

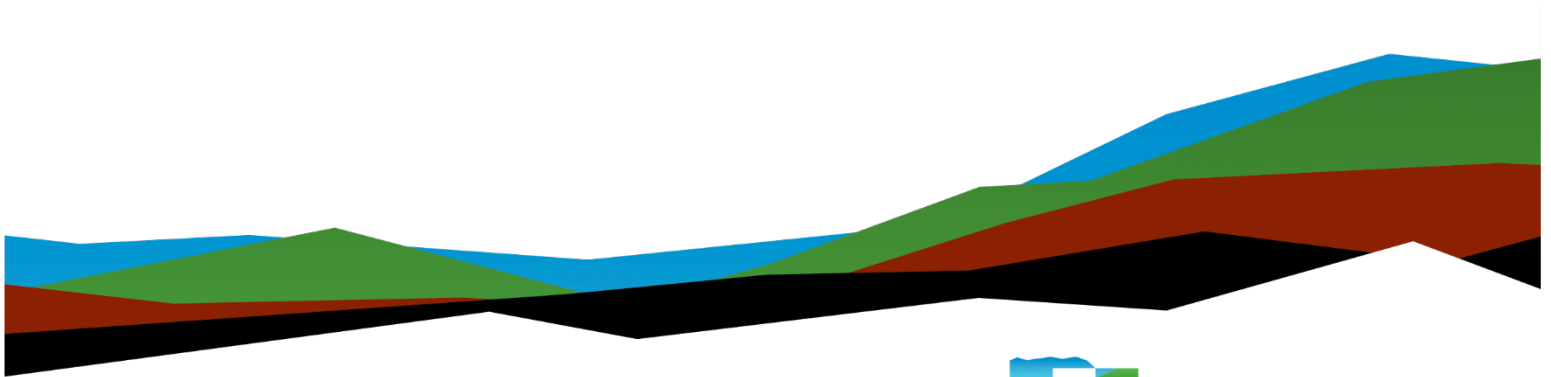
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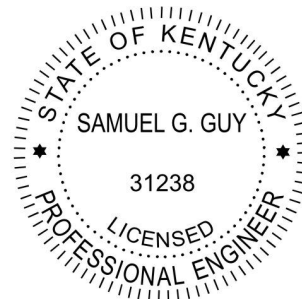
Dear Mr. Hendon:

We have completed the scope of Geotechnical Engineering services for the above referenced project in general accordance with Terracon Proposal No. PN3245042 dated April 9, 2024. This report presents the findings of the subsurface exploration and provides geotechnical recommendations concerning earthwork and the design and construction of foundations, floor slabs, and pavements for the proposed project.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of service to you on this project. If you have any questions concerning this report or if we may be of further service, please contact us.

Sincerely,

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Introduction

This report presents the results of our subsurface exploration and Geotechnical Engineering services performed for the proposed Express Oil Change & Tire Engineers to be located on Flemingsburg Road in Morehead, KY. The purpose of these services was to provide information and geotechnical engineering recommendations relative to:

- Subsurface soil (and rock) conditions
- Groundwater conditions
- Seismic site classification per IBC
- Site preparation and earthwork
- Foundation design and construction
- Floor slab design and construction
- Lateral earth pressure
- Pavement design and construction

The geotechnical engineering Scope of Services for this project included the advancement of test borings, laboratory testing, engineering analysis, and preparation of this report.

Drawings showing the site and boring locations are shown on the [Site Location](#) and [Exploration Plan](#), respectively. The results of the laboratory testing performed on soil samples obtained from the site during our field exploration are included on the boring logs and as separate graphs in the [Exploration Results](#) section.

Project Description

Our initial understanding of the project was provided in our proposal and was discussed during project planning. A period of collaboration has transpired since the project was initiated, and our final understanding of the project conditions is as follows:

Item	Description
Information Provided	<p>A request for proposal was sent by email from Tyler Hendon with Express Oil Change & Tire Engineers on April 3rd, 2024. The email included geo proposal with the following document:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ EOC Morehead, KY Boring Plan.pdf <p>Additional drawings regarding earthwork and site development by Ampler Group were provided via email by Tyler Hendon on June 4, 2024. These drawings included site plans, grading/drainage plans, and more project drawings.</p>
Project Description	A new Express Oil Change & Tire Engineers building with associated parking and drives.
Proposed Structure	Express Oil Change & Tire Engineers building with an approximate footprint of 5,800 square feet, supported on shallow foundations.
Building Construction	Anticipated to be load-bearing masonry, wood, or structural steel framing, supported on shallow foundations.
Finished Floor Elevation	704.50 feet
Maximum Loads	<p>The following column and wall loads have been provided for our use in estimating settlement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Columns: 75 kips ■ Walls: 5 kips per linear foot (klf) ■ Slabs: 250 pounds per square foot (psf)
Grading/Slopes	<p>It is our understanding that initial earthwork activities, including site grading, will be completed by Ampler Group.</p> <p>Based on our visit to the site and our understanding of provided information, we anticipate the site will be nearly at grade and only remedial grading will be required.</p>
Below-Grade Structures	The proposed building will include an oil change pit on the narrower side of the building. The dimensions of the pit will be 30 by 45 feet, and 10 feet deep.
Free-Standing Retaining Walls	Information not provided

Item	Description
Pavements	<p>Anticipated pavement traffic information has not been provided. We have assumed both rigid (PCC) and flexible (asphalt) pavement sections will be considered. We anticipate traffic ESALS of less than 30,000. The pavement design period is 20 years.</p> <p>Based on available information, light-duty pavement section thicknesses have been provided for light-duty areas and heavy-duty pavement section thicknesses have been provided for the dumpster pad area, only. If information is available and provided to Terracon for heavy-duty traffic areas outside the dumpster pad area, heavy-duty section design recommendations can be provided, upon request.</p>
Building Code	2018 IBC

Terracon should be notified if any of the above information is inconsistent with the planned construction, especially the grading limits, as modifications to our recommendations may be necessary.

Site Conditions

The following description of site conditions is derived from our site visit in association with the field exploration and our review of publicly available geologic and topographic maps.

Item	Description
Parcel Information	<p>The project is located at Flemingsburg Road in Morehead, KY. 38.19928, -83.47873 (approximate)</p> <p>See Site Location</p>
Existing Improvements	Ongoing earthwork activities, placement of structural fill across the project boundary.
Current Ground Cover	Controlled compacted fill and earthen material.
Existing Topography	Based on review of Google Earth and provided grading plans, the site will be nearly level following completion of grading activities by Ampler Group, with elevations expected to range from approximately 702 to 705 feet within the project boundary.

We also collected photographs at the time of our field exploration program. Representative photos are provided in our [Photography Log](#).

Seismic Site Class

The seismic design requirements for buildings and other structures are based on Seismic Design Category. Site Classification is required to determine the Seismic Design Category for a structure. The Site Classification is based on the upper 100 feet of the site profile defined by a weighted average value of either shear wave velocity, standard penetration resistance, or undrained shear strength in accordance with Section 20.4 of ASCE 7 and the International Building Code (IBC). Based on the soil properties observed at the site and as described on the exploration logs and results, our professional opinion is for that a **Seismic Site Classification of D** be considered for the project. Subsurface explorations at this site were extended to a maximum depth of 21 feet. The site properties below the boring depth to 100 feet were estimated based on our experience and knowledge of geologic conditions of the general area. Additional deeper borings or geophysical testing may be performed to confirm the conditions below the current boring depth.

Geotechnical Characterization

We have developed a general characterization of the subsurface conditions based upon our review of the subsurface exploration, laboratory data, geologic setting and our understanding of the project. This characterization, termed GeoModel, forms the basis of our geotechnical calculations and evaluation of the site. Conditions observed at each exploration point are indicated on the individual logs. The individual logs can be found in the [Exploration Results](#) and the GeoModel can be found in the [Figures](#) attachment of this report.

As part of our analyses, we identified the following model layers within the subsurface profile. For a more detailed view of the model layer depths at each boring location, refer to the GeoModel.

Model Layer	Layer Name	General Description
1	Controlled Compacted Fill	Shale fragments to cobbles, silt, and sand, brown, grayish brown, and gray, medium stiff to very stiff
2	Cohesive Soils	Silt (ML) and Silty Clay (CL-ML) with trace sand, gravels, and clay, brown to light brown with gray, medium stiff to stiff
3	Weathered Bedrock	Weathered shale bedrock, very weak rock

The borings were advanced in the dry using an air rotary drilling technique that allow short term groundwater observations to be made while drilling. Groundwater seepage was encountered in B-1 only at the time of our field exploration. Groundwater conditions may be different at the time of construction. Groundwater conditions may change because of seasonal variations in rainfall, runoff, and other conditions not apparent at the time of drilling. Long-term groundwater monitoring was outside the scope of services for this project.

Geotechnical Overview

The site appears suitable for the proposed construction based upon geotechnical conditions encountered in the test borings, provided that the recommendations provided in this report are implemented in the design and construction phases of this project.

As noted in the **Project Description**, it is our understanding that earthwork activities for this site, including site grading, were completed by Ampler Group prior to our field exploration. The placement of the controlled compacted fill was monitored by Terracon's on-site representative and conducted following Terracon's recommendations for fill material types, placement, and compaction requirements. All test borings encountered this layer of controlled compacted fill from the surface to depths ranging from approximately 4.5 feet to 7 feet below existing grade at the time of our field exploration. The fill materials generally consisted of shale fragments to cobbles with silt and sand. The underlying native medium stiff to stiff soil generally consisted of silt (ML) and silty-clay (CL-ML) with trace sand, gravels, and clay extending into weathered shale bedrock. Competent bedrock resulting in refusal-to-drill conditions was not encountered within the maximum depths of our exploration. Groundwater was encountered at completion of drilling in boring B-1 only at approximately 18 feet below existing grade.

The **Shallow Foundations** section addresses support of the building directly bearing on the existing controlled compacted fill or at least stiff native cohesive soils. The **Floor Slabs** section addresses slab-on-grade support of the building.

The near surface, medium stiff to stiff low plasticity cohesive soils could become unstable with typical earthwork and construction traffic, especially after precipitation events. The effective drainage should be completed early in the construction sequence and maintained after construction to avoid potential issues. If possible, the grading should be performed during the warmer and drier times of the year. If grading is performed during the winter months, an increased risk for possible undercutting and replacement of unstable subgrade will persist. Additional site preparation recommendations, including subgrade improvement and fill placement, are provided in the **Earthwork** section.

The **Pavements** section includes minimum pavement component thickness. Traffic information is currently not available for our review. Based on available information, light-duty pavement section thicknesses have been provided for light-duty areas and heavy-duty pavement section thicknesses have been provided for the dumpster pad area, only. If information is available and provided to Terracon for heavy-duty traffic areas outside the dumpster pad area, heavy-duty section design recommendations can be provided, upon request.

The recommendations contained in this report are based upon the results of field and laboratory testing (presented in the **Exploration Results**), engineering analyses, and our current understanding of the proposed project. The **General Comments** section provides an understanding of the report limitations.

Earthwork

Earthwork is anticipated to include excavations and engineered fill placement. The following sections provide recommendations for use in the preparation of specifications for the work. Recommendations include critical quality criteria, as necessary, to render the site in the state considered in our geotechnical engineering evaluation for foundations, floor slabs, and pavements.

Subgrade Preparation

The subgrade should be proofrolled with an adequately loaded vehicle such as a fully loaded tandem-axle dump truck. The proofrolling should be performed under the observation of the Geotechnical Engineer or representative. Areas excessively deflecting under the proofroll should be delineated and subsequently addressed by the Geotechnical Engineer. Excessively wet or dry material should either be removed, or moisture conditioned and recompacted. Soft or yielding areas should be undercut or stabilized as necessary to achieve suitable, stable subgrade conditions. Stabilization can include scarification and re-compaction, placement and compaction of coarse, angular stone into the subgrade, utilization of geogrid, and/or partial undercutting and replacing the unstable materials with more stable granular material. If groundwater is encountered during the undercutting process, measures should be implemented to control it during and after construction.

All exposed areas which will receive additional fill, once properly cleared and benched where necessary, should be scarified to a minimum depth of 10 inches, moisture conditioned as necessary, and compacted per the compaction requirements in this report. Compacted structural fill soils should then be placed to the proposed design grade and the moisture content and compaction of subgrade soils should be maintained until foundation or pavement construction.

Based upon the subsurface conditions determined from the geotechnical exploration, subgrade soils exposed during construction are anticipated to be relatively workable; however, the workability of the subgrade may be affected by precipitation, repetitive construction traffic or other factors. If unworkable conditions develop, workability may be improved by scarifying and drying.

Existing Fill

As noted in **Geotechnical Characterization**, controlled compacted fill placed by Ampler Group was encountered to depths ranging from about 4.5 to 7 feet below existing grade at the time of our field exploration. The placement of the controlled compacted fill was monitored by Terracon's on-site representative and conducted following Terracon's recommendations for fill material types, placement, and compaction requirements. Terracon has records of the placement and compactions of the fill and consider it controlled and suitable for support of foundations, floor slabs, and pavements.

Support of foundations, floor slabs, and pavements on or above existing fill soils is discussed in this report. However, even with the recommended construction procedures, inherent risk exists for the owner that compressible fill or unsuitable material, within or buried by the fill will, not be discovered. This risk of unforeseen conditions can be reduced by following the recommendations contained in this report.

For footing excavations, visual observation and appropriate testing by qualified personnel should be performed to determine the bearing soils' suitability for foundation support. For floor slabs and/or pavements once the planned subgrade elevation has been reached the entire slab and/or pavement area should be proofrolled. Areas of soft or otherwise unsuitable material should be undercut and replaced with either new structural fill or suitable, existing on-site materials.

After proof-rolling and prior to the placement of additional structural fill in areas below design grade, the subgrade should be scarified, moisture conditioned and re-compacted to the density recommended in the Fill Compaction Requirements section below. This process will further help to delineate soft or disturbed areas. Unstable areas identified during scarification and re-compaction should be undercut to expose stable material.

Excavation

We anticipate that excavations for the proposed construction can be accomplished with conventional earthmoving equipment. The bottom of excavations should be thoroughly cleaned of loose soils and disturbed materials prior to backfill placement and/or construction.

The descriptions provided below are a guide to conditions generally encountered in the region of the project site. Required excavation techniques will vary based on weathering of the materials to be excavated, and the fracturing, jointing and overall stratigraphy of the feature. Actual field conditions usually display a gradual weathering progression with poorly defined and uneven boundaries between layers of different materials. We recommend that the following definitions for rock in earthwork excavation and drilled-pier construction be included in bid documents:

Excavation Type	Definition
Mass Excavation	Any material occupying an original volume of more than 1 cubic yard which cannot be excavated with a single-toothed ripper drawn by a crawler tractor having a minimum draw bar pull rating of not less than 80,000 pounds usable pull (Caterpillar D-8 or larger).
Trench Excavation	Any material occupying an original volume of more than 1/2 cubic yard which cannot be excavated with a backhoe having a bucket curling rate of not less than 40,000 pounds, using a rock bucket and rock teeth (a John Deere 790 or larger).

Soil Stabilization

Methods of subgrade improvement, as described below, could include scarification, moisture conditioning and recompaction, removal of unstable materials and replacement with granular fill (with or without geosynthetics), and chemical stabilization. The appropriate method of improvement, if required, would be dependent on factors such as schedule, weather, the size of area to be stabilized, and the nature of the instability. More detailed recommendations can be provided during construction as the need for subgrade stabilization occurs. Performing site grading operations during warm seasons and dry periods would help reduce the amount of subgrade stabilization required.

If the exposed subgrade is unstable during proofrolling operations, it could be stabilized using one of the methods outlined below.

- **Scarification and Recompaction** - It may be feasible to scarify, dry, and recompact the exposed soils. The success of this procedure would depend primarily upon favorable weather and sufficient time to dry the soils. Stable subgrades likely would not be achievable if the thickness of the unstable soil is greater than about 1 foot, if the unstable soil is at or near groundwater levels, or if construction is performed during a period of wet or cool weather when drying is difficult.
- **Crushed Stone** - The use of crushed stone or crushed gravel is a common procedure to improve subgrade stability. Typical undercut depths would be expected to range from about 12 to 24 inches below finished subgrade elevation.

The use of high modulus geotextiles (i.e., engineering fabric or geogrid) could also be considered after underground work such as utility construction is completed. Prior to placing the fabric or geogrid, we recommend that all below grade construction, such as utility line installation, be completed to avoid damaging the fabric or geogrid. Equipment should not be operated above the fabric or geogrid until one full lift of crushed stone fill is placed above it. The maximum particle size of granular material placed over geotextile fabric or geogrid should not exceed 1-1/2 inches.

- **Chemical Modification** - Improvement of subgrades with portland cement or class C fly ash could be considered for improving unstable soils. Chemical modification should be performed by a pre-qualified contractor having experience with successfully stabilizing subgrades in the project area on similar sized projects with similar soil conditions. Results of chemical analysis of the additive materials should be provided to the geotechnical engineer prior to use. The hazards of chemicals blowing across the site or onto adjacent property should also be considered. Additional testing would be needed to develop specific recommendations to improve subgrade stability by blending chemicals with the site soils. Additional testing could include, but not be limited to, determining the most suitable stabilizing agent, the optimum amounts required, the presence of sulfates in the soil, and freeze-thaw durability of the subgrade.

Further evaluation of the need and recommendations for subgrade stabilization can be provided during construction as the geotechnical conditions are exposed.

Fill Material Types

Fill required to achieve design grade should be classified as structural fill and general fill. Structural fill is material used below, or within 10 feet of structures, pavements or constructed slopes. General fill is material used to achieve grade outside of these areas.

Reuse of On-Site Soil: Excavated on-site soil may be selectively reused as fill. Portions of the on-site soil have an elevated fines content and will be sensitive to moisture conditions (particularly during seasonally wet periods) and may not be suitable for reuse when above optimum moisture content.

Material property requirements for on-site soil for use as general fill and structural fill are noted in the table below:

Property	General Fill	Structural Fill
Composition	Free of deleterious material	Free of deleterious material

Property	General Fill	Structural Fill
Maximum particle size	6 inches (or 2/3 of the lift thickness)	3 inches
Fines content	Not limited	Less than 10% Passing No. 200 sieve (local standard)
Plasticity	Not limited	Maximum plasticity index of 25
GeoModel Layer Expected to be Suitable ¹	1, 2	1

1. Based on subsurface exploration. Actual material suitability should be determined in the field at time of construction.

Imported Fill Materials: Imported fill materials should meet the following material property requirements. Regardless of its source, compacted fill should consist of approved materials that are free of organic matter and debris. Frozen material should not be used, and fill should not be placed on a frozen subgrade.

Soil Type ^{1,2}	USCS Classification	Acceptable Parameters (for Structural Fill)
Low Plasticity Cohesive	CL, CL-ML ML, SM, SC	Liquid Limit less than 45 Plasticity index less than 25 Less than 25% retained on No. 200 sieve
Granular	GW, GP, GM, GC, SW, SP, SM, SC	Less than 50% passing No. 200 sieve

1. Structural and general fill should consist of approved materials free of organic matter and debris. Frozen material should not be used, and fill should not be placed on a frozen subgrade. A sample of each material type should be submitted to the Geotechnical Engineer for evaluation prior to use on this site. Additional geotechnical consultation should be provided prior to use of uniformly graded gravel on the site.
2. Considered Low-Volume Change (LVC) material.

Fill Placement and Compaction Requirements

Structural and general fill should meet the following compaction requirements.

Item	Structural Fill	General Fill
Maximum Lift Thickness	8 inches or less in loose thickness when heavy, self-propelled compaction equipment is used 4 to 6 inches in loose thickness when hand-guided equipment (i.e. jumping jack or plate compactor) is used	Same as structural fill
Minimum Compaction Requirements ^{1,2,3}	98% of max. below foundations and within 1 foot of finished pavement subgrade 95% of max. above foundations, below floor slabs, and more than 1 foot below finished pavement subgrade	92% of max.
Water Content Range ¹	Low plasticity cohesive: -2% to +3% of optimum High plasticity cohesive: 0 to +4% of optimum Granular: -3% to +3% of optimum	As required to achieve min. compaction requirements

1. Maximum density and optimum water content as determined by the standard Proctor test (ASTM D 698).
2. High plasticity cohesive fill should not be compacted to more than 100% of standard Proctor maximum dry density.
3. If the granular material is a coarse sand or gravel, or of a uniform size, or has a low fines content, compaction comparison to relative density may be more appropriate. In this case, granular materials should be compacted to at least 70% relative density (ASTM D 4253 and D 4254). Materials not amenable to density testing should be placed and compacted to a stable condition observed by the Geotechnical Engineer or representative.

Utility Trench Backfill

Any soft or unsuitable materials encountered at the bottom of utility trench excavations should be removed and replaced with structural fill or bedding material in accordance with public works specifications for the utility to be supported. This recommendation is particularly applicable to utility work requiring grade control and/or in areas where subsequent grade raising could cause settlement in the subgrade supporting the utility. Trench excavation should not be conducted below a downward 1:1 projection from existing foundations without engineering review of shoring requirements and geotechnical observation during construction.

On-site materials are considered suitable for backfill of utility and pipe trenches from 1 foot above the top of the pipe to the final ground surface, provided the material is free of organic matter and deleterious substances.

Trench backfill should be mechanically placed and compacted as discussed earlier in this report. Compaction of initial lifts should be accomplished with hand-operated tampers or other lightweight compactors. Where trenches are placed beneath slabs or footings, the backfill should satisfy the gradation and expansion index requirements of engineered fill discussed in this report. Flooding or jetting for placement and compaction of backfill is not recommended.

For low permeability subgrades, utility trenches are a common source of water infiltration and migration. Utility trenches penetrating beneath the building should be effectively sealed to restrict water intrusion and flow through the trenches, which could migrate below the building. The trench should provide an effective trench plug that extends at least 5 feet from the face of the building exterior. The plug material should consist of cementitious flowable fill or low permeability clay. The trench plug material should be placed to surround the utility line. If used, the clay trench plug material should be placed and compacted to comply with the water content and compaction recommendations for structural fill stated previously in this report.

Grading and Drainage

All grades must provide effective drainage away from the building during and after construction and should be maintained throughout the life of the structure. Water retained next to the building can result in soil movements greater than those discussed in this report. Greater movements can result in unacceptable differential floor slab and/or foundation movements, cracked slabs and walls, and roof leaks. The roof should have gutters/drains with downspouts that discharge onto splash blocks at a distance of at least 10 feet from the building.

Exposed ground should be sloped and maintained at a minimum 5% away from the building for at least 10 feet beyond the perimeter of the building. Locally, flatter grades may be necessary to transition ADA access requirements for flatwork. After building construction and landscaping have been completed, final grades should be verified to document effective drainage has been achieved. Grades around the structure should also be periodically inspected and adjusted, as necessary, as part of the structure's maintenance program. Where paving or flatwork abuts the structure, a maintenance program should be established to effectively seal and maintain joints and prevent surface water infiltration.

Earthwork Construction Considerations

Shallow excavations for the proposed structure are anticipated to be accomplished with conventional construction equipment. Upon completion of filling and grading, care should be taken to maintain the subgrade water content prior to construction of grade-supported improvements such as floor slabs and pavements. Construction traffic over the completed subgrades should be avoided. The site should also be graded to prevent ponding of surface water on the prepared subgrades or in excavations. Water collecting over or adjacent to construction areas should be removed. If the subgrade freezes, desiccates, saturates, or is disturbed, the affected material should be removed, or the materials should be scarified, moisture conditioned, and recompact prior to floor slab construction.

The groundwater table could affect overexcavation efforts, especially for overexcavation and replacement of lower strength soils. A temporary dewatering system consisting of sumps with pumps may be necessary to achieve the recommended depth of overexcavation depending on groundwater conditions at the time of construction.

As a minimum, excavations should be performed in accordance with OSHA 29 CFR, Part 1926, Subpart P, "Excavations" and its appendices, and in accordance with any applicable local and/or state regulations.

Construction site safety is the sole responsibility of the contractor who controls the means, methods, and sequencing of construction operations. Under no circumstances shall the information provided herein be interpreted to mean Terracon is assuming responsibility for construction site safety or the contractor's activities; such responsibility shall neither be implied nor inferred.

Excavations or other activities resulting in ground disturbance have the potential to affect adjoining properties and structures. Our scope of services does not include review of available final grading information or consider potential temporary grading performed by the contractor for potential effects such as ground movement beyond the project limits. A preconstruction/ precondition survey should be conducted to document nearby property/infrastructure prior to any site development activity. Excavation or ground disturbance activities adjacent or near property lines should be monitored or instrumented for potential ground movements that could negatively affect adjoining property and/or structures.

Construction Observation and Testing

The earthwork efforts should be observed by the Geotechnical Engineer (or others under their direction). Observation should include documentation of adequate removal of surficial materials (vegetation, topsoil, and pavements), evaluation and remediation of

existing fill materials, as well as proofrolling and mitigation of unsuitable areas delineated by the proofroll.

Each lift of compacted fill should be tested, evaluated, and reworked, as necessary, as recommended by the Geotechnical Engineer prior to placement of additional lifts. Each lift of fill should be tested for density and water content at a frequency of at least one test for every 2,500 square feet of compacted fill in the building areas and 5,000 square feet in pavement areas. Where not specified by local ordinance, one density and water content test should be performed for every 100 linear feet of compacted utility trench backfill and a minimum of one test performed for every 12 vertical inches of compacted backfill.

In areas of foundation excavations, the bearing subgrade should be evaluated by the Geotechnical Engineer. If unanticipated conditions are observed, the Geotechnical Engineer should prescribe mitigation options.

In addition to the documentation of the essential parameters necessary for construction, the continuation of the Geotechnical Engineer into the construction phase of the project provides the continuity to maintain the Geotechnical Engineer's evaluation of subsurface conditions, including assessing variations and associated design changes.

Shallow Foundations

If the site has been prepared in accordance with the requirements noted in [Earthwork](#), the following design parameters are applicable for shallow foundations.

Design Parameters – Compressive Loads

Item	Description
Maximum Net Allowable Bearing Pressure^{1, 2}	3,000 psf - foundations bearing upon controlled compacted fill or at least stiff native soils
Required Bearing Stratum³	Controlled Compacted fill or at least stiff native cohesive soils (GeoModel layers 1 and 2)
Minimum Foundation Dimensions	Columns: 30 inches Continuous: 18 inches
Ultimate Passive Resistance⁴ (equivalent fluid pressures)	120 pcf (cohesive backfill) 240 pcf (granular backfill)
Sliding Resistance⁵	0.35 (native/structural fill clay) 0.45 (granular material)

Item	Description
Minimum Embedment below Finished Grade ⁶	24 inches
Estimated Total Settlement from Structural Loads ²	Less than about 1 inch
Estimated Differential Settlement ^{2, 7}	About 1/2 of total settlement

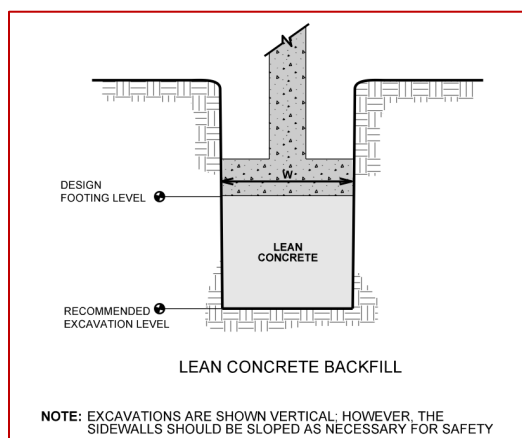
1. The maximum net allowable bearing pressure is the pressure in excess of the minimum surrounding overburden pressure at the footing base elevation. Values assume that exterior grades are no steeper than 20% within 10 feet of structure.
2. Values provided are for maximum loads noted in [Project Description](#). Additional geotechnical consultation will be necessary if higher loads are anticipated.
3. Unsuitable or soft soils should be overexcavated and replaced per the recommendations presented in [Earthwork](#).
4. Use of passive earth pressures require the sides of the excavation for the spread footing foundation to be nearly vertical and the concrete placed neat against these vertical faces or that the footing forms be removed and compacted structural fill be placed against the vertical footing face. Assumes no hydrostatic pressure.
5. Can be used to compute sliding resistance where foundations are placed on suitable soil/materials. Frictional resistance for granular materials is dependent on the bearing pressure which may vary due to load combinations. For fine-grained materials, lateral resistance using cohesion should not exceed 1/2 the dead load.
6. Embedment necessary to minimize the effects of frost and/or seasonal water content variations. For sloping ground, maintain depth below the lowest adjacent exterior grade within 5 horizontal feet of the structure.
7. Differential settlements are noted for equivalent-loaded foundations and bearing elevation as measured over a span of 50 feet.

Foundation Construction Considerations

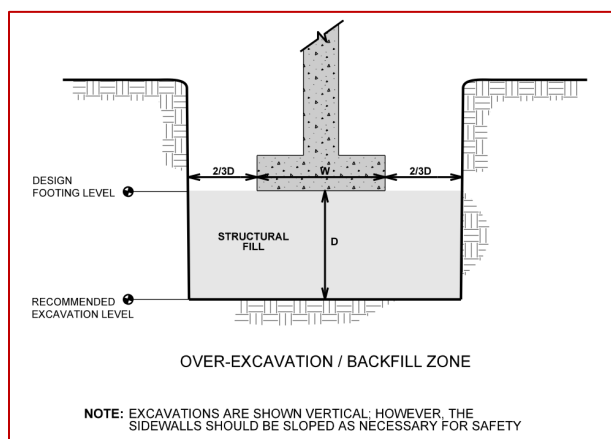
As noted in [Earthwork](#), the footing excavations should be evaluated under the observation of the Geotechnical Engineer. The base of all foundation excavations should be free of water and loose soil, prior to placing concrete. Concrete should be placed soon after excavating to reduce bearing soil disturbance. Care should be taken to prevent wetting or drying of the bearing materials during construction. Excessively wet or dry material or any loose/disturbed material in the bottom of the footing excavations should be removed/reconditioned before foundation concrete is placed.

Sensitive soils exposed at the surface of footing excavations may require surficial compaction with hand-held dynamic compaction equipment prior to placing structural fill, steel, and/or concrete. Should surficial compaction not be adequate, construction of a working surface consisting of either crushed stone or a lean concrete mud mat may be required prior to the placement of reinforcing steel and construction of foundations.

If unsuitable bearing soils are observed at the base of the planned footing excavation, the excavation should be extended deeper to suitable soils, and the footings could bear directly on these soils at the lower level or on lean concrete backfill placed in the excavations. The lean concrete replacement zone is illustrated on the sketch below.



Overexcavation for structural fill placement below footings should be conducted as shown below. The overexcavation should be backfilled up to the footing base elevation, with structural fill placed, as recommended in the **Earthwork** section.



Floor Slabs

Design parameters for floor slabs assume the requirements for **Earthwork** have been followed. Specific attention should be given to positive drainage away from the structure and positive drainage of the aggregate base beneath the floor slab.

Existing fill materials were observed at the site to depths of 4.5 to 7 feet below existing grade at the time of our field exploration. As previously described, any existing fill

present beneath floor slabs should be further evaluated by the Geotechnical Engineer to make sure they satisfy low volume change requirements (LVC).

Due to the potential for significant moisture fluctuations of subgrade material beneath floor slabs supported at-grade, the Geotechnical Engineer should evaluate the material within 12 inches of the bottom of the LVC zone immediately prior to placement of additional fill or floor slabs. Soils below the specified water contents within this zone should be moisture conditioned or replaced with structural fill as stated in our [Earthwork](#) section.

Floor Slab Design Parameters

Item	Description
Floor Slab Support ¹	Minimum 6 inches of free-draining crushed aggregate compacted to at least 95% of ASTM D698. Overlying 18 inches of low-plasticity cohesive or granular materials. Subgrade compacted to recommendations in Earthwork
Estimated Modulus of Subgrade Reaction ²	100 pounds per square inch per inch (psi/in) for point loads

1. Floor slabs should be structurally independent of building footings or walls to reduce the possibility of floor slab cracking caused by differential movements between the slab and foundation.
2. Modulus of subgrade reaction is an estimated value based upon our experience with the subgrade condition, the requirements noted in [Earthwork](#), and the floor slab support as noted in this table. It is provided for point loads. For large area loads the modulus of subgrade reaction would be lower.

The use of a vapor retarder should be considered beneath concrete slabs on grade covered with wood, tile, carpet, or other moisture sensitive or impervious coverings, when the project includes humidity-controlled areas, or when the slab will support equipment sensitive to moisture. When conditions warrant the use of a vapor retarder, the slab designer should refer to ACI 302 and/or ACI 360 for procedures and cautions regarding the use and placement of a vapor retarder.

Saw-cut contraction joints should be placed in the slab to help control the location and extent of cracking. For additional recommendations, refer to the ACI Design Manual. Joints or cracks should be sealed with a waterproof, non-extruding compressible compound specifically recommended for heavy duty concrete pavement and wet environments.

Where floor slabs are tied to perimeter walls or turn-down slabs to meet structural or other construction objectives, our experience indicates differential movement between the walls and slabs will likely be observed in adjacent slab expansion joints or floor slab cracks beyond the length of the structural dowels. The Structural Engineer should account for potential differential settlement through use of sufficient control joints, appropriate reinforcing or other means.

Settlement of floor slabs supported on existing fill materials cannot be accurately predicted but could be larger than normal and result in some cracking. Mitigation measures, as noted in **Existing Fill** within **Earthwork**, are critical to the performance of floor slabs. In addition to the mitigation measures, the floor slab can be stiffened by adding steel reinforcement, grade beams, and/or post-tensioned elements.

Floor Slab Construction Considerations

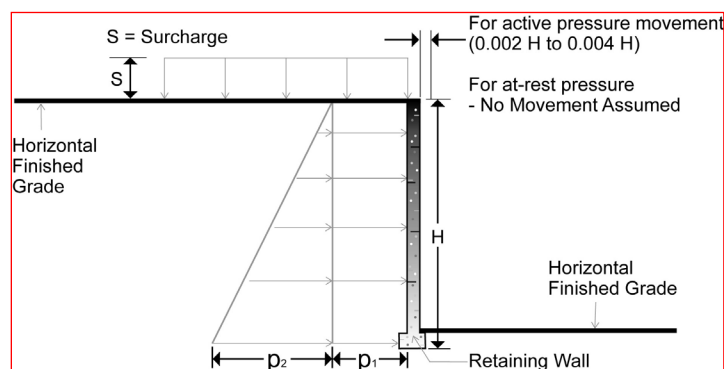
Finished subgrade, within and for at least 10 feet beyond the floor slab, should be protected from traffic, rutting, or other disturbance and maintained in a relatively moist condition until floor slabs are constructed. If the subgrade should become damaged or desiccated prior to construction of floor slabs, the affected material should be removed, and structural fill should be added to replace the resulting excavation. Final conditioning of the finished subgrade should be performed immediately prior to placement of the floor slab support course.

The Geotechnical Engineer should observe the condition of the floor slab subgrades immediately prior to placement of the floor slab support course, reinforcing steel, and concrete. Attention should be paid to high traffic areas that were rutted and disturbed earlier, and to areas where backfilled trenches are located.

Lateral Earth Pressures

Design Parameters

Structures with unbalanced backfill levels on opposite sides should be designed for earth pressures at least equal to values indicated in the following table. Earth pressures will be influenced by structural design of the walls, conditions of wall restraint, methods of construction, and/or compaction and the strength of the materials being restrained. Two wall restraint conditions are shown in the diagram below. Active earth pressure is commonly used for design of free-standing cantilever retaining walls and assumes wall movement. The "at-rest" condition assumes no wall movement and is commonly used for basement walls, loading dock walls, or other walls restrained at the top. The recommended design lateral earth pressures do not include a factor of safety and do not provide for possible hydrostatic pressure on the walls (unless stated).



Lateral Earth Pressure Design Parameters

Earth Pressure Condition ¹	Coefficient for Backfill Type ²	Surcharge Pressure ³ p ₁ (psf)	Equivalent Fluid Pressures (psf) ^{2,4}	
			Unsaturated ⁵	Submerged ⁵
Active (K _a)	Granular - 0.31	(0.31)S	(40)H	(80)H
	Fine Grained - 0.41	(0.41)S	(50)H	(85)H
At-Rest (K _o)	Granular - 0.47	(0.47)S	(55)H	(90)H
	Fine Grained - 0.58	(0.58)S	(70)H	(95)H

1. For active earth pressure, wall must rotate about base, with top lateral movements 0.002 H to 0.004 H, where H is wall height. For passive earth pressure, wall must move horizontally to mobilize resistance. Fat clay or other expansive soils should not be used as backfill behind the wall.
2. Uniform, horizontal backfill, with a maximum unit weight of 120 pcf for cohesive soils and 150 pcf for granular soils.
3. Uniform surcharge, where S is surcharge pressure.
4. Loading from heavy compaction equipment is not included.
5. To achieve "Unsaturated" conditions, follow guidelines in **Subsurface Drainage for Below-Grade Walls** below. "Submerged" conditions are recommended when drainage behind walls is not incorporated into the design.

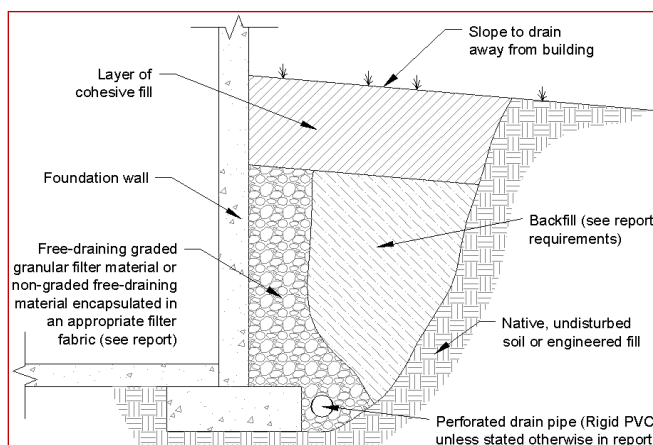
Backfill placed against structures should consist of granular soils or low plasticity cohesive soils. For the granular values to be valid, the granular backfill must extend out and up from the base of the wall at an angle of at least 45 degrees from vertical for the active case.

Footings, floor slabs or other loads bearing on backfill behind walls may have a significant influence on the lateral earth pressure. Placing footings within wall backfill and in the zone of active soil influence on the wall should be avoided unless structural analyses indicate the wall can safely withstand the increased pressure.

The lateral earth pressure recommendations given in this section are applicable to the design of rigid retaining walls subject to slight rotation, such as cantilever, or gravity type concrete walls. These recommendations are not applicable to the design of modular block - geogrid reinforced backfill walls (also termed MSE walls). Recommendations covering these types of wall systems are beyond the scope of services for this assignment. However, we would be pleased to develop a proposal for evaluation and design of such wall systems upon request.

Subsurface Drainage for Below-Grade Walls

A perforated rigid plastic drain line installed behind the base of walls and extends below adjacent grade is recommended to prevent hydrostatic loading on the walls. The invert of a drain line around a below-grade building area or exterior retaining wall should be placed near foundation bearing level. The drain line should be sloped to provide positive gravity drainage to daylight or to a sump pit and pump. The drain line should be surrounded by clean, free-draining granular material having less than 5% passing the No. 200 sieve, such as No. 57 aggregate. The free-draining aggregate should be encapsulated in a filter fabric. The granular fill should extend to within 2 feet of final grade, where it should be capped with compacted cohesive fill to reduce infiltration of surface water into the drain system.



As an alternative to free-draining granular fill, a prefabricated drainage structure may be used. A prefabricated drainage structure is a plastic drainage core or mesh which is covered with filter fabric to prevent soil intrusion and is fastened to the wall prior to placing backfill.

Pavements

General Pavement Comments

Pavement designs are provided for the traffic conditions and pavement life conditions as noted in [Project Description](#) and in the following sections of this report. A critical aspect of pavement performance is site preparation. Pavement designs noted in this section must be applied to the site which has been prepared as recommended in the [Earthwork](#) section.

Support characteristics of subgrade for pavement design do not account for shrink/swell movements of an expansive clay subgrade, such as soils observed on this project. Thus, the pavement may be adequate from a structural standpoint, yet still experience cracking and deformation due to shrink/swell related movement of the subgrade.

Pavement Design Parameters

A California Bearing Ratio (CBR) of 3 was used for the subgrade for the asphaltic concrete (AC) pavement designs. A modulus of subgrade reaction of 110 pci was used for the portland cement concrete (PCC) pavement designs. The value was empirically derived based upon our experience with the similar subgrade soils and our expectation of the quality of the subgrade as prescribed by the **Site Preparation** conditions as outlined in [Earthwork](#). A modulus of rupture of 580 psi was used in design for the concrete (based on correlations with a minimum 28-day compressive strength of 4,000 psi).

Pavement Section Thicknesses

The following table provides our opinion of minimum thickness for AC and PCC sections:

Minimum Recommended Pavement Section Thickness (inches)						
Traffic Area	Pavement Type	Asphalt Concrete Couse		Portland Cement Concrete ¹	Aggregate Base ²	Total Thickness
		Surface	Base			
Light-Duty	AC	1.5	2.5	--	6.0	10.0

Minimum Recommended Pavement Section Thickness (inches)

Traffic Area	Pavement Type	Asphalt Concrete Couse		Portland Cement Concrete ¹	Aggregate Base ²	Total Thickness
		Surface	Base			
	PCC	--	--	5.0	4.0	9.0
Dumpster Pad ³	AC	--	--	--	--	--
	PCC	--	--	8.0	4.0	12.0
<div><div>1.</div>4,000 psi compressive strength at 28 days, air entrained mix. PCC pavements are recommended for trash container pads and in any other areas subjected to heavy wheel loads and/or turning traffic such as entrance aprons.</div> <div><div>2.</div>KYTC crushed limestone dense graded aggregate (DGA). The aggregate base will serve to provide improved drainage beneath the concrete, reduce pumping of fines and reduce frost heave during winter months. Aggregate base course should be compacted to 98 percent of its maximum dry density as determined by ASTM D-698, Standard Proctor Test.</div> <div><div>3.</div>The dumpster pad should be large enough to support the container and the tipping axle of the collection truck.</div>						

Areas for parking of heavy vehicles, concentrated turn areas, and start/stop maneuvers could require thicker pavement sections. Edge restraints (i.e. concrete curbs or aggregate shoulders) should be planned along curves and areas of maneuvering vehicles.

Although not required for structural support, a minimum 4-inch thick base course layer is recommended to help reduce potential for slab curl, shrinkage cracking, and subgrade pumping through joints. Proper joint spacing will also be required to prevent excessive slab curling and shrinkage cracking. Joints should be sealed to prevent entry of foreign material and doweled where necessary for load transfer. PCC pavement details for joint spacing, joint reinforcement, and joint sealing should be prepared in accordance with ACI 330 and ACI 325.

Where practical, we recommend early-entry cutting of crack-control joints in PCC pavements. Cutting of the concrete in its “green” state typically reduces the potential for micro-cracking of the pavements prior to the crack control joints being formed, compared to cutting the joints after the concrete has fully set. Micro-cracking of pavements may lead to crack formation in locations other than the sawed joints, and/or reduction of fatigue life of the pavement.

Openings in pavements, such as decorative landscaped areas, are sources for water infiltration into surrounding pavement systems. Water can collect in the islands and migrate into the surrounding subgrade soils thereby degrading support of the pavement. Islands with raised concrete curbs, irrigated foliage, and low permeability near-surface soils are particular areas of concern. The civil design for the pavements with these conditions should include features to restrict or collect and discharge excess water from the islands. Examples of features are edge drains connected to the stormwater collection system, longitudinal subdrains, or other suitable outlets and impermeable barriers preventing lateral migration of water such as a cutoff wall installed to a depth below the pavement structure.

Pavement Drainage

Pavements should be sloped to provide rapid drainage of surface water. Water allowed to pond on or adjacent to the pavements could saturate the subgrade and contribute to premature pavement deterioration. In addition, the pavement subgrade should be graded to provide positive drainage within the granular base section. Appropriate sub-drainage or connection to a suitable daylight outlet should be provided to remove water from the granular subbase.

Subdrainage should be a primary consideration in the proposed pavement areas to prevent water from accumulating within the aggregate base course and causing softening of the subgrade, shrink/swell volume change, or frost heave. To this end, we recommend the installation of pipe underdrains (finger drains) radiating from all catch basins within the pavement. Where surrounded by pavement, the finger drains should be installed on all four sides of the catch basins. At catch basins located along the edge of the pavement, the finger drains should be installed on the sides that abut pavement. Subgrade surfaces should be fine graded so that water seepage under the pavements will flow to the underdrains or to other suitable drainage outlets. Establishing subgrade slopes during site grading to promote rapid surface and base course drainage away from the pavement will extend its useful life.

Pavement Maintenance

The pavement sections represent minimum recommended thicknesses and, as such, periodic upkeep should be anticipated. Preventive maintenance should be planned and provided for through an on-going pavement management program. Maintenance activities are intended to slow the rate of pavement deterioration and to preserve the pavement investment. Pavement care consists of both localized (e.g., crack and joint sealing and patching) and global maintenance (e.g., surface sealing). Additional engineering consultation is recommended to determine the type and extent of a cost-effective program. Even with periodic maintenance, some movements and related cracking may still occur, and repairs may be required.

Pavement performance is affected by its surroundings. In addition to providing preventive maintenance, the civil engineer should consider the following recommendations in the design and layout of pavements:

- Final grade adjacent to paved areas should slope down from the edges at a minimum 2%.
- Subgrade and pavement surfaces should have a minimum 2% slope to promote proper surface drainage.
- Install pavement drainage systems surrounding areas anticipated for frequent wetting.
- Install joint sealant and seal cracks immediately.
- Seal all landscaped areas in or adjacent to pavements to reduce moisture migration to subgrade soils.
- Place compacted, low permeability backfill against the exterior side of curb and gutter.

General Comments

Our analysis and opinions are based upon our understanding of the project, the geotechnical conditions in the area, and the data obtained from our site exploration. Variations will occur between exploration point locations or due to the modifying effects of construction or weather. The nature and extent of such variations may not become evident until during or after construction. Terracon should be retained as the Geotechnical Engineer, where noted in this report, to provide observation and testing services during pertinent construction phases. If variations appear, we can provide further evaluation and supplemental recommendations. If variations are noted in the absence of our observation and testing services on-site, we should be immediately notified so that we can provide evaluation and supplemental recommendations.

Our Scope of Services does not include either specifically or by implication any environmental or biological (e.g., 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, other studies should be undertaken.

Our services and any correspondence are intended for the sole benefit and exclusive use of our client for specific application to the project discussed and are accomplished in accordance with generally accepted geotechnical engineering practices with no third-party beneficiaries intended. Any third-party access to services or correspondence is solely for information purposes to support the services provided by Terracon to our client. Reliance upon the services and any work product is limited to our client and is not intended for third parties. Any use or reliance of the provided information by third

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Site characteristics as provided are for design purposes and not to estimate excavation cost. Any use of our report in that regard is done at the sole risk of the excavating cost estimator as there may be variations on the site that are not apparent in the data that could significantly effect excavation cost. Any parties charged with estimating excavation costs should seek their own site characterization for specific purposes to obtain the specific level of detail necessary for costing. Site safety and cost estimating including excavation support and dewatering requirements/design are the responsibility of others. Construction and site development have the potential to affect adjacent properties. Such impacts can include damages due to vibration, modification of groundwater/surface water flow during construction, foundation movement due to undermining or subsidence from excavation, as well as noise or air quality concerns. Evaluation of these items on nearby properties are commonly associated with contractor means and methods and are not addressed in this report. The owner and contractor should consider a preconstruction/precondition survey of surrounding development. If changes in the nature, design, or location of the project are planned, our conclusions and recommendations shall not be considered valid unless we review the changes and either verify or modify our conclusions in writing.

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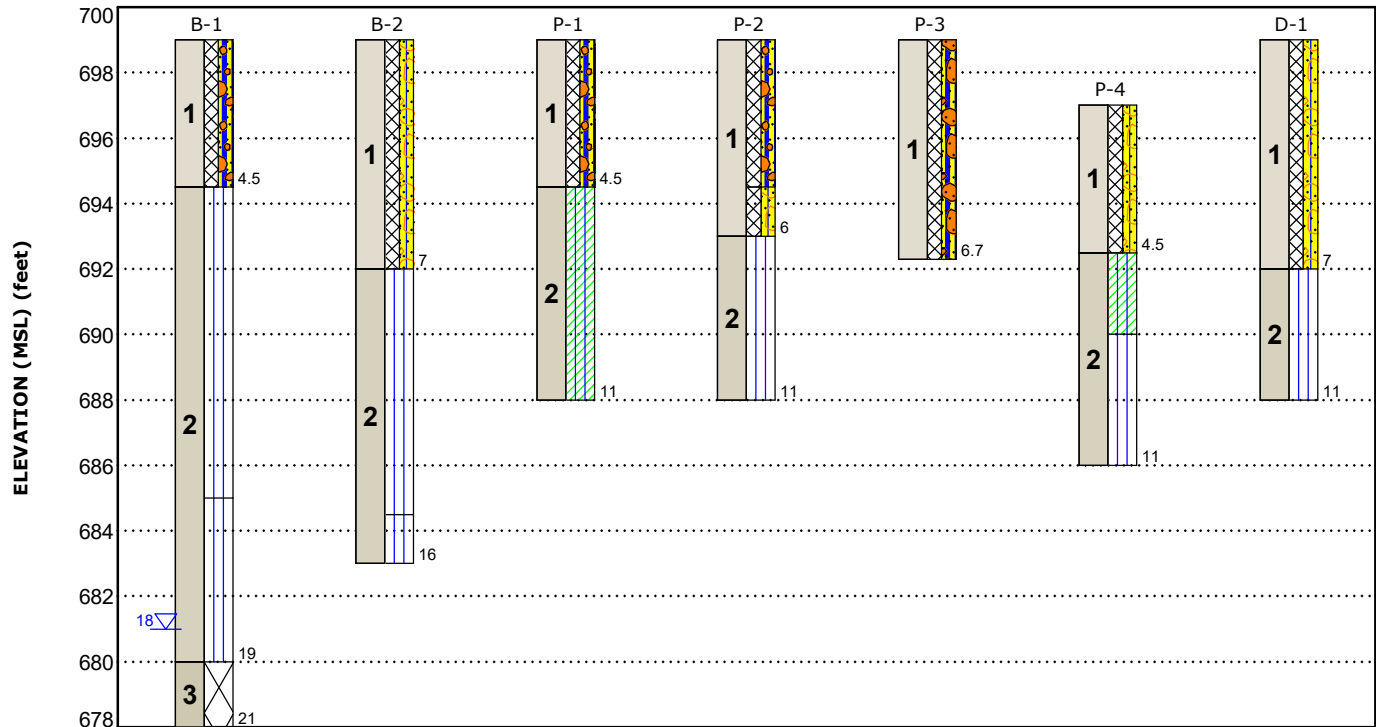


Figures

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GeoModel

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This is not a cross section. This is intended to display the Geotechnical Model only. See individual logs for more detailed conditions.

Model Layer	Layer Name	General Description	Legend	
1	Controlled Compacted Fill	Shale fragments to cobbles, silt, and sand, brown, grayish brown, and gray, medium stiff to very stiff	Sandy Silt with Gravel	Silt
2	Cohesive Soils	Silt (ML) and Silty Clay (CL-ML) with trace sand, gravels, and clay, brown to light brown with gray, medium stiff to stiff	Weathered Shale	Silty Gravel with Sand
3	Weathered Bedrock	Weathered shale bedrock, very weak rock	Silty Clay	Gravelly Silt with Sand

First Water Observation

Groundwater levels are temporal. The levels shown are representative of the date and time of our exploration. Significant changes are possible over time.
Water levels shown are as measured during and/or after drilling. In some cases, boring advancement methods mask the presence/absence of groundwater. See individual logs for details.

NOTES:
Layering shown on this figure has been developed by the geotechnical engineer for purposes of modeling the subsurface conditions as required for the subsequent geotechnical engineering for this project.
Numbers adjacent to soil column indicate depth below ground surface.

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Field Exploration

Number of Borings	Approximate Boring Depth (feet)	Location
2	16 to 21	Building area
4	6.7 to 11	Pavement area
1	11	Dumpster pad area

Boring Layout and Elevations: Terracon personnel provided the boring layout using handheld GPS equipment (estimated horizontal accuracy of about ±10 feet) and referencing existing site features. Approximate ground surface elevations were estimated using Google Earth. If elevations and a more precise boring layout are desired, we recommend borings be surveyed.

Subsurface Exploration Procedures: We advanced the borings with a track-mounted, rotary drill rig using hollow stem continuous flight augers. Four samples were obtained in the upper 10 feet of each boring and at intervals of 5 feet thereafter. In the split-barrel sampling procedure, a standard 2-inch outer diameter split-barrel sampling spoon was driven into the ground by a 140-pound automatic hammer falling a distance of 30 inches. The number of blows required to advance the sampling spoon the last 12 inches of a normal 18-inch penetration is recorded as the Standard Penetration Test (SPT) resistance value. The SPT resistance values, also referred to as N-values, are indicated on the boring logs at the test depths. We observed and recorded groundwater levels during drilling and sampling. For safety purposes, all borings were backfilled with auger cuttings after their completion.

We also observed the boreholes while drilling and at the completion of drilling for the presence of groundwater. The groundwater levels are shown on the attached boring logs.

The sampling depths, penetration distances, and other sampling information was recorded on the field boring logs. The samples were placed in appropriate containers and taken to our soil laboratory for testing and classification by a Geotechnical Engineer. Our exploration team prepared field boring logs as part of the drilling operations. These field logs included visual classifications of the materials observed during drilling and our interpretation of the subsurface conditions between samples. Final boring logs were prepared from the field logs. The final boring logs represent the Geotechnical Engineer's interpretation of the field logs and include modifications based on observations and tests of the samples in our laboratory.

Laboratory Testing

The project engineer reviewed the field data and assigned laboratory tests. The laboratory testing program included the following types of tests:

- Moisture Content
- Atterberg Limits

The laboratory testing program often included examination of soil samples by an engineer. Based on the results of our field and laboratory programs, we described and classified the soil samples in accordance with the Unified Soil Classification System.

Photography Log



Photo 1: B-1 Staked Location



Photo 2: B-2 Staked Location



Photo 3: P-1 Staked Location



Photo 4: P-3 Staked Location

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Photo 5: P-4 Staked Location



Photo 6: D-1 Staked Location

Site Location and Exploration Plans

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Exploration Plan



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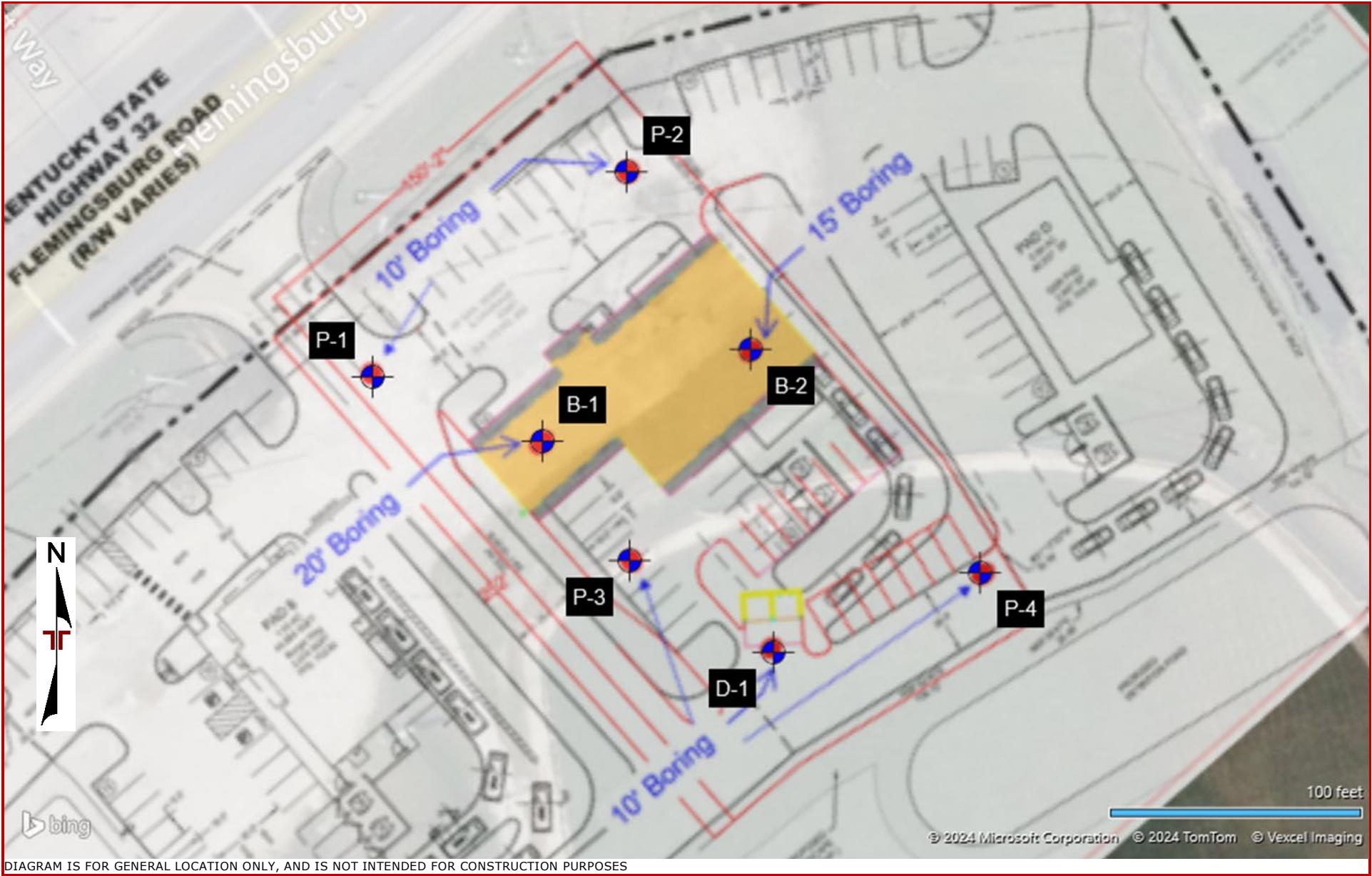
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Exploration Plan with Building Overlay



Exploration and Laboratory Results

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Boring Logs (B-1, B-2, P-1 through P-4, D-1)
Atterberg Limits

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Boring Log No. B-1

Model Layer	Graphic Log	Location: See Exploration Plan Latitude: 38.1991° Longitude: -83.4785° Depth (Ft.)	Depth (Ft.)	Water Level Observations	Sample Type	Recovery (%)	Field Test Results	HP (tsf)	Water Content (%)	Atterberg Limits
										LL-PL-PI
1		FILL , silt with sand and gravels, brown to light brown and gray, very stiff								
		4.5								
2		SILT (ML) , trace sand and gravels, brown to grayish brown, medium stiff to stiff	5							
					X	7	6-12-12 N=24	4.25 (HP)	14.0	
					X	11	2-3-4 N=7	1.50 (HP)	21.6	
					X	13	2-2-3 N=5	1.00 (HP)	21.9	
			10		X	14	3-4-5 N=9	1.50 (HP)	20.8	23-21-2
3		SILT (ML) , trace weathered shale fragments, brown to orangish brown, moist, medium stiff	15		X	18	1-2-2 N=4	0.75 (HP)	34.3	
		19.0								
		WEATHERED SHALE , with silt, moist, very weak	20		X	8	3-3-4 N=7			
		Boring Terminated at 21 Feet								

See [Exploration and Testing Procedures](#) for a description of field and laboratory procedures used and additional data (If any).

See [Supporting Information](#) for explanation of symbols and abbreviations.

Elevation Reference: Elevations observed from Google Earth Pro.

Water Level Observations
 At completion of drilling

Drill Rig
 CME 55

Hammer Type
 Automatic

Driller
 Horn & Associates, Inc.

Logged by
 T. Leininger

Boring Started
 05-15-2024



Boring Completed
 05-15-2024

Notes

Advancement Method
 HSA

Abandonment Method
 Boring backfilled with auger cuttings upon completion.

Boring Log No. B-2

Model Layer	Graphic Log	Location: See Exploration Plan Latitude: 38.1992° Longitude: -83.4783° Depth (Ft.)	Depth (Ft.)	Water Level Observations	Sample Type	Recovery (%)	Field Test Results	HP (tsf)	Water Content (%)	Atterberg Limits
										LL-PL-PI
1		FILL , shale fragments with silt and sand, gray and brown, very stiff	5							
					X	17	6-8-8 N=16		9.5	
		X			18	6-8-15 N=23	9.2			
2		SILT (ML) , trace sand, gravels, and clay, brown to light brown, stiff	10		X	13	3-3-4 N=7	1.00 (HP)	20.0	22-19-3
			X	18	3-4-5 N=9	1.50 (HP)	23.0			
		14.5	15		X	15	1-2-2 N=4		0.75 (HP)	29.4
		SILT (ML) , trace sand and gravels, brown to light brown, medium stiff								
	16.0									
Boring Terminated at 16 Feet										

See **Exploration and Testing Procedures** for a description of field and laboratory procedures used and additional data (If any).

See **Supporting Information** for explanation of symbols and abbreviations.

Elevation Reference: Elevations observed from Google Earth Pro.

Notes

Water Level Observations
Groundwater not encountered

Drill Rig

CME 55

Hammer Type Automatic

Driller

Horn & Associates, Inc.

Logged by
T. Leininger

Boring Started
05-15-2024

Boring Completed
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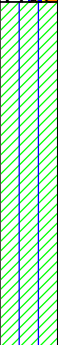
Advancement Method

HSA

Abandonment Method



Boring backfilled with auger cuttings upon completion.

Boring Log No. P-1

Model Layer	Graphic Log	Location: See Exploration Plan	Depth (Ft.)	Water Level Observations	Sample Type	Recovery (Field Test Results	HP (tsf)	Water Content (%)	Atterberg Limits
		Latitude: 38.1992° Longitude: -83.4788°								LL-PL-PI
		Depth (Ft.)								
1		FILL , silt with sand and gravel, brown, medium stiff								
2		SILTY CLAY (CL-ML) , trace sand, brown and gray, medium stiff to stiff	5							
		Boring Terminated at 11 Feet	10							

<p>See Exploration and Testing Procedures for a description of field and laboratory procedures used and additional data (If any).</p> <p>See Supporting Information for explanation of symbols and abbreviations.</p> <p>Elevation Reference: Elevations observed from Google Earth Pro.</p>	<p>Water Level Observations</p> <p>Groundwater not encountered</p>	<p>Drill Rig</p> <p>CME 55</p>
		<p>Hammer Type</p> <p>Automatic</p>
		<p>Driller</p> <p>Horn & Associates, Inc.</p>
<p>Notes</p>	<p>Advancement Method</p> <p>HSA</p>	<p>Logged by</p> <p>T. Leininger</p>
		<p>Boring Started</p> <p>05-15-2024</p>
	<p>Abandonment Method</p> <p>Boring backfilled with auger cuttings upon completion.</p>	<p>Boring Completed</p> <p>05-15-2024</p>

Boring Log No. P-2

Model Layer	Graphic Log	Location: See Exploration Plan Latitude: 38.1994° Longitude: -83.4784° Depth (Ft.)	Depth (Ft.)	Water Level Observations	Sample Type	Recovery (')	Field Test Results	HP (tsf)	Water Content (%)	Atterberg Limits
										LL-PL-PI
1		FILL , silt with sand and shale fragments, light brown and gray, stiff to very stiff	5				3-4-5 N=9	3.25 (HP)	17.4	
		4.5								
		FILL , shot rock fill with sand and silt, gray, very stiff								
2		SILT (ML) , trace clay, sand, and gravels, light brown and grayish brown, medium stiff to stiff	10				1-2-3 N=5	2.00 (HP)	20.2	
		6.0								
		11.0								
		Boring Terminated at 11 Feet								

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Water Level Observations
 Groundwater not encountered

Drill Rig
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Advancement Method
 HSA

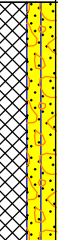

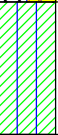


Abandonment Method
 Boring backfilled with auger cuttings upon completion.

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Boring Started
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Boring Log No. P-3

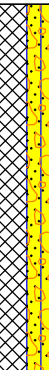

Model Layer	Graphic Log	Location: See Exploration Plan Latitude: 38.1990° Longitude: -83.4784° Depth (Ft.)	Depth (Ft.)	Water Level Observations	Sample Type	Recovery (')	Field Test Results	HP (tsf)	Water Content (%)	Atterberg Limits
										LL-PL-PI
1		FILL , silt with cobbles and sand, grayish brown and gray, stiff to very stiff 6.7	5		X	18	3-4-7 N=11	2.50 (HP)	14.6	
					X	3	50/3"			
		Auger Refusal at 6.7 Feet								
Notes See Exploration and Testing Procedures for a description of field and laboratory procedures used and additional data (If any). See Supporting Information for explanation of symbols and abbreviations. Elevation Reference: Elevations observed from Google Earth Pro.				Water Level Observations Groundwater not encountered				Drill Rig CME 55 Hammer Type Automatic Driller Horn & Associates, Inc.		
				Advancement Method HSA Abandonment Method Boring backfilled with auger cuttings upon completion.				Logged by T. Leininger Boring Started 05-15-2024 Boring Completed 05-15-2024		

Boring Log No. P-4

Model Layer	Graphic Log	Location: See Exploration Plan Latitude: 38.1990° Longitude: -83.4779° Depth (Ft.)	Depth (Ft.)	Water Level Observations	Sample Type	Recovery (')	Field Test Results	HP (tsf)	Water Content (%)	Atterberg Limits
										LL-PL-PI
1		FILL , shale fragments with sand and silt, gray, stiff to very stiff	5			13	4-6-6 N=12	3.25 (HP)	10.6	23-17-6
		4.5								
2		SILTY CLAY (CL-ML) , trace sand, brown, very stiff	10			17	8-6-8 N=14	3.00 (HP)	15.5	
		7.0								
		SILT (ML) , trace sand, brown to light brown, medium stiff to stiff				13	2-2-3 N=5	1.00 (HP)	20.8	
									22.5	
		11.0				12	2-2-2 N=4	1.25 (HP)		
Boring Terminated at 11 Feet										

Notes	See Exploration and Testing Procedures for a description of field and laboratory procedures used and additional data (If any).	Water Level Observations Groundwater not encountered	Drill Rig CME 55
	See Supporting Information for explanation of symbols and abbreviations. Elevation Reference: Elevations observed from Google Earth Pro.		
		Hammer Type Automatic	Driller Horn & Associates, Inc.
		Advancement Method HSA	Logged by T. Leininger
		Abandonment Method Boring backfilled with auger cuttings upon completion.	Boring Started 05-15-2024
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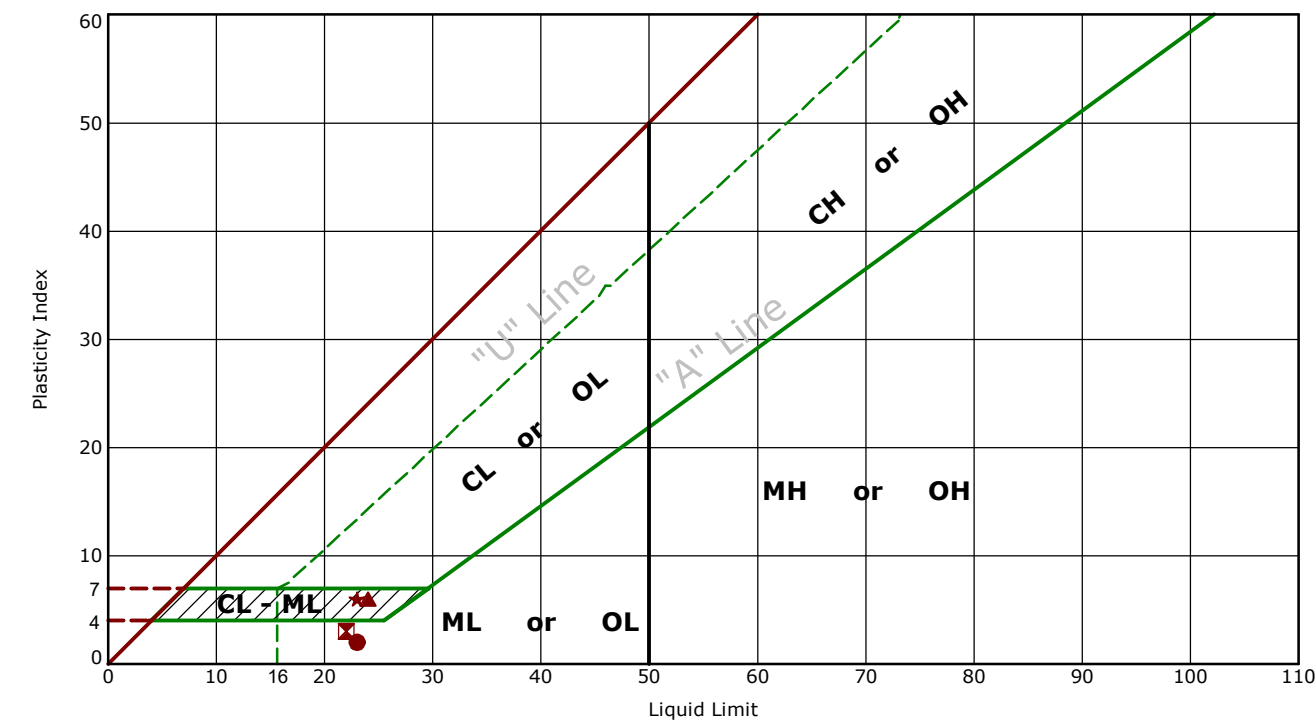
Boring Log No. D-1

Model Layer	Graphic Log	Location: See Exploration Plan Latitude: 38.1989° Longitude: -83.4782° Depth (Ft.)	Depth (Ft.)	Water Level Observations	Sample Type	Recovery (')	Field Test Results	HP (tsf)	Water Content (%)	Atterberg Limits
										LL-PL-PI
1		FILL , silty gravel with sand, light brown and grayish brown, stiff to very stiff 7.0	5		X	18	3-5-7 N=12	3.50 (HP)	18.8	
					X	6	5-5-6 N=11			
					X	13	2-2-4 N=6	1.50 (HP)	20.6	
2		SILT (ML) , trace sand, light brown and gray, medium stiff to stiff 11.0	10		X	14	3-3-4 N=7	0.75 (HP)	23.4	
Boring Terminated at 11 Feet										

Notes	See Exploration and Testing Procedures for a description of field and laboratory procedures used and additional data (If any).	Water Level Observations Groundwater not encountered	Drill Rig CME 55
	See Supporting Information for explanation of symbols and abbreviations.		
	Elevation Reference: Elevations observed from Google Earth Pro.		
Notes		Hammer Type Automatic	Driller Horn & Associates, Inc.
Notes		Advancement Method HSA	Logged by T. Leininger
Notes		Abandonment Method Boring backfilled with auger cuttings upon completion.	Boring Started 05-15-2024
Notes			Boring Completed 05-15-2024

Atterberg Limit Results

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	Boring ID	Depth (Ft)	LL	PL	PI	Fines	USCS	Description
●	B-1	9.5 - 11	23	21	2		ML	
■	B-2	7 - 8.5	22	19	3		ML	
▲	P-1	4.5 - 6	24	18	6		CL-ML	
★	P-4	4.5 - 6	23	17	6		CL-ML	

Supporting Information

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Note: All attachments are one page unless noted above.

General Notes

Sampling	Water Level	Field Tests
 Standard Penetration Test	 Water Initially Encountered  Water Level After a Specified Period of Time  Water Level After a Specified Period of Time  Cave In Encountered <p>Water levels indicated on the soil boring logs are the levels measured in the borehole at the times indicated. Groundwater level variations will occur over time. In low permeability soils, accurate determination of groundwater levels is not possible with short term water level observations.</p>	N Standard Penetration Test Resistance (Blows/Ft.) (HP) Hand Penetrometer (T) Torvane (DCP) Dynamic Cone Penetrometer UC Unconfined Compressive Strength (PID) Photo-Ionization Detector (OVA) Organic Vapor Analyzer

Descriptive Soil Classification

Soil classification as noted on the soil boring logs is based Unified Soil Classification System. Where sufficient laboratory data exist to classify the soils consistent with ASTM D2487 "Classification of Soils for Engineering Purposes" this procedure is used. ASTM D2488 "Description and Identification of Soils (Visual-Manual Procedure)" is also used to classify the soils, particularly where insufficient laboratory data exist to classify the soils in accordance with ASTM D2487. In addition to USCS classification, coarse grained soils are classified on the basis of their in-place relative density, and fine-grained soils are classified on the basis of their consistency. See "Strength Terms" table below for details. The ASTM standards noted above are for reference to methodology in general. In some cases, variations to methods are applied as a result of local practice or professional judgment.

Location And Elevation Notes

Exploration point locations as shown on the Exploration Plan and as noted on the soil boring logs in the form of Latitude and Longitude are approximate. See Exploration and Testing Procedures in the report for the methods used to locate the exploration points for this project. Surface elevation data annotated with +/- indicates that no actual topographical survey was conducted to confirm the surface elevation. Instead, the surface elevation was approximately determined from topographic maps of the area.

Strength Terms

Relative Density of Coarse-Grained Soils (More than 50% retained on No. 200 sieve.) Density determined by Standard Penetration Resistance		Consistency of Fine-Grained Soils (50% or more passing the No. 200 sieve.) Consistency determined by laboratory shear strength testing, field visual-manual procedures or standard penetration resistance		
Relative Density	Standard Penetration or N-Value (Blows/Ft.)	Consistency	Unconfined Compressive Strength Qu (tsf)	Standard Penetration or N-Value (Blows/Ft.)
Very Loose	0 - 3	Very Soft	less than 0.25	0 - 1
Loose	4 - 9	Soft	0.25 to 0.50	2 - 4
Medium Dense	10 - 29	Medium Stiff	0.50 to 1.00	4 - 8
Dense	30 - 50	Stiff	1.00 to 2.00	8 - 15
Very Dense	> 50	Very Stiff	2.00 to 4.00	15 - 30
		Hard	> 4.00	> 30

Relevance of Exploration and Laboratory Test Results

Exploration/field results and/or laboratory test data contained within this document are intended for application to the project as described in this document. Use of such exploration/field results and/or laboratory test data should not be used independently of this document.

Unified Soil Classification System

Criteria for Assigning Group Symbols and Group Names Using Laboratory Tests ^A				Soil Classification	
				Group Symbol	Group Name ^B
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 ^C	Cu≥4 and 1≤Cc≤3 ^E	GW	Well-graded gravel ^F
			Cu<4 and/or [Cc<1 or Cc>3.0] ^E	GP	Poorly graded gravel ^F
		Gravels with Fines: More than 12% fines ^C	Fines classify as ML or MH	GM	Silty gravel ^{F, G, H}
			Fines classify as CL or CH	GC	Clayey gravel ^{F, G, H}
	Sands: 50% or more of coarse fraction passes No. 4 sieve	Clean Sands: Less than 5% fines ^D	Cu≥6 and 1≤Cc≤3 ^E	SW	Well-graded sand ^I
			Cu<6 and/or [Cc<1 or Cc>3.0] ^E	SP	Poorly graded sand ^I
		Sands with Fines: More than 12% fines ^D	Fines classify as ML or MH	SM	Silty sand ^{G, H, I}
			Fines classify as CL or CH	SC	Clayey sand ^{G, H, I}
Fine-Grained Soils: 50% or more passes the No. 200 sieve	Silts and Clays: Liquid limit less than 50	Inorganic:	PI > 7 and plots above “A” line ^J	CL	Lean clay ^{K, L, M}
			PI < 4 or plots below “A” line ^J	ML	Silt ^{K, L, M}
		Organic:	$\frac{LL \text{ oven dried}}{LL \text{ not dried}} < 0.75$	OL	Organic clay ^{K, L, M, N}
					Organic silt ^{K, L, M, O}
	Silts and Clays: Liquid limit 50 or more	Inorganic:	PI plots on or above “A” line	CH	Fat clay ^{K, L, M}
			PI plots below “A” line	MH	Elastic silt ^{K, L, M}
		Organic:	$\frac{LL \text{ oven dried}}{LL \text{ not dried}} < 0.75$	OH	Organic clay ^{K, L, M, P}
					Organic silt ^{K, L, M, Q}
Highly organic soils:	Primarily organic matter, dark in color, and organic odor			PT	Peat

- ^A Based on the material passing the 3-inch (75-mm) sieve.

^B If field sample contained cobbles or boulders, or both, add "with cobbles or boulders, or both" to group name.

^C Gravels with 5 to 12% fines require dual symbols: GW-GM well-graded gravel with silt, GW-GC well-graded gravel with clay, GP-GM poorly graded gravel with silt, GP-GC poorly graded gravel with clay.

^D Sands with 5 to 12% fines require dual symbols: SW-SM well-graded sand with silt, SW-SC well-graded sand with clay, SP-SM poorly graded sand with silt, SP-SC poorly graded sand with clay.

^E $Cu = D_{60}/D_{10}$ $Cc = \frac{(D_{30})^2}{D_{10} \times D_{60}}$

^F If soil contains $\geq 15\%$ sand, add "with sand" to group name.

^G If fines classify as CL-ML, use dual symbol GC-GM, or SC-SM.
- ^H If fines are organic, add "with organic fines" to group name.

^I If soil contains $\geq 15\%$ gravel, add "with gravel" to group name.

^J If Atterberg limits plot in shaded area, soil is a CL-ML, silty clay.

^K If soil contains 15 to 29% plus No. 200, add "with sand" or "with gravel," whichever is predominant.

^L If soil contains $\geq 30\%$ plus No. 200 predominantly sand, add "sandy" to group name.

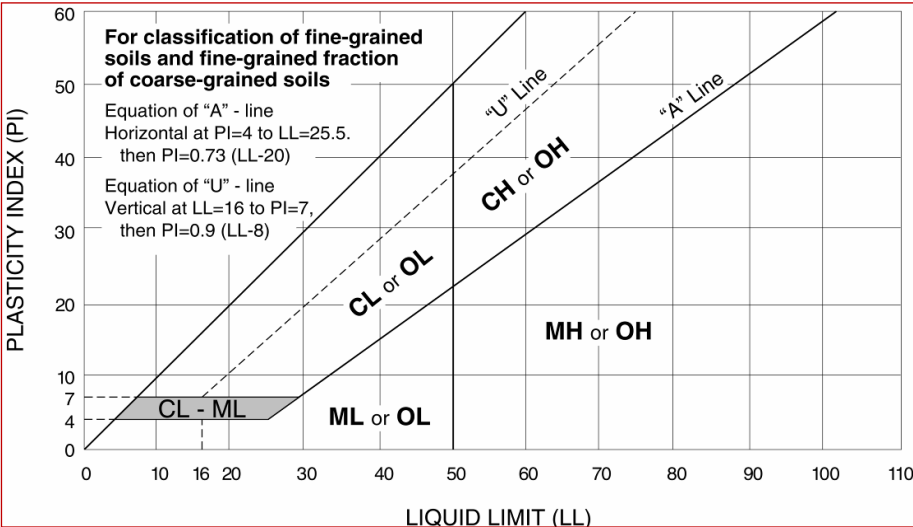
^M If soil contains $\geq 30\%$ plus No. 200, predominantly gravel, add "gravelly" to group name.

^N $PI \geq 4$ and plots on or above "A" line.

^O $PI < 4$ or plots below "A" line.

^P PI plots on or above "A" line.

^Q PI plots below "A" line.





Rock Classification Notes

WEATHERING			
Term	Description		
Fresh	Mineral crystals appear bright; show no discoloration. Features show little or now staining on surfaces. Discoloration does not extend into intact rock.		
Slightly weathered	Rock generally fresh except along fractures. Some fractures stained and discoloration may extend <0.5 inches into rock.		
Moderately weathered	Significant portions of rock are dull and discolored. Rock may be significantly weaker than in fresh state near fractures. Soil zones of limited extent may occur along some fractures.		
Highly weathered	Rock dull and discolored throughout. Majority of rock mass is significantly weaker and has decomposed and/or disintegrated; isolated zones of stronger rock and/or soil may occur throughout.		
Completely weathered	All rock material is decomposed and/or disintegrated to soil. The rock mass or fabric is still evident and largely intact. Isolated zones of stronger rock may occur locally.		
STRENGTH OR HARDNESS			
Description	Field Identification	Uniaxial Compressive Strength, psi	
Extremely strong	Can only be chipped with geological hammer. Rock rings on hammer blows. Cannot be scratched with a sharp pick. Hand specimens require several hard hammer blows to break.	>36,000	
Very strong	Several blows of a geological hammer to fracture. Cannot be scratched with a 20d common steel nail. Can be scratched with a geologist's pick only with difficulty.	15,000-36,000	
Strong	More than one blow of a geological hammer needed to fracture. Can be scratched with a 20d nail or geologist's pick. Gouges or grooves to ¼ inch deep can be excavated by a hard blow of a geologist's pick. Hand specimens can be detached by a moderate blow.	7,500-15,000	
Medium strong	One blow of geological hammer needed to fracture. Can be distinctly scratched with 20d nail. Can be grooved or gouged 1/16 in. deep by firm pressure with a geologist's pick point. Can be fractured with single firm blow of geological hammer. Can be excavated in small chips (about 1-in. maximum size) by hard blows of the point of a geologist's pick;	3,500-7,500	
Weak	Shallow indent by firm blow with geological hammer point. Can be gouged or grooved readily with geologist's pick point. Can be excavated in pieces several inches in size by moderate blows of a pick point. Small thin pieces can be broken by finger pressure.	700-3,500	
Very weak	Crumbles under firm blow with geological hammer point. Can be excavated readily with the point of a geologist's pick. Pieces 1-in. or more in thickness can be broken with finger pressure. Can be scratched readily by fingernail.	150-700	
DISCONTINUITY DESCRIPTION			
Fracture Spacing (Joints, Faults, Other Fractures)		Bedding Spacing (May Include Foliation or Banding)	
Description	Spacing	Description	Spacing
Intensely fractured	< 2.5 inches	Laminated	< ½-inch
Highly fractured	2.5 – 8 inches	Very thin	½ – 2 inches
Moderately fractured	8 inches to 2 feet	Thin	2 inches – 1 foot
Slightly fractured	2 to 6.5 feet	Medium	1 – 3 feet
Very slightly fractured	> 6.5 feet	Thick	3 – 10 feet
		Massive	> 10 feet
ROCK QUALITY DESIGNATION (RQD) ¹			
Description		RQD Value (%)	
Very Poor		0 - 25	
Poor		25 – 50	
Fair		50 – 75	
Good		75 – 90	
Excellent		90 - 100	

1. The combined length of all sound and intact core segments equal to or greater than 4 inches in length, expressed as a percentage of the total core run length.