific site is low, given available data.

**Liquefaction:** Hazards associated with seismic activity include liquefaction potential and amplification of ground motion. Liquefaction is caused by a rise in pore pressures in a loose, fine sand deposit beneath the groundwater table. We did not encounter loose, fine sand beneath proposed additions. It is our opinion that the medium dense or better deposits interpreted to underlie the development areas of the site have a low potential for liquefaction or amplification of ground motion. However, a moderate liquefaction hazard may be present in low areas of the property adjacent to Lake Washington, especially within approximately 60 feet from the shoreline. The proposed development is not located within the potentially liquefiable soils near the shoreline, but rather will be supported on the medium dense or better native deposits that have a low risk for liquefaction.

**Seiches:** Seiches are lake waves caused by seismic offset or attenuation during an earthquake, or by severe atmospheric disturbances. Due to the presence of shoreline along Lake Washington on this site, there is a risk of damage to infrastructure and docks in close proximity to potential wave action. Lake Washington has experienced seiche activity after the 2001 Nisqually Earthquake, after the Alaskan earthquake in 1964, and during severe weather in 1993, closing the I-90 floating bridge. It is our opinion that the proposed development is located sufficiently distal from the shoreline to avoid direct impacts from potential seiche activity.

### **Erosion Hazard**

The criteria used for determination of the erosion hazard for affected areas include soil type, slope gradient, vegetation cover, and groundwater conditions. The erosion sensitivity is related to vegetative cover and the specific surface soil types, which are related to the underlying geologic soil units. The Soil Survey of King County Area, Washington, by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), classifies the development portions of the site as Kitsap silt loam, 2 to 8 percent slopes. The erosion hazard listed for the exposed soils on the property is slight. It is our opinion that the erosion hazard for the site soils should be low in areas where vegetation is not disturbed.

### **Landslide Hazard**

Portions of the site are mapped as a Potential Slide Area by the City of Mercer Island. The City defines Landslide Hazard Areas as those containing (1) historic failures, (2) slopes greater than 15 percent with permeable sediment overlying impermeable materials *and* containing groundwater seepage, (3) areas showing evidence of past movement or underlain by mass wastage, (4) susceptible to stream erosion, or (5) slopes greater than 40 percent, as set forth in MICC 19.16.010. The steepest slopes within the site were measured to have gradients up to 13 degrees (23 percent grade), but no groundwater seepage emanates from site slopes. The shallow soils underlying the site appear to be medium dense deposits of pre-Olympia age. None of the other criterion were encountered within the site or immediate vicinity during our explorations and field measurements. Based on this, we do not consider the site slopes as landslide hazard areas.

The core of the slopes consists primarily of glacially consolidated soils. Relatively shallow sloughing failures as well as surficial erosion are natural processes and should be expected on unprotected slopes during extreme environmental conditions. This is especially true within the loose surficial and undocumented fill soils on the slopes. Proper retaining wall construction, site grading and drainage, as well as foundation placement as recommended in the following geotechnical documentation should help maintain and enhance current stability conditions.

## **CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **General**

It is our opinion, from a geotechnical standpoint, that the proposed site additions and in-ground pool development is feasible. Our explorations indicated that the site was underlain by a surficial layer of undocumented fill, with an underlying layer of medium dense or better native soils at depth. The native soils should provide adequate support for foundation, slab, and pavement loads. We recommend that the new structures be designed utilizing shallow foundations. Footings should extend through any loose soil, and be founded on the underlying medium dense or better native bearing soil, or structural fill extending to these soils. The competent soil should typically be encountered approximately three to five feet below the existing surface throughout the site, based on our explorations. Deeper, localized areas of undocumented fill may also exist in unexplored areas of the site. This condition, if encountered, would require deeper excavations in foundation, slab, and pavement areas to remove the unsuitable soils.

The soils encountered on this site are considered moisture-sensitive and may disturb easily when wet. We recommend that construction take place during the drier summer months, if possible. If construction is to take place during wet weather, the soils may disturb and additional expenses and delays may be expected due to the wet conditions. Additional expenses could include the need for placing a blanket of rock spalls to protect exposed subgrades and construction traffic areas, and erecting silt fences and straw bales to prevent muddy water from leaving the site.

### **Erosion Control**

The erosion hazard for the on-site soils is listed as slight for exposed soils, but actual erosion potential will be dependent on how the site is graded and how water is allowed to concentrate. Best Management Practices (BMPs) should be used to control erosion. Areas disturbed during construction should be protected from erosion. Erosion control measures may include diverting surface water away from the stripped or disturbed areas. Silt fences and/or straw bales should be erected to prevent muddy water from leaving the site. Disturbed areas should be planted as soon as practical and the vegetation should be maintained until it is established. Erosion potential of areas not stripped of vegetation should be low.



### **Site Preparation and Grading**

After erosion control measures are implemented, site preparation should consist of removing loose soils, topsoil, and any undocumented fill from foundations, slab, and pavement areas, to expose medium or better native bearing soils at depth. The stripped soil should be removed from the site or stockpiled for later use as a landscaping fill. Based on our observations, we anticipate native, medium dense or better soil to be encountered at approximately three to five feet throughout explored areas of the site. We should note that additional deeper areas of unsuitable soils and/or undocumented fill could be encountered in unexplored areas of the site, particularly on the westernmost portion of the subject site and in the existing volunteer garden area. This condition, if encountered, would require deeper excavations in foundation, slab, and pavement areas to remove the unsuitable soils.

After site preparation, if the exposed subgrade is deemed loose, it should be compacted to a non-yielding condition and then proof-rolled with a heavy, rubber-tired piece of equipment. Areas observed to pump or weave during the proof-roll test should be reworked to structural fill specifications or over-excavated and replaced with properly compacted structural fill or rock spalls. If loose soils are encountered in the foundation areas, the loose soils should be removed and replaced with rock spalls. If significant surface water flow is encountered during construction, this flow should be diverted around work areas, and exposed subgrades should be maintained in a semi-dry condition.

If wet conditions are encountered, alternative site grading techniques might be necessary. These could include using large excavators equipped with wide tracks and a smooth bucket to complete site grading, and covering exposed subgrade with a layer of crushed rock for protection. If wet conditions are encountered or construction is attempted in wet weather, the subgrade should not be compacted, as this could cause further subgrade disturbance. In wet conditions, it may be necessary to cover the exposed subgrade with a layer of crushed rock as soon as it is exposed to protect the moisture sensitive soils from disturbance by machine or foot traffic during construction. The prepared subgrade should be protected from construction traffic and surface water should be diverted around areas of prepared subgrade.

### **Temporary and Permanent Slopes**

Temporary cut slope stability is a function of many factors, including the type and consistency of soils, depth of the cut, surcharge loads adjacent to the excavation, length of time a cut remains open, and the presence of surface or groundwater. It is exceedingly difficult under these variable conditions to estimate a stable, temporary, cut slope angle. Therefore, it should be the responsibility of the contractor to maintain safe slope configurations at all times as indicated in OSHA guidelines for cut slopes.

The following information is provided solely for the benefit of the owner and other design consultants and should not be construed to imply that Nelson Geotechnical Associates, Inc. assumes responsibility for job site safety. Job site safety is the sole responsibility of the project contractor.

For planning purposes, we recommend that temporary cuts be no steeper than 2H:1V. If significant groundwater seepage or surface water flow were encountered, we would expect that flatter inclinations would be necessary. We recommend that cut slopes be protected from erosion. The slope protection measures may include covering cut slopes with plastic sheeting and diverting surface runoff away from the top of cut slopes. We do not recommend vertical slopes for cuts deeper than four feet, if worker access is necessary. We recommend that cut slope heights and inclinations conform to appropriate OSHA/WISHA regulations.

Permanent cut and fill slopes should be no steeper than 2H:1V. However, flatter inclinations may be required in areas where loose soils are encountered. Permanent slopes should be vegetated and the vegetative cover maintained until established.

### **Foundations**

Conventional shallow spread foundations should be placed on medium or better native bearing soils, or be supported on structural fill or rock spalls extending to those soils. Medium dense soils should be encountered approximately three to five feet below ground surface within the proposed residence footprint areas, based on our explorations. Additional areas of unsuitable soils and/or undocumented fill could be encountered in unexplored areas of the site. Where undocumented fill or less dense soils are encountered at footing bearing elevation, the subgrade should be over-excavated to expose suitable bearing soil. The over-excavation may be filled with structural fill, or the footings may be extended down to the competent, native, bearing soils. If footings are supported on structural fill, the fill zone should extend outside the edges of the footing a distance equal to half of the depth of the over-excavation below the bottom of footing.

Footings should extend at least 18 inches below the lowest adjacent finished ground surface for frost protection and bearing capacity considerations. Foundations should be designed in accordance with the 2018 IBC. Footing widths should be based on the anticipated loads and allowable soil bearing pressure. Water should not be allowed to accumulate in footing trenches. All loose or disturbed soil should be removed from the foundation excavation prior to placing concrete.

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For foundations constructed as outlined above, we recommend an allowable bearing pressure of not more than 2,000 pounds per square foot (psf) be used for the design of footings founded on the medium dense or better native bearing soils or rock spalls extending to the competent native material. The foundation bearing soil should be evaluated by a representative of NGA. We should be consulted if higher bearing pressures are needed. Current IBC guidelines should be used when considering increased allowable bearing pressure for short-term transitory wind or seismic loads. Potential foundation settlement using the recommended allowable bearing pressure is estimated to be less than 1-inch total and ½-inch differential between adjacent footings or across a distance of about 20 feet, based on our experience with similar projects.

Lateral loads may be resisted by friction on the base of the footing and passive resistance against the subsurface portions of the foundation. A coefficient of friction of 0.35 may be used to calculate the base friction and should be applied to the vertical dead load only. Passive resistance may be calculated as a triangular equivalent fluid pressure distribution. An equivalent fluid density of 200 pounds per cubic foot (pcf) should be used for passive resistance design for a level ground surface adjacent to the footing. This level surface should extend a distance equal to at least three times the footing depth.

These recommended values incorporate safety factors of 1.5 and 2.0 applied to the estimated ultimate values for frictional and passive resistance, respectively. To achieve this value of passive resistance, the foundations should be poured “neat” against the native medium dense soils or compacted fill should be used as backfill against the front of the footing. We recommend that the upper one foot of soil be neglected when calculating the passive resistance.

### **Retaining Walls**

The pool side walls and any other retaining walls associated with the pool should be designed and constructed as follows. Retaining walls on the downslope side should be embedded at least an additional one foot into medium dense or better native soils. The lateral pressure acting on subsurface retaining walls is dependent on the nature and density of the soil behind the wall, the amount of lateral wall movement which can occur as backfill is placed, wall drainage conditions, and the inclination of the backfill. For walls that are free to yield at the top at least one thousandth of the height of the wall (active condition), soil pressures will be less than if movement is limited by such factors as wall stiffness or bracing (at-rest condition). We recommend that walls supporting horizontal backfill and not subjected to hydrostatic forces, be designed using a triangular earth pressure distribution equivalent to that exerted by a fluid with a density of 40 pcf for yielding (active condition) walls, and 60 pcf for non-yielding (at-rest condition) walls.

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These recommended lateral earth pressures are for a drained granular backfill and are based on the assumption of a horizontal ground surface behind the wall for a distance of at least the height of the wall, and do not account for surcharge loads. Additional lateral earth pressures should be considered for surcharge loads acting adjacent to walls and within a distance equal to the height of the wall. This would include the effects of surcharges such as floor slab loads, slopes, or other surface loads. We could consult with the structural engineer regarding additional loads on retaining walls during final design, if needed.

The lateral pressures on walls may be resisted by friction between the foundation and subgrade soil, and by passive resistance acting on the below-grade portion of the foundation. Recommendations for frictional and passive resistance to lateral loads are presented in the **Foundations** subsection.

All wall backfill should be well compacted as outlined in the **Structural Fill** subsection. Care should be taken to prevent the buildup of excess lateral soil pressures due to over-compaction of the wall backfill. This can be accomplished by placing wall backfill in 8-inch loose lifts and compacting the backfill with small, hand-operated compactors within a distance behind the wall equal to at least one-half the height of the wall. The thickness of the loose lifts should be reduced to accommodate the lower compactive energy of the hand-operated equipment. The recommended level of compaction should still be maintained.

Permanent drainage systems should be installed for retaining walls. Recommendations for these systems are found in the **Subsurface Drainage** subsection. We recommend that we be retained to evaluate the proposed wall drain backfill material and observe installation of the drainage systems.

Other types of retaining walls such as reinforced-earth block walls or rockeries and soldier pile walls could be utilized at this site. Final wall types will depend on final wall locations, heights, and budget. We could work with the designers regarding wall designs during the later stages of the project.

### **Structural Fill**

**General:** Fill placed beneath foundations, pavement, or other settlement-sensitive structures should be placed as structural fill. Structural fill, by definition, is placed in accordance with prescribed methods and standards, and is monitored by an experienced geotechnical professional or soils technician. Field monitoring procedures would include the performance of a representative number of in-place density tests to document the attainment of the desired degree of relative compaction. The area to receive the fill should be suitably prepared as described in the **Site Preparation and Grading** subsection prior to beginning fill placement. Sloping areas to receive fill should be benched using a minimum 8-foot wide horizontal benches into competent soils.

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**Materials:** Structural fill should consist of a good quality, granular soil, free of organics and other deleterious material, and be well graded to a maximum size of about three inches. All-weather fill should contain no more than five-percent fines (soil finer than U.S. No. 200 sieve, based on that fraction passing the U.S. 3/4-inch sieve). Some of the more granular on-site soils may be suitable for use as structural fill; however, this will be highly dependent on the moisture content of the soil during construction. The use of the on-site soils as structural fill during wet weather will be very difficult, if not impossible. We should be retained to evaluate all proposed structural fill material prior to placement.

**Fill Placement:** Following subgrade preparation, placement of structural fill may proceed. All filling should be accomplished in uniform lifts up to eight inches thick. Each lift should be spread evenly and be thoroughly compacted prior to placement of subsequent lifts. All structural fill underlying building areas and pavement subgrade should be compacted to a minimum of 95 percent of its maximum dry density. Maximum dry density, in this report, refers to that density as determined by the ASTM D-1557 Compaction Test procedure. The moisture content of the soils to be compacted should be within about two percent of optimum so that a readily compactable condition exists. It may be necessary to over-excavate and remove wet soils in cases where drying to a compactable condition is not feasible. All compaction should be accomplished by equipment sufficient to attain the desired degree of compaction and should be tested.

### **Slab-on-Grade**

Slabs-on-grade should be supported on subgrade soils prepared as described in the **Site Preparation and Grading** subsection of this report. We recommend that all floor slabs be underlain by at least six inches of free-draining gravel with less than three percent by weight of the material passing Sieve #200 for use as a capillary break. We recommend that the capillary break be hydraulically connected to the footing drain system to allow free drainage from under the slab. A suitable vapor barrier, such as heavy plastic sheeting (6-mil, minimum), should be placed over the capillary break material. An additional 2-inch-thick moist sand layer may be used to cover the vapor barrier. This sand layer is optional, and is intended to be used to protect the vapor barrier membrane and to aid in curing the concrete.

### **Pavements**

Pavement subgrade preparation and structural filling where required, should be completed as recommended in the **Site Preparation and Grading** and **Structural Fill** subsections of this report. The pavement subgrade should be proof-rolled with a heavy, rubber-tired piece of equipment, to identify soft or yielding areas that require repair. The pavement section should be underlain by a stable subgrade. We should be retained to observe the proof-rolling and recommend subgrade repairs prior to placement of the asphalt or hard surfaces.

## Utilities

We recommend that underground utilities be bedded with a minimum 6 inches of pea gravel prior to backfilling the trench with on-site or imported material. Trenches within settlement sensitive areas should be compacted to 95 percent of the modified proctor as described in the **Structural Fill** subsection of this report. Trenches located in non-structural areas should be compacted to a minimum 90 percent of the maximum dry density. Trench backfill compaction should be tested.

## Site Drainage

**Surface Drainage:** The finished ground surface should be graded such that stormwater is directed to an approved stormwater collection system. Water should not be allowed to stand in any areas where footings, slabs, or pavements are to be constructed. Final site grades should allow for drainage away from the residences. We suggest that the finished ground be sloped at a minimum downward gradient of three percent, for a distance of at least 10 feet away from the residences. Surface water should be collected by permanent catch basins and drain lines, and be discharged into an approved discharge system away from the structures, property boundaries, or any sloping ground.

**Subsurface Drainage:** If groundwater seepage is encountered during construction, we recommend that the contractor slope the bottom of the excavation and collect the water into ditches and small sump pits where the water can be pumped out and routed into a permanent storm drain.

We recommend the use of footing drains around the structures. Footing drains should be installed at least one foot below planned finished floor elevation. The drains should consist of a minimum 4-inch-diameter, rigid, slotted or perforated, PVC pipe surrounded by free-draining material wrapped in a filter fabric. We recommend that the free-draining material consist of an 18-inch-wide zone of clean (less than three-percent fines), granular material. Pea gravel is an acceptable drain material. The free-draining material should extend to one foot below the finished surface. The top foot of backfill should consist of impermeable soil placed over plastic sheeting or building paper to minimize surface water or fines migration into the footing drain. Footing drains should discharge into tightlines leading to an approved collection and discharge point with convenient cleanouts to prolong the useful life of the drains. Roof drains should not be connected to wall or footing drains.

## **CONSTRUCTION MONITORING**

We recommend NGA be retained to provide monitoring and consultation services during construction to confirm that conditions encountered are consistent with those indicated by explorations, to provide recommendations for design changes should the conditions revealed differ from those anticipated, and to evaluate whether or not earthwork and foundation installation activities comply with contract plans and specifications.

Specifically, we should be retained to provide construction monitoring services during the earthwork phase of the project to evaluate subgrade conditions, temporary cut conditions, fill compaction, and drainage system installation.

## **USE OF THIS LETTER**

NGA has prepared this letter for Mr. Gregg Petrie and his agents, for use in the planning and design of the development on this site only. The scope of our work does not include services related to construction safety precautions and our recommendations are not intended to direct the contractors' methods, techniques, sequences, or procedures, except as specifically described in our report for consideration in design. There are possible variations in subsurface conditions between the explorations and also with time. Our report, conclusions, and interpretations should not be construed as a warranty of subsurface conditions. A contingency for unanticipated conditions should be included in the budget and schedule.

We recommend that NGA be retained to provide monitoring and consultation services during construction to confirm that the conditions encountered are consistent with those indicated by the explorations, to provide recommendations for design changes should the conditions revealed differ from those anticipated, and to evaluate whether or not earthwork and foundation installation activities comply with contract plans and specifications. We should be contacted a minimum of one week prior to construction activities and could attend pre-construction meetings if requested.

Within the limitations of scope, schedule, and budget, our services have been performed in accordance with generally accepted geotechnical engineering practices in effect in this area at the time this report was prepared. No other warranty, expressed or implied, is made. Our observations, findings, and opinions are a means to identify and reduce the inherent risks to the owner.

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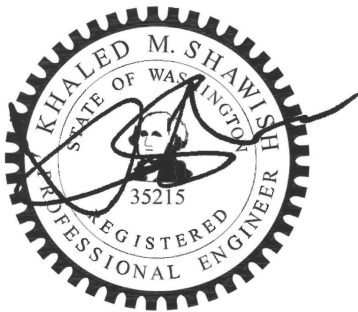
It has been a pleasure to provide service to you on this project. If you have any questions or require further information, please call.

Sincerely,

**NELSON GEOTECHNICAL ASSOCIATES, INC.**

*Carston Curd*

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**Project Geologist**



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**Principal**

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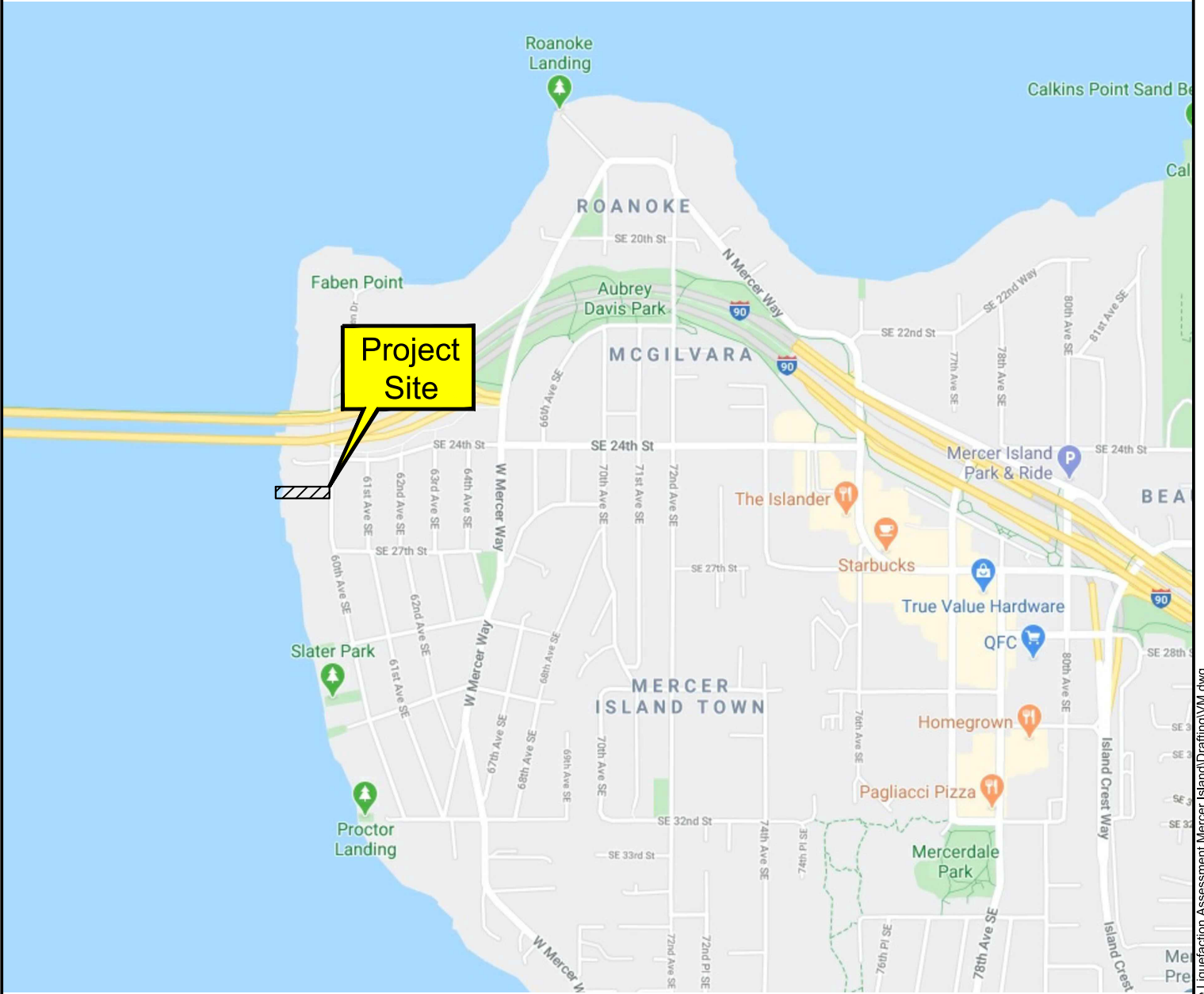
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# VICINITY MAP

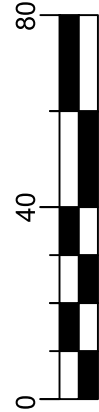
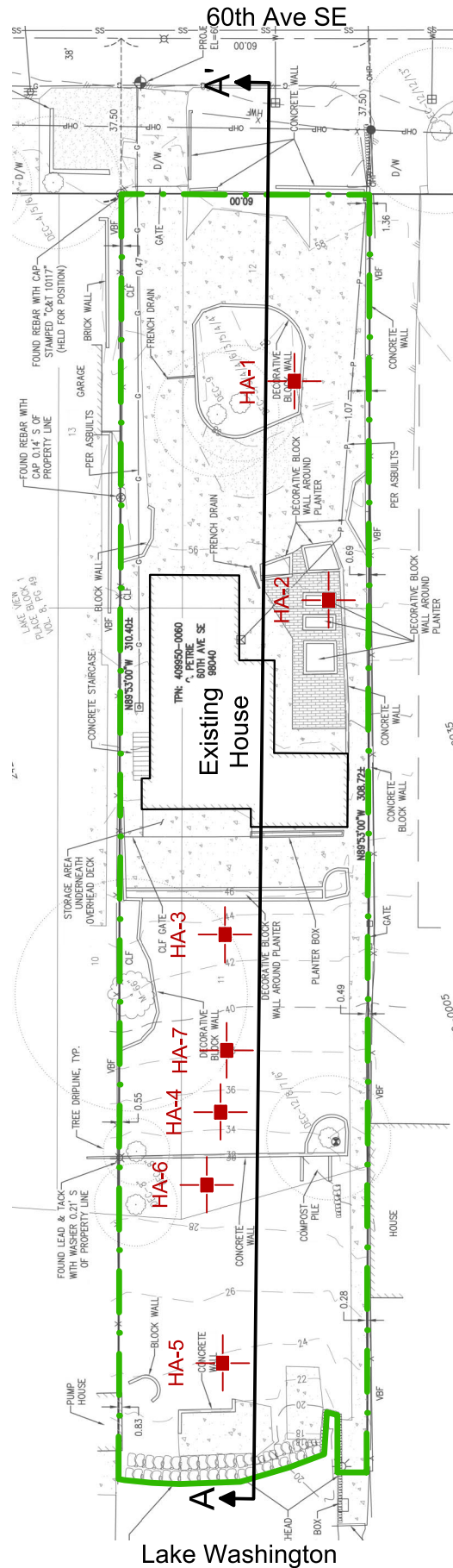
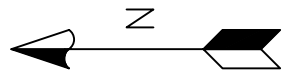
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Figure 1							

# Site Plan



## LEGEND

- Property line
- HA-1  
Number and approximate location of hand auger
- A' A'  
Approximate location of cross-section

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Figure 2	

Petrie Liquefaction  
Assessment  
Site Plan

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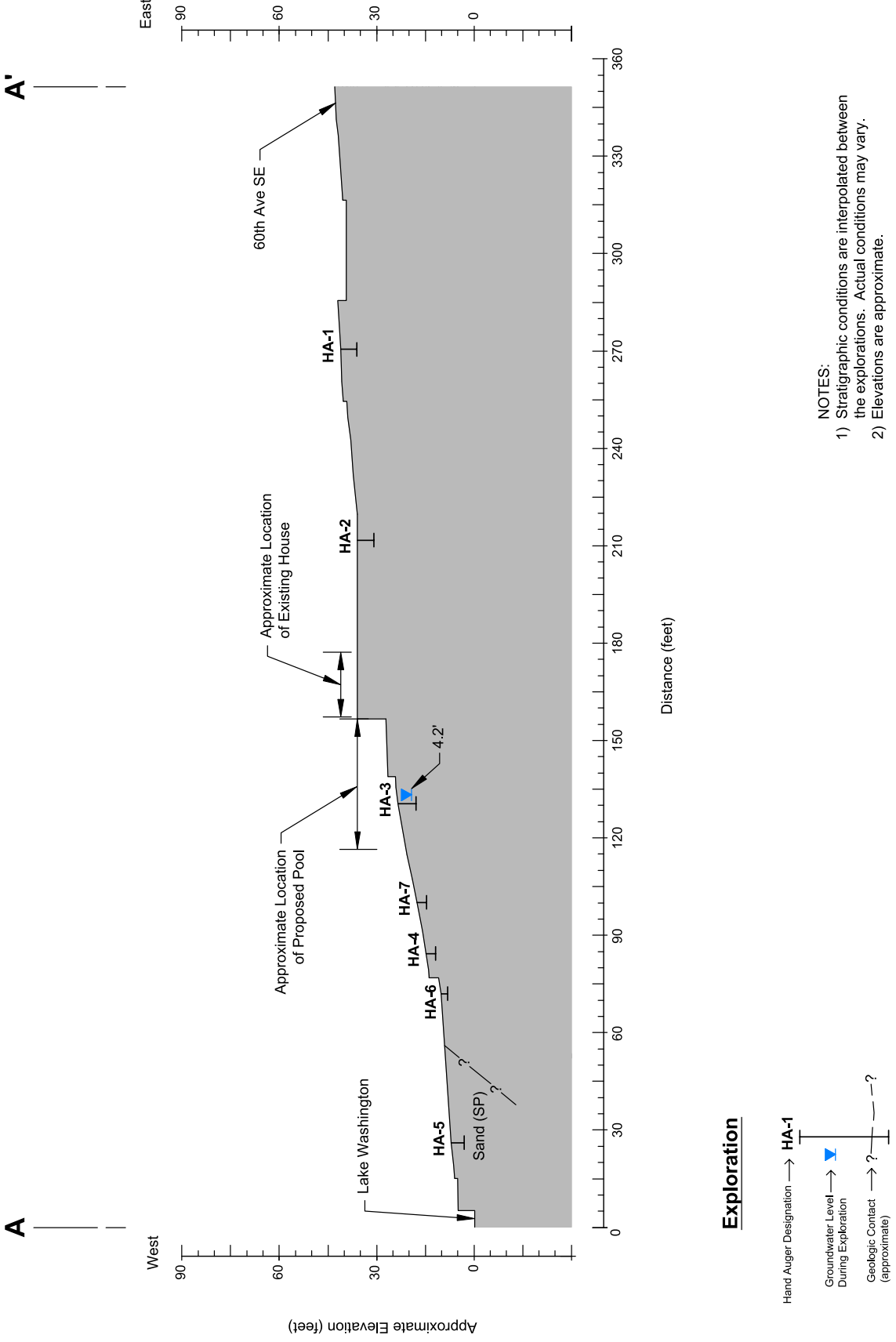
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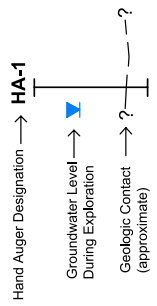
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 Cross-Section A-A'

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 Figure 3



- NOTES:**
- 1) Stratigraphic conditions are interpolated between the explorations. Actual conditions may vary.
  - 2) Elevations are approximate.

**Exploration**



Reference: Cross Section is based on field measurements using a hand-held clinometer and 100-ft tape measure.

# UNIFIED SOIL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM

MAJOR DIVISIONS			GROUP SYMBOL	GROUP NAME
<b>COARSE - GRAINED SOILS</b>  <small>MORE THAN 50 % RETAINED ON NO. 200 SIEVE</small>	<b>GRAVEL</b>  <small>MORE THAN 50 % OF COARSE FRACTION RETAINED ON NO. 4 SIEVE</small>	CLEAN GRAVEL	GW	WELL-GRADED, FINE TO COARSE GRAVEL
		GRAVEL WITH FINES	GP	POORLY-GRADED GRAVEL
		GRAVEL WITH FINES	GM	SILTY GRAVEL
		GRAVEL WITH FINES	GC	CLAYEY GRAVEL
	<b>SAND</b>  <small>MORE THAN 50 % OF COARSE FRACTION PASSES NO. 4 SIEVE</small>	CLEAN SAND	SW	WELL-GRADED SAND, FINE TO COARSE SAND
		SAND WITH FINES	SP	POORLY GRADED SAND
		SAND WITH FINES	SM	SILTY SAND
		SAND WITH FINES	SC	CLAYEY SAND
<b>FINE - GRAINED SOILS</b>  <small>MORE THAN 50 % PASSES NO. 200 SIEVE</small>	<b>SILT AND CLAY</b>  <small>LIQUID LIMIT LESS THAN 50 %</small>	INORGANIC	ML	SILT
		INORGANIC	CL	CLAY
		ORGANIC	OL	ORGANIC SILT, ORGANIC CLAY
	<b>SILT AND CLAY</b>  <small>LIQUID LIMIT 50 % OR MORE</small>	INORGANIC	MH	SILT OF HIGH PLASTICITY, ELASTIC SILT
		INORGANIC	CH	CLAY OF HIGH PLASTICITY, FAT CLAY
		ORGANIC	OH	ORGANIC CLAY, ORGANIC SILT
<b>HIGHLY ORGANIC SOILS</b>			PT	PEAT

**NOTES:**

- 1) Field classification is based on visual examination of soil in general accordance with ASTM D 2488-93.
- 2) Soil classification using laboratory tests is based on ASTM D 2488-93.
- 3) Descriptions of soil density or consistency are based on interpretation of blowcount data, visual appearance of soils, and/or test data.

**SOIL MOISTURE MODIFIERS:**

- Dry - Absence of moisture, dusty, dry to the touch
- Moist - Damp, but no visible water.
- Wet - Visible free water or saturated, usually soil is obtained from below water table

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<b>Figure 4</b>			1	3/4/20	Original	DPN	CTC

## LOG OF EXPLORATION

DEPTH (FEET)	USC	SOIL DESCRIPTION
<b>HAND AUGER 1</b>		
0.0 – 1.0		BROWN, SILTY, FINE TO MEDIUM SAND WITH ORGANIC PARTICULATE AND ROOTS (MOIST, LOOSE) ( <b>UNDOCUMENTED FILL</b> )
1.0 – 1.8		LIGHT BROWN SILT WITH FINE TO MEDIUM SAND (MOIST, LOOSE-MEDIUM DENSE) ( <b>UNDOCUMENTED FILL</b> )
1.8 – 5.0	ML	LIGHT GRAY MOTTLED FINE SANDY SILT BECOMING CLAYEY SILT WITH FINE SAND (DRY-MOIST, STIFF-HARD) ( <b>PRE-OLYMPIA FINE-GRAINED DEPOSITS</b> )  SAMPLES WERE COLLECTED AT 5.0 FEET GROUNDWATER SEEPAGE WAS NOT ENCOUNTERED CAVING WAS NOT ENCOUNTERED HAND AUGER TEST HOLE TERMINATED AT 5.0 FEET ON 02/19/2020
<b>HAND AUGER 2</b>		
0.0 – 0.5		BROWN, SILTY, FINE TO MEDIUM SAND WITH ORGANIC PARTICULATE AND ROOTS (MOIST, LOOSE) ( <b>UNDOCUMENTED FILL</b> )
0.5 – 3.0		BROWN SILT WITH FINE TO MEDIUM SAND AND ANTHROPOGENIC DEBRIS (MOIST, LOOSE-MEDIUM DENSE) ( <b>UNDOCUMENTED FILL</b> )
3.0 – 5.0	SM	LIGHT GRAY SILTY FINE TO MEDIUM SAND WITH IRON OXIDATION STAINING (MOIST-WET, MEDIUM DENSE) ( <b>PRE-OLYMPIA FINE-GRAINED DEPOSITS</b> )  SAMPLES WERE COLLECTED AT 4.0 FEET GROUNDWATER SEEPAGE WAS NOT ENCOUNTERED CAVING WAS NOT ENCOUNTERED HAND AUGER TEST HOLE TERMINATED AT 5.0 FEET ON 02/19/2020
<b>HAND AUGER 3</b>		
0.0 – 0.6		BROWN, SILTY, FINE TO MEDIUM SAND WITH ORGANIC PARTICULATE AND ROOTS (MOIST, LOOSE) ( <b>UNDOCUMENTED FILL</b> )
0.6 – 2.3		BROWN SILTY FINE TO MEDIUM SAND WITH GRAVEL, ORGANIC PARTICULATE, AND IRON OXIDATION STAINING (MOIST, LOOSE-MEDIUM DENSE) ( <b>UNDOCUMENTED FILL</b> )
2.3 – 3.0	SM	GRAY-BROWN SILTY FINE TO COARSE SAND WITH TRACE FINE GRAVEL (MOIST, MEDIUM DENSE) ( <b>WEATHERED PRE-OLYMPIA NON-GLACIAL DEPOSITS?</b> )
3.0 – 5.6	SM	LIGHT GRAY SILTY FINE TO COARSE SAND WITH TRACE FINE GRAVEL AND IRON OXIDATION STAINING (MOIST-WET, MEDIUM DENSE) ( <b>PRE- OLYMPIA NON-GLACIAL DEPOSITS?</b> )  SAMPLES WERE COLLECTED AT 5.0 FEET MODERATE GROUNDWATER SEEPAGE WAS ENCOUNTERED AT 4.2 FEET SLIGHT CAVING WAS ENCOUNTERED BELOW 3.3 FEET HAND AUGER TEST HOLE TERMINATED AT 5.6 FEET ON 02/19/2020
<b>HAND AUGER 4</b>		
0.0 – 1.5		BROWN, SILTY, FINE TO MEDIUM SAND WITH ORGANIC PARTICULATE AND ROOTS (MOIST, LOOSE) ( <b>UNDOCUMENTED FILL</b> )
1.5 – 2.0		GRAY, CLEAN, ROUNDED GRAVEL (DRY, LOOSE-MEDIUM DENSE) ( <b>UNDOCUMENTED FILL</b> )
2.0 – 3.0	SM	LIGHT GRAY, SILTY FINE TO COARSE SAND WITH TRACE FINE GRAVEL AND IRON OXIDATION STAINING (MOIST, MEDIUM DENSE) ( <b>WEATHERED PRE-OLYMPIA GLACIAL TILL?</b> )  SAMPLES WERE COLLECTED AT 3.0 FEET NO GROUNDWATER SEEPAGE WAS ENCOUNTERED CAVING WAS NOT ENCOUNTERED HAND AUGER TEST HOLE TERMINATED AT 3.0 FEET ON 02/19/2020

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DEPTH (FEET)	USC	SOIL DESCRIPTION
<b>HAND AUGER 5</b>		
0.0 – 0.9		BROWN, SILTY, FINE TO MEDIUM SAND WITH ORGANIC PARTICULATE AND ROOTS (MOIST, LOOSE) ( <b>UNDOCUMENTED FILL</b> )
0.9 – 3.0	SP	GRAY FINE TO COARSE SAND (MOIST-WET, LOOSE) ( <b>LACUSTRINE DEPOSITS</b> )  SAMPLES WERE COLLECTED AT 2.5 FEET NO GROUNDWATER SEEPAGE WAS ENCOUNTERED CAVING WAS NOT ENCOUNTERED HAND AUGER TEST HOLE TERMINATED AT 3.0 FEET ON 02/19/2020
<b>HAND AUGER 6</b>		
0.0 – 0.8		BROWN, SILTY, FINE TO MEDIUM SAND WITH ORGANIC PARTICULATE AND ROOTS (MOIST, LOOSE) ( <b>UNDOCUMENTED FILL</b> )
0.8 – 2.0	SM	LIGHT GRAY, SILTY FINE TO COARSE SAND WITH TRACE FINE GRAVEL (DRY, MEDIUM DENSE) ( <b>WEATHERED PRE-OLYMPIA GLACIAL TILL?</b> )  NO SAMPLES WERE COLLECTED NO GROUNDWATER SEEPAGE WAS ENCOUNTERED CAVING WAS NOT ENCOUNTERED HAND AUGER TEST HOLE TERMINATED AT 2.0 FEET ON 02/19/2020
<b>HAND AUGER 7</b>		
0.0 – 0.8		BROWN, SILTY, FINE TO MEDIUM SAND WITH ORGANIC PARTICULATE AND ROOTS (MOIST, LOOSE) ( <b>UNDOCUMENTED FILL</b> )
0.8 – 2.0	SM	LIGHT GRAY SILTY FINE TO COARSE SAND WITH TRACE FINE GRAVEL AND IRON OXIDATION STAINING (MOIST-WET, MEDIUM DENSE) ( <b>PRE- OLYMPIA NON-GLACIAL DEPOSITS?</b> )
2.0 – 3.0	SM	LIGHT GRAY, SILTY FINE TO COARSE SAND WITH TRACE FINE GRAVEL AND IRON OXIDATION STAINING (MOIST, MEDIUM DENSE) ( <b>WEATHERED PRE-OLYMPIA GLACIAL TILL?</b> )  NO SAMPLES WERE COLLECTED NO GROUNDWATER SEEPAGE WAS ENCOUNTERED CAVING WAS NOT ENCOUNTERED HAND AUGER TEST HOLE TERMINATED AT 3.0 FEET ON 02/19/2020



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## SECTION B: SMALL PROJECT CONSTRUCTION SWPPP NARRATIVE

### Instructions

This is a template for a simplified Construction Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (“Construction SWPPP”). If “No” is the answer to one or more of the statements on the first page of Section A of this submittal package, then a full Construction SWPPP is required and the project does not qualify for the use of the Small Project Construction SWPPP Narrative template. If the project is less than the thresholds on the first page of Section A of this submittal package, then Minimum Requirement #2 still applies, but this section (Section B) or a full construction SWPPP is not required. You should include your Construction SWPPP in your contract with your builder. A copy of the Construction SWPPP must be located at the construction site or within reasonable access to the site for construction and inspection personnel at all times.

### General Information on the Existing Site and Project

Describe the following in the Project Narrative box below (attach additional pages if necessary):

- Nature and purpose of the construction project
- Existing topography, vegetation, and drainage, and building structures
- Adjacent areas, including streams, lakes, wetlands, residential areas, and roads that might be affected by the construction project
- How upstream drainage areas may affect the site
- Downstream drainage leading from the site to the receiving body of water
- Areas on or adjacent to the site that are classified as critical areas
- Critical areas that receive runoff from the site up to one-quarter mile away
- Special requirements and provisions for working near or within critical areas
- Areas on the site that have potential erosion problems

Project Narrative:



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## SECTION B: SMALL PROJECT CONSTRUCTION SWPPP NARRATIVE

### Construction SWPPP Drawings

Refer to the general Drawing Requirements in Stormwater Management Manual for Western Washington (SWMMWW) Volume I, Chapter 3.

### Vicinity Map

Provide a map with enough detail to identify the location of the construction site, adjacent roads, and receiving waters.

### Site Map

Include the following (where applicable):

- Legal description of the property boundaries or an illustration of property lines (including distances) on the drawings.
- North arrow.
- Existing structures and roads.
- Boundaries and identification of different soil types.
- Areas of potential erosion problems.
- Any on-site and adjacent surface areas, buffers, flood plain areas, and shorelines.
- Existing contours and drainage basins and the direction of flow for the different drainage areas.
- Where feasible, contours extend a minimum of 25 feet beyond property lines and extend sufficiently to depict existing conditions.
- Final and interim grade contours as appropriate, drainage basins, and the direction of stormwater flow during and upon completion of construction.
- Areas of disturbance, including all areas affected by clearing and excavation.
- Areas where stormwater will discharge to surface waters during and upon completion of construction.
- Existing unique or valuable vegetation and vegetation to be preserved.
- Cut-and-fill slopes indicating top and bottom of slope catch lines.
- Total cut-and-fill quantities and the method of disposal for excess material.
- Stockpile; waste storage; and vehicle storage, maintenance, and washdown areas.

see sheet C1.0 Erosion Control Plan

### Temporary and Permanent BMPs

Include the following on site map (where applicable):

- Locations for temporary and permanent swales, interceptor trenches, or ditches.
- Drainage pipes, ditches, or cut-off trenches associated with erosion and sediment control and stormwater management.
- Temporary and permanent pipe invert elevations, slopes and cover.
- Grades, dimensions, and details for flow in all ditches and swales, culverts, and pipes.
- Locations and outlets of any dewatering systems.
- Details for handling off-site runoff around disturbed areas.
- Details for temporary and permanent stormwater management and/or flow control best management practices (BMPs).
- Details for all structural and nonstructural erosion and sediment control (ESC) BMPs (including, but not limited to, silt fences, construction entrances, sedimentation facilities, etc.)
- Details for any construction-phase BMPs or techniques used for Low Impact Development (LID) BMP protection.

see sheet C1.0 Erosion Control Plan





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## SECTION B: SMALL PROJECT CONSTRUCTION SWPPP NARRATIVE

### Element 1: Preserve Vegetation / Mark Clearing Limits

The goal of this element is to preserve native vegetation and to clearly show the limits of disturbance.

This element **does not** apply to my project because:

The site was cleared as part of clearing activity that is subject to an enforcement action and is re-vegetated. Restoration may be necessary to comply with Critical Area Regulations or NPDES requirements. Buffer Zones-BMP C102 may apply if Critical Areas exist on-site and buffer zones shall be protected.

Other Reason / Additional Comments:

If it **does** apply, describe the steps you will take and select the best management practices (BMPs) you will use:

The perimeter of the area to be cleared shall be marked prior to clearing operation with visible flagging, orange plastic barrier fencing and/or orange silt fencing as shown on the SWPPP site map. The total disturbed area shall be less than 7,000 square feet. Vehicles will only be allowed in the areas to be graded, so no compaction of the undeveloped areas will occur.

Additional Comments:

Check the BMPs you will use:

C101 Preserving Natural Vegetation

C102 Buffer Zones

C103 High Visibility Fence



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## SECTION B: SMALL PROJECT CONSTRUCTION SWPPP NARRATIVE

### Element 2: Construction Access

The goal of this element is to provide a stabilized construction entrance/exit to prevent or reduce or sediment track out.

This element **does not** apply to my project because:

The driveway to the construction area already exists and will be used for construction access. All equipment and vehicles will be restricted to staying on that existing impervious surface.

Other Reason / Additional Comments:

If it **does** apply, describe the steps you will take and select the BMPs you will use:

A stabilized construction entrance will be installed prior to any vehicles entering the site, at the location shown on the SWPPP site map.

Additional Comments:

Check the BMPs you will use:

C105 Stabilized Construction Entrance / Exit

C106 Wheel Wash

C107 Construction Road / Parking Area Stabilization



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### Element 3: Control Flow Rates

The goal of this element is to construct retention or detention facilities when necessary to protect properties and waterways downstream of development sites from erosion and turbid discharges.

This element **does not** apply to my project because:

Other Reason / Additional Comments:

If it **does** apply, describe the steps you will take and select the BMPs you will use:

Flow rates will be controlled by using SWPPP Element 4 sediment controls and BMP T5.13 Post-Construction Soil Quality and Depth if necessary.

Additional Comments:



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### Element 4: Sediment Control

The goal of this element is to construct sediment control BMPs that minimize sediment discharges from the site.

This element **does not** apply to my project because:

The site has already been stabilized and re-vegetated.

Other Reason / Additional Comments:

If it **does** apply, describe the steps you will take and select the BMPs you will use:

Sediment control BMPs shall be placed at the locations shown on the SWPPP site map

Additional Comments:

Check the BMPs you will use:

C231 Brush Barrier

C233 Silt Fence

C235 Wattles

C232 Gravel Filter Berm

C234 Vegetated Strip



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### Element 5: Stabilize Soils

The goal of this element is to stabilize exposed and unworked soils by implementing erosion control BMPs.

This element **does not** apply to my project because:

Other Reason / Additional Comments:

If it **does** apply, describe the steps you will take and select the BMPs you will use:

Exposed soils shall be worked during the week until they have been stabilized. Soil stockpiles will be located within the disturbed area shown on the SWPPP site map. Soil excavated for the foundation will be backfilled against the foundation and graded to drain away from the building. No soils shall remain exposed and unworked for more than 7 days from May 1 to September 30 or more than 2 days from October 1 to April 30. Once the disturbed landscape areas are graded, the grass areas will be amended using BMP T5.13 Post-Construction Soil Quality and Depth. All stockpiles will be covered with plastic or burlap if left unworked.

Additional Comments:

Check the BMPs you will use:

- C120 Temporary & Permanent Seeding
- C122 Nets & Blankets
- C124 Sodding
- C131 Gradient Terraces
- C235 Wattles
- C121 Mulching
- C123 Plastic Covering
- C125 Topsoil / Composting
- C140 Dust Control



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### Element 6: Protect Slopes

The goal of this element is to design and construct cut-and-fill slopes in a manner to minimize erosion.

This element **does not** apply to my project because:

No cut slopes over 4 feet high or slopes steeper than 2 feet horizontal to 1 foot vertical, and no fill slopes over 4 feet high will exceed 3 feet horizontal to 1 foot vertical. Therefore, there is no requirement for additional engineered slope protection.

Other Reason / Additional Comments:

If it **does** apply, describe the steps you will take and select the BMPs you will use:

Additional Comments:

Check the BMPs you will use:

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|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> C120 Temporary & Permanent Seeding | <input type="checkbox"/> C205 Subsurface Drains | <input type="checkbox"/> C207 Check Dams  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> C204 Pipe Slope Drains             | <input type="checkbox"/> C206 Level Spreader    | <input type="checkbox"/> C208 Triangular Silt Dike (Geotextile-Encased Check Dam) |



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### Element 7: Protect Permanent Drain Inlets

The goal of this element is to protect storm drain inlets during construction to prevent stormwater runoff from entering the conveyance system without being filtered or treated.

This element **does not** apply to my project because:

- The site has open ditches in the right-of-way or private road right-of-way.
- There are no catch basins on or near the site.
- Other Reason / Additional Comments:

If it **does** apply, describe the steps you will take and select the BMPs you will use:

- Catch basins on the site or immediately off site in the right-of-way are shown on the SWPPP site map. Storm drain inlet protection shall be installed.

Additional Comments:

Check the BMPs you will use:

- C220 Storm Drain Inlet Protection



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### Element 8: Stabilize Channels and Outlets

The goal of this element is to design, construct, and stabilize on-site conveyance channels to prevent erosion from entering existing stormwater outfalls and conveyance systems.

This element **does not** apply to my project because:

Construction will occur during the dry weather. No storm drainage channels or ditches shall be constructed either temporary or permanent. A small swale shall be graded to convey yard drainage around the structure using a shallow slope; it shall be seeded after grading and stabilized.

Other Reason / Additional Comments:

If it **does** apply, describe the steps you will take and select the BMPs you will use:

A wattle shall be placed at the end of the swale to prevent erosion at the outlet of the swale.

Additional Comments:

Check the BMPs you will use:

C202 Channel Lining     C207 Check Dams     C209 Outlet Protection     C235 Wattles





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### Element 9: Control Pollutants

The goal of this element is to design, install, implement and maintain BMPs to minimize the discharge of pollutants from material storage areas, fuel handling, equipment cleaning, management of waste materials, etc.

This element **does not** apply to my project because:

Other Reason / Additional Comments:

If it **does** apply, describe the steps you will take and select the BMPs you will use:

Any and all pollutants, chemicals, liquid products and other materials that have the potential to pose a threat to human health or the environment will be covered, contained, and protected from vandalism. All such products shall be kept under cover in a secure location on-site. Concrete handling shall follow BMP C151.

Additional Comments:

Check the BMPs you will use:

C151 Concrete Handling

C152 Sawcutting and Surfacing Pollution Prevention

C153 Material Delivery, Storage, and Containment

C154 Concrete Washout Area



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### Element 10: Control De-watering

The goal of this element is to handle turbid or contaminated dewatering water separately from stormwater.

This element **does not** apply to my project because:

No dewatering of the site is anticipated.

Other Reason / Additional Comments:

If it **does** apply, describe the steps you will take and select the BMPs you will use:

Additional Comments:

Check the BMPs you will use:

C203 Water Bars

C236 Vegetated Filtration

C206 Level Spreader



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### Element 11: Maintain Best Management Practices

The goal of this element is to maintain and repair all temporary and permanent erosion and sediment control BMPs to assure continued performance.

*Describe the steps you will take:*

- Best Management Practices or BMPs shall be inspected and maintained during construction and removed within 30 days after the City Inspector or Engineer determines that the site is stabilized, provided that they may be removed when they are no longer needed.

### Element 12: Manage the Project

The goal of this element is to ensure that the construction SWPPP is properly coordinated and that all BMPs are deployed at the proper time to achieve full compliance with City regulations throughout the project.

If it **does** apply, describe the steps you will take and select the BMPs you will use:

The Construction SWPPP will be implemented at all times. The applicable erosion control BMPs will be implemented in the following sequence:

- 1. Mark clearing limits
- 2. Install stabilized construction entrance
- 3. Install protection for existing drainage systems and permanent drain inlets
- 4. Establish staging areas for storage and handling polluted material and BMPs
- 5. Install sediment control BMPs
- 6. Grade and install stabilization measures for disturbed areas
- 7. Maintain BMPs until site stabilization, at which time they may be removed

Additional Comments:



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### Element 13: Protect Low Impact Development BMPs

The goal of this element is to protect on-site stormwater management BMPs (also known as “Low Impact Development BMPs”) from siltation and compaction during construction. On-site stormwater management BMPs used for runoff from roofs and other hard surfaces include: full dispersion, roof downspout full infiltration or dispersion systems, perforated stubout connections, rain gardens, bioretention systems, permeable pavement, sheetflow dispersion, and concentrated flow dispersion. Methods for protecting on-site stormwater management BMPs include sequencing the construction to install these BMPs at the latter part of the construction grading operations, excluding equipment from the BMPs and the associated areas, and using the erosion and sedimentation control BMPs listed below.

*Describe the construction sequencing you will use:*

Additional Comments:

*Select the BMPs you will use:*

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|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> C102 Buffer Zone | <input type="checkbox"/> C103 High Visibility Fence | <input type="checkbox"/> C231 Brush Barrier |
| <input type="checkbox"/> C233 Silt Fence  | <input type="checkbox"/> C234 Vegetated Strip       |   |