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#### Subject: **Transmittal Letter – Geotechnical Engineering Study** Proposed Landscape Project 7643 Southeast 72<sup>nd</sup> Place Mercer Island, Washington

Dear Maguire Family,

Attached to this transmittal letter is our geotechnical engineering report for the proposed landscape project to be constructed in Mercer Island, Washington. The scope of our services consisted of exploring site surface and subsurface conditions, and then developing this report to provide recommendations for general earthwork and design considerations for foundations, retaining walls, and temporary excavations. This work was authorized by your acceptance of our proposal, P-10963, dated September 13, 2021.

The attached report contains a discussion of the study and our recommendations. Please contact us if there are any questions regarding this report, or for further assistance during the design and construction phases of this project.

Respectfully submitted,

GEOTECH CONSULTANTS, INC.

D. Robert Ward, P.E. Principal

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#### GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING STUDY Proposed Landscape Project 7643 Southeast 72nd Place Mercer Island, Washington

This report presents the findings and recommendations of our geotechnical engineering study for the site of the proposed landscape project to be located in Mercer Island.

We were provided with a preliminary site plans and a topographic map. Bethune Associates, Inc. developed the site plan, which is dated September 16, 2021, and Terrane developed the survey, dated July 1, 2020. Based on the provided plan, we understand that the southern yard areas of the existing residential property will be landscaped. As part of this, two new, flat grass areas are proposed in the current, moderately sloped yard. To accomplish this, new retaining walls will be needed to facilitate both the upslope cuts, as well as the downslope fills associated with flattening these areas out. These walls are proposed to have exposed heights of up to 4 to 5 feet at this time. New walkways are also being proposed along the southern side of the existing residence, and a small patio is shown to extend east from the existing elevated deck near the southwestern corner of the house. The southern-most yard area is shown to be located close to the property lines which lies in close proximity to the western neighbor's rockery, and eastern neighbor's landscape block wall.

If the scope of the project changes from what we have described above, we should be provided with revised plans in order to determine if modifications to the recommendations and conclusions of this report are warranted.

### SITE CONDITIONS

### SURFACE

The Vicinity Map, Plate 1, illustrates the general location of the site near the southern end of Mercer Island. The irregular shaped site comprises a total site area of approximately 0.29-acres. The site is bordered to the north by Southeast 72nd Place, and to the east, south, and west by single family parcels.

The residential property slopes downward from east to west, with a total elevation change of up to 22 feet across. The existing residence is located in the approximate center of the property and consists of two-stories underlain by a basement space that occupies the full footprint of the residence. The grade north of the residence slopes downward gently from east to west across a sloped, grass yard area. A short rockery lines the western edge of the yard, where the grade drops several feet to the elevation of the flat driveway.

To the south of the residence, the grade follows a similar east-west downward slope, extending downward at a moderate inclination from the eastern property line, before flattening out across a paver patio. This grade continues to drop gently past the western side of the patio, continuing across the footprint of the elevated deck, and a small play area located near the southwestern corner of the residence. A terraced rock wall is set near the property line, where the grade drops several feet into the lower, western adjacent parcel.

We understand that a small piece of land was recently purchased from the adjacent southern property owner. This piece of land, which forms a rough triangle south of the existing property line, also slopes downward moderately from east to west. This area is undeveloped and is covered with scattered trees and landscaping.

The City of Mercer Island GIS maps the site within a Potential Landslide Hazard Area, as well as an Erosion Hazard Area. Much of the surrounding vicinity is also mapped with these hazards. No steep slopes or seismic hazards are mapped at the property.

Th adjacent properties are all single-family-residence developments. Most notably, the adjacent southeastern and southwestern properties contain site features located in close proximity to the proposed landscape project of the subject site. To the east and just upslope of the proposed project area, the adjacent eastern property contains a relatively short, landscape block wall that lines the western edge of a small yard terrace. This wall is approximately 1.5 to 2.5 feet in height, and at its closest, is set less than approximately 3 feet from the property line at its closest point. It appears that the base blocks for this wall bear just beneath the ground surface, and it is not apparent if the wall is reinforced. The adjacent western property contains a short, approximately 4-foot-tall rockery along the property line that is located near the proposed southern landscape area. This rockery is situated just below the proposed landscape project area.

### SUBSURFACE

The subsurface conditions were explored by drilling one test boring and excavating five test holes at the approximate locations shown on the Site Exploration Plan, Plate 2. Our exploration program was based on the proposed construction, anticipated subsurface conditions and those encountered during exploration, and the scope of work outlined in our proposal.

The test boring was drilled on October 1, 2021 using a portable Acker drill, and the test holes were excavated using hand tools. Samples were taken at approximate 2.5- and 5-foot intervals with a standard penetration sampler. This split-spoon sampler, which has a 2-inch outside diameter, is driven into the soil with a 140-pound hammer falling 30 inches. The number of blows required to advance the sampler a given distance is an indication of the soil density or consistency. A geotechnical engineer from our staff observed the drilling process, logged the test borings, and obtained representative samples of the soil encountered. The Test Boring Logs are attached as Plates 3 and 4.

### Soil Conditions

The test boring and test holes were excavated near the locations of proposed landscape walls, and they generally encountered similar subsurface soil conditions. A small depth of fill soil was revealed in one exploration, but generally native, loose, weathered silty sand containing roots was revealed at the ground surface. This weathered layer extended to depths of approximately 2 to 3.5 feet in the explorations, and then became unweathered, cemented, and dense. This soil became denser with depth. This dense to very dense, silty sand soil is glacially compressed and is geologically referred to as glacial till. The glacial till extended to the base of the explorations at depths ranging from 2.5 to 4 feet, where auger refusal was met both with the small drill the hand tools because of its very dense condition.

Several attempts were made to advance Test Hole 5 through the upper weathered layer. However, refusal was met at depths of up to 3 feet in the attempts atop large roots associated with the nearby cedar tree, as well as on rocks and cobbles.

#### **Groundwater Conditions**

No groundwater seepage was observed during our explorations. Howvever, it should be noted that groundwater levels vary seasonally with rainfall and other factors. Higher and greater groundwater levels occur in the winter and spring months in the Puget Sound area. It is possible that that some perched groundwater could be found between the looser nearsurface soil and the underlying glacial till during these months.

The stratification lines on the logs represent the approximate boundaries between soil types at the exploration locations. The actual transition between soil types may be gradual, and subsurface conditions can vary between exploration locations. The logs provide specific subsurface information only at the locations tested. The relative densities and moisture descriptions indicated on the test boring and test hole logs are interpretive descriptions based on the conditions observed during drilling.

### CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

#### GENERAL

THIS SECTION CONTAINS A SUMMARY OF OUR STUDY AND FINDINGS FOR THE PURPOSES OF A GENERAL OVERVIEW ONLY. MORE SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS ARE CONTAINED IN THE REMAINDER OF THIS REPORT. ANY PARTY RELYING ON THIS REPORT SHOULD READ THE ENTIRE DOCUMENT.

The test boring and test holes conducted for this study encountered dense to very dense glacial till at depths of approximately 2 to 3.5 feet. The glacial till has a high internal shear strength and is not susceptible to slope instability. This soil will provide an excellent base for the project, and we recommend that the foundations of the new landscaping walls bear on the glacial till. Several recommendations for block wall foundations and wall design/construction can be found in a subsequent section of this report.

The excavations for the new landscaping walls will range depending on the final design but will result in excavations of several feet to construct the new footings or base course of blocks. Based on the soils encountered in our explorations, the upper fill and weathered native soils should not be excavated steeper than a 1:1 (Horizontal:Vertical). Once the underlying glacial till has been reached, a steeper 0.75:1 (H:V) inclination can be utilized for deeper excavations. Large areas of vertical excavations should not be made on, or near the shared property lines, or near any adjacent settlement sensitive structures. Excavations within the southern landscape area will thus be challenging due to the presence of settlement-sensitive, block wall upslope and east of the proposed new walls. The base of the adjacent wall appears to lie within 12 inches of the ground surface atop loose soils. It will be imperative that no vertical excavations be made on the property lines of settlement to extend onto the neighboring property. Therefore, the front of the new wall should be placed at least 5 feet from the neighboring eastern block wall, and the new wall will need to be constructed in sections no larger than 6 horizontal feet in order to reduce the size of the exposed excavation. This build as you go procedure will allow each section of the new wall to be excavated,

blocks laid, drainage installed, and backfilled prior to opening the next section, and will help to reduce the potential for excavations to cave onto the adjacent property.

#### CRITICAL AREA STUDY AND INFORMATION (MICC 19.07)

**Landslide Hazard Areas:** There are several criteria for being a Landslide Hazard Area based on the MICC. The first of several criteria are as follow:

- 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. 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.

In our professional opinion, based on site features and the glacial till soil revealed at a shallow depth in the explorations, none of these four criteria noted above are met within the site.

There is also a fifth criteria with regards to Landslide Hazard areas: Any slope that is 40 percent or greater measured over a 30-foot horizontal run (Steep Slope). No slopes are present within the site boundaries that would meet this additional criteria.

**Erosion Hazard Area:** The site also meets the City of Mercer Island's criteria for an Erosion Hazard Area. However, this potential hazard can readily be mitigated using typical erosion control measures. The temporary erosion control measures needed during the site development will depend heavily on the weather conditions that are encountered during the site work. One of the most important considerations, particularly during wet weather, is to immediately cover any bare soil areas to prevent accumulated water or runoff from the work area from becoming silty in the first place. Silty water cannot be discharged off the site, so a temporary holding tank should be planned for wet weather earthwork. A wire-backed silt fence bedded in compost, not native soil, or sand, should be erected as close as possible to the planned work area, and the existing vegetation west of the silt fence be in place. Covering the base of the excavation with a layer of clean gravel or rock is also prudent to reduce the amount of mud and silty water generated. Cut slopes and soil stockpiles should be covered with plastic during wet weather. Soil stockpiles should be minimized. Silty water accumulating in the excavation must not be allowed to flow off the site. Following rough grading, it may be necessary to mulch or hydroseed bare areas that will not be immediately covered with landscaping or an impervious surface.

**Statement of Risk:** In order to satisfy the City of Mercer Island's requirements, a statement of risk is needed. As such, we make the following statement:

Provided the recommendations in this report are followed, it is our professional opinion that the proposed development will be as safe as if it were not located in a geologically hazardous area and will not adversely impact any potential critical areas on adjacent properties.

The soils that will be excavated for the new walls will consist of a thin layer of uncontrolled fill soils, which are underlain by fine-grained silty sand containing organics. These soils have poor drainage

characteristics and are exceedingly difficult to adequately compact for use as structural fill. If structural fill is needed beneath the base of the new walls, or where free draining backfill is needed behind retaining walls, imported, granular structural fill should be utilized.

The erosion control measures needed during the site development will depend heavily on the weather conditions that are encountered. We anticipate that a silt fence will be needed around the downslope sides of any cleared areas. Existing pavements, ground cover, and landscaping should be left in place wherever possible to minimize the amount of exposed soil. Rocked staging areas and construction access roads should be provided to reduce the amount of soil or mud carried off the property by trucks and equipment. Trucks should not be allowed to drive off of the rock-covered areas. Cut slopes and soil stockpiles should be covered with plastic during wet weather. Following clearing or rough grading, it may be necessary to mulch or hydroseed bare areas that will not be immediately covered with landscaping or an impervious surface. On most construction projects, it is necessary to periodically maintain or modify temporary erosion control measures to address specific site and weather conditions.

The drainage and/or waterproofing recommendations presented in this report are intended only to prevent active seepage from flowing through concrete walls or slabs. Even in the absence of active seepage into and beneath structures, water vapor can migrate through walls, slabs, and floors from the surrounding soil, and can even be transmitted from slabs and foundation walls due to the concrete curing process. Water vapor also results from occupant uses, such as cooking, cleaning, and bathing. Excessive water vapor trapped within structures can result in a variety of undesirable conditions, including, but not limited to, moisture problems with flooring systems, excessively moist air within occupied areas, and the growth of molds, fungi, and other biological organisms that may be harmful to the health of the occupants. The designer or architect must consider the potential vapor sources and likely occupant uses, and provide sufficient ventilation, either passive or mechanical, to prevent a build up of excessive water vapor within the planned structure.

Geotech Consultants, Inc. should be allowed to review the final development plans to verify that the recommendations presented in this report are adequately addressed in the design. Such a plan review would be additional work beyond the current scope of work for this study, and it may include revisions to our recommendations to accommodate site, development, and geotechnical constraints that become more evident during the review process.

We recommend including this report, in its entirety, in the project contract documents. This report should also be provided to any future property owners so they will be aware of our findings and recommendations.

### SEISMIC CONSIDERATIONS

In accordance with the International Building Code (IBC), the site class within 100 feet of the ground surface is best represented by Site Class Type C (Very Dense Soil and Soft Rock). As noted in the USGS website, the mapped spectral acceleration value for a 0.2 second ( $S_s$ ) and 1.0 second period ( $S_1$ ) equals 1.47g and 0.51g, respectively.

The IBC and ASCE 7 require that the potential for liquefaction (soil strength loss) during an earthquake be evaluated for the peak ground acceleration of the Maximum Considered Earthquake (MCE), which has a probability of occurring once in 2,475 years (2 percent probability of occurring in a 50-year period). The MCE peak ground acceleration adjusted for site class effects ( $F_{PGA}$ ) equals 0.75g. The soils beneath the site are not susceptible to seismic liquefaction under the

ground motions of the MCE because of their dense nature and the absence of near-surface groundwater.

Sections 1803.5 of the IBC and 11.8 of ASCE 7 require that other seismic-related geotechnical design parameters (seismic surcharge for retaining wall design and slope stability) include the potential effects of the Design Earthquake. The peak ground acceleration for the Design Earthquake is defined in Section 11.2 of ASCE 7 as two-thirds (2/3) of the MCE peak ground acceleration, or 0.50g.

#### MODULAR BLOCK WALLS

Modular block walls will be used to create the new landscape terraces south of the existing residences. A combination of both cut and fill walls are needed to flatten out the proposed yard areas in the currently moderately sloped areas. The base of all these walls should be on the glacial till that was

Currently, the western side of the southern landscape area will require that a fill wall with an exposed fill height of up to 4 feet be constructed to meet the proposed finish grades. As stated in the *General* section of this report, this wall will bear close to the adjacent western neighbor's rockery. The base of this wall must bear directly upon the dense, native glacial till and its base should be at least 30 inches below the existing ground; this is to reduce the potential for placing a surcharge load atop the neighbor's rockery. Geogrid reinforcement will be needed to construct this fill wall. For preliminary design, we have included a detail for the southwestern fill wall. This can be found attached to this report as Plate 5.

The northern landscape area, as well as the eastern side of the southern landscape area, show the construction of cut walls with exposed heights ranging from 4 to 5 feet. Assuming that the walls have a level backslope, and no surcharges exist, the cut walls could be constructed as gravity walls using the modular blocks, although they need to bear directly on the native glacial till. *Where these cut walls will be under 3 feet in total height, as measured from outside ground to outside ground, modular blocks should have a minimum depth of 12 inches. Where total wall heights will exceed 3 feet in height, blocks with a minimum depth of 20 inches should be used below the 3-foot level.* General notes for the reinforced wall attached as Plate 5 can be used for the base layer preparation, drainage, and backfill of the cut walls. Also, as presented in the **General** section of this report, the excavation sequencing and recommendations in the area of the southern portion of the project area that is near the neighbor's block wall to the east should be closely followed during construction to prevent adverse impacts.

#### **EXCAVATIONS AND SLOPES**

Temporary excavation slopes should not exceed the limits specified in local, state, and national government safety regulations. Also, temporary cuts should be planned to provide a minimum 2 to 3 feet of space for construction of foundations, walls, and drainage. Temporary cuts to a maximum overall depth of about 4 feet may be attempted vertically in unsaturated soil, if there are no indications of slope instability. However, vertical cuts should not be made near property boundaries, or existing utilities and structures. We do not recommend that vertical cuts be made at the base of sloped cuts for this project. Based upon Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 296, Part N, the upper fill and weathered native soil at the subject site would generally be classified as Type B. Therefore, temporary cut slopes greater than 4 feet in height should not be excavated at an

inclination steeper than 1:1 (Horizontal:Vertical), extending continuously between the top and the bottom of a cut. The underlying dense glacial till would generally be classified as Type A, and temporary cut slopes could be steepened to a 0.75:1 (H:V), extending continuously between the top and the bottom of a cut. Excavation recommendations near the eastern side of the southern portion of the site that are noted in the **General** section of this report need also to be adhered to.

The above-recommended temporary slope inclinations are based on the conditions exposed in our explorations, and on what has been successful at other sites with similar soil conditions. It is possible that variations in soil and groundwater conditions will require modifications to the inclination at which temporary slopes can stand. Temporary cuts are those that will remain unsupported for a relatively short duration to allow for the construction of foundations, retaining walls, or utilities. Temporary cut slopes should be protected with plastic sheeting during wet weather. It is also important that surface runoff be directed away from the top of temporary slope cuts. Cut slopes should also be backfilled or retained as soon as possible to reduce the potential for instability. Please note that loose soil can cave suddenly and without warning. Excavation, foundation, and utility contractors should be made especially aware of this potential danger. These recommendations may need to be modified if the area near the potential cuts has been disturbed in the past by utility installation, or if settlement-sensitive utilities are located nearby.

All permanent cuts into native soil should be inclined no steeper than 2:1 (H:V). Compacted fill slopes should not be constructed with an inclination greater than 2:1 (H:V). To reduce the potential for shallow sloughing, fill must be compacted to the face of these slopes. This can be accomplished by overbuilding the compacted fill and then trimming it back to its final inclination. Adequate compaction of the slope face is important for long-term stability and is necessary to prevent excessive settlement of patios, slabs, foundations, or other improvements that may be placed near the edge of the slope.

Water should not be allowed to flow uncontrolled over the top of any temporary or permanent slope. All permanently exposed slopes should be seeded with an appropriate species of vegetation to reduce erosion and improve the stability of the surficial layer of soil.

### DRAINAGE CONSIDERATIONS

Footing drains should be used for the landscape walls. These drains should be surrounded by at least 6 inches of 1-inch-minus, washed rock that is encircled with non-woven, geotextile filter fabric (Mirafi 140N, Supac 4NP, or similar material).

The excavation and site should be graded so that surface water is directed off the site and away from the tops of slopes. Water should not be allowed to stand in any area where foundations, slabs, or pavements are to be constructed. Final site grading in areas adjacent to buildings should slope away at least one to 2 percent, except where the area is paved. Surface drains should be provided where necessary to prevent ponding of water behind foundation or retaining walls. A discussion of grading and drainage related to pervious surfaces near walls and structures is contained in the *Foundation and Retaining Walls* section.

### GENERAL EARTHWORK AND STRUCTURAL FILL

All building and pavement areas should be stripped of surface vegetation, topsoil, organic soil, and other deleterious material. The stripped or removed materials should not be mixed with any

materials to be used as structural fill, but they could be used in non-structural areas, such as landscape beds.

Structural fill is defined as any fill, including utility backfill, placed under, or close to, a building, or in other areas where the underlying soil needs to support loads. All structural fills should be placed in horizontal lifts with a moisture content at, or near, the optimum moisture content. The optimum moisture content is that moisture content that results in the greatest compacted dry density. The moisture content of fill is very important and must be closely controlled during the filling and compaction process. As discussed in the **General** section, the on-site soils are not suitable for reuse as structural fill, due to its variable composition, and poor drainage and compactive qualities. Imported, free-draining, granular fill should be utilized where needed.

The allowable thickness of the fill lift will depend on the material type selected, the compaction equipment used, and the number of passes made to compact the lift. The loose lift thickness should not exceed 12 inches, but should be thinner if small, hand-operated compactors are used. We recommend testing structural fill as it is placed. If the fill is not sufficiently compacted, it should be recompacted before another lift is placed. This eliminates the need to remove the fill to achieve the required compaction. The following table presents recommended levels of relative compaction for compacted fill:

LOCATION OF FILL PLACEMENT	MINIMUM RELATIVE COMPACTION
Beneath footings, slabs or walkways	95%
Filled slopes and behind retaining walls	90%
Beneath pavements	95% for upper 12 inches of subgrade; 90% below that level

Where: Minimum Relative Compaction is the ratio, expressed in percentages, of the compacted dry density to the maximum dry density, as determined in accordance with ASTM Test Designation D 1557-91 (Modified Proctor).

### **LIMITATIONS**

The conclusions and recommendations contained in this report are based on site conditions as they existed at the time of our exploration and assume that the soil and groundwater conditions encountered in the test borings and test holes are representative of subsurface conditions on the site. If the subsurface conditions encountered during construction are significantly different from those observed in our explorations, we should be advised at once so that we can review these conditions and reconsider our recommendations where necessary. Unanticipated conditions are commonly encountered on construction sites and cannot be fully anticipated by merely taking samples in test borings and test holes. Subsurface conditions can also vary between exploration locations. Such unexpected conditions frequently require making additional expenditures to attain a properly constructed project. It is recommended that the owner consider providing a contingency fund to accommodate such potential extra costs and risks. This is a standard recommendation for all projects.

This report has been prepared for the exclusive use of Robert and Gina Maguire, and their representatives, for specific application to this project and site. Our conclusions and recommendations are professional opinions derived in accordance with our understanding of current local standards of practice, and within the scope of our services. No warranty is expressed or implied. The scope of our services does not include services related to construction safety precautions, and our recommendations are not intended to direct the contractor's methods, techniques, sequences, or procedures, except as specifically described in our report for consideration in design. Our services also do not include assessing or minimizing the potential for biological hazards, such as mold, bacteria, mildew and fungi in either the existing or proposed site development.

### ADDITIONAL SERVICES

In addition to reviewing the final plans, Geotech Consultants, Inc. should be retained to provide geotechnical consultation, testing, and observation services during construction. This is to confirm that subsurface conditions are consistent with those indicated by our exploration, to evaluate whether earthwork and foundation construction activities comply with the general intent of the recommendations presented in this report, and to provide suggestions for design changes in the event subsurface conditions differ from those anticipated prior to the start of construction. However, our work would not include the supervision or direction of the actual work of the contractor and its employees or agents. Also, job and site safety, and dimensional measurements, will be the responsibility of the contractor.

During the construction phase, we will provide geotechnical observation and testing services when requested by you or your representatives. Please be aware that we can only document site work we actually observe. It is still the responsibility of your contractor or on-site construction team to verify that our recommendations are being followed, whether we are present at the site or not.

The following plates are attached to complete this report:

Plate 1	Vicinity Map
Plate 2	Site Exploration Plan
Plates 3 - 4	Test Boring and Test Hole Logs
Plate 5	Reinforced Modular Block Wall Detail

We appreciate the opportunity to be of service on this project. Please contact us if you have any questions, or if we can be of further assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

GEOTECH CONSULTANTS, INC.



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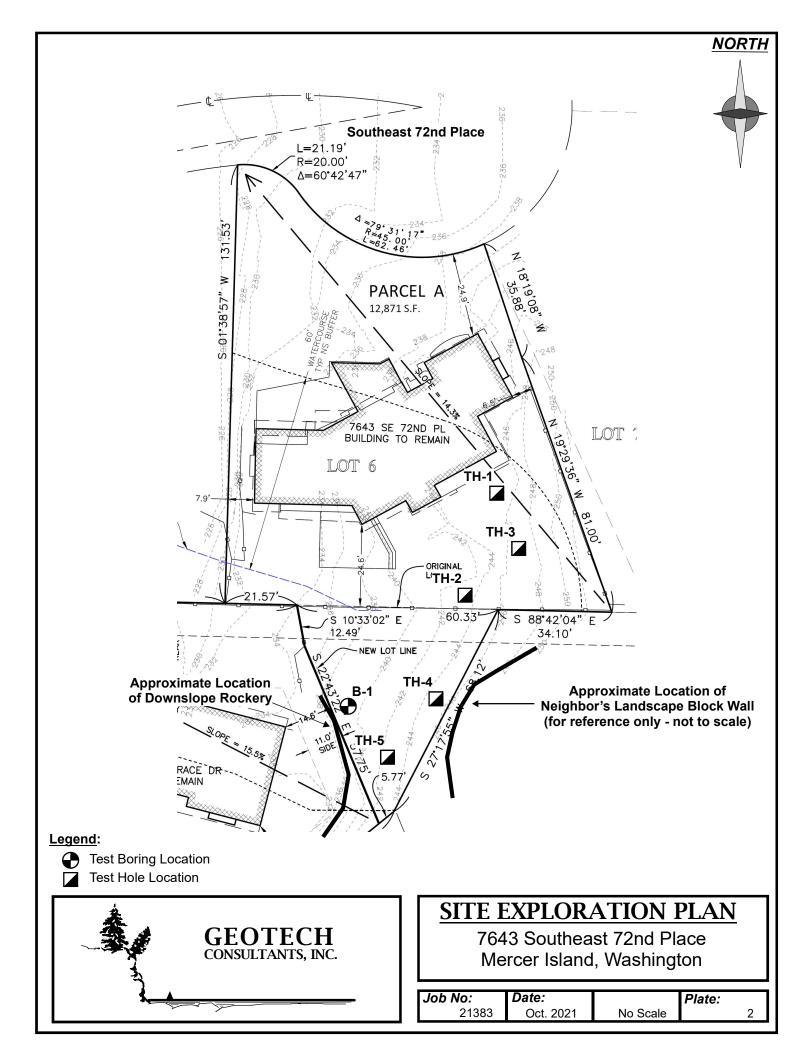
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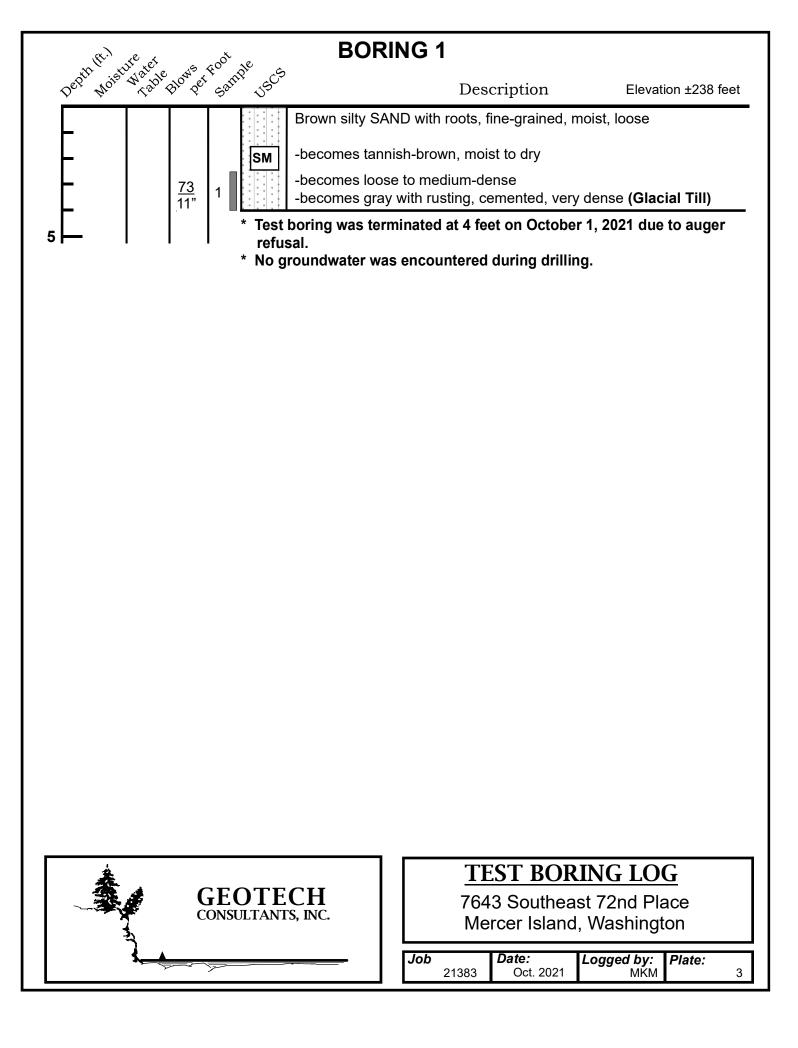




(Source: King County iMap)

7643 Southeast 72nd Place Mercer Island, Washington		VICINIT	Y MAP		
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### **TEST HOLE 1**

Depth (feet)	Soil Description
0.0 – 1.5	Topsoil and landscape rock [FILL]
	- 1.5', layer of filter fabric
1.5 – 3.0	Brown silty SAND with roots, fine-grained, moist to dry, loose <b>[SM]</b> - 2', becomes gray-brown, damp, medium-dense
	- 2.5', becomes gray, cemented, dense (Glacial Till)

Test Hole was terminated at 3 feet on October 1, 2021.

No groundwater seepage was encountered in the test hole.

### **TEST HOLE 2**

Depth (feet)	Soil Description
0.0 - 1.5	Topsoil and dark-brown silty SAND, fine-grained, moist, loose [FILL]
1.5 – 2.5	Gray-brown mottled orange, silty SAND , fine-grained, moist to very
	moist, loose to medium-dense [SM]
	<ul> <li>2', increased gravels, becomes slightly cemented, dense</li> </ul>

Test Hole was terminated at 2.5 feet on October 1, 2021. No groundwater seepage was encountered in the test hole.

#### **TEST HOLE 3**

Depth (feet)	Soil Description
0.0 - 1.0	Topsoil
1.0 – 3.5	Brown silty SAND with gravel and roots, fine-grained, moist to dry, loose <b>[SM]</b>
	<ul> <li>- 2', becomes gray-brown with trace roots, dry, medium-dense</li> <li>- 3', becomes gray, moist, cemented, dense (Glacial Till)</li> </ul>

Test Hole was terminated at 3.5 feet on October 1, 2021. No groundwater seepage was encountered in the test hole.

### **TEST HOLE 4**

Depth (feet)	Soil Description	
0.0 – 1.0	Topsoil	
1.0 – 3.0	<ul> <li>Reddish-brown silty SAND with roots, fine-grained, moist, loose [SM]</li> <li>2.5', becomes gray-brown mottled orange, loose to medium- dense</li> <li>3', becomes gray mottled orange and rust, damp, cemented, dense (Glacial Till)</li> </ul>	

Test Hole was terminated at 3.0 feet on October 1, 2021.

No groundwater seepage was encountered in the test hole.

### **TEST HOLE 5**

Depth (feet)	Soil Description
0.0 – 3.0+	Brown silty SAND with roots, gravel, and cobbles, fine-grained, dry,
	loose [SM]
Test Hole was termina	ated at 3 feet on October 1, 2021 due to refusal on large roots and

Test Hole was terminated at 3 feet on October 1, 2021 due to refusal on large roots and rocks after several attempts.

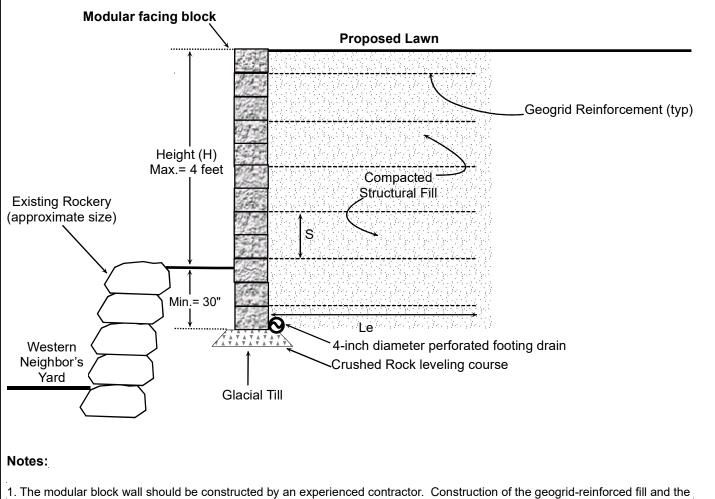
No groundwater seepage was encountered in the test hole.



# **TEST HOLE LOGS**

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- 1. The modular block wall should be constructed by an experienced contractor. Construction of the geogrid-reinforced fill and the modular block facing should be monitored by the geotechnical engineer.
- 2. The modular block wall must be constructed in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications. This includes their details for corners.
- 3. Modular blocks must have a minimum facing depth of 12 inches. Wall batter may be near vertical.
- 4. Geogrid Reinforcement should be Stratagrid 350, or a geogrid having similar strength and deformation properties. Substitutions should be submitted to the geotechnical engineer for approval prior to starting construction. Geogrids must be pulled taut prior to placement of fill.
- 5. The lowest layer of Geogrid Reinforcement should be at the same level as the final grade at the face of each modular block wall. The upper layer of Geogrid Reinforcement should be within 24 inches of the top of the modular block wall.
- 6. Geogrid spacing (S) is 16 inches. The geogrid reinforcement, Le, should be 6 feet in length for the above shown wall height.
- 7. Compacted Fill, and Structural Fill placed below the modular block wall and geogrids, should be an imported, free-draining granular fill. Samples of the proposed fill materials should be submitted to the geotechnical engineer for approval prior to starting construction. All fill should be placed with a maximum loose lift thickness of 12 inches and be compacted to at least 95 percent of the maximum Modified Proctor dry density (ASTM D-1557).
- 8. Surface water must be prevented from infiltrating into the Compacted Fill behind the wall blocks. The ground surface behind each modular block wall should be sloped so that no standing water can develop, as excessive water in the backfill can cause failure of the reinforced fill. During wet weather, the Compacted Fill behind the wall should be covered with plastic until the ground surface is sloped for proper drainage.
- 9. A Footing Drain consisting of a 4-inch perforated PVC pipe should be installed in the base of the Crushed Rock layer.

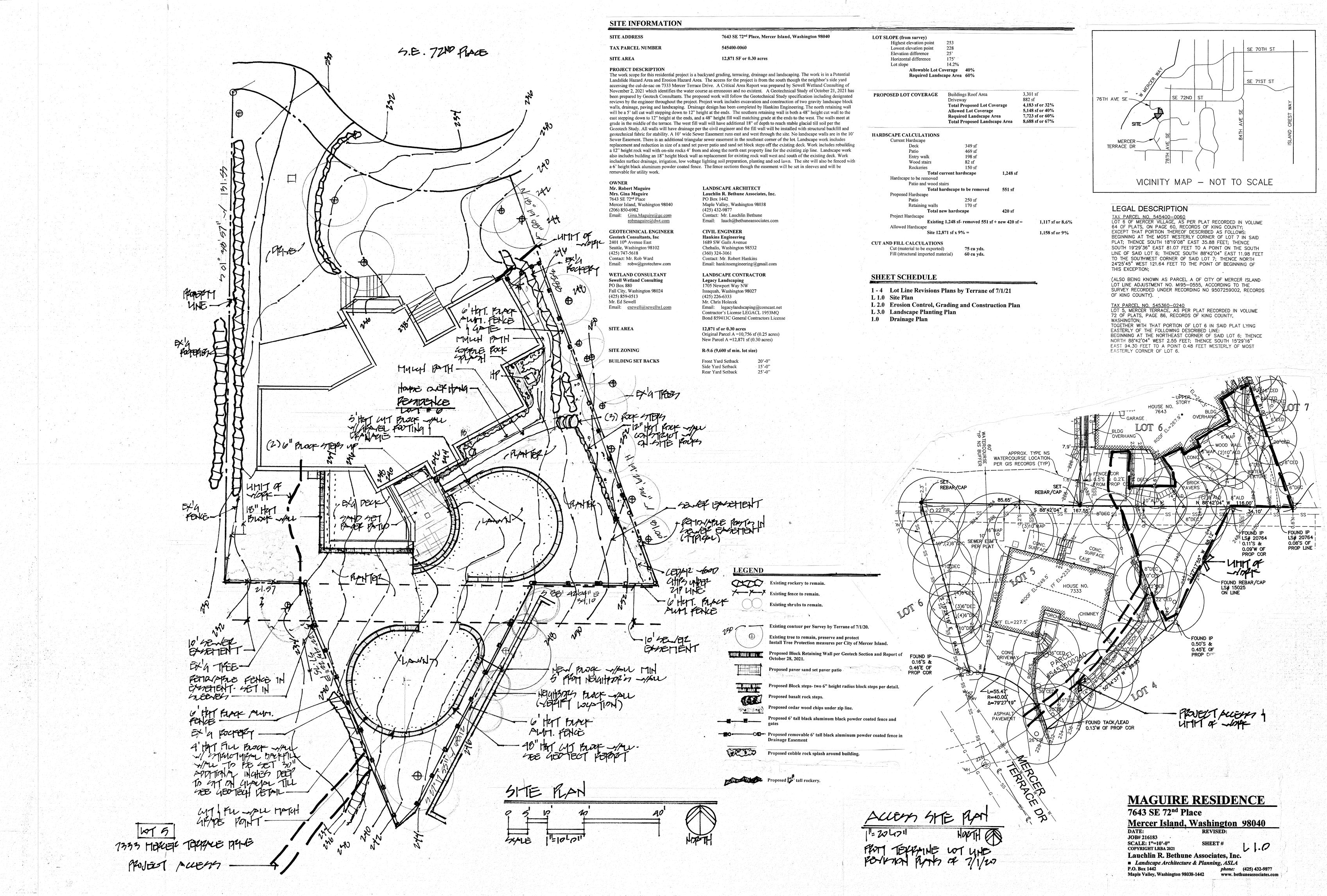
10. The final slope should be vegetated or landscaped to provide erosion protection.

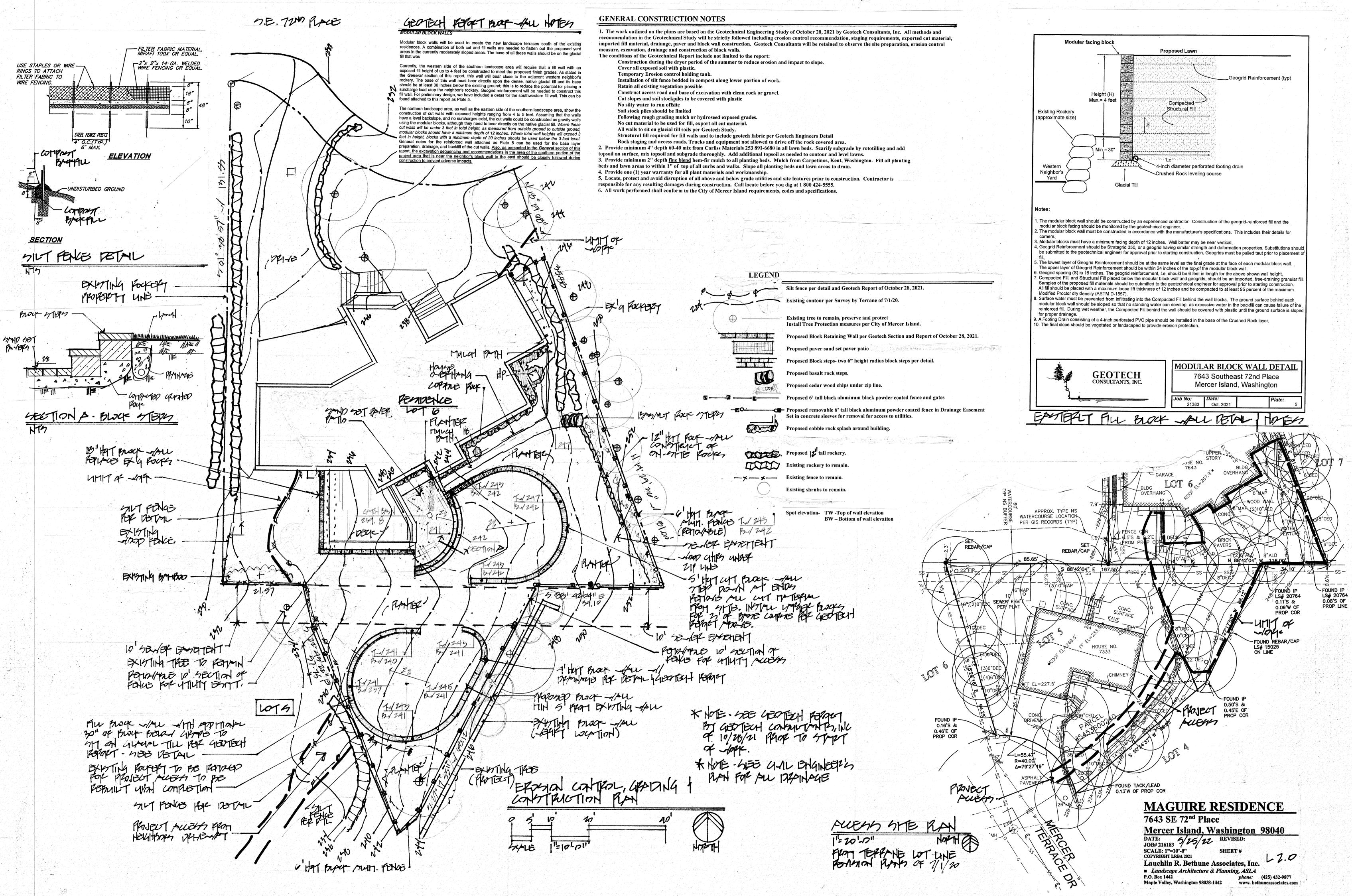


# MODULAR BLOCK WALL DETAIL

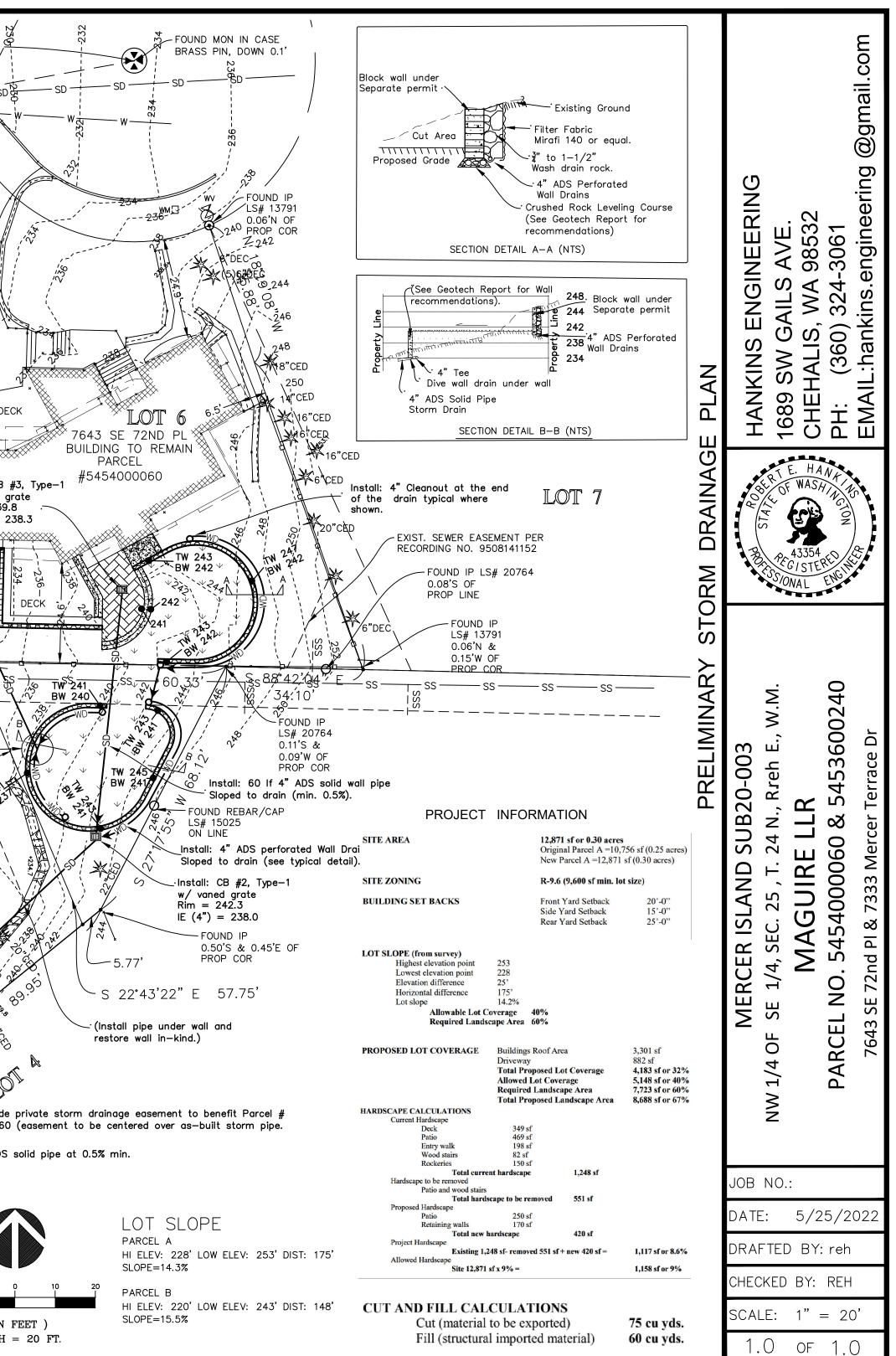
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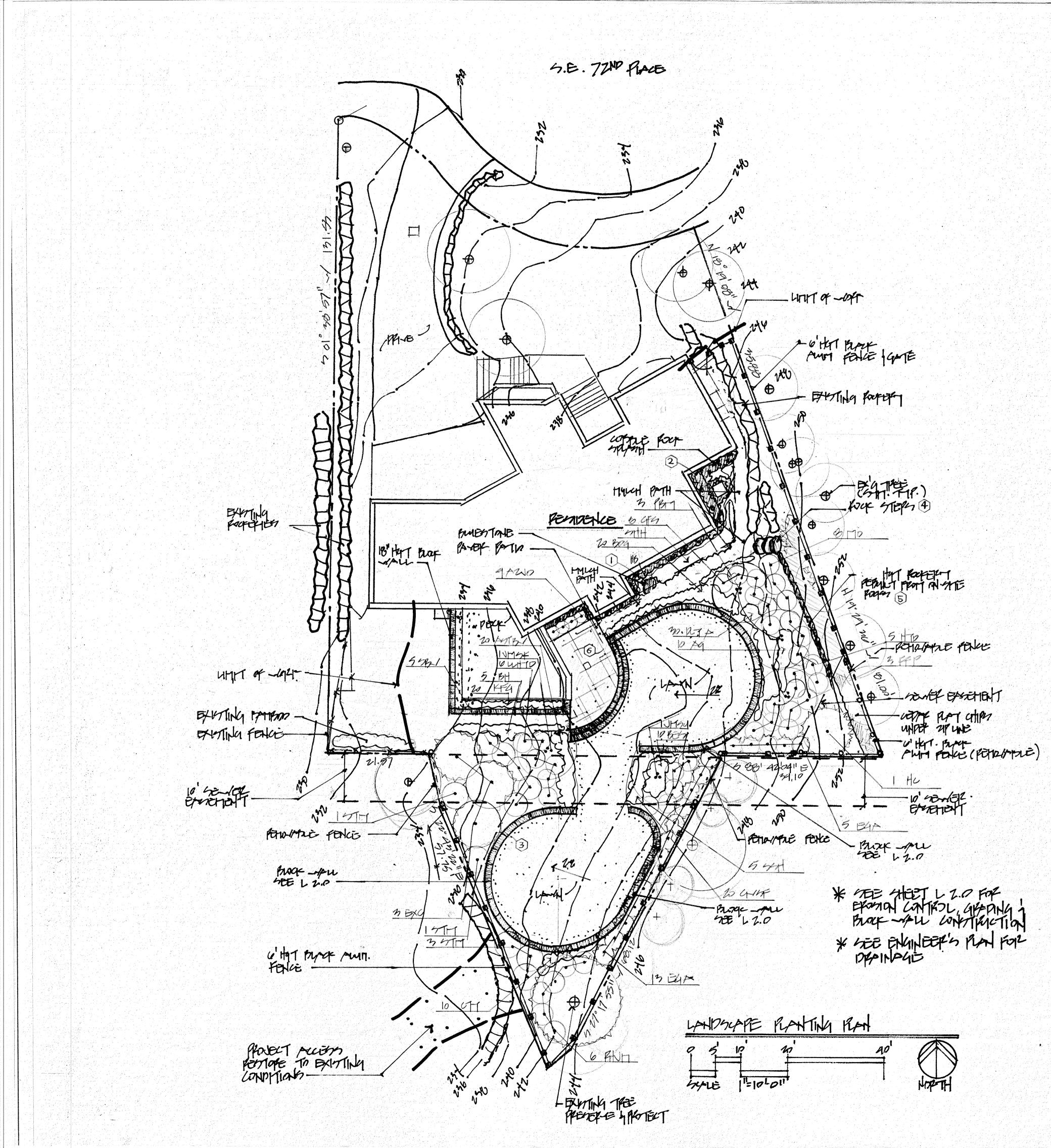
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<b>_egend:</b> Proposed Storm D	rain	G PL D
—SD—		G = 72ND - D = CB (TYPE 1)
Proposed Spot Ele TW 24 <u>1</u> BW 237	ev.	RIM=226.13' SD3
BW 237 Proposed Wall Dra	'n	D D D D D D D D D D D D D D D D D D D
		SD SET I
O = Clean Out		REBAR/CAP SD TEL SENTRY
TW = Top of Wa BW = Bottom o	f Wall	FOUND MON IN CASE RIM=230.80'
others. This stor	otes on the other sheets by m plan is for Storm Drainage	BRASS PIN, DOWN 0.2'
	o the new court yard with proposed wall drains. Site	4" ADS Solid wall Pipe
	d Survey is by others.	Storm Drain
Call before you c will be within the	lig for any and all utilities that project area.	Block wall under Separate permit
It may be peecibl	a ta aubatituta tha Catab	4" ADS Perforated
Basins to yard di	e to substitute the Catch ains, this will need to be	
	oved (by Engineer and the Itractor ordering material.	Dive wall drain under wall
	Geotec's Report for	4" Tee
recommendations	concerning Walls, grading	4" Tee
	e Site Plan for additional	4" ADS Perforated
nformation.		Wall Drains
STORM AND GRA	DING MATERIAL SPECIFICATIONS	Blow-Up Detail (NTS)
1. CATCH BASIN	TYPE I, W.S.D.O.T. STANDARD PLAN B-5.20-00 TYPE IL, W.S.D.O.T. STANDARD PLAN B-5.40-00	
	TYPE II, W.S.D.O.T. STANDARD PLAN B-10.20-00 STORM DRAIN MANHOLE TYPE I, W.S.D.O.T. STANDARD PLAN B-15.20-00	Install 4" ADS solid wall 7.9'
2. FRAME & GRATE:	VANED GRATE, W.S.D.O.T. STANDARD PLAN B-2b	Sloped to drain. 4" Wall drain out fall
	(AS NOTED ON PLANS). STANDARD FRAME AND GRATE, W.S.D.O.T.	IE = 233 + / -
	STANDARD B-30.50-00 CURB INLET WSDOT STANDARD PLAN B-25.20-00	(Stormwater Discharge is
3. SOLID METAL COVER:	3 BOLT LOCKING TYPE, OLYMPIC FOUNDARY TYPE MH 30D/T OR EQUAL FOR TYPE II CATCH BASINS.	at this outlet.) SET
	OLYMPIC FOUNDARY TYPE SM 605 OR W.S.D.O.T. STANDARD PLAN B-30.70-00 (OR EQUAL) FOR	85.65' 22
	TYPE I CATCH BASINS.	ss
4. STORM SEWER PIPE	*CORRUGATED METAL PIPE n=0.024 (CMP) PER W.S.D.O.T. 9-05.9	$2 - 1 - 1 - 2^{1} - 1 - 2^{1} - 2^{1} - 1 - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - 3^{1} - $
	*CONCRETE PIPE PER W.S.D.O.T. 9-05.7(1) & 9-05.7(2) n=0.012	
	*CORRUGATED HIGH DENSITY POLYETHYLENE PIPE (HDPE), ADS N-12 OR HANCOR HI-Q	VO' THE SEWER ESM'T - THINK -
5. DOWN SPOUT	(ASSHTO M294 TYPE S) n=0.012 ADS N-12 (OR EQUAL.)	
TIGH TLINE:		
6. PIPE BEDDING	W.S.D.O.T. 9-03.12(3) GRAVEL BACKFILL FOR PIPE BEDDING.	
7. INITIAL BACKFILL:	NATIVE MATERIAL OBTAINED FROM EXCAVATION PER	
	W.S.D.O.T. 7-08.3(3)	JOB SF JO
8. REMAINING BACKFILL:	NATIVE MATERIAL OBTAINED FROM EXCAVATION PER W.S.D.O.T. 2-09.3(1)E.	BUILDING TO REMAIN DR
GRADING NOTE		
DISCOVERY OF POOR	ALL NOTIFY THE ENGINEER IN THE EVENT OR SOILS, GROUNDWATER OR DISCREPANCIES	
	NDITIONS AS NOTED ON THE PLANS. EPNESS SHALL BE 2:1 HORIZONTAL: VERTICAL	
FOR CUT AND FILL S		
SET SHALL BE CONS	SPECIFIED, ALL EMBANKMENTS IN THE PLAN TRUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION	EX ASPH Pavement
	WSDOT STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS. EMBANKMENT CONFORM TO SECTION 2-03.3(14)C, METHOD	
	NED TO IMPOUND WATER SHALL BE	
COMPACTED TO 95%	MAXIMUM DENSITY PER SECTION 2-03.3(14)C, T STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS.	
5. ALL AREAS RECEIVIN	G FILL MATERIAL SHALL BE PREPARED BY	Ex. 4" ADS Roof Drain for Lot
UNSUITABLE MATERIA	N, NONCOMPLYING FILL, TOPSOIL AND OTHER AL, BY SCARIFYING THE SURFACE TO PROVIDE	This pipe daylights at the R/W 2 SD
STEEPER THAN 3 HO	EW FILL, AND WHERE THE SLOPES ARE DRIZONTAL TO 1 VERTICAL AND THE HEIGHT FT., BY BENCHING INTO SOUND COMPETENT	the ovicting CP ( CD (
	MINED BY THE ENGINEER.	Existing 4-inch store
	1	RIM=224.79' Install: CB #1, T E (4") 23" depth W/ solid lid
CALL 48 HOUR	Appr	rox. $IE = 222.87'$ $-226'$ $Rim = 231.0$ $IE (4") = 227.0$
BEFORE YOU		solid pipe
811 The second second	leasting of and the second second	Sloped to drain. Connect to existing
utilities are show	location of existing underground n on the plans. It is the	Sloped to drain. Connect to existing CB in the street. SSMH RIM=226.33'
contractor's resp	onsibility to determine the xisting utilities prior to	RIM=226.33'
location of the e		$\lambda = 100$
commencing work	amages that might be occasioned	





#### EXC HC **JMSK** JMSU PBM shrubs: AZJO FFP GFS HYD LLHYD MO RHJM SBV SSH STM

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trees:

EGA

grasses: BOG GVSF KFG symbols/ground covers:

AG

AST-BV BES BH CTY DLY A SHH 

# PLANT MATERIAL LEGEND

Common Name

**Emerald Green Arborvitae** Excelsa Cedar **Hinoke Cypress** Japanese Maple Sango Kaku Japanese Maple Seiryu Paperbark Maple

Azalea Johanna **Forest Flame Pieris** Spirea Goldflame Peegee Hydrangea Lime Light Hydrangea Mexican Orange Rhodo. "Jean Marie" Spring Bouquet Viburnun Spirea Shirobana Strawberry Madrone

**Blue Oat Grass** Golden Verigated Sweet Flag **Karl Foerster Grass** 

Agapanthus Astilbe -Bridal Veil **Black Eyed Susan Bishops Hat** Sarcococca - Dwarf

Candytuft Day Lilly

Thuja occidentallis "Emerald Green" Thuja plicata "excelsa" Chamaexcyparis obtusa "Hinoke Acer palmatum "Sango Kaku" Acer palmatum "Seiryu" Acer griseum

**Botanical Name** 

Same Pieris floribunda "Forest Flame" Spirea japonica "Goldflame" Hydrangea paniculata "Grandiflora" Hydrangea paniculata "Lime Light" Chosia tamata Chosia ternate Same Viburnum tinus "Spring Bouque Spirea shirobana Arbutus unedo

Helictotrichon sempervirens Acorus gramineus "Ogon" Calamagrostis x acutiflora

Agapanthus "Queen Anne" Astilbe ardensii 'Bridal Veil' Rudbeckia fulgida Epimedium grandiflorum Iberis sempervirens Hemerocallis "Anzac" Sarcococca hookeriana "Humilis

6' hgt./B&B 6' hgt./B&B 6' hgt./B&B 8' hgt./B&B, Specimen 6' hgt./B&B, Specimen 1.5" cal./B&B 12"x12"/cont.

Size

24" hgt./cont. 16" hgt./cont. 24" hgt./cont. 24" hgt/cont 24" hgt./cont. 21-24"/B&B 24" hgt./cont. 12" hgt./cont. 30" hgt./cont.

1 gal./cont. 1 gal./cont. 1 gal./cont.

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Lawn Sod from Country Green 1 800 300 1763

# SITE SPECIFIC NOTES

1 BLUE STONE PAVER. Blue Stone Paver from Marenakos Rock Center; Issaquah, WA (425) 392-3313. Blue Stone to be 1 1/2" thick set over 2" depth compacted rock and 1" depth washed sand.

2 ROCK SPLASH. Cobble rock 4-6" washed 10" deep and 12" wide, wider by heat pump

3 MODULAR BLOCK WALL. Per Geotech report of 10-28-21.

4 ROCK STEPS. Set basalt steps with flat tops and consistent riser secure steps form rocking with soil and gravel.

5 ROCK WALL ADJACENT ZIPLINE. Constructed with on-site rocks. 12" Har.

**[6]** SANDSET INTERLOCKING PAVERS. Sandset interlocking pavers contained with aluminum edging.

## GENERAL CONSTRUCTION NOTES

1. All work performed shall conform to the City of Mercer Island landscape and irrigation requirements, codes and specifications. 2. Owner to secure all necessary permits for required work per Landscape and Irrigation Plan. 3. Clean subgrade by removing all undesirable vegetation including grasses and weeds including roots. Leave subgrade

in landscape areas minimum 8" below paving for shrub beds and 6" depth for lawn. Remove all debris from site. 4. Provide minimum 8" depth 60-40 mix from Corliss Materials (253) 891-6680 in all shrub beds. Scarify subgrade by rototilling and add topsoil on surface, mix topsoil and subgrade thoroughly. Add additional topsoil as needed to contour shrub beds including required berms.

5. Provide minimum 4" depth 60-40 mix from Corliss Materials (253) 891-6680 in all lawn areas. Scarify subgrade by rototilling and add topsoil on surface. Add additional topsoil as needed to level and slope to drain at 2%. shrub beds including required berms.

6. Provide minimum 2" depth fine blend hem-fir mulch to all planting beds. Mulch from Sawdust Supply, Seattle. Fill all planting beds and lawn areas to within 1" of top of all curbs and walks. Slope all planting beds and lawn areas to drain. 7. Provide one (1) year warranty for all plant materials and workmanship.

8. Locate, protect and avoid disruption of all above and below grade utilities and site features prior to construction. Contractor is responsible for any resulting damages during construction. Call locate before you dig at 811.

9. Verify all quantities shown on the plant list and plans. If discrepancies exist between the graphic representation and the numeric totals, the graphic representation shall rule.

10. All plant materials to be specimen quality with full, symmetrical trunk and foliage, unless otherwise noted. 11. Insure proper drainage of all planting holes prior to installing plant materials. If planting holes do not drain or if heavy clay soils are evident contact landscape architect.

12. Coordinate drainage, irrigation and lighting with planting plan.

# **MAGUIRE RESIDENCE**

7643 SE 72<sup>nd</sup> Place Mercer Island, Washington 98040 DATE: 5/25/22 REVISED: JOB# 216183 SCALE: 1"=10'-0" COPYRIGHT LRBA 2021 1.3.0 Lauchlin R. Bethune Associates, Inc. Landscape Architecture & Planning, ASLA P.O. Box 1442 phone: (425) 432-9877 Maple Valley, Washington 98038-1442 www. bethuneassociates.con Ben and Carla Munger 2425 84th Avenue SE Mercer Island, WA 98040

January 21, 2022

To: City of Mercer Island

We are writing on behalf of our neighbors, Rob and Gina Maguire 7643 SE 72<sup>nd</sup> Place, to confirm that we have given them consent to access their backyard landscaping project through our property for approximately five weeks. They have talked through their project with us and sent us their plans and we are supporting them as good neighbors.

Thank you for your time,

Ben and Carla Munger

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