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Dear Mr. Arms:

As requested, The Riley Group, Inc. (RGI) has prepared this Geotechnical Engineering Report (GER) for the above-referenced site. Our services were completed in accordance with our proposal 2020-404-PRP1 dated August 13, 2020 and authorized by you on August 19, 2020. The information in this GER is based on our understanding of the proposed construction, and the soil and groundwater conditions encountered in the test pits and completed by RGI at the site on August 28, 2020.

RGI recommends the project plans and specifications be submitted for a general review so that RGI may confirm that the recommendations in this GER are interpreted and implemented properly in the construction documents. RGI also recommends that a representative of our firm be present on site during portions of the project construction to confirm that the soil and groundwater conditions are consistent with those that form the basis for the engineering recommendations in this GER.

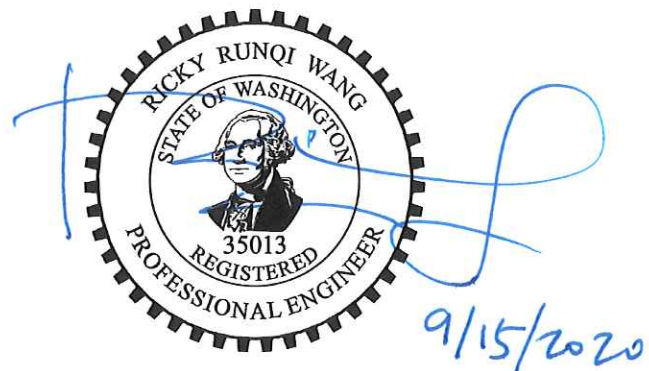
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## Executive Summary

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This Executive Summary should be used in conjunction with the entire GER for design and/or construction purposes. It should be recognized that specific details were not included or fully developed in this section, and this GER must be read in its entirety for a comprehensive understanding of the items contained herein. Section 7.0 should be read for an understanding of limitations.

RGI's geotechnical scope of work included the advancement of three test pits to depths up to 9 feet below ground surface (bgs).

Based on the information obtained from our subsurface exploration, the site is suitable for development of the proposed project. The following geotechnical considerations were identified.

**Soil Conditions:** The soils encountered include stiff to very stiff silt, silt with some sand, and sandy silt.

**Groundwater:** Groundwater was not encountered during our field exploration.

**Foundations:** Foundations for the proposed buildings can be supported on conventional continuous and spread footings bearing on medium dense native soil or new structural fill.

**Slab-on-grade:** Slab-on-grade floors for the proposed building can be supported on medium dense native soil or new structural fill.

**Pavements:** The following pavement sections are recommended for driveways:

- **Flexible** : 3 inches of hot mix asphalt (HMA) over 6 inches of crushed rock base (CRB) over compacted subgrade
- **Concrete**: 5 inches of concrete over 4 inches of CRB over compacted subgrade

## **1.0 Introduction**

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This Geotechnical Engineering Report (GER) presents the results of the geotechnical engineering services provided for the proposed Mercer Island 3-Lot in Mercer Island, Washington. The purpose of this GER is to assess subsurface conditions and provide geotechnical recommendations for the construction of 3 single-family residences with associated facilities and driveways. Our scope of services included field explorations, laboratory testing, engineering analyses, and preparation of this GER.

The recommendations in the following sections of this GER are based upon our current understanding of the proposed site development as outlined below. If actual features vary or changes are made, RGI should review them in order to modify our recommendations as required. In addition, RGI requests to review the site grading plan, final design drawings and specifications when available to verify that our project understanding is correct and that our recommendations have been properly interpreted and incorporated into the project design and construction.

## **2.0 Project Description**

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The site is located at 7621 Southwest 22nd Street in Mercer Island, Washington. The approximate location of the site is shown on Figure 1. The site is currently occupied by a single-family residence in the middle portion of the site.

RGI understands that the client plans to demolish the existing structure and develop the site into 3 residential lots. Our understanding of the project is based on site plan prepared by Architecture Innovations dated April 23, 2020.

Based on our experience with similar construction, RGI anticipates that the proposed buildings will be supported on perimeter walls with bearing loads of 2 to 3 kips per linear foot, and a series of columns with a maximum load up to 100 kips. Slab-on-grade floor loading of 250 pounds per square foot (psf) are expected.

## **3.0 Field Exploration and Laboratory Testing**

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### **3.1 FIELD EXPLORATION**

On August 28, 2020, RGI observed the excavation of three test pits across the site. The approximate exploration locations are shown on Figure 2.

Field logs of each exploration were prepared by the geologist who continuously observed the excavation. These logs included visual classifications of the materials encountered during excavation as well as our interpretation of the subsurface conditions between samples. The test pit logs included in Appendix A represent an interpretation of the field

logs and include modifications based on laboratory observation and analysis of the samples.

### **3.2 LABORATORY TESTING**

During the field investigation, a representative portion of each recovered sample was sealed in containers and transported to our laboratory for further visual and laboratory examination. Samples retrieved from the test pits were tested for moisture content and grain size to aid in soil classification and provide input for the recommendations provided in this GER. The results and descriptions of the laboratory tests are enclosed in Appendix A.

## **4.0 Site Conditions**

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### **4.1 SURFACE**

The site is an irregular-shaped land including a tax parcel with a total area of approximately 25,218 square feet in size. The site is bound to the north by Southeast 22nd Street, and to the east, south, and west by residential properties.

The site is occupied by a residential building in the middle portion of the site. The site slopes from southwest to the northeast with a slope gradient of about 10 to 15 percent, with the southern portion of the property containing an approximately 10-foot-high southeast facing slope that descends at gradients of about 26 to 33 percent. The total elevation change across the site is approximately 20 feet. The site is vegetated with grass, mixed brush and ferns, decorative plants and shrubs, and small- to large-diameter trees.

### **4.2 GEOLOGY**

Review of the *Geologic Map of Mercer Island, Washington* by Kathy G. Troost, etc, (2006) indicates that the soil through most of the site is mapped as Vashon till (Map Unit Qvt) that consists of a dense to very dense mixture of silt, sand, and gravel deposited at the base of the Vashon ice sheet. The eastern edge of the site is mapped as Recessional outwash deposits (Qvr) which is stratified sand and gravel with localized silty sand and silt, deposited by meltwater streams issuing from the retreating Vashon ice sheet. Much of the site is secondarily mapped as mass wastage deposits. The native soils encountered below the site appears to be different from what was described in the geology map, possibly Lawton Clay (Qvlc) which is laminated to massive silt and clay with scattered dropstones deposited in proglacial lakes. Evidence of mass wastage was observed at the site.

### **4.3 SOILS**

The soils encountered include stiff to very stiff silt, silt with some sand, and sandy silt.

More detailed descriptions of the subsurface conditions encountered are presented in the test pit logs included in Appendix A. Sieve analysis was performed on four selected soil samples. The grain-size distribution curve is included in Appendix A.

#### 4.4 GROUNDWATER

Groundwater was not encountered during our field exploration.

It should be recognized that fluctuations of the groundwater table will occur due to seasonal variations in the amount of rainfall, runoff, and other factors not evident at the time the explorations were performed. In addition, perched water can develop within seams and layers contained in fill soils or higher permeability soils overlying less permeable soils following periods of heavy or prolonged precipitation.

#### 4.5 SEISMIC CONSIDERATIONS

Based on the 2015 International Building Code (IBC), RGI recommends the follow seismic parameters in Table 1 be used for design.

**Table 1 IBC Seismic Parameters**

2012/2015 IBC Parameter	Value
Site Soil Class <sup>1</sup>	D <sup>2</sup>
Site Latitude	47.590989 N
Site Longitude	122.236687 W
Maximum considered earthquake spectral response acceleration parameters (g)	$S_s = 1.365$ , $S_1 = 0.526$
Spectral response acceleration parameters adjusted for site class (g)	$S_{m5} = 1.365$ , $S_{m1} = 0.789$
Design spectral response acceleration parameters (g)	$S_{ds} = 0.91$ , $S_{d1} = 0.526$

1 Note: In general accordance with the USGS 2015 International Building Code. IBC Site Class is based on the average characteristics of the upper 100 feet of the subsurface profile.

2 Note: The 2015 International Building Code requires a site soil profile determination extending to a depth of 100 feet for seismic site classification. The current scope of our services does not include the required 100 foot soil profile determination. Explorations extended to a maximum depth of 9 feet, and this seismic site class definition considers that very dense soil continues below the maximum depth of the subsurface exploration.

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

RGI reviewed the results of the field and laboratory testing and assessed the potential for liquefaction of the site's soil during an earthquake. Based on the soil and groundwater conditions encountered, RGI considers that the possibility of liquefaction during an earthquake is minimal.

#### **4.6 GEOLOGIC HAZARD AREAS**

RGI reviewed the City of Bellevue Municipal Codes. The review indicates that the eastern portion of the site is mapped as erosion hazard. Erosion and Sediment control recommendations are provide below.

### **5.0 Discussion and Recommendations**

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#### **5.1 GEOTECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Based on our observations, explorations and analysis, the site is suitable for the proposed construction from a geotechnical standpoint. RGI recommends that foundations for the proposed buildings be supported on conventional spread footings bearing on medium dense native soil or new structural fill if needed. Slab-on-grade floors and pavement sections can be similarly supported on competent native soil or structural fill.

Detailed recommendations regarding the above issues and other geotechnical design considerations are provided in the following sections. These recommendations should be incorporated into the final design drawings and construction specifications.

#### **5.2 EARTHWORK**

The earthwork for the project is expected to including mass grading of the site to provide lot and access roadway grades, excavation and backfilling of the detention vault, installing underground utilities, and excavating and backfilling the residence foundations. The earthwork should take place in the dry season (June through September).

##### **5.2.1 EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL**

Potential sources or causes of erosion and sedimentation depend on construction methods, slope length and gradient, amount of soil exposed and/or disturbed, soil type, construction sequencing and weather. The impacts on erosion-prone areas can be reduced by implementing an erosion and sedimentation control plan. The plan should be designed in accordance with applicable city and/or county standards.

RGI recommends the following erosion control Best Management Practices (BMPs):

- Scheduling site preparation and grading for the drier summer and early fall months and undertaking activities that expose soil during periods of little or no rainfall
- Establishing a quarry spall construction entrance



- Installing siltation control fencing or anchored straw or coir wattles on the downhill side of work areas
- Covering soil stockpiles with anchored plastic sheeting
- Revegetating or mulching exposed soils with a minimum 3-inch thickness of straw if surfaces will be left undisturbed for more than one day during wet weather or one week in dry weather
- Directing runoff away from exposed soils and slopes
- Minimizing the length and steepness of slopes with exposed soils and cover excavation surfaces with anchored plastic sheeting (Graded and disturbed slopes should be tracked in place with the equipment running perpendicular to the slope contours so that the track marks provide a texture to help resist erosion and channeling. Some sloughing and raveling of slopes with exposed or disturbed soil should be expected.)
- Decreasing runoff velocities with check dams, straw bales or coir wattles
- Confining sediment to the project site
- Inspecting and maintaining erosion and sediment control measures frequently (The contractor should be aware that inspection and maintenance of erosion control BMPs is critical toward their satisfactory performance. Repair and/or replacement of dysfunctional erosion control elements should be anticipated.)

Permanent erosion protection should be provided by reestablishing vegetation using hydroseeding and/or landscape planting. Until the permanent erosion protection is established, site monitoring should be performed by qualified personnel to evaluate the effectiveness of the erosion control measures. Provisions for modifications to the erosion control system based on monitoring observations should be included in the erosion and sedimentation control plan.

### **5.2.2 STRIPPING**

Stripping efforts should include removal of pavements, vegetation, organic materials, and deleterious debris from areas slated for building, pavement, and utility construction. The test pits encountered 6 to 10 inches of topsoil. Deeper areas of stripping and excavation may be required.

### **5.2.3 EXCAVATIONS**

All temporary cut slopes associated with the site and utility excavations should be adequately inclined to prevent sloughing and collapse. The site soils consist of medium dense to very dense silty sand soils which are classified as Group B soil.

Accordingly, for excavations more than 4 feet but less than 20 feet in depth, the temporary side slopes should be laid back with a slope inclination no steeper than 1H:1V (Horizontal:Vertical) in the native soil. If there is insufficient room to complete the

excavations in this manner, or excavations greater than 20 feet in depth are planned, using temporary shoring to support the excavations should be considered.

For open cuts at the site, RGI recommends:

- No traffic, construction equipment, stockpiles or building supplies are allowed at the top of cut slopes within a distance of at least 5 feet from the top of the cut
- Exposed soil along the slope is protected from surface erosion using waterproof tarps and/or plastic sheeting
- Construction activities are scheduled so that the length of time the temporary cut is left open is minimized
- Surface water is diverted away from the excavation
- The general condition of slopes should be observed periodically by a geotechnical engineer to confirm adequate stability and erosion control measures

In all cases, however, appropriate inclinations will depend on the actual soil and groundwater conditions encountered during earthwork. Ultimately, the site contractor must be responsible for maintaining safe excavation slopes that comply with applicable OSHA or WISHA guidelines.

#### **5.2.4 SITE PREPARATION**

Subgrade soils that become disturbed due to elevated moisture conditions should be overexcavated to reveal firm, non-yielding, non-organic soils and backfilled with compacted structural fill. If earthwork is completed during the wet season (typically November through May) it will be necessary to take extra precautionary measures to protect subgrade soils. Wet season earthwork will require additional mitigative measures beyond that which would be expected during the drier summer and fall months.

#### **5.2.5 STRUCTURAL FILL**

RGI anticipates that some areas of loose or soft soil will be exposed upon completion of stripping and grubbing. Proofrolling and subgrade verification should be considered an essential step in site preparation. After stripping, grubbing, and prior to placement of structural fill, RGI recommends proofrolling building and pavement subgrades and areas to receive structural fill. These areas should moisture condition and compacted to a firm and unyielding condition in order to achieve a minimum compaction level of 95 percent of the modified proctor maximum dry density as determined by the American Society of Testing and Materials D1557-09 Standard Test Methods for Laboratory Compaction Characteristics of Soil Using Modified Effort (ASTM D1557).

RGI recommends fill below the foundations and floor slabs, behind retaining walls, and below pavement and hardscape surfaces be placed in accordance with the following recommendations for structural fill.

The suitability of excavated site soils and import soils for compacted structural fill use will depend on the gradation and moisture content of the soil when it is placed. As the amount of fines (that portion passing the U.S. No. 200 sieve) increases, soil becomes increasingly sensitive to small changes in moisture content and adequate compaction becomes more difficult or impossible to achieve. Soils containing more than about 5 percent fines cannot be consistently compacted to a dense, non-yielding condition when the moisture content is more than 2 percent above or below optimum. Optimum moisture content is that moisture that results in the greatest compacted dry density with a specified compactive effort.

Non-organic site soils are only considered suitable for structural fill provided that their moisture content is within about 2 percent of the optimum moisture level as determined by ASTM D1557. Excavated site soils may not be suitable for re-use as structural fill depending on the moisture content and weather conditions at the time of construction. If soils are stockpiled for future reuse and wet weather is anticipated, the stockpile should be protected with plastic sheeting that is securely anchored.

Even during dry weather, moisture conditioning (such as, windrowing and drying) of site soils to be reused as structural fill may be required. Even during the summer, delays in grading can occur due to excessively high moisture conditions of the soils or due to precipitation. If wet weather occurs, the upper wetted portion of the site soils may need to be scarified and allowed to dry prior to further earthwork, or may need to be wasted from the site.

Most of the site soils are moisture sensitive and moisture conditioning of the site soils may be necessary depending on the time of year the construction is completed. If on-site soils are or become unusable, it may become necessary to import clean, granular soils to complete site work that meet the grading requirements listed in Table 2 to be used as structural fill.

**Table 2 Structural Fill Gradation**

U.S. Sieve Size	Percent Passing
4 inches	100
No. 4 sieve	75 percent
No. 200 sieve	5 percent *

\*Based on minus 3/4 inch fraction.

Prior to use, an RGI representative should observe and test all materials imported to the site for use as structural fill. Structural fill materials should be placed in uniform loose layers not exceeding 12 inches and compacted as specified in Table 3. The soil's maximum density and optimum moisture should be determined by ASTM D1557.

**Table 3 Structural Fill Compaction ASTM D1557**

Location	Material Type	Minimum Compaction Percentage	Moisture Content Range	
Foundations	On-site granular or approved imported fill soils:	95	+2	-2
Retaining Wall Backfill	On-site granular or approved imported fill soils:	92	+2	-2
Slab-on-grade	On-site granular or approved imported fill soils:	95	+2	-2
General Fill (non-structural areas)	On-site soils or approved imported fill soils:	90	+3	-2
Pavement – Subgrade and Base Course	On-site granular or approved imported fill soils:	95	+2	-2

Placement and compaction of structural fill should be observed by RGI. A representative number of in-place density tests should be performed as the fill is being placed to confirm that the recommended level of compaction is achieved.

**5.2.6 CUT AND FILL SLOPES**

All permanent cut and fill slopes should be graded with a finished inclination no greater than 2H:1V. Upon completion of construction, the slope face should be trackwalked, compacted and vegetated, or provided with other physical means to guard against erosion. All fill placed for slope construction should meet the structural fill requirements as described in Section 5.2.5.

Final grades at the top of the slopes must promote surface drainage away from the slope crest. Water must not be allowed to flow in an uncontrolled fashion over the slope face. If it is necessary to direct surface runoff towards the slope, it should be controlled at the top of the slope, piped in a closed conduit installed on the slope face, and taken to an appropriate point of discharge beyond the toe of the slope.

**5.2.7 WET WEATHER CONSTRUCTION CONSIDERATIONS**

RGI recommends that preparation for site grading and construction include procedures intended to drain ponded water, control surface water runoff, and to collect shallow subsurface seepage zones in excavations where encountered. It will not be possible to successfully compact the subgrade or utilize on-site soils as structural fill if accumulated water is not drained prior to grading or if drainage is not controlled during construction. Attempting to grade the site without adequate drainage control measures will reduce the amount of on-site soil effectively available for use, increase the amount of select import fill materials required, and ultimately increase the cost of the earthwork phases of the

project. Free water should not be allowed to pond on the subgrade soils. RGI anticipates that the use of berms and shallow drainage ditches, with sumps and pumps in utility trenches, will be required for surface water control during wet weather and/or wet site conditions.

### 5.3 FOUNDATIONS

Following site preparation and grading, the proposed building foundations can be supported on conventional spread footings bearing on medium dense native soil or new structural fill. Loose, organic, or other unsuitable soils may be encountered in the proposed building footprint. If unsuitable soils are encountered, they should be overexcavated and backfilled with structural fill.

Perimeter foundations exposed to weather should be at a minimum depth of 18 inches below final exterior grades. Interior foundations can be constructed at any convenient depth below the floor slab. Finished grade is defined as the lowest adjacent grade within 5 feet of the foundation for perimeter (or exterior) footings and finished floor level for interior footings.

**Table 4 Foundation Design**

Design Parameter	Value
Allowable Bearing Capacity	2,500 psf <sup>1</sup>
Friction Coefficient	0.30
Passive pressure (equivalent fluid pressure)	250 pcf <sup>2</sup>
Minimum foundation dimensions	Columns: 24 inches Walls: 16 inches

1. psf = pounds per square foot

2. pcf = pounds per cubic foot

The allowable foundation bearing pressures apply to dead loads plus design live load conditions. For short-term loads, such as wind and seismic, a 1/3 increase in this allowable capacity may be used. At perimeter locations, RGI recommends not including the upper 12 inches of soil in the computation of passive pressures because it can be affected by weather or disturbed by future grading activity. The passive pressure value assumes the foundation will be constructed neat against competent soil or backfilled with structural fill as described in Section 5.3.2. The recommended base friction and passive resistance value includes a safety factor of about 1.5.

With spread-footing foundations designed in accordance with the recommendations in this section, maximum total and differential post-construction settlements of 1 inch and 1/2 inch, respectively, should be expected.

## 5.4 RETAINING WALL

If retaining walls are needed, RGI recommends cast-in-place concrete walls be used. The magnitude of earth pressure development on retaining walls will partly depend on the quality of the wall backfill. RGI recommends placing and compacting wall backfill as structural fill. Wall drainage will be needed behind the wall face. A typical retaining wall drainage detail is shown on Figure 3 for backfilled walls.

With wall backfill placed and compacted as recommended, and drainage properly installed, RGI recommends using the values in the following table for design. Without proper drainage, fully saturated earth pressure should be used for wall design.

**Table 5 Retaining Wall Design**

Design Parameter	Value
Allowable Bearing Capacity – Dense native soils	2,500 psf
Active Earth Pressure (unrestrained walls)	35 pcf
At-rest Earth Pressure (restrained walls)	50 pcf
Fully Saturated Earth Pressure ( no drainage)	85 pcf

For seismic design, an additional uniform load of 7 times the wall height (H) for unrestrained walls and 14H for restrained walls should be applied to the wall surface. Friction at the base of foundations and passive earth pressure will provide resistance to these lateral loads. Values for these parameters are provided in Section 5.3.

## 5.5 SLAB-ON-GRADE CONSTRUCTION

Once site preparation has been completed as described in Section 5.2, suitable support for slab-on-grade construction should be provided. Immediately below the floor slab, RGI recommends placing a 4-inch-thick capillary break layer of clean, free-draining pea gravel, washed rock, or crushed rock that has less than 5 percent passing the U.S. No. 200 sieve. This material will reduce the potential for upward capillary movement of water through the underlying soil and subsequent wetting of the floor slab. Where moisture by vapor transmission is undesirable, an 8- to 10-millimeter-thick plastic membrane should be placed on a 4-inch-thick layer of clean gravel or rock. For the anticipated floor slab loading, we estimate post-construction floor settlements of ¼- to ½-inch.

## 5.6 DRAINAGE

### 5.6.1 SURFACE

Final exterior grades should promote free and positive drainage away from the building area. Water must not be allowed to pond or collect adjacent to foundations or within the

immediate building area. For non-pavement locations, RGI recommends providing a minimum drainage gradient of 3 percent for a minimum distance of 10 feet from the building perimeter. In paved locations, a minimum gradient of 1 percent should be provided unless provisions are included for collection and disposal of surface water adjacent to the structure.

### **5.6.2 SUBSURFACE**

RGI recommends installing perimeter foundation shown on Figures 4. The foundation and roof downspouts should be tightlined separately to an approved discharge facility. Subsurface drains must be laid with a gradient sufficient to promote positive flow to a controlled point of approved discharge.

### **5.6.3 INFILTRATION**

The site soils are comprised of silt, silt with some sand, and sandy silt, and are generally not considered suitable for infiltration.

## **5.7 UTILITIES**

Utility pipes should be bedded and backfilled in accordance with American Public Works Association (APWA) specifications. For site utilities located within the right-of-ways, bedding and backfill should be completed in accordance with City of Mercer Island specifications. At a minimum, trench backfill should be placed and compacted as structural fill, as described in Section 5.2.5. Where utilities occur below unimproved areas, the degree of compaction can be reduced to a minimum of 90 percent of the soil's maximum density as determined by ASTM D1557. The onsite excavated soil may be suitable for re-use as structural fill depending on time of the construction. If the construction occurs in winter, imported structural fill may be required for trench backfill as recommended Table 2.

## **5.8 PAVEMENTS**

Pavement subgrades should be prepared as described in Section 5.3 of this GER and as discussed below. Regardless of the relative compaction achieved, the subgrade must be firm and relatively unyielding before paving. This condition should be verified by proofrolling with heavy construction equipment.

With the pavement subgrade prepared as described above, RGI recommends the following pavement sections for parking and drive areas paved with flexible asphalt concrete surfacing.

- **For drive areas:** 3 inches of hot mix asphalt (HMA) over 6 inches of crushed rock base (CRB) over compacted subgrade

The asphalt paving materials used should conform to the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) specifications for Hot Mix Asphalt Class 1/2 inch and CRB surfacing.

If concrete driveways are preferred, the following section can be used.

- **For driveway area:** 5 inches of concrete over 4 inches of CRB over compacted subgrade

Long-term pavement performance will depend on surface drainage. A poorly-drained pavement section will be subject to premature failure as a result of surface water infiltrating into the subgrade soils and reducing their supporting capability.

For optimum pavement performance, surface drainage gradients of no less than two percent are recommended. Also, some degree of longitudinal and transverse cracking of the pavement surface should be expected over time. Regular maintenance should be planned to seal cracks when they occur.

## 6.0 Additional Services

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RGI is available to provide further geotechnical consultation throughout the design phase of the project. RGI should review the final design and specifications in order to verify that earthwork and foundation recommendations have been properly interpreted and incorporated into project design and construction.

RGI is also available to provide geotechnical engineering and construction monitoring services during construction. The integrity of the earthwork and construction depends on proper site preparation and procedures. In addition, engineering decisions may arise in the field in the event that variations in subsurface conditions become apparent. Construction monitoring services are not part of this scope of work. If these services are desired, please let us know and we will prepare a proposal.

## 7.0 Limitations

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This GER is the property of RGI, Milestone Northwest, and their designated agents. Within the limits of the scope and budget, this GER was prepared in accordance with generally accepted geotechnical engineering practices in the area at the time this report was issued. This GER is intended for specific application to Mercer Island 3-Lot project at 7621 Southwest 22nd Street in Mercer Island, Washington, and for the exclusive use of Milestone Northwest and their authorized representatives. No other warranty, expressed or implied, is made. Site safety, excavation support, and dewatering requirements are the responsibility of others.

The scope of services for this project does not include either specifically or by implication any environmental or biological (for example, mold, fungi, bacteria) assessment of the



site or identification or prevention of pollutants, hazardous materials, or conditions. If the owner is concerned about the potential for such contamination or pollution, we can provide a proposal for these services.

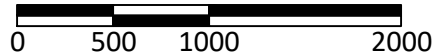
The analyses and recommendations presented in this GER are based upon data obtained from the test exploration performed on site. Variations in soil conditions can occur, the nature and extent of which may not become evident until construction. If variations appear evident, RGI should be requested to reevaluate the recommendations in this GER prior to proceeding with construction.

It is client's responsibility to see that all parties to the project, including the designers, contractors, subcontractors, are made aware of this GER in its entirety. The use of information contained in this GER for bidding purposes should be done at the contractor's option and risk.



USGS, 2020, Mercer Island, Washington  
 USGS, 2020, Seattle South, Washington  
 7.5-Minute Quadrangle

Approximate Scale: 1"=1000'





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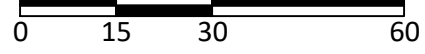
Mercer Island 3-Lot  
 Site Vicinity Map  
 Address: 7621 Southeast 22nd Street, Mercer Island, Washington 98040

Figure 1  
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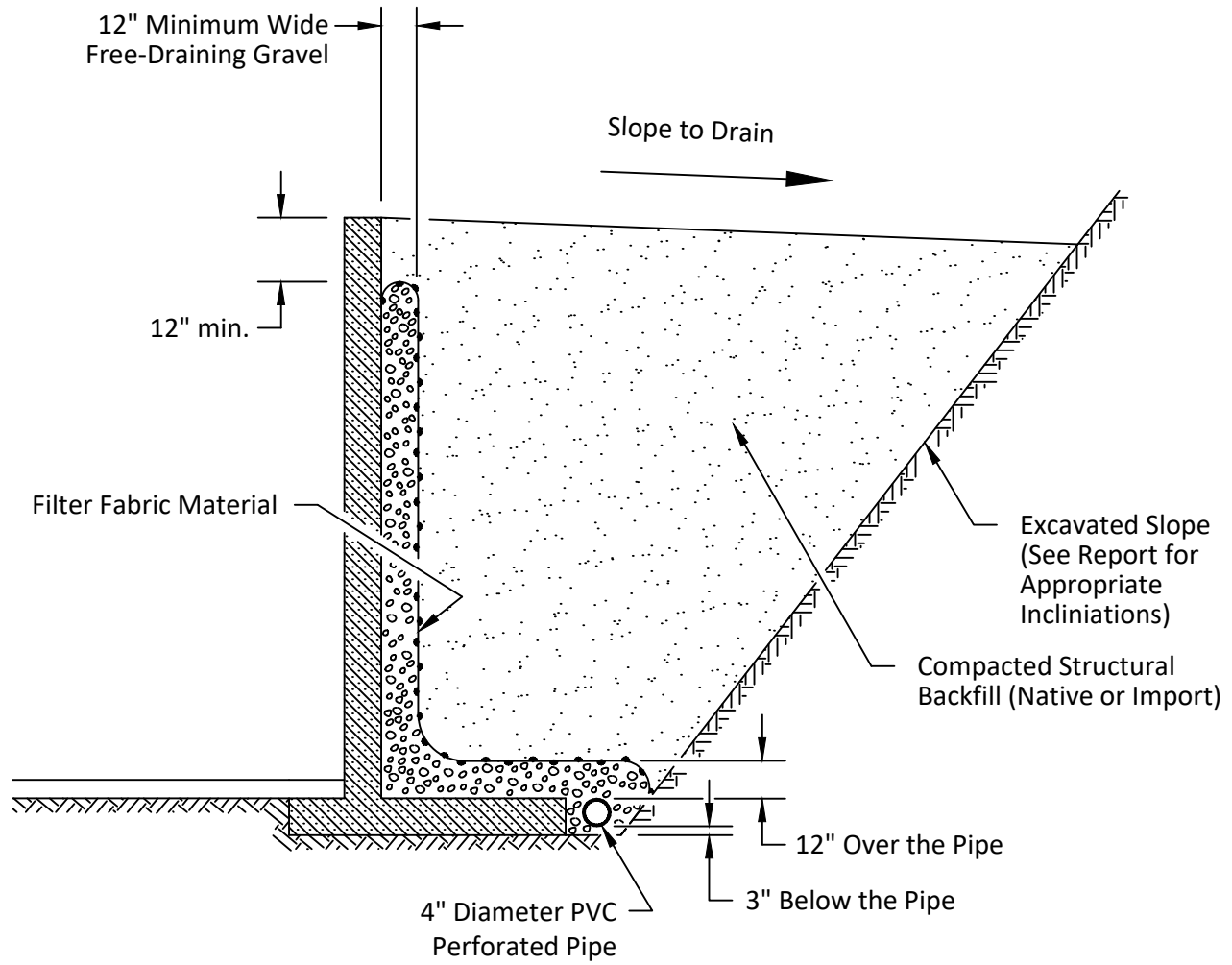
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 = Site boundary

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Mercer Island 3-Lot		Figure 2
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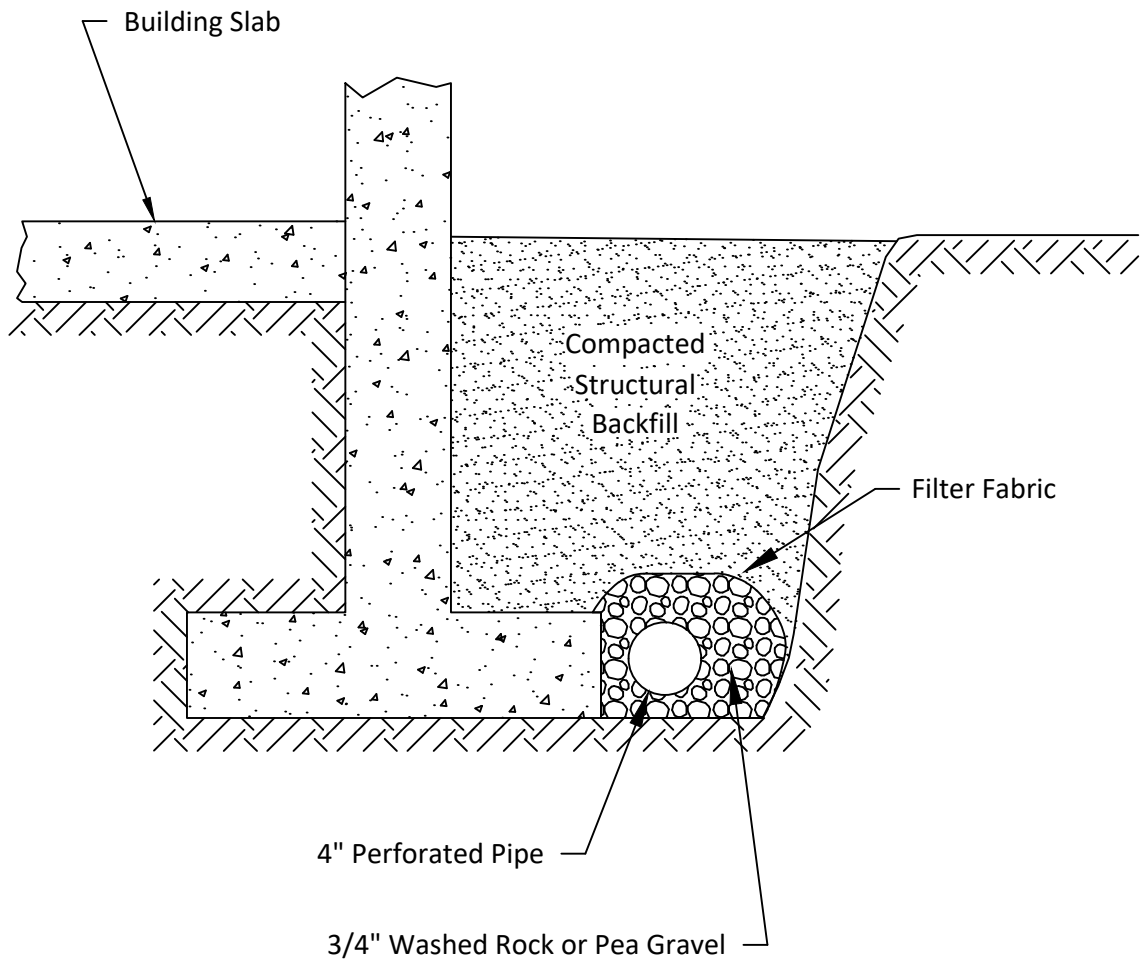


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Mercer Island 3-Lot		Figure 3
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Typical Footing Drain Detail

Figure 4

Date Drawn:  
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## **APPENDIX A**

### **FIELD EXPLORATION AND LABORATORY TESTING**

On August 28, 2020, RGI explored the subsurface soil conditions at the site by observing the excavation of three test pits to depths up to 9 feet bgs. The test pit locations are shown on Figure 2. The test pit locations were approximately determined by measurements from existing property lines and paved roads.

A geologist from our office conducted the field exploration and classified the soil conditions encountered, maintained a log of each test exploration, obtained representative soil samples, and observed pertinent site features. All soil samples were visually classified in accordance with the Unified Soil Classification System (USCS).

Representative soil samples obtained from the explorations were placed in closed containers and taken to our laboratory for further examination and testing. As a part of the laboratory testing program, the soil samples were classified in our in house laboratory based on visual observation, texture, and the limited laboratory testing described below.

#### **Moisture Content Determinations**

Moisture content determinations were performed in accordance with the American Society of Testing and Materials D2216-10 Standard Test Methods for Laboratory Determination of Water (Moisture) Content of Soil and Rock by Mass (ASTM D2216) on representative samples obtained from the exploration in order to aid in identification and correlation of soil types. The moisture content of typical sample was measured and is reported on the test pit logs.

#### **Grain Size Analysis**

A grain size analysis indicates the range in diameter of soil particles included in a particular sample. Grain size analyses for the greater than 75 micrometer portion of the samples were performed in accordance with American Society of Testing and Materials D422 Standard Test Method for Particle-Size Analysis of Soils (ASTM D422) on four of the samples, the results of which are attached in Appendix A.

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Test Pit No.: **TP-1**

Sheet 1 of 1

Date(s) Excavated: <b>8/28/2020</b>	Logged By <b>ELW</b>	Surface Conditions: <b>Mixed Brush</b>
Excavation Method: <b>Test Pit</b>	Bucket Size: <b>N/A</b>	Total Depth of Excavation: <b>6 feet bgs</b>
Excavator Type: <b>Mini Excavator</b>	Excavating Contractor: <b>Client Provided</b>	Approximate Surface Elevation <b>58</b>
Groundwater Level: <b>Not Encountered</b>	Sampling Method(s) <b>Grab</b>	Compaction Method <b>Bucket</b>
Test Pit Backfill: <b>Cuttings</b>	Location <b>7621 Southwest 22nd Street, Mercer Island, Washington</b>	

Elevation (feet)	Depth (feet)	Sample Type	Sample Number	USCS Symbol	Graphic Log	MATERIAL DESCRIPTION	REMARKS AND OTHER TESTS
58	0			TPSL		8" topsoil and roots	
				ML		Tan sandy SILT, stiff, dry to moist	15% moisture
				ML		Dark gray SILT with some sand, very stiff, moist	18% moisture, 71% fines
				ML		Gray sandy SILT, hard, moist	
53	5					Well cemented	16% moisture
						Test Pit terminated at 6'	15% moisture
48	10						

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Test Pit No.: **TP-2**

Sheet 1 of 1

Date(s) Excavated: <b>8/28/2020</b>	Logged By <b>ELW</b>	Surface Conditions: <b>Mixed Brush</b>
Excavation Method: <b>Test Pit</b>	Bucket Size: <b>N/A</b>	Total Depth of Excavation: <b>9 feet bgs</b>
Excavator Type: <b>Mini Excavator</b>	Excavating Contractor: <b>Client Provided</b>	Approximate Surface Elevation <b>47</b>
Groundwater Level: <b>Not Encountered</b>	Sampling Method(s) <b>Grab</b>	Compaction Method <b>Bucket</b>
Test Pit Backfill: <b>Cuttings</b>	Location <b>7621 Southwest 22nd Street, Mercer Island, Washington</b>	

Elevation (feet)	Depth (feet)	Sample Type	Sample Number	USCS Symbol	Graphic Log	MATERIAL DESCRIPTION	REMARKS AND OTHER TESTS
47	0			TPSL		8" topsoil and roots	
				ML		Tan SILT, very stiff, dry to moist	25% moisture
						Becomes mottled, moist	23% moisture
						Occasional slickensides	22% moisture
42	5			ML		Tan SILT with some sand, very stiff, moist to wet	29% moisture
				ML		Tan SILT, very stiff, moist	22% moisture, 78% fines
						Slickensides	29% moisture
						Test Pit terminated at 9'	30% moisture, 100% fines
37	10						



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Test Pit No.: **TP-3**

Sheet 1 of 1

Date(s) Excavated: <b>8/28/2020</b>	Logged By <b>ELW</b>	Surface Conditions: <b>Mixed Brush</b>
Excavation Method: <b>Test Pit</b>	Bucket Size: <b>N/A</b>	Total Depth of Excavation: <b>4.5 feet bgs</b>
Excavator Type: <b>Mini Excavator</b>	Excavating Contractor: <b>Client Provided</b>	Approximate Surface Elevation <b>52</b>
Groundwater Level: <b>Not Encountered</b>	Sampling Method(s) <b>Grab</b>	Compaction Method <b>Bucket</b>
Test Pit Backfill: <b>Cuttings</b>	Location <b>7621 Southwest 22nd Street, Mercer Island, Washington</b>	

Elevation (feet)	Depth (feet)	Sample Type	Sample Number	USCS Symbol	Graphic Log	MATERIAL DESCRIPTION	REMARKS AND OTHER TESTS
52	0			TPSL		8" topsoil and roots	
				ML		Tan SILT, very stiff, dry	
						Becomes moist	
				ML		Tan sandy SILT, very stiff, moist	20% moisture
						Test Pit terminated at 4.5'	18% moisture, 60% fines, infiltration test at 4'
47	5						
42	10						

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**Key to Logs**  
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Elevation (feet)	Depth (feet)	Sample Type	Sample Number	USCS Symbol	Graphic Log	MATERIAL DESCRIPTION	REMARKS AND OTHER TESTS
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

**COLUMN DESCRIPTIONS**

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| <p><b>1</b> Elevation (feet): Elevation (MSL, feet).</p> <p><b>2</b> Depth (feet): Depth in feet below the ground surface.</p> <p><b>3</b> Sample Type: Type of soil sample collected at the depth interval shown.</p> <p><b>4</b> Sample Number: Sample identification number.</p> | <p><b>5</b> USCS Symbol: USCS symbol of the subsurface material.</p> <p><b>6</b> Graphic Log: Graphic depiction of the subsurface material encountered.</p> <p><b>7</b> MATERIAL DESCRIPTION: Description of material encountered. May include consistency, moisture, color, and other descriptive text.</p> <p><b>8</b> REMARKS AND OTHER TESTS: Comments and observations regarding drilling or sampling made by driller or field personnel.</p> |
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





**FIELD AND LABORATORY TEST ABBREVIATIONS**

- |   |  |
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| <p>CHEM: Chemical tests to assess corrosivity</p> <p>COMP: Compaction test</p> <p>CONS: One-dimensional consolidation test</p> <p>LL: Liquid Limit, percent</p> | <p>PI: Plasticity Index, percent</p> <p>SA: Sieve analysis (percent passing No. 200 Sieve)</p> <p>UC: Unconfined compressive strength test, Qu, in ksf</p> <p>WA: Wash sieve (percent passing No. 200 Sieve)</p> |
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




**MATERIAL GRAPHIC SYMBOLS**

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|  SILT, SILT w/SAND, SANDY SILT (ML) |  Topsoil |
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**TYPICAL SAMPLER GRAPHIC SYMBOLS**

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|---|---|--|
|  Auger sampler<br> Bulk Sample<br> 3-inch-OD California w/ brass rings |  CME Sampler<br> Grab Sample<br> 2.5-inch-OD Modified California w/ brass liners |  Pitcher Sample<br> 2-inch-OD unlined split spoon (SPT)<br> Shelby Tube (Thin-walled, fixed head) |
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**OTHER GRAPHIC SYMBOLS**

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|  Water level (at time of drilling, ATD)<br> Water level (after waiting)<br> Minor change in material properties within a stratum<br> Inferred/gradational contact between strata<br> Queried contact between strata |
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**GENERAL NOTES**

- 1: Soil classifications are based on the Unified Soil Classification System. Descriptions and stratum lines are interpretive, and actual lithologic changes may be gradual. Field descriptions may have been modified to reflect results of lab tests.
- 2: Descriptions on these logs apply only at the specific boring locations and at the time the borings were advanced. They are not warranted to be representative of subsurface conditions at other locations or times.

**GRAIN SIZE ANALYSIS**  
**ASTM D421, D422, D1140, D2487, D6913**

PROJECT TITLE	Mercer Island 3-Lot	SAMPLE ID/TYPE	TP-1
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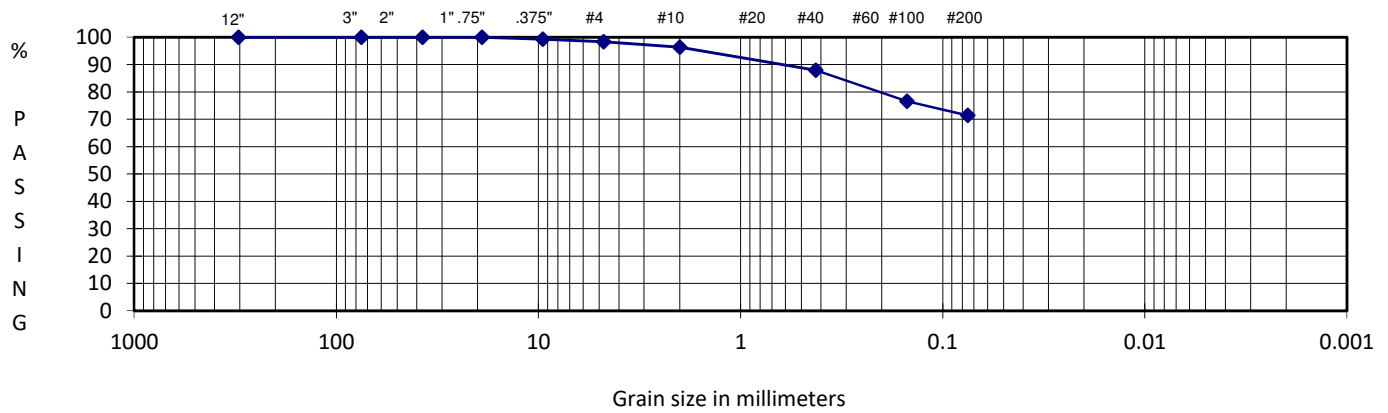
<b>WATER CONTENT (Delivered Moisture)</b>		Total Weight Of Sample Used For Sieve Corrected For Hygroscopic Moisture	
Wt Wet Soil & Tare (gm)	(w1) 308.5	Weight Of Sample (gm)	263.6
Wt Dry Soil & Tare (gm)	(w2) 263.6	Tare Weight (gm)	16.3
Weight of Tare (gm)	(w3) 16.3	(W6) Total Dry Weight (gm)	247.3

Weight of Water (gm)	(w4=w1-w2) 44.9	<b>SIEVE ANALYSIS</b>		
Weight of Dry Soil (gm)	(w5=w2-w3) 247.3	Wt Ret	(Wt-Tare)	Cumulative
Moisture Content (%)	(w4/w5)*100 18	+Tare		(%Retained)
				{(wt ret/w6)*100}
				% PASS
				(100-%ret)

% COBBLES	0.0
% C GRAVEL	0.0
% F GRAVEL	1.7
% C SAND	2.0
% M SAND	8.4
% F SAND	16.5
% FINES	71.4
% TOTAL	100.0

D10 (mm)	
D30 (mm)	
D60 (mm)	
Cu	
Cc	

Sieve Size	Wt Ret +Tare	(Wt-Tare)	Cumulative (%Retained) {(wt ret/w6)*100}	% PASS (100-%ret)	Material
12.0"	16.3	0.00	0.00	100.00	cobbles
3.0"	16.3	0.00	0.00	100.00	coarse gravel
2.5"					coarse gravel
2.0"					coarse gravel
1.5"	16.3	0.00	0.00	100.00	coarse gravel
1.0"					coarse gravel
0.75"	16.3	0.00	0.00	100.00	fine gravel
0.50"					fine gravel
0.375"	18.0	1.70	0.69	99.31	fine gravel
#4	20.4	4.10	1.66	98.34	coarse sand
#10	25.4	9.10	3.68	96.32	medium sand
#20					medium sand
#40	46.2	29.90	12.09	87.91	fine sand
#60					fine sand
#100	74.1	57.80	23.37	76.63	fine sand
#200	87.0	70.70	28.59	71.41	finer
PAN	263.6	247.30	100.00	0.00	silt/clay



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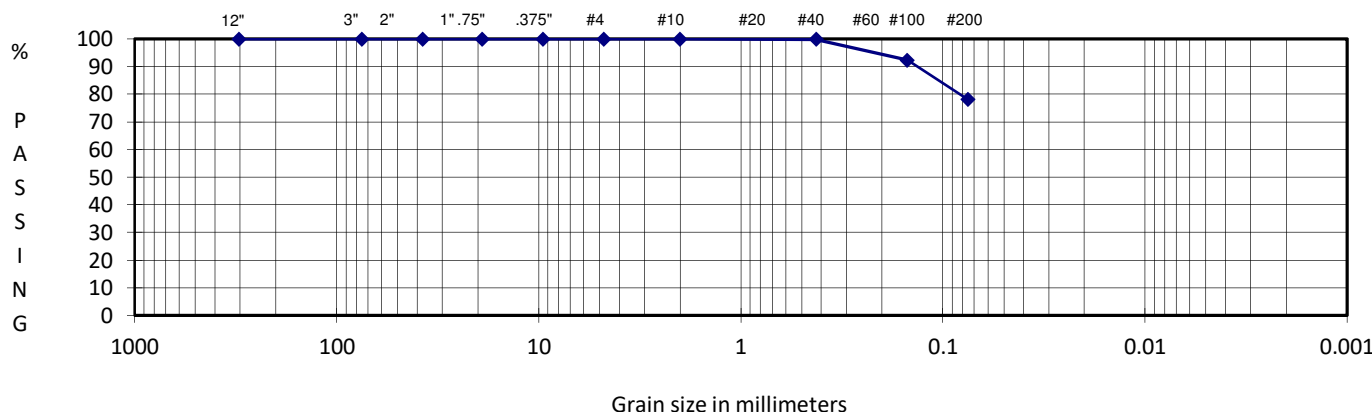
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TECH/TEST DATE	EW 8/28/2020	DATE RECEIVED	8/28/2020

<b>WATER CONTENT (Delivered Moisture)</b>		Total Weight Of Sample Used For Sieve Corrected For Hygroscopic Moisture	
Wt Wet Soil & Tare (gm)	(w1) 382.5	Weight Of Sample (gm)	315.3
Wt Dry Soil & Tare (gm)	(w2) 315.3	Tare Weight (gm)	16.3
Weight of Tare (gm)	(w3) 16.3	(w6) Total Dry Weight (gm)	299.0

Weight of Water (gm)	(w4=w1-w2) 67.2	<b>SIEVE ANALYSIS</b>	
Weight of Dry Soil (gm)	(w5=w2-w3) 299.0	Cumulative	
Moisture Content (%)	(w4/w5)*100 22	Wt Ret	(Wt-Tare)
		+Tare	{(wt ret/w6)*100}
			% PASS
			(100-%ret)

% COBBLES	0.0	12.0"	16.3	0.00	0.00	100.00	cobbles
% C GRAVEL	0.0	3.0"	16.3	0.00	0.00	100.00	coarse gravel
% F GRAVEL	0.0	2.5"					coarse gravel
% C SAND	0.0	2.0"					coarse gravel
% M SAND	0.2	1.5"	16.3	0.00	0.00	100.00	coarse gravel
% F SAND	21.8	1.0"					coarse gravel
% FINES	78.0	0.75"	16.3	0.00	0.00	100.00	fine gravel
% TOTAL	100.0	0.50"					fine gravel
D10 (mm)		0.375"	16.3	0.00	0.00	100.00	fine gravel
D30 (mm)		#4	16.3	0.00	0.00	100.00	coarse sand
D60 (mm)		#10	16.3	0.00	0.00	100.00	medium sand
Cu		#20					medium sand
Cc		#40	16.8	0.50	0.17	99.83	fine sand
		#60					fine sand
		#100	39.2	22.90	7.66	92.34	fine sand
		#200	82.0	65.70	21.97	78.03	finest
		PAN	315.3	299.00	100.00	0.00	silt/clay



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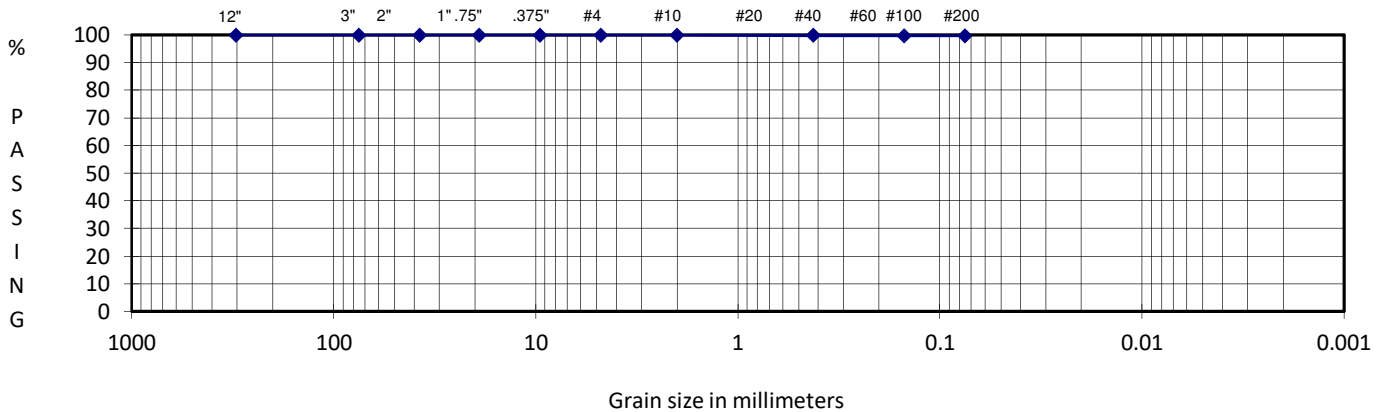
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TECH/TEST DATE	EW 8/28/2020	DATE RECEIVED	8/28/2020

<b>WATER CONTENT (Delivered Moisture)</b>		Total Weight Of Sample Used For Sieve Corrected For Hygroscopic Moisture	
Wt Wet Soil & Tare (gm)	(w1) 357.8	Weight Of Sample (gm)	305.3
Wt Dry Soil & Tare (gm)	(w2) 305.3	Tare Weight (gm)	133.1
Weight of Tare (gm)	(w3) 133.1	(w6) Total Dry Weight (gm)	172.2

Weight of Water (gm)	(w4=w1-w2) 52.5	<b>SIEVE ANALYSIS</b>	
Weight of Dry Soil (gm)	(w5=w2-w3) 172.2	Cumulative	
Moisture Content (%)	(w4/w5)*100 30	Wt Ret	(Wt-Tare)

		Wt Ret	(Wt-Tare)	Cumulative	% PASS		
		+Tare		{(wt ret/w6)*100}	(100-%ret)		
% COBBLES	0.0	12.0"	133.1	0.00	0.00	100.00	cobbles
% C GRAVEL	0.0	3.0"	133.1	0.00	0.00	100.00	coarse gravel
% F GRAVEL	0.0	2.5"					coarse gravel
% C SAND	0.1	2.0"					coarse gravel
% M SAND	0.1	1.5"	133.1	0.00	0.00	100.00	coarse gravel
% F SAND	0.2	1.0"					coarse gravel
% FINES	99.7	0.75"	133.1	0.00	0.00	100.00	fine gravel
% TOTAL	100.0	0.50"					fine gravel
D10 (mm)		0.375"	133.1	0.00	0.00	100.00	fine gravel
D30 (mm)		#4	133.1	0.00	0.00	100.00	coarse sand
D60 (mm)		#10	133.2	0.10	0.06	99.94	medium sand
Cu		#20					medium sand
Cc		#40	133.4	0.30	0.17	99.83	fine sand
		#60					fine sand
		#100	133.5	0.40	0.23	99.77	fine sand
		#200	133.7	0.60	0.35	99.65	finest
		PAN	305.3	172.20	100.00	0.00	silt/clay



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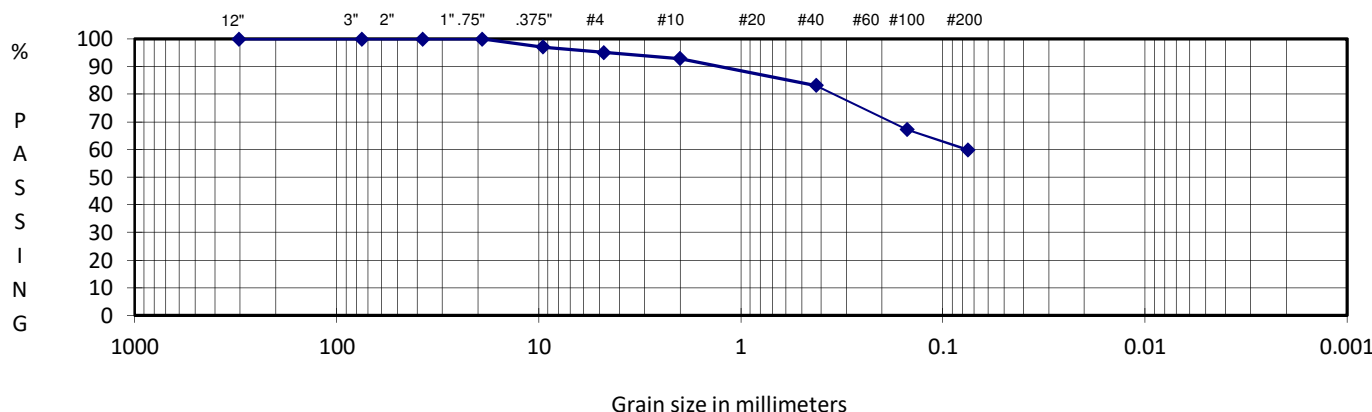
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TECH/TEST DATE	EW 8/28/2020	DATE RECEIVED	8/28/2020

<b>WATER CONTENT (Delivered Moisture)</b>		Total Weight Of Sample Used For Sieve Corrected For Hygroscopic Moisture	
Wt Wet Soil & Tare (gm)	(w1) 305.5	Weight Of Sample (gm)	261.8
Wt Dry Soil & Tare (gm)	(w2) 261.8	Tare Weight (gm)	16.3
Weight of Tare (gm)	(w3) 16.3	(w6) Total Dry Weight (gm)	245.5

Weight of Water (gm)	(w4=w1-w2) 43.7	<b>SIEVE ANALYSIS</b>	
Weight of Dry Soil (gm)	(w5=w2-w3) 245.5	Cumulative	
Moisture Content (%)	(w4/w5)*100 18	Wt Ret	(Wt-Tare)
		+Tare	{(wt ret/w6)*100}
			% PASS (100-%ret)

% COBBLES	0.0	12.0"	16.3	0.00	0.00	100.00	cobbles
% C GRAVEL	0.0	3.0"	16.3	0.00	0.00	100.00	coarse gravel
% F GRAVEL	4.9	2.5"					coarse gravel
% C SAND	2.3	2.0"					coarse gravel
% M SAND	9.7	1.5"	16.3	0.00	0.00	100.00	coarse gravel
% F SAND	23.3	1.0"					coarse gravel
% FINES	59.9	0.75"	16.3	0.00	0.00	100.00	fine gravel
% TOTAL	100.0	0.50"					fine gravel
D10 (mm)		0.375"	23.5	7.20	2.93	97.07	fine gravel
D30 (mm)		#4	28.3	12.00	4.89	95.11	coarse sand
D60 (mm)		#10	33.9	17.60	7.17	92.83	medium sand
Cu		#20					medium sand
Cc		#40	57.6	41.30	16.82	83.18	fine sand
		#60					fine sand
		#100	96.9	80.60	32.83	67.17	fine sand
		#200	114.7	98.40	40.08	59.92	finer
		PAN	261.8	245.50	100.00	0.00	silt/clay



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