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RE: Geotechnical Evaluation
Proposed Additions
8413 SE 82nd Street
Mercer Island, Washington

In accordance with your authorization, Cobalt Geosciences, LLC has prepared this letter to discuss the results of our geotechnical evaluation at the referenced site.

The purpose of our evaluation was to provide recommendations for foundation design, grading, and earthwork.

Site and Project Description

The site is located at 8413 SE 82nd Street in Mercer Island, Washington. The site consists of one irregularly shaped parcel (No. 3625600080) with a total area of 16,550 square feet.

The northern and central portions of the site are developed with a single-family residence with basement areas and driveway.

The remainder of the site is undeveloped and vegetated with grasses, blackberry vines, understory, and variable diameter trees. The understory and trees are mostly prevalent on steep slope areas southeast of the property.

The developed portion of the site is locally level to slightly sloping downward to the west and southwest with relief of about 20 feet. These areas are landscaped and have local walls. There are timber walls and a block wall near the top of the steeper slope areas in the southeast corner of the property.

There is a mapped historic landslide feature and steep slope areas near the southeast corner of the property extending downward to the southeast. Slope magnitudes in the landslide feature are 30 to 80 percent (overall) with total relief of about 100 feet. The slope is vegetated with ferns, ivy, understory, and variable diameter trees.

The site either contains or is very close to areas with erosion, seismic, steep slope, and landslide hazard areas per City mapping.

The site is bordered to the east, west, and south by residential properties, and to the north by SE 82nd Street.

The proposed development includes additions to the northern portions of the residence. The additions include new foundation elements along with new framing on existing foundation elements.

Site grading may include cuts and fills of about 9 feet or less for foundation placement. Foundation loads are expected to be light. We should be provided with the final plans to verify that our recommendations remain valid and do not require updating.

Area Geology

The Geologic Map of Mercer Island, indicates that the site is underlain by Vashon Advance Outwash.

Vashon Advance Outwash includes fine to medium grained sand with gravel. These deposits are typically permeable and become denser with depth.

The map shows a scarp located near the top of the steep slope in the southern portion of the property. Landslide features are present south and southeast of the property.

Soil & Groundwater Conditions

As part of our evaluation, we drilled a hollow stem auger boring where accessible.

Disturbed soil samples were obtained during drilling by using the Standard Penetration Test (SPT) as described in ASTM D-1586. The Standard Penetration Test and sampling method consists of driving a standard 2-inch outside-diameter, split barrel sampler into the subsoil with a 140-pound hammer free falling a vertical distance of 30 inches. The summation of hammer-blows required to drive the sampler the final 12-inches of an 18-inch sample interval is defined as the Standard Penetration Resistance, or N-value. The blow count is presented graphically on the boring logs in this appendix. The resistance, or "N" value, provides a measure of the relative density of granular soils or of the relative consistency of cohesive soils.

The soils encountered were logged in the field and are described in accordance with the Unified Soil Classification System (USCS).

The boring encountered approximately 6 inches of topsoil underlain by approximately 9.5 feet of loose to medium dense, silty-fine to medium grained sand trace gravel (Glacial Till). These materials were underlain by medium dense to dense, fine to medium grained sand (Advance Outwash), which continued to the termination depth of the exploration.

Groundwater was observed approximately 11 feet below grade in the boring. Groundwater appears to be perched on slightly denser and finer grained outwash sands. Groundwater often collects at the base of glacial till and slowly migrates vertically through the outwash. Regional groundwater is likely at the base of the outwash and on top of the underlying silt deposits near the toe of the slope.

Water table elevations often fluctuate over time. The groundwater level will depend on a variety of factors that may include seasonal precipitation, irrigation, land use, climatic conditions and soil permeability. Water levels at the time of the field investigation may be different from those encountered during the construction phase of the project. It would be necessary to install a piezometer to determine groundwater depths over a typical year.

City of Mercer Island GIS Mapped Hazards

The City of Mercer Island GIS maps indicate that the site contains or is near a steep slope, potential slide/slide, seismic, and erosion hazard area. These designations are likely present due to a combination of historic mass wastage/landslide activity in steeper slope areas southeast of the site (with a scarp), close proximity of the property to the contact between outwash and underlying silts, and presence of outwash soils (erosion and seismic hazards).

It appears likely that the soil movements that created the current landforms likely occurred shortly after deglaciation about 11,000 years ago. Rapid de-watering of area slopes when ice dams fully melted resulted in massive landslides.

We did not observe evidence of recent landslide activity or severe erosion on the subject parcel. There is likely minor to moderate soil creep in steeper slope areas as indicated by curved tree trunks. This is common in areas with slope magnitudes of 50 percent or more.

Overall, the site areas that are developed appear stable at this time with no evidence of recent or ongoing erosion or landslide activity. It is our opinion that the risk of landslide activity and erosion can be maintained at a relatively low level with proper implementation of erosion control measures. It is our opinion that the seismic hazard risks are low.

The residence is approximately 40 to 50 feet from the top of the scarp and steep slope areas/historic landslide feature. The planned additions are located at least 70 feet from the top of this feature. The work can be completed without adversely affecting any geologic hazards provided temporary erosion control systems are fully in place during construction and until final landscaping is in place. The work will be located within already graded and developed areas and will be at least 70 feet from the steep slopes and severe hazard areas.

It should be noted that landslide activity will likely occur in the very steep slope areas located off site to the southeast periodically in the future. The combination of erodible outwash soils, already steep topography, moderate vegetation coverage, and presence of former landslide activity/features result in a moderate to high likelihood of landslide activity occurring in these areas. There is no cost effective method to reduce or eliminate the risk of landslide activity in these areas. As noted, the additions can be completed without altering the risk of landslide activity in the affected areas.

Statement of Risk

Per Section 19.07.160B2 of the Mercer Island City Code, development within geologic hazard areas require that a Geotechnical Engineer licensed within the State of Washington provide a statement of risk with supporting documentation indicating that one of the following conditions can be met:

a. The geologic hazard area will be modified, or the development has been designed so that the risk to the lot and adjacent property is eliminated or mitigated such that the site is determined to be safe; or

b. An evaluation of site specific subsurface conditions demonstrates that the proposed development is not located in a geologic hazard area; or

c. Development practices are proposed for the alteration that would render the development as safe as if it were not located in a geologic hazard area; or

d. The alteration is so minor as not to pose a threat to the public health, safety and welfare.

The project meets the criteria of d from above. Essentially, the additions are located a suitable distance from the hazard areas and within already graded and developed areas. This work will not increase or decrease slope stability or the level of any geologic hazards in the area.

Areas with higher risk of soil movements are situated southeast of the site, in areas where historic landslides appear to have occurred. This proposed development can be completed without adversely affecting geologic hazards near or within the site. The current addition locations appear suitable with regard to the steep slope hazards.

Erosion Hazard

The Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS) maps for King County indicate that the site is underlain by Kitsap silt loam (15 to 30 percent slopes). These soils would have a slight to severe erosion potential in a disturbed state depending on the slope magnitude.

It is our opinion that soil erosion potential at this project site can be reduced through landscaping and surface water runoff control. Typically, erosion of exposed soils will be most noticeable during periods of rainfall and may be controlled by the use of normal temporary erosion control measures, such as silt fences, hay bales, mulching, control ditches and diversion trenches. The typical wet weather season, with regard to site grading, is from October 31st to April 1st. Erosion control measures should be in place before the onset of wet weather.

Seismic Parameters

The overall subsurface profile corresponds to a Site Class *D* as defined by Table 1613.5.2 of the International Building Code (IBC). A Site Class *D* applies to an overall profile consisting of medium dense to very dense soils within the upper 100 feet.

We referenced the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) Earthquake Hazards Program Website to obtain values for S_S, S_1, F_a, and F_v. The USGS website includes the most updated published data on seismic conditions. The following tables provide seismic parameters from the USGS web site with referenced parameters from ASCE 7-16.

Seismic Design Parameters (ASCE 7-16)

Site Class	Spectral Acceleration at 0.2 sec. (g)	Spectral Acceleration at 1.0 sec. (g)	Site Coefficients		Design Spectral Response Parameters		Design PGA
			F_a	F_v	S_{DS}	S_{D1}	
D	1.466	0.505	1.0	Null	0.977	Null	0.627

Additional seismic considerations include liquefaction potential and amplification of ground motions by soft/loose soil deposits. The liquefaction potential is highest for loose sand with a high groundwater table.

The site has a relatively low likelihood of liquefaction due to the very dense soil conditions where groundwater is likely present. For items listed as "Null" see Section 11.4.8 of the ASCE.

Conclusions and Recommendations

General

The steep slope southeast of the residence has potential for shallow sloughing and landslide activity. The proposed additions can be completed without adversely affecting any critical areas or decreasing the current level of slope stability. The additions will be located at least 70 feet from the top of the landslide feature, which is about 100 feet in height.

Temporary erosion control measures must be in place during construction until final landscaping is in place. All drainage features must direct runoff away from slope areas.

The addition should be supported on medium dense native soils or on properly compacted structural fill on the native soils. Local overexcavation and/or recompaction of the native outwash may be necessary depending on foundation elevations. We must be on site to verify bearing capacity at foundation locations.

Site Preparation

Trees, shrubs and other vegetation should be removed prior to stripping of surficial organic-rich soil and fill. Based on observations from the site investigation program, it is anticipated that the stripping depth will be 6 to 18 inches. Deeper excavations will be necessary in any areas underlain by loose soils at depth and below foundation elements.

The native soils consist of silty-sand with gravel and poorly graded sands at greater depths. Some of the native soils may be used as structural fill provided they achieve compaction requirements and are within 3 percent of the optimum moisture. Some of these soils may only be suitable for use as fill during the summer months, as they will be above the optimum moisture levels in their current state. These soils are variably moisture sensitive and may degrade during periods of wet weather and under equipment traffic.

Imported structural fill should consist of a sand and gravel mixture with a maximum grain size of 3 inches and less than 5 percent fines (material passing the U.S. Standard No. 200 Sieve). Structural fill should be placed in maximum lift thicknesses of 12 inches and should be compacted to a minimum of 95 percent of the modified proctor maximum dry density, as determined by the ASTM D 1557 test method.

Temporary Excavations

Based on our understanding of the project, we anticipate that the grading could include local cuts on the order of approximately 8 feet or less for foundation placement. Temporary excavations should be sloped no steeper than 1.5H:1V (Horizontal:Vertical) in loose native soils and fill and 1H:1V in medium dense native soils. If an excavation is subject to heavy vibration or surcharge loads, we recommend that the excavations be sloped no steeper than 2H:1V, where room permits.

Temporary cuts should be in accordance with the Washington Administrative Code (WAC) Part N, Excavation, Trenching, and Shoring. Temporary slopes should be visually inspected daily by a qualified person during construction activities and the inspections should be documented in daily reports. The contractor is responsible for maintaining the stability of the temporary cut slopes and reducing slope erosion during construction.

Temporary cut slopes should be covered with visqueen to help reduce erosion during wet weather, and the slopes should be closely monitored until the permanent retaining systems or slope configurations are complete. Materials should not be stored or equipment operated within 10 feet of the top of any temporary cut slope.

Soil conditions may not be completely known from the geotechnical investigation. In the case of temporary cuts, the existing soil conditions may not be completely revealed until the excavation work exposes the soil. Typically, as excavation work progresses the maximum inclination of temporary slopes will need to be re-evaluated by the geotechnical engineer so that supplemental recommendations can be made. Soil and groundwater conditions can be highly variable.

Scheduling for soil work will need to be adjustable, to deal with unanticipated conditions, so that the project can proceed and required deadlines can be met.

If any variations or undesirable conditions are encountered during construction, we should be notified so that supplemental recommendations can be made. If room constraints or groundwater conditions do not permit temporary slopes to be cut to the maximum angles allowed by the WAC, temporary shoring systems may be required. The contractor should be responsible for developing temporary shoring systems, if needed. We recommend that Cobalt Geosciences and the project structural engineer review temporary shoring designs prior to installation, to verify the suitability of the proposed systems.

Foundation Design

The proposed additions may be supported on shallow spread footing foundation systems bearing on undisturbed medium dense or firmer native soils or on properly compacted structural fill placed on the suitable native soils. Any undocumented fill and/or loose native soils should be removed and replaced with structural fill below foundation elements. Structural fill below footings should consist of clean angular rock 5/8 to 4 inches in size. We should verify soil conditions during foundation excavation work.

For shallow foundation support, we recommend widths of at least 16 and 24 inches, respectively, for continuous wall and isolated column footings supporting the proposed structure. Provided that the footings are supported as recommended above, a net allowable bearing pressure of 2,000 pounds per square foot (psf) may be used for design.

A 1/3 increase in the above value may be used for short duration loads, such as those imposed by wind and seismic events. Structural fill placed on bearing, native subgrade should be compacted to at least 95 percent of the maximum dry density based on ASTM Test Method D1557. Footing excavations should be inspected to verify that the foundations will bear on suitable material.

Exterior footings should have a minimum depth of 18 inches below pad subgrade (soil grade) or adjacent exterior grade, whichever is lower. Interior footings should have a minimum depth of 12 inches below pad subgrade (soil grade) or adjacent exterior grade, whichever is lower.

If constructed as recommended, the total foundation settlement is not expected to exceed 1 inch. Differential settlement, along a 25-foot exterior wall footing, or between adjoining column footings, should be less than ½ inch. This translates to an angular distortion of 0.002. Most settlement is expected to occur during construction, as the loads are applied. However, additional post-construction settlement may occur if the foundation soils are flooded or saturated. All footing excavations should be observed by a qualified geotechnical consultant.

Resistance to lateral footing displacement can be determined using an allowable friction factor of 0.40 acting between the base of foundations and the supporting subgrades. Lateral resistance for footings can also be developed using an allowable equivalent fluid passive pressure of 250 pounds per cubic foot (pcf) acting against the appropriate vertical footing faces (neglect the upper 12 inches below grade in exterior areas). The frictional and passive resistance of the soil may be combined without reduction in determining the total lateral resistance.

Care should be taken to prevent wetting or drying of the bearing materials during construction. Any extremely wet or dry materials, or any loose or disturbed materials at the bottom of the footing excavations, should be removed prior to placing concrete. The potential for wetting or drying of the bearing materials can be reduced by pouring concrete as soon as possible after completing the footing excavation and evaluating the bearing surface by the geotechnical engineer or his representative.

Concrete Retaining Walls

The following table, titled **Wall Design Criteria**, presents the recommended soil related design parameters for retaining walls with a level backslope. Contact Cobalt if an alternate retaining wall system is used. This has been included for new cast in place walls, if any are proposed.

Wall Design Criteria	
"At-rest" Conditions (Lateral Earth Pressure – EFD+)	55 pcf (Equivalent Fluid Density)
"Active" Conditions (Lateral Earth Pressure – EFD+)	35 pcf (Equivalent Fluid Density)
Seismic Increase for "At-rest" Conditions (Lateral Earth Pressure)	14H* (Uniform Distribution)
Seismic Increase for "Active" Conditions (Lateral Earth Pressure)	7H* (Uniform Distribution)
Passive Earth Pressure on Low Side of Wall (Allowable, includes F.S. = 1.5)	Neglect upper 12 inches, then 250 pcf EFD+
Soil-Footing Coefficient of Sliding Friction (Allowable; includes F.S. = 1.5)	0.40

*H is the height of the wall; Increase based on one in 500 year seismic event (10 percent probability of being exceeded in 50 years),
+EFD – Equivalent Fluid Density. Assumes excavation into stiff to hard soils for passive pressures.

The stated lateral earth pressures do not include the effects of hydrostatic pressure generated by water accumulation behind the retaining walls. Uniform horizontal lateral active and at-rest pressures on the retaining walls from vertical surcharges behind the wall may be calculated using active and at-rest lateral earth pressure coefficients of 0.3 and 0.5, respectively. A soil unit weight of 125 pcf may be used to calculate vertical earth surcharges.

To reduce the potential for the buildup of water pressure against the walls, continuous footing drains (with cleanouts) should be provided at the bases of the walls. The footing drains should consist of a minimum 4-inch diameter perforated pipe, sloped to drain, with perforations placed down and enveloped by a minimum 6 inches of pea gravel in all directions.

The backfill adjacent to and extending a lateral distance behind the walls at least 2 feet should consist of free-draining granular material. All free draining backfill should contain less than 3 percent fines (passing the U.S. Standard No. 200 Sieve) based upon the fraction passing the U.S. Standard No. 4 Sieve with at least 30 percent of the material being retained on the U.S. Standard No. 4 Sieve. The primary purpose of the free-draining material is the reduction of hydrostatic pressure. Some potential for the moisture to contact the back face of the wall may exist, even with treatment, which may require that more extensive waterproofing be specified for walls, which require interior moisture sensitive finishes.

We recommend that the backfill be compacted to at least 90 percent of the maximum dry density based on ASTM Test Method D1557. In place density tests should be performed to verify adequate compaction. Soil compactors place transient surcharges on the backfill. Consequently, only light hand operated equipment is recommended within 3 feet of walls so that excessive stress is not imposed on the walls.

Stormwater Management Feasibility

We do not anticipate any new or alterations to existing stormwater management systems.

All stormwater should be collected and routed via tightline into City infrastructure. We can provide additional input if other systems are under consideration.

Slab-on-Grade

We recommend that the upper 18 inches of the existing native soils within slab areas be re-compacted to at least 95 percent of the modified proctor (ASTM D1557 Test Method).

Often, a vapor barrier is considered below concrete slab areas. However, the usage of a vapor barrier could result in curling of the concrete slab at joints. Floor covers sensitive to moisture typically requires the usage of a vapor barrier. A materials or structural engineer should be consulted regarding the detailing of the vapor barrier below concrete slabs. Exterior slabs typically do not utilize vapor barriers.

The American Concrete Institutes ACI 360R-06 Design of Slabs on Grade and ACI 302.1R-04 Guide for Concrete Floor and Slab Construction are recommended references for vapor barrier selection and floor slab detailing.

Slabs on grade may be designed using a coefficient of subgrade reaction of 180 pounds per cubic inch (pci) assuming the slab-on-grade base course is underlain by structural fill placed and compacted as outlined above. A 4- to 6-inch-thick capillary break layer should be placed over the prepared subgrade. This material should consist of pea gravel or 5/8 inch clean angular rock.

A perimeter drainage system is recommended unless interior slab areas are elevated a minimum of 12 inches above adjacent exterior grades. If installed, a perimeter drainage system should consist of a 4-inch diameter perforated drain pipe surrounded by a minimum 6 inches of drain rock wrapped in a non-woven geosynthetic filter fabric to reduce migration of soil particles into the drainage system. The perimeter drainage system should discharge by gravity flow to a suitable stormwater system.

Exterior grades surrounding buildings should be sloped at a minimum of one percent to facilitate surface water flow away from the building and preferably with a relatively impermeable surface cover immediately adjacent to the building.

Erosion and Sediment Control

Erosion and sediment control (ESC) is used to reduce the transportation of eroded sediment to wetlands, streams, lakes, drainage systems, and adjacent properties. Erosion and sediment control measures should be implemented, and these measures should be in general accordance with local regulations. At a minimum, the following basic recommendations should be incorporated into the design of the erosion and sediment control features for the site:

- Schedule the soil, foundation, utility, and other work requiring excavation or the disturbance of the site soils, to take place during the dry season (generally May through September). However, provided precautions are taken using Best Management Practices (BMP's), grading activities can be completed during the wet season (generally October through April).
- All site work should be completed and stabilized as quickly as possible.
- Additional perimeter erosion and sediment control features may be required to reduce the possibility of sediment entering the surface water. This may include additional silt fences, silt fences with a higher Apparent Opening Size (AOS), construction of a berm, or other filtration systems.
- Any runoff generated by dewatering discharge should be treated through construction of a sediment trap if there is sufficient space. If space is limited other filtration methods will need to be incorporated.

Utilities

We do not anticipate the need for any new utilities; however, the following information has been provided in case any new or modified existing utilities are proposed.

Utility trenches should be excavated according to accepted engineering practices following OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration) standards, by a contractor experienced in such work. The contractor is responsible for the safety of open trenches. Traffic and vibration adjacent to trench walls should be reduced; cyclic wetting and drying of excavation side slopes should be avoided. Depending upon the location and depth of some utility trenches, groundwater flow into open excavations could be experienced, especially during or shortly following periods of precipitation.

In general, silty and sandy soils were encountered at shallow depths in the explorations at this site. These soils have low cohesion and density and will have a tendency to cave or slough in excavations. Shoring or sloping back trench sidewalls is required within these soils in excavations greater than 4 feet deep.

All utility trench backfill should consist of imported structural fill or suitable on site soils. Utility trench backfill placed in or adjacent to buildings and exterior slabs should be compacted to at least 95 percent of the maximum dry density based on ASTM Test Method D1557. The upper 5 feet of utility trench backfill placed in pavement areas should be compacted to at least 95 percent of the maximum dry density based on ASTM Test Method D1557. Below 5 feet, utility trench backfill in pavement areas should be compacted to at least 90 percent of the maximum dry density based on ASTM Test Method D1557. Pipe bedding should be in accordance with the pipe manufacturer's recommendations.

The contractor is responsible for removing all water-sensitive soils from the trenches regardless of the backfill location and compaction requirements. Depending on the depth and location of the proposed utilities, we anticipate the need to re-compact existing fill soils below the utility structures and pipes. The contractor should use appropriate equipment and methods to avoid damage to the utilities and/or structures during fill placement and compaction procedures.

CONSTRUCTION FIELD REVIEWS

Cobalt Geosciences should be retained to provide part time field review during construction in order to verify that the soil conditions encountered are consistent with our design assumptions and that the intent of our recommendations is being met. This will require field and engineering review to:

- Monitor and test structural fill placement and soil compaction
- Observe bearing capacity at foundation locations
- Observe slab-on-grade preparation
- Monitor foundation drainage placement
- Observe excavation stability

Geotechnical design services should also be anticipated during the subsequent final design phase to support the structural design and address specific issues arising during this phase. Field and engineering review services will also be required during the construction phase in order to provide a Final Letter for the project.

CLOSURE

This report was prepared for the exclusive use of Sturman Architects and their appointed consultants. Any use of this report or the material contained herein by third parties, or for other than the intended purpose, should first be approved in writing by Cobalt Geosciences, LLC.

The recommendations contained in this report are based on assumed continuity of soils with those of our test holes and assumed structural loads. Cobalt Geosciences should be provided with final architectural and civil drawings when they become available in order that we may review our design recommendations and advise of any revisions, if necessary.

Use of this report is subject to the Statement of General Conditions provided in Appendix A. It is the responsibility of Sturman Architects who is identified as “the Client” within the Statement of General Conditions, and its agents to review the conditions and to notify Cobalt Geosciences should any of these not be satisfied.

Sincerely,

Cobalt Geosciences, LLC

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Statement of General Conditions

USE OF THIS REPORT: This report has been prepared for the sole benefit of the Client or its agent and may not be used by any third party without the express written consent of Cobalt Geosciences and the Client. Any use which a third party makes of this report is the responsibility of such third party.

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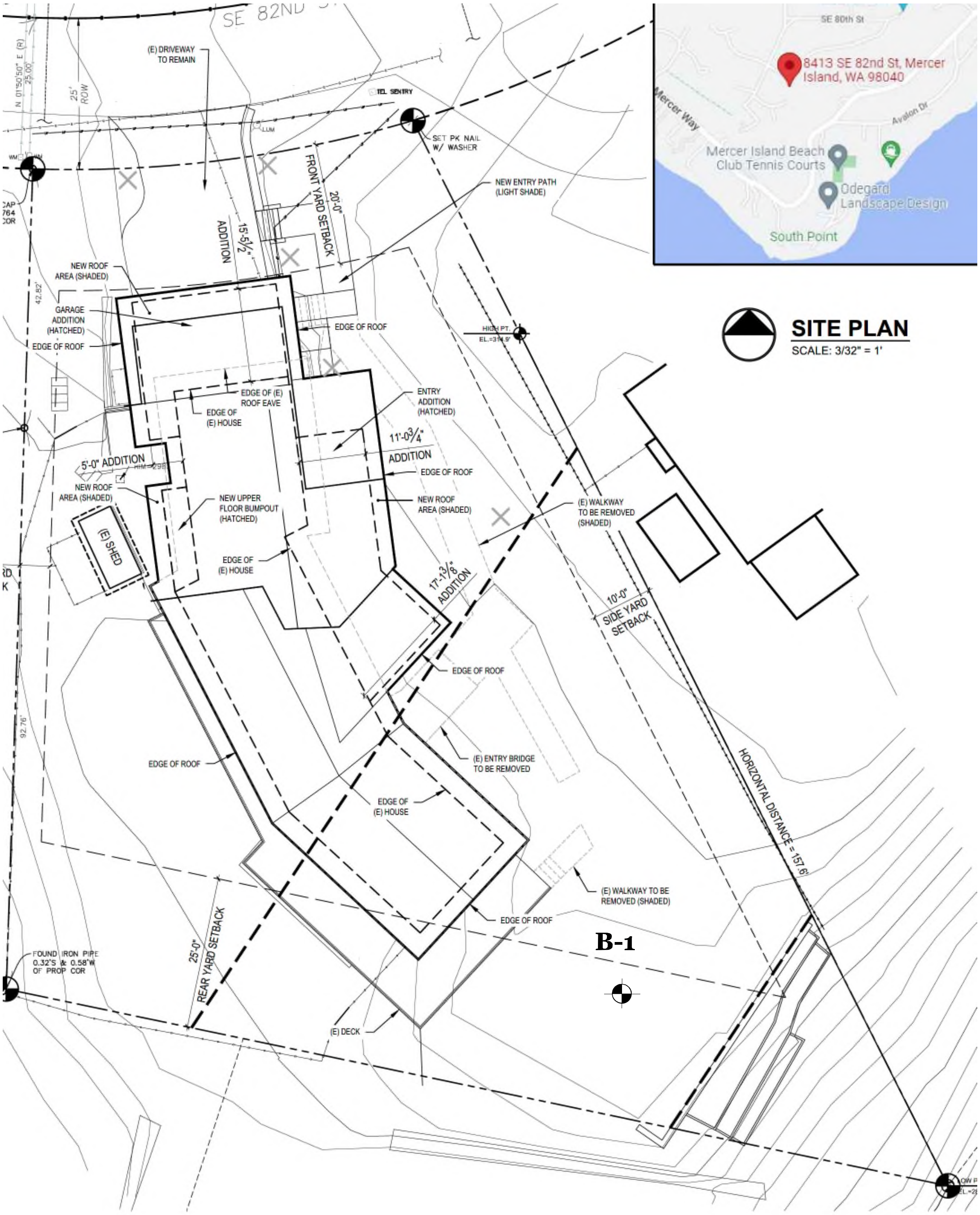
INTERPRETATION OF SITE CONDITIONS: Soil, rock, or other material descriptions, and statements regarding their condition, made in this report are based on site conditions encountered by Cobalt Geosciences at the time of the work and at the specific testing and/or sampling locations. Classifications and statements of condition have been made in accordance with normally accepted practices which are judgmental in nature; no specific description should be considered exact, but rather reflective of the anticipated material behavior. Extrapolation of in situ conditions can only be made to some limited extent beyond the sampling or test points. The extent depends on variability of the soil, rock and groundwater conditions as influenced by geological processes, construction activity, and site use.

VARYING OR UNEXPECTED CONDITIONS: Should any site or subsurface conditions be encountered that are different from those described in this report or encountered at the test locations, Cobalt Geosciences must be notified immediately to assess if the varying or unexpected conditions are substantial and if reassessments of the report conclusions or recommendations are required. Cobalt Geosciences will not be responsible to any party for damages incurred as a result of failing to notify Cobalt Geosciences that differing site or sub-surface conditions are present upon becoming aware of such conditions.

PLANNING, DESIGN, OR CONSTRUCTION: Development or design plans and specifications should be reviewed by Cobalt Geosciences, sufficiently ahead of initiating the next project stage (property acquisition, tender, construction, etc), to confirm that this report completely addresses the elaborated project specifics and that the contents of this report have been properly interpreted. Specialty quality assurance services (field observations and testing) during construction are a necessary part of the evaluation of sub-subsurface conditions and site preparation works. Site work relating to the recommendations included in this report should only be carried out in the presence of a qualified geotechnical engineer; Cobalt Geosciences cannot be responsible for site work carried out without being present.



B-1 **Approximate Boring Location**

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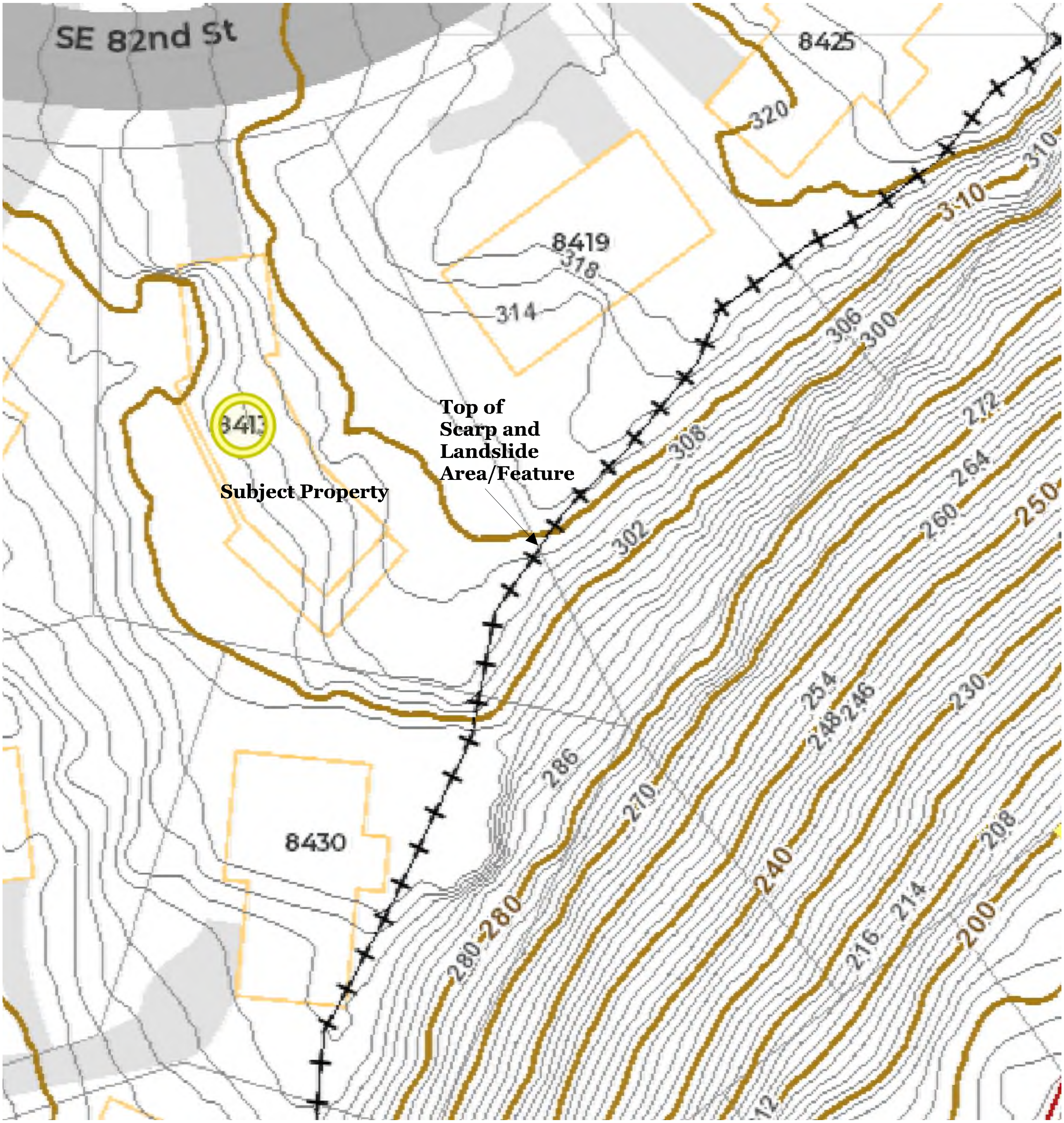
Provided site plan

COBALT GEOSCIENCES	Proposed Additions 8413 SE 82nd Street Mercer Island, Washington	**SITE PLAN** **FIGURE 1**	Cobalt Geosciences, LLC P.O. Box 82243 Kenmore, WA 98028 (206) 331-1097 www.cobaltgeo.com cobaltgeo@gmail.com



Mercer Island GIS Map

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GIS MAP FIGURE 2

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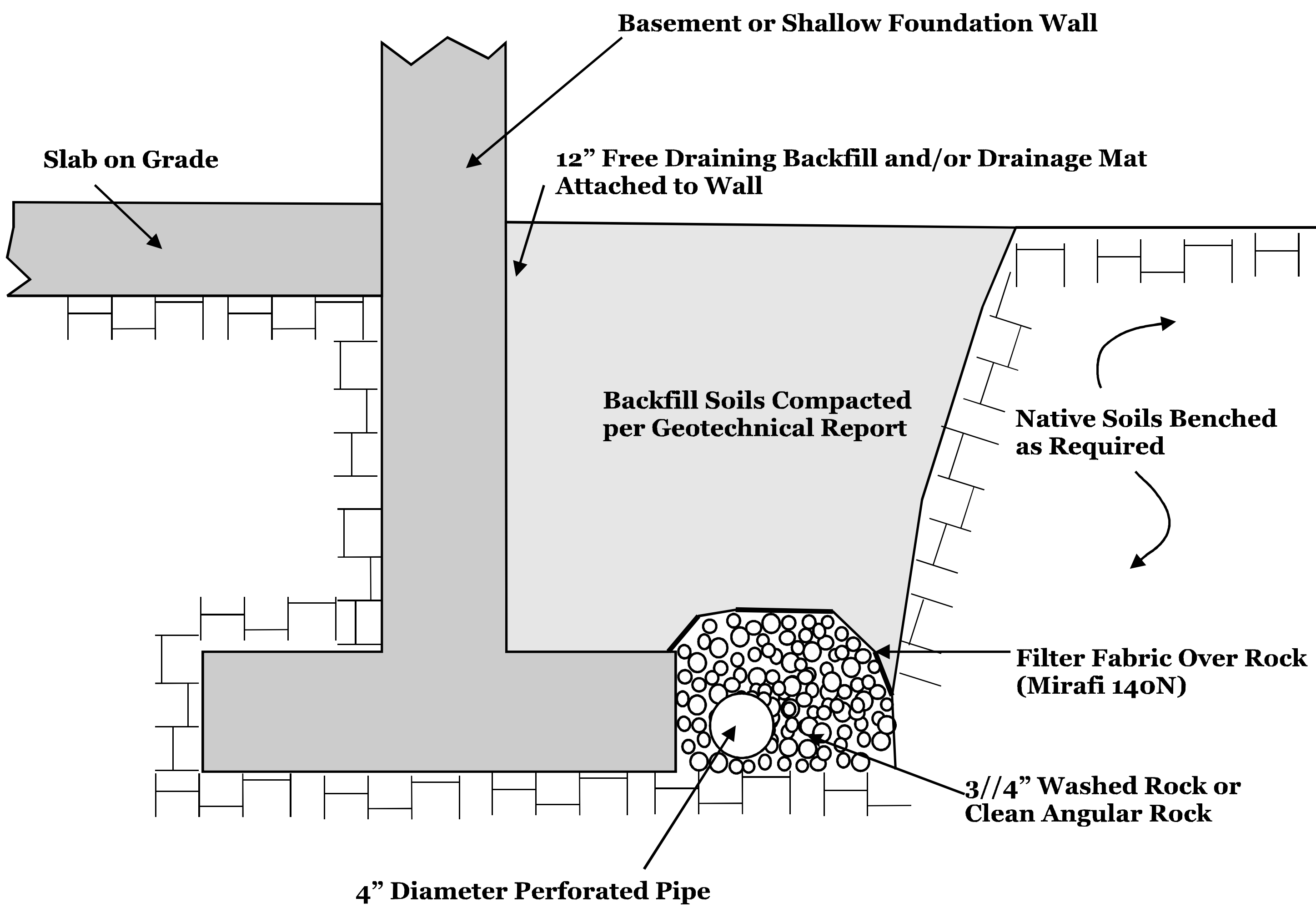

Not to Scale

COBALT GEOSCIENCES	**Typical Foundation Drain Detail**	**Attachment**	Cobalt Geosciences, LLC PO Box 1792 North Bend, WA 98045 (206) 331-1097 www.cobaltgeo.com phil@cobaltgeo.com

Unified Soil Classification System (USCS)

MAJOR DIVISIONS			SYMBOL	TYPICAL DESCRIPTION
COARSE GRAINED SOILS (more than 50% retained on No. 200 sieve)	Gravels (more than 50% of coarse fraction retained on No. 4 sieve)	Clean Gravels (less than 5% fines)	GW	Well-graded gravels, gravels, gravel-sand mixtures, little or no fines
			GP	Poorly graded gravels, gravel-sand mixtures, little or no fines
		Gravels with Fines (more than 12% fines)	GM	Silty gravels, gravel-sand-silt mixtures
			GC	Clayey gravels, gravel-sand-clay mixtures
	Sands (50% or more of coarse fraction passes the No. 4 sieve)	Clean Sands (less than 5% fines)	SW	Well-graded sands, gravelly sands, little or no fines
			SP	Poorly graded sand, gravelly sands, little or no fines
		Sands with Fines (more than 12% fines)	SM	Silty sands, sand-silt mixtures
			SC	Clayey sands, sand-clay mixtures
FINE GRAINED SOILS (50% or more passes the No. 200 sieve)	Silts and Clays (liquid limit less than 50)	Inorganic	ML	Inorganic silts of low to medium plasticity, sandy silts, gravelly silts, or clayey silts with slight plasticity
			CL	Inorganic clays of low to medium plasticity, gravelly clays, sandy clays silty clays, lean clays
		Organic	OL	Organic silts and organic silty clays of low plasticity
	Silts and Clays (liquid limit 50 or more)	Inorganic	MH	Inorganic silts, micaceous or diatomaceous fine sands or silty soils, elastic silt
			CH	Inorganic clays of medium to high plasticity, sandy fat clay, or gravelly fat clay
		Organic	OH	Organic clays of medium to high plasticity, organic silts
HIGHLY ORGANIC SOILS	Primarily organic matter, dark in color, and organic odor		PT	Peat, humus, swamp soils with high organic content (ASTM D4427)

Classification of Soil Constituents

MAJOR constituents compose more than 50 percent, by weight, of the soil. Major constituents are capitalized (i.e., SAND).

Minor constituents compose 12 to 50 percent of the soil and precede the major constituents (i.e., silty SAND). Minor constituents preceded by "slightly" compose 5 to 12 percent of the soil (i.e., slightly silty SAND).

Trace constituents compose 0 to 5 percent of the soil (i.e., slightly silty SAND, trace gravel).

Relative Density (Coarse Grained Soils)

N, SPT, Blows/FT	Relative Density
0 - 4	Very loose
4 - 10	Loose
10 - 30	Medium dense
30 - 50	Dense
Over 50	Very dense

Consistency (Fine Grained Soils)

N, SPT, Blows/FT	Relative Consistency
Under 2	Very soft
2 - 4	Soft
4 - 8	Medium stiff
8 - 15	Stiff
15 - 30	Very stiff
Over 30	Hard

Grain Size Definitions

Description	Sieve Number and/or Size
Fines	<#200 (0.08 mm)
Sand	
-Fine	#200 to #40 (0.08 to 0.4 mm)
-Medium	#40 to #10 (0.4 to 2 mm)
-Coarse	#10 to #4 (2 to 5 mm)
Gravel	
-Fine	#4 to 3/4 inch (5 to 19 mm)
-Coarse	3/4 to 3 inches (19 to 76 mm)
Cobbles	3 to 12 inches (75 to 305 mm)
Boulders	>12 inches (305 mm)

Moisture Content Definitions

Dry	Absence of moisture, dusty, dry to the touch
Moist	Damp but no visible water
Wet	Visible free water, from below water table

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Soil Classification Chart

Figure C1

Log of Boring B-1

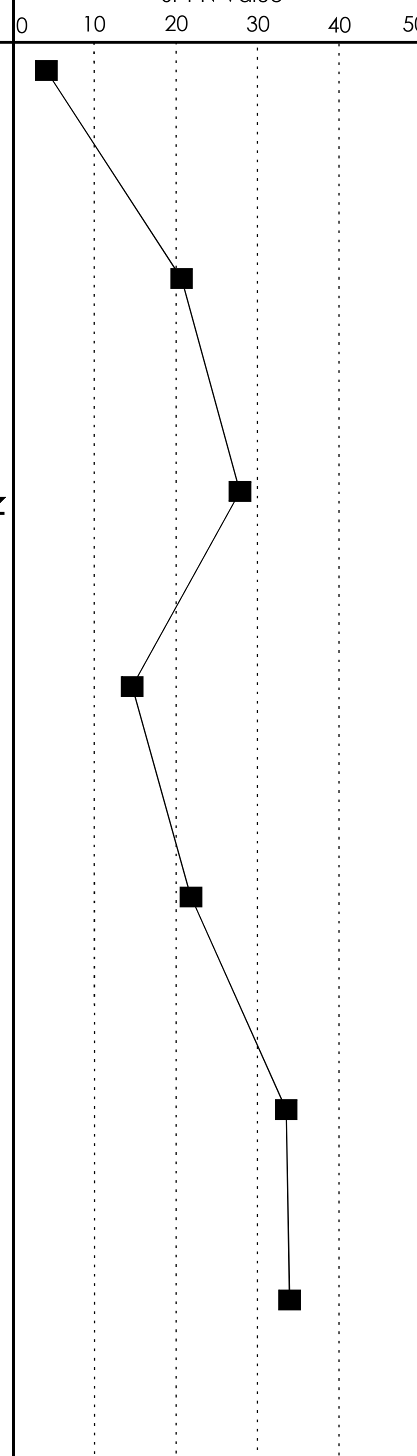
Date: February 2024	Depth: 31.5'	Initial Groundwater: 11'
Contractor: CN	Elevation:	Sample Type: Split Spoon
Method: Hollow Stem Auger	Logged By: KK Checked By: PH	Final Groundwater: N/A

Depth (Feet)	Interval	% Recovery	Blows/6"	Graphic Log	USCS Symbol	Material Description	Groundwater
0	■		1			Vegetation/Topsoil	
			2 2		SM	Loose to medium dense, silty-fine to medium grained sand with gravel, yellowish brown to grayish brown, moist. (Glacial Till)	
2							
4							
6	■		4 9 12				
8							
10	■		14 15 13		SP	Medium dense to dense, fine to medium grained sand trace gravel, grayish brown, moist to wet. (Advance Outwash)	▼
12							
14							
16	■		5 6 7				
18							
20	■		6 9 12				
22							
24							
26	■		8 13 19				
28							
30	■		8 12 20				
32						End of Boring 31.5'	
34							

Moisture Content (%)

Plastic Limit ●—— Liquid Limit

SPT N-Value



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Boring Log