

Geotechnical Engineering Construction Observation/Testing Environmental Services

> GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING STUDY PROPOSED WOODLANDS AT REDONDO CREEK RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENS UBMITTED 3023X - 20TH AVENUE SOUTH FEDERAL WAY, WASHINGTON Apr 09 2020

ES-6637

CITY OF FEDERAL WAY

PAT

i

15365 N.E. 90th Street, Suite 100 Redmond, WA 98052 (425) 449-4704 Fax (425) 449-4711 www.earthsolutionsnw.com

PREPARED FOR

RMJ HOLDINGS, LLC

October 3, 2019 Updated March 25, 2020

. 3

Scott S. Riegel, L.G., L.E.G. Senior Project Manager

03/25/2020

Kyle R. Campbell, P.E. Principal Engineer

GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING STUDY PROPOSED WOODLANDS AT REDONDO CREEK RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT 3023X – 20TH AVENUE SOUTH FEDERAL WAY, WASHINGTON

ES-6637

Earth Solutions NW, LLC 15365 Northeast 90th Street, Suite 100 Redmond, Washington 98052 Phone: 425-449-4704 | Fax: 425-449-4711 www.earthsolutionsnw.com

Important Information about This Geotechnical-Engineering Report

Subsurface problems are a principal cause of construction delays, cost overruns, claims, and disputes.

While you cannot eliminate all such risks, you can manage them. The following information is provided to help.

The Geoprofessional Business Association (GBA) has prepared this advisory to help you - assumedly a client representative - interpret and apply this geotechnical-engineering report as effectively as possible. In that way, you can benefit from a lowered exposure to problems associated with subsurface conditions at project sites and development of them that, for decades, have been a principal cause of construction delays, cost overruns, claims, and disputes. If you have questions or want more information about any of the issues discussed herein, contact your GBA-member geotechnical engineer. Active engagement in GBA exposes geotechnical engineers to a wide array of risk-confrontation techniques that can be of genuine benefit for everyone involved with a construction project.

Understand the Geotechnical-Engineering Services Provided for this Report

Geotechnical-engineering services typically include the planning, collection, interpretation, and analysis of exploratory data from widely spaced borings and/or test pits. Field data are combined with results from laboratory tests of soil and rock samples obtained from field exploration (if applicable), observations made during site reconnaissance, and historical information to form one or more models of the expected subsurface conditions beneath the site. Local geology and alterations of the site surface and subsurface by previous and proposed construction are also important considerations. Geotechnical engineers apply their engineering training, experience, and judgment to adapt the requirements of the prospective project to the subsurface model(s). Estimates are made of the subsurface conditions that will likely be exposed during construction as well as the expected performance of foundations and other structures being planned and/or affected by construction activities.

The culmination of these geotechnical-engineering services is typically a geotechnical-engineering report providing the data obtained, a discussion of the subsurface model(s), the engineering and geologic engineering assessments and analyses made, and the recommendations developed to satisfy the given requirements of the project. These reports may be titled investigations, explorations, studies, assessments, or evaluations. Regardless of the title used, the geotechnical-engineering report is an engineering interpretation of the subsurface conditions within the context of the project and does not represent a close examination, systematic inquiry, or thorough investigation of all site and subsurface conditions.

Geotechnical-Engineering Services are Performed for Specific Purposes, Persons, and Projects, and At Specific Times

Geotechnical engineers structure their services to meet the specific needs, goals, and risk management preferences of their clients. A geotechnical-engineering study conducted for a given civil engineer will <u>not</u> likely meet the needs of a civil-works constructor or even a different civil engineer. Because each geotechnical-engineering study is unique, each geotechnical-engineering report is unique, prepared *solely* for the client.

Likewise, geotechnical-engineering services are performed for a specific project and purpose. For example, it is unlikely that a geotechnical-engineering study for a refrigerated warehouse will be the same as one prepared for a parking garage; and a few borings drilled during a preliminary study to evaluate site feasibility will <u>not</u> be adequate to develop geotechnical design recommendations for the project.

Do not rely on this report if your geotechnical engineer prepared it:

- for a different client;
- for a different project or purpose;
- for a different site (that may or may not include all or a portion of the original site); or
- before important events occurred at the site or adjacent to it; e.g., man-made events like construction or environmental remediation, or natural events like floods, droughts, earthquakes, or groundwater fluctuations.

Note, too, the reliability of a geotechnical-engineering report can be affected by the passage of time, because of factors like changed subsurface conditions; new or modified codes, standards, or regulations; or new techniques or tools. *If you are the least bit uncertain* about the continued reliability of this report, contact your geotechnical engineer before applying the recommendations in it. A minor amount of additional testing or analysis after the passage of time – if any is required at all – could prevent major problems.

Read this Report in Full

Costly problems have occurred because those relying on a geotechnicalengineering report did not read the report in its entirety. Do <u>not</u> rely on an executive summary. Do <u>not</u> read selective elements only. *Read and refer to the report in full.*

You Need to Inform Your Geotechnical Engineer About Change

Your geotechnical engineer considered unique, project-specific factors when developing the scope of study behind this report and developing the confirmation-dependent recommendations the report conveys. Typical changes that could erode the reliability of this report include those that affect:

- the site's size or shape;
- the elevation, configuration, location, orientation, function or weight of the proposed structure and the desired performance criteria;
- the composition of the design team; or
- project ownership.

As a general rule, *always* inform your geotechnical engineer of project or site changes – even minor ones – and request an assessment of their impact. *The geotechnical engineer who prepared this report cannot accept* responsibility or liability for problems that arise because the geotechnical engineer was not informed about developments the engineer otherwise would have considered.

Most of the "Findings" Related in This Report Are Professional Opinions

Before construction begins, geotechnical engineers explore a site's subsurface using various sampling and testing procedures. *Geotechnical engineers can observe actual subsurface conditions only at those specific locations where sampling and testing is performed.* The data derived from that sampling and testing were reviewed by your geotechnical engineer, who then applied professional judgement to form opinions about subsurface conditions may differ – maybe significantly – from those indicated in this report. Confront that risk by retaining your geotechnical engineer to serve on the design team through project completion to obtain informed guidance quickly, whenever needed.

This Report's Recommendations Are Confirmation-Dependent

The recommendations included in this report – including any options or alternatives – are confirmation-dependent. In other words, they are <u>not</u> final, because the geotechnical engineer who developed them relied heavily on judgement and opinion to do so. Your geotechnical engineer can finalize the recommendations *only after observing actual subsurface conditions* exposed during construction. If through observation your geotechnical engineer confirms that the conditions assumed to exist actually do exist, the recommendations can be relied upon, assuming no other changes have occurred. *The geotechnical engineer who prepared this report cannot assume responsibility or liability for confirmation-dependent recommendations if you fail to retain that engineer to perform construction observation.*

This Report Could Be Misinterpreted

Other design professionals' misinterpretation of geotechnicalengineering reports has resulted in costly problems. Confront that risk by having your geotechnical engineer serve as a continuing member of the design team, to:

- confer with other design-team members;
- help develop specifications;
- review pertinent elements of other design professionals' plans and specifications; and
- be available whenever geotechnical-engineering guidance is needed.

You should also confront the risk of constructors misinterpreting this report. Do so by retaining your geotechnical engineer to participate in prebid and preconstruction conferences and to perform constructionphase observations.

Give Constructors a Complete Report and Guidance

Some owners and design professionals mistakenly believe they can shift unanticipated-subsurface-conditions liability to constructors by limiting the information they provide for bid preparation. To help prevent the costly, contentious problems this practice has caused, include the complete geotechnical-engineering report, along with any attachments or appendices, with your contract documents, *but be certain to note* conspicuously that you've included the material for information purposes only. To avoid misunderstanding, you may also want to note that "informational purposes" means constructors have no right to rely on the interpretations, opinions, conclusions, or recommendations in the report. Be certain that constructors know they may learn about specific project requirements, including options selected from the report, only from the design drawings and specifications. Remind constructors that they may perform their own studies if they want to, and be sure to allow enough time to permit them to do so. Only then might you be in a position to give constructors the information available to you, while requiring them to at least share some of the financial responsibilities stemming from unanticipated conditions. Conducting prebid and preconstruction conferences can also be valuable in this respect.

Read Responsibility Provisions Closely

Some client representatives, design professionals, and constructors do not realize that geotechnical engineering is far less exact than other engineering disciplines. This happens in part because soil and rock on project sites are typically heterogeneous and not manufactured materials with well-defined engineering properties like steel and concrete. That lack of understanding has nurtured unrealistic expectations that have resulted in disappointments, delays, cost overruns, claims, and disputes. To confront that risk, geotechnical engineers commonly include explanatory provisions in their reports. Sometimes labeled "limitations," many of these provisions indicate where geotechnical engineers' responsibilities begin and end, to help others recognize their own responsibilities and risks. *Read these provisions closely.* Ask questions. Your geotechnical engineer should respond fully and frankly.

Geoenvironmental Concerns Are Not Covered

The personnel, equipment, and techniques used to perform an environmental study – e.g., a "phase-one" or "phase-two" environmental site assessment – differ significantly from those used to perform a geotechnical-engineering study. For that reason, a geotechnical-engineering report does not usually provide environmental findings, conclusions, or recommendations; e.g., about the likelihood of encountering underground storage tanks or regulated contaminants. *Unanticipated subsurface environmental problems have led to project failures.* If you have not obtained your own environmental information about the project site, ask your geotechnical consultant for a recommendation on how to find environmental risk-management guidance.

Obtain Professional Assistance to Deal with Moisture Infiltration and Mold

While your geotechnical engineer may have addressed groundwater, water infiltration, or similar issues in this report, the engineer's services were not designed, conducted, or intended to prevent migration of moisture – including water vapor – from the soil through building slabs and walls and into the building interior, where it can cause mold growth and material-performance deficiencies. Accordingly, *proper implementation of the geotechnical engineer's recommendations will <u>not</u> of itself be sufficient to prevent moisture infiltration. Confront the risk of moisture infiltration* by including building-envelope or mold specialists on the design team. *Geotechnical engineers are <u>not</u> building-envelope or mold specialists.*



Telephone: 301/565-2733 e-mail: info@geoprofessional.org www.geoprofessional.org

Copyright 2019 by Geoprofessional Business Association (GBA). Duplication, reproduction, or copying of this document, in whole or in part, by any means whatsoever, is strictly prohibited, except with GBA's specific written permission. Excerpting, quoting, or otherwise extracting wording from this document is permitted only with the express written permission of GBA, and only for purposes of scholarly research or book review. Only members of GBA may use this document or its wording as a complement to or as an element of a report of any kind. Any other firm, individual, or other entity that so uses this document without being a GBA member could be committing negligent or intentional (fraudulent) misrepresentation.



October 3, 2019 Updated March 25, 2020 ES-6637

Earth Solutions NW LLC

Geotechnical Engineering, Construction Observation/Testing and Environmental Services

RMJ Holdings, LLC 9675 Southeast 36th Street, Suite 105 Mercer Island, Washington 98040

Attention: Mr. Dmitriy Mayzlin

Dear Mr. Mayzlin:

Earth Solutions NW, LLC (ESNW) is pleased to present this report in support of a planned residential development in Federal Way, Washington". Based on the results of our investigation, the proposed project is feasible from a geotechnical standpoint. Our study indicates the site is underlain primarily by glacial till deposits. During our subsurface exploration completed on April 12, 2019, groundwater seepage was not encountered at the test pit locations. However, it is our opinion the contractor should be prepared to respond to discrete zones of groundwater seepage during construction.

The proposed residential structures should be constructed on conventional continuous and spread footing foundations bearing upon competent native soil, recompacted native soil, or new structural fill placed directly on a competent native soil subgrade. In general, competent native soil suitable for support of foundations will likely be encountered within the upper two to four feet of existing grades. Where loose or unsuitable soil conditions are exposed at foundation subgrade elevations, compaction of soils to the specifications of structural fill, or overexcavation and replacement with suitable structural fill, will be necessary.

Based on our field observations of the glacial till deposits, infiltration is not feasible from a geotechnical standpoint. The majority of glacial till deposits observed at the test pit locations were medium dense to dense and contained significant silt content and are considered impervious for practicable stormwater design purposes. Conventional methods of stormwater management, such as on-site detention, dispersion, and/or connecting to existing stormwater collection systems, may prove more practical.

RMJ Holdings, LLC October 3, 2019 Updated March 25, 2020

Pertinent geotechnical recommendations are provided in this study. We appreciate the opportunity to be of service to you on this project. If you have questions regarding the content of this geotechnical engineering study, please call.

Sincerely,

EARTH SOLUTIONS NW, LLC

Scott S. Riegel, L.G., L.E.G. Senior Project Manager

Table of Contents

ES-6637

<u>PAGE</u>

INTRODUCTION	1
<u>General</u>	1
Project Description	2
SITE CONDITIONS	2
Surface	2
Subsurface	2
Topsoil and Fill	3
Native Soil	3
Geologic Setting	
Groundwater	3 3
	3
Environmentally Critical Areas	
Erosion Hazard Areas	4
DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS	4
<u>General</u>	4
Site Preparation and Earthwork	5
Temporary Erosion Control	5
Stripping	5
Excavations and Slopes	6
In-situ and Imported Soils	6
Structural Fill	7
Foundations	7
<u>Seismic Design</u>	7
Slab-on-Grade Floors	8
Retaining Walls	8
Rockeries	9
Drainage	9
Preliminary Infiltration Feasibility	9
Utility Support and Trench Backfill	9
Preliminary Pavement Sections	10
LIMITATIONS	11
Additional Services	11
	11

Table of Contents

Cont'd

ES-6637

Laboratory Test Results

GRAPHICS

Appendix B

Plate 1	Vicinity Map
Plate 2	Test Pit Location Plan
Plate 3	Retaining Wall Drainage Detail
Plate 4	Footing Drain Detail
APPENDICES	
Appendix A	Subsurface Exploration Test Pit Logs

GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING STUDY PROPOSED WOODLANDS AT REDONDO CREEK RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT 3023X – 20TH AVENUE SOUTH FEDERAL WAY, WASHINGTON

ES-6637

INTRODUCTION

<u>General</u>

This geotechnical engineering study (study) was prepared for the proposed residential development to be constructed northwest of the intersection between South 304th Street and 20th Avenue South, in Federal Way, Washington. The purpose of this study was to develop geotechnical recommendations for the proposed project. The scope of services for completing this study included the following:

- Excavation of test pits for purposes of characterizing site soil conditions;
- Laboratory testing of soil samples collected at the test pit locations;
- Engineering analyses, and;
- Preparation of this report.

The following documents and maps were reviewed as part of preparing this study:

- Preliminary Grading Plan, Sheet PP-04, prepared by ESM Consulting Engineers, LLC, dated March 12, 2020;
- Soils and Slope Exhibit prepared by ESM Consulting Engineers, LLC, dated 2018;
- Lidar-revised Geologic Map of the Poverty Bay 7.5' Quadrangle, King and Pierce Counties, Washington, prepared by R.W. Tabor et al., dated 2014;
- King County Liquefaction Susceptibility Map, endorsed by the King County Flood Control District, dated May 2010;
- Critical Areas Map, prepared by the City of Federal Way, Washington, dated May 2016;
- Chapter 19.145 of the Federal Way Revised Code (FWRC), and;
- Online Web Soil Survey (WSS) resource, provided by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Project Description

The preliminary site layout indicates that 68 new single-family residences and associated infrastructure improvements will be constructed. Level lots will be used where existing grades are relatively level and daylight basements will be used where gradients are sloped. We anticipate retaining walls and/or rockeries will likely be incorporated into final designs to accommodate grade transitions, where necessary.

At the time of report submission, specific building load and grading plans were not available for review; however, we anticipate the proposed structures will be two to three stories in height and constructed utilizing relatively lightly loaded wood framing supported on a conventional foundation system. Perimeter footing loads will likely be 1 to 2 kips per lineal foot. Slab-on-grade loading is anticipated to be approximately 150 pounds per square foot (psf).

The proposed development will incorporate a stormwater detention pond in the northwest corner of the site.

If the above design assumptions are incorrect or change, ESNW should be contacted to review the recommendations provided in this report. ESNW should review final designs to confirm that our geotechnical recommendations have been incorporated into the plans.

SITE CONDITIONS

Surface

The subject site is located northwest of the intersection between South 304th Street and 20th Avenue South, in Federal Way, Washington. The approximate location of the property is illustrated on Plate 1 (Vicinity Map). The property is comprised of two tax parcels (King County Parcel Nos. 042104-9012 and -9221) totaling about 22.2 acres. The site is bordered to the north by single-family residences, to the east by single-family residences and 20th Avenue South, to the south by South 304th Street, and to the west by wetland buffer area and Highway 99. The site is currently vacant and vegetated with moderate to heavy forest and undergrowth. The site topography is characterized by a moderate westward facing slope spanning the property that descends to a natural stream area. The slope grade reaches approximately 15 percent or slightly greater near the wetland buffer where a stream is located.

Subsurface

A representative of ESNW observed, logged, and sampled eight test pits, excavated at accessible locations within the site boundaries, on April 12, 2019 using a trackhoe and operator retained by ESNW. The test pits were completed for purposes of assessing soil and groundwater conditions within areas proposed for new development. The approximate locations of the test pits are illustrated on the Test Pit Location Plan (Plate 2). Please refer to the test pit logs provided in Appendix A for a more detailed description of subsurface conditions. Representative samples collected at the test pit locations were analyzed in general accordance with Unified Soil Classification System (USCS) and United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) methods and procedures.

RMJ Holdings, LLC October 3, 2019 Updated March 25, 2020

Topsoil and Fill

Topsoil was encountered at most test pits and extended to depths of about 6 to 12 inches. The topsoil was characterized by the observed dark brown hue, the presence of fine organics, and moderate root intrusions.

Fill was not encountered during our exploration. We do not anticipate fill to be encountered at the subject property. If fill is encountered during construction, ESNW can evaluate fill deposits, as necessary.

Native Soil

Underlying topsoil and fill, native soils were encountered primarily as silty sand with gravel, (USCS: SM). The native deposits were generally medium dense to very dense. Soils were generally encountered in a dense, unweathered condition beginning at about three and one-half feet Native soils were primarily encountered in a damp condition and extended to the maximum exploration depth of approximately 16 feet below the existing ground surface (bgs).

Geologic Setting

The referenced geologic map resource identifies Vashon glacial till (Qvt) deposits as the primary native soil unit underlying the subject site. As reported on the geologic map resource, the glacial till consists of a nonsorted mixture of silt, sand, pebbles, cobbles, and boulders and is referred to locally as "hardpan." The till was deposited directly from the glacier as it advanced over bedrock and older Quaternary sediment. The referenced WSS resource identifies Alderwood series soils with varying slopes (Map Unit Symbols: AgB, AgC, and AgD) as the primary soil units underlying the subject site. Seattle muck deposits (Map Unit: Sk) is mapped within the wetland buffer area. The Alderwood series was formed in glacial till and is located along ridges, upland plateau areas and hills. Based on our field observations, on-site native soils are generally consistent with glacial till (Qvt) deposits.

Groundwater

During our subsurface exploration completed on April 12, 2019, groundwater seepage was not encountered below existing grades. However, it is our opinion the contractor should anticipate, and be prepared to respond to, localized zones of perched groundwater seepage during construction. Groundwater seepage is common within relatively permeable lenses and/or at the transition between weathered and unweathered dense to very dense native soil deposits. It should be noted that seepage rates and elevations fluctuate depending on many factors, including precipitation duration and intensity, the time of year, and soil conditions. In general, groundwater flow rates are higher during the wet season (October through April).

Environmentally Critical Areas

Based on our review of the Federal Way Revised Code (FWRC) Section 19.145 – Environmentally Critical Areas and the referenced critical areas map, the site is mapped within a geologically hazardous area (erosion). Based on the available map data and field observations, erosion hazard areas present on the subject site are delineated on Plate 2.

Erosion Hazard Areas

The central portion of the site contains slopes that are inclined at 15 percent or greater and are underlain by Alderwood series (AgD) soils. These conditions meet the criteria for erosion hazard as defined by the FWRC. There are no buffers associated with erosion hazard areas per FWRE Section 19.145.240 and protection mechanisms are related to temporary and permanent erosion control measures. The current conceptual site plan indicates that some areas designated as erosion hazards will be developed. In our opinion, temporary erosion control measures should be designed to prevent silt-laden water to be discharged from the construction area. Erosion control measures are discussed later in this report and provide general recommendations for protecting site and surrounding areas from erosion related impacts. In any case, erosion control measures should be actively maintained to ensure proper performance. Specific recommendations for erosion control are provided later in this report. Provided the recommendations in this report are incorporated into the plans, in our opinion, the proposed project will not decrease slope stability on adjacent properties. The stormwater management plans should ensure that discharge does not exceed pre-development conditions or applicable regulatory conditions. The temporary and permanent erosion control measures shall ensure that the adjacent wetland/stream corridor is adequately protected from erosion or related instability.

DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

<u>General</u>

Based on the results of our investigation, in our opinion, construction of the proposed residential development is feasible from a geotechnical standpoint. The primary geotechnical considerations associated with the proposed development include foundation support, slab-on-grade subgrade support, the suitability of using on site soils as structural fill, and grading activities within erosion hazard areas.

The proposed residential structures may be constructed on conventional continuous and spread footing foundations bearing upon competent native soil, recompacted native soil, or new structural fill placed directly on competent native soils. In general, competent native soil suitable for support of foundations will likely be encountered within the upper two to four feet of existing grades. Where loose or unsuitable soil conditions are exposed at foundation subgrade elevations, compaction of soils to the specifications of structural fill, or overexcavation and replacement with suitable structural fill, will be necessary.

Due to the dense condition and relatively high percentage of fines of the glacial till deposits across the site, infiltration is not feasible from a geotechnical standpoint. We understand that a stormwater detention pond will be constructed adjacent to the wetland buffer area.

This study has been prepared for the exclusive use of RMJ Holdings, LLC and their representatives. A warranty is neither expressed nor implied. This study has been prepared in a manner consistent with the level of care and skill ordinarily exercised by other members of the profession currently practicing under similar conditions in this area.

Site Preparation and Earthwork

Initial site preparation activities will consist of installing temporary erosion control measures, establishing grading limits, performing clearing and site stripping, and removing structural improvements. Subsequent earthwork activities will involve site grading and related infrastructure improvements.

Temporary Erosion Control

The following temporary erosion control measures are offered:

- Temporary construction entrances and drive lanes, consisting of at least 12 inches of quarry spalls, should be considered to both minimize off-site soil tracking and provide a stable access entrance surface. Placing geotextile fabric underneath the quarry spalls will provide greater stability, if needed.
- Silt fencing should be placed around the site perimeter.
- When not in use, soil stockpiles should be covered or otherwise protected.
- Temporary measures for controlling surface water runoff, such as interceptor trenches, sumps, or swales, should be installed prior to beginning earthwork activities.
- Dry soils disturbed during construction should be wetted to minimize dust and airborne soil erosion.

Additional Best Management Practices (BMPs), as specified by the project civil engineer and indicated on the plans, should be incorporated into construction activities. Temporary erosion control measures must be actively monitored and may be modified during construction as site conditions require, to ensure proper performance.

Stripping

Topsoil was encountered within the upper 6 to 12 inches and root intrusions generally extended about 6 inches below the topsoil. The organic-rich topsoil should be stripped and segregated into a stockpile for later use on site or to export. The material remaining immediately below the topsoil may have some root zones and will likely be variable in composition, density, and/or moisture content. The material exposed after initial topsoil stripping will likely not be suitable for direct structural support and will likely need to either be compacted in place or stripped and stockpiled for reuse as fill; depending on the time of year stripping occurs, the soil exposed below the topsoil may be too wet to compact adequately and may need to be aerated or otherwise treated. ESNW should observe initial stripping activities to provide recommendations regarding stripping depths and material suitability.

Excavations and Slopes

Excavation activities are likely to expose both medium dense soil (within the upper two to four feet bgs) and dense soil at depth. Based on the soil conditions observed at the test pit locations, the following allowable temporary slope inclinations, as a function of horizontal to vertical (H:V) inclination, may be used. The applicable Federal Occupation Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and Washington Industrial Safety and Health Act (WISHA) soil classifications are also provided:

•	Loose to medium dense soil	1.5H:1V (Type C)
•	Areas containing groundwater seepage	1.5H:1V (Type C)
•	Medium dense or dense glacial till	1H:1V (Type B)

Steeper inclinations within native, undisturbed soils may be considered, and must be subsequently designed, by ESNW at the time of construction. Permanent slopes should be planted with vegetation to enhance stability and to minimize erosion, and should maintain a gradient of 2H:1V or flatter. The presence of perched groundwater may cause localized sloughing of temporary slopes due to excess seepage forces. An ESNW representative should observe temporary and permanent slopes to confirm the slope inclinations are suitable for the exposed soil conditions and to provide additional excavation and slope recommendations, as necessary. If the recommended temporary slope inclinations cannot be achieved, temporary shoring may be necessary to support excavations.

In-situ and Imported Soils

On-site soils are moisture sensitive, and successful use of on-site soils as structural fill will largely be dictated by the moisture content at the time of placement and compaction. Remedial measures, such as soil aeration and/or cement treatment (where approved by the local jurisdiction or utility district), may be necessary as part of site grading and earthwork activities. If the on-site soils cannot be successfully compacted, the use of an imported soil may be necessary. In our opinion, a contingency should be provided in the project budget for export of soil that cannot be successfully compacted as structural fill, particularly if grading activities take place during periods of extended rainfall activity. In general, soils with fines contents greater than 5 percent typically degrade rapidly when exposed to periods of rainfall.

Imported soil intended for use as structural fill should consist of a well-graded, granular soil with a moisture content that is at (or slightly above) the optimum level. During wet weather conditions, imported soil intended for use as structural fill should consist of a well-graded, granular soil with a fines content of 5 percent or less (where the fines content is defined as the percent passing the Number 200 sieve, based on the minus three-quarter-inch fraction).

Structural Fill

Structural fill is defined as compacted soil placed in foundation, slab-on-grade, roadway, permanent slope, utility trench, and retaining wall backfill areas. Soils placed in structural areas should be placed in loose lifts of 12 inches or less and compacted to a relative compaction of 95 percent, based on the laboratory maximum dry density as determined by the Modified Proctor Method (ASTM D1557). More stringent compaction specifications may be required for utility trench backfill zones depending on the responsible utility district or jurisdiction.

Foundations

The proposed residential structures can be constructed on conventional continuous and spread footing foundations bearing upon competent native soil, recompacted native soil, or new structural fill. In general, competent native soil suitable for support of foundations will likely be encountered within the upper two to four feet of existing grades. Where loose or unsuitable soil conditions are exposed at foundation subgrade elevations, compaction of soils to the specifications of structural fill, or overexcavation and replacement with suitable structural fill, will be necessary. Provided the foundations will be supported as prescribed, the following parameters may be used for design:

Allowable soil bearing capacity	2,500 psf
Passive earth pressure	300 pcf (equivalent fluid)
Coefficient of friction	0.40

A one-third increase in the allowable soil bearing capacity may be assumed for short-term wind and seismic loading conditions. The above passive pressure and friction values include a factorof-safety of 1.5. With structural loading as expected, total settlement in the range of one inch and differential settlement of about one-half inch is anticipated. The majority of settlement should occur during construction, as dead loads are applied.

Seismic Design

The 2015 International Building Code recognizes the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) for seismic site class definitions. Based on the soil conditions encountered at the test pit locations, in accordance with Table 20.3-1 of the ASCE Minimum Design Loads for Buildings and Other Structures manual, Site Class D should be used for design.

The referenced liquefaction susceptibility map indicates the subject site maintains "very low to low" liquefaction susceptibility. Liquefaction is a phenomenon where saturated and loose soils suddenly lose internal strength in response to increased pore water pressures resulting from an earthquake or other intense ground shaking. In our opinion, native site soils are not susceptible to liquefaction. The relative densities of the native soils and the absence of a uniformly established, shallow groundwater table were the primary bases for this consideration.

Slab-on-Grade Floors

Slab-on-grade floors for the proposed residential structures should be supported on firm and unyielding subgrades comprised of competent native soil, compacted structural fill, or new structural fill. Unstable or yielding areas of the subgrades should be recompacted, or overexcavated and replaced with suitable structural fill, prior to slab construction.

A capillary break, consisting of a minimum of four inches of free-draining crushed rock or gravel, should be placed below slabs-on-grade. The free-draining material should have a fines content of 5 percent or less (where the fines content is defined as the percent passing the Number 200 sieve, based on the minus three-quarter-inch fraction). In areas where slab moisture is undesirable, installation of vapor barriers below the slabs should be considered. If a vapor barrier is to be utilized, it should be a material specifically designed for use as a vapor barrier and should be installed in accordance with the specifications of the manufacturer.

Retaining Walls

Retaining walls must be designed to resist earth pressures and applicable surcharge loads. The following parameters may be used for design:

Active earth pressure (yielding condition)	35 pcf (equivalent fluid)
At-rest earth pressure (restrained condition)	55 pcf
Traffic surcharge (passenger vehicles)	70 psf (rectangular distribution)*
Passive earth pressure	300 pcf (equivalent fluid)
Coefficient of friction	0.40
Seismic surcharge	6H psf**

* Where applicable

** Where H equals the retained height (in feet)

The above design parameters are based on a level backfill condition and level grade at the wall toe. Revised design values will be necessary if sloping grades are to be used above or below retaining walls. Additional surcharge loading from adjacent foundations, sloped backfill, or other relevant loads should be included in the retaining wall design, where applicable.

Retaining walls should be backfilled with free-draining material or suitable sheet drainage that extends along the height of the wall and a distance of at least 18 inches behind the wall. The upper 12 inches of the wall backfill can consist of a less permeable soil, if desired. A perforated drainpipe should be placed along the base of the wall and connected to an approved discharge location. A typical retaining wall drainage detail is provided on Plate 3. If drainage is not provided, hydrostatic pressures should be included in the wall design.

Rockeries

Based on review of the referenced grading plan, rockeries will be used to accommodate grade changes across the site. Final rockery heights and alignments were not completed at the time of this report, but the conceptual configuration shown on the grading plan is generally acceptable from a geotechnical standpoint. Most interior rockeries will be of low height; however, a taller rockery is proposed along the east project area. This rockery, while taller than prescriptive code allows, will reduce the overall grading required to construct the building pads and site infrastructure. In our opinion, the proposed walls including the taller wall proposed along the east project area will not increase impacts to adjacent sensitive areas. ESNW can provide a formal rockery design, upon request.

<u>Drainage</u>

Discrete zones of perched groundwater seepage should be anticipated in site excavations depending on the time of year grading operations take place, particularly within deeper excavations for utilities. Temporary measures to control surface water runoff and groundwater during construction would likely involve interceptor trenches and sumps. ESNW should be consulted during preliminary grading to identify areas of seepage and to provide recommendations to reduce the potential for instability related to seepage effects.

Finish grades must be designed to direct surface water away from the new structures and/or slopes. Water must not be allowed to pond adjacent to the new structure and/or slopes. In our opinion, foundation drains should be installed along the building perimeter footings. A typical foundation drain detail is provided on Plate 4.

Preliminary Infiltration Feasibility

As indicated in the *Subsurface* section of this study, native soils encountered during our fieldwork were characterized primarily as medium dense to very dense glacial till deposits. Given the compact nature and relatively high fines contents of the glacial till across the site, infiltration is not feasible from a geotechnical standpoint. Conventional methods of stormwater management, such as on-site detention and connecting to existing stormwater collection systems, may prove more practical.

Utility Support and Trench Backfill

In our opinion, native soils may generally be suitable for support of utilities. Both organic-rich soil and fill are considered unsuitable for direct support of utilities and should be removed at utility grades, if encountered. Remedial measures, such as overexcavation and replacement with structural fill and/or installation of geotextile fabric, may be necessary in some areas to provide support for utilities. Groundwater may be encountered within deeper utility excavations, and caving of trench walls may occur where groundwater is encountered. Temporary construction dewatering, as well as temporary trench shoring, may be necessary during utility excavation and installation as conditions warrant.

In general, native soils may not be suitable for use as structural backfill throughout utility trench excavations, unless the soils are at (or slightly above) the optimum moisture content at the time of placement and compaction. Structural trench backfill should not be placed dry of the optimum moisture content. Each section of the site utility lines must be adequately supported in appropriate bedding material. Utility trench backfill should be placed and compacted to the specifications of structural fill as previously detailed in this report, or to the applicable specifications of the City of Federal Way or other responsible jurisdiction or agency.

Preliminary Pavement Sections

The performance of site pavements is largely related to the condition of the underlying subgrade. To ensure adequate pavement performance, the subgrade should be in a firm and unyielding condition when subjected to proof rolling with a loaded dump truck. Structural fill in pavement areas should be compacted to the specifications previously detailed in this report. Soft, wet, or otherwise unsuitable subgrade areas may still exist after base grading activities. Areas containing unsuitable or yielding subgrade conditions will require remedial measures, such as overexcavation and/or placement of thicker crushed rock or structural fill sections, prior to pavement. Cement treatment of the subgrade soil can also be considered for stabilizing pavement subgrade areas if allowed by local jurisdictions.

For lightly loaded pavement areas subjected primarily to passenger vehicles, the following preliminary pavement sections may be considered:

- A minimum of two inches of hot mix asphalt (HMA) placed over four inches of crushed rock base (CRB), or;
- A minimum of two inches of HMA placed over three inches of asphalt treated base (ATB).

Heavier traffic areas generally require thicker pavement sections depending on site usage, pavement life expectancy, and site traffic. For preliminary design purposes, the following pavement sections for occasional truck traffic areas may be considered:

- Three inches of HMA placed over six inches of crushed rock base (CRB), or;
- Three inches of HMA placed over four-and-one-half inches of ATB.

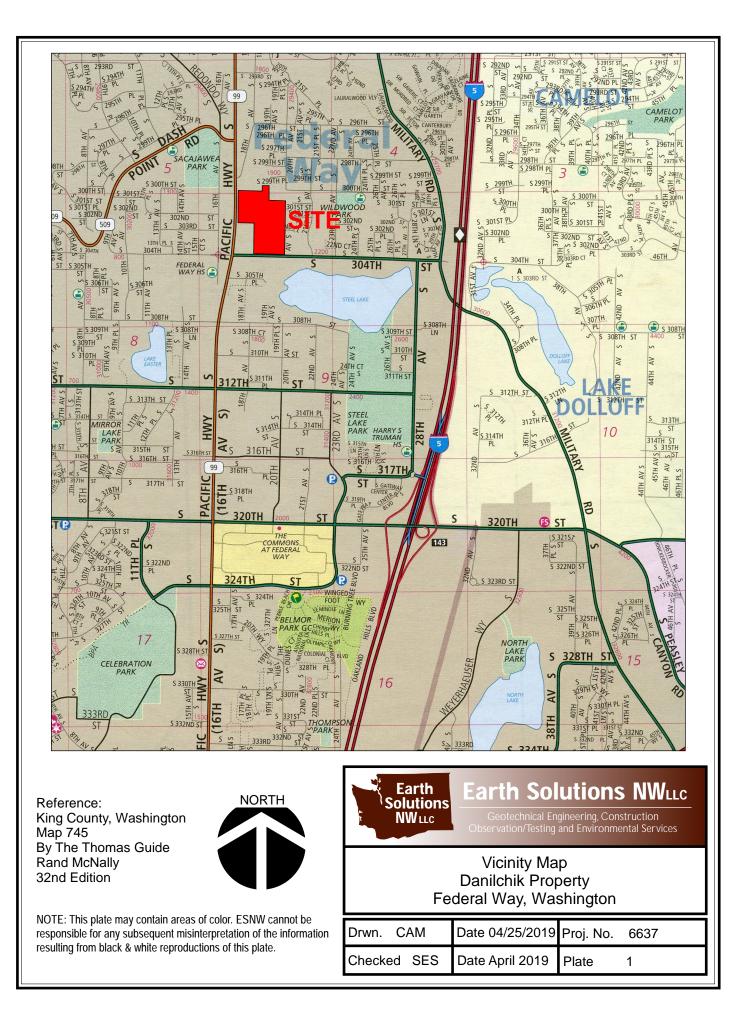
The HMA, ATB and CRB materials should conform to WSDOT specifications. All soil base material should be compacted to a relative compaction of 95 percent, based on the laboratory maximum dry density as determined by ASTM D1557. Final pavement design recommendations, including recommendations for heavy traffic areas, access roads, and frontage improvement areas, can be provided once final traffic loading has been determined. Road standards utilized by the City of Federal Way may supersede the recommendations provided in this report.

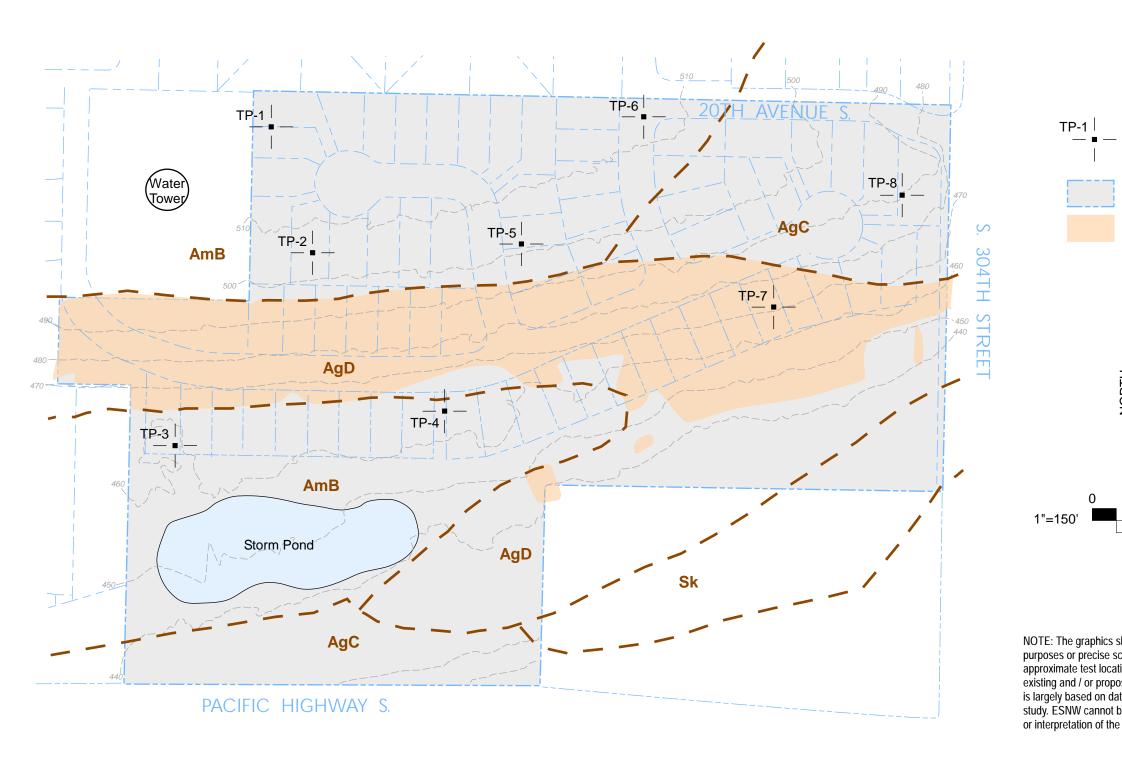
LIMITATIONS

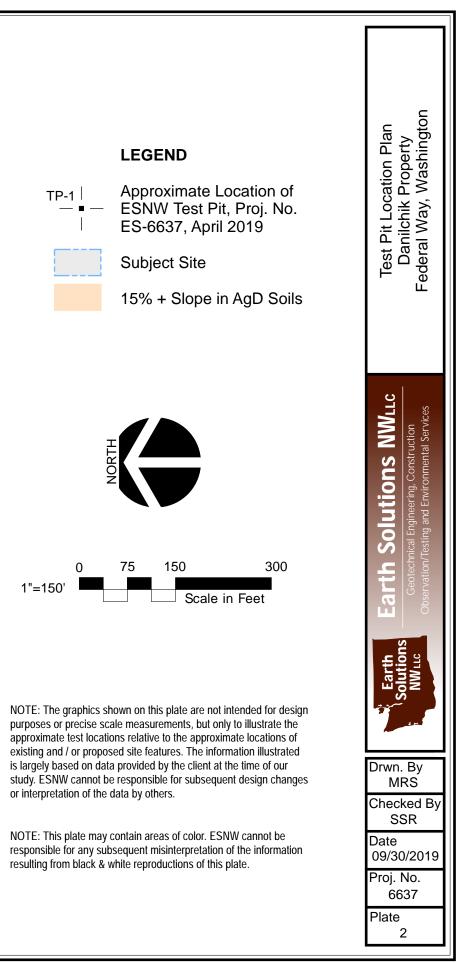
The recommendations and conclusions provided in this study are professional opinions consistent with the level of care and skill that is typical of other members in the profession currently practicing under similar conditions in this area. A warranty is neither expressed nor implied. Variations in the soil and groundwater conditions observed at the test pit locations may exist and may not become evident until construction. ESNW should reevaluate the conclusions provided in this study if variations are encountered.

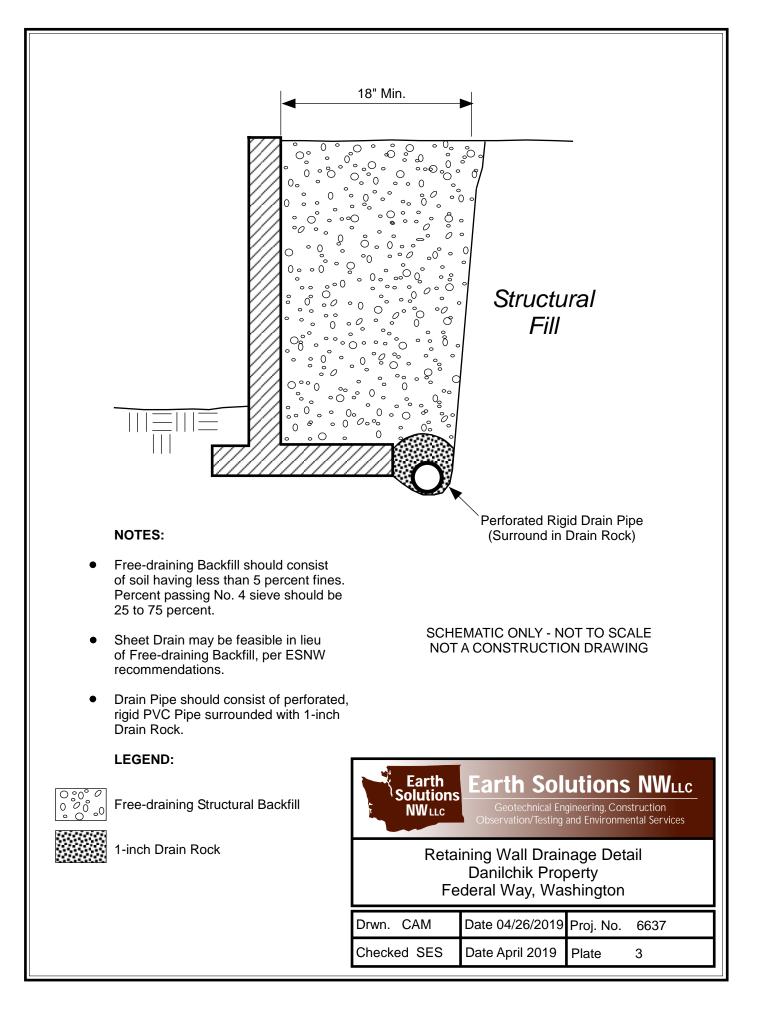
Additional Services

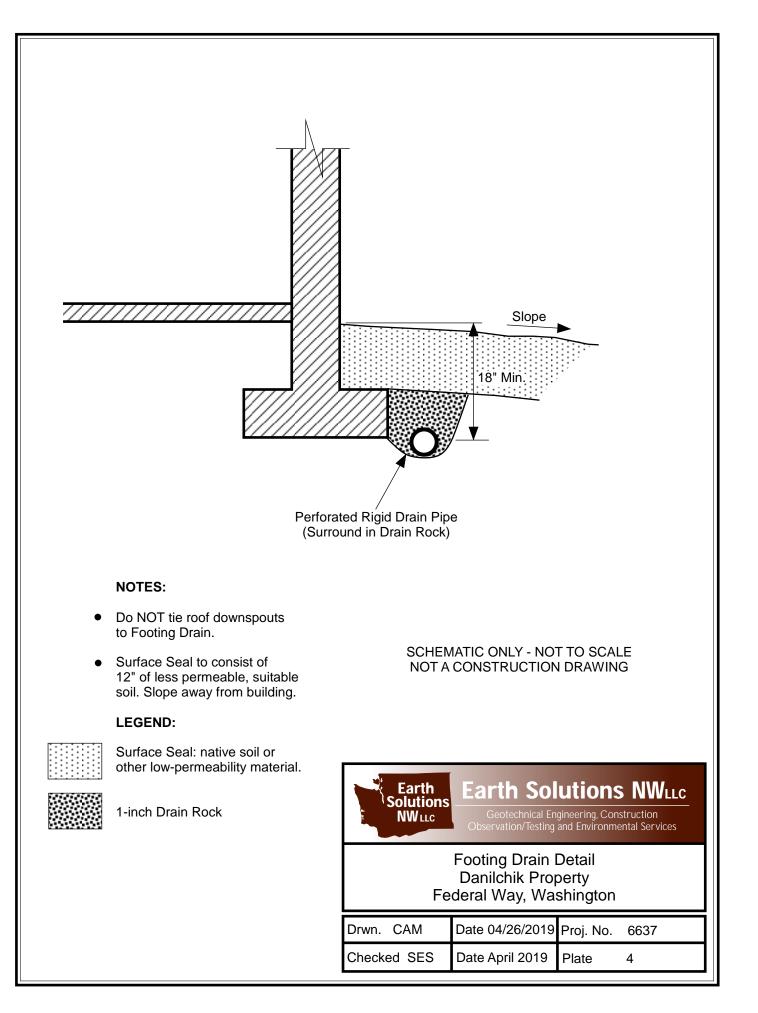
ESNW should have an opportunity to review final project plans with respect to the geotechnical recommendations provided in this report. ESNW should also be retained to provide testing and consultation services during construction.











Appendix A

Subsurface Exploration Test Pit Logs

ES-6637

Subsurface conditions at the subject site were explored on April 12, 2019 by excavating eight test pits using a trackhoe and operator retained by our firm. The approximate locations of the test pits are illustrated on Plate 2 of this study. The test pit logs are provided in this Appendix. The maximum exploration depth was approximately 16 feet bgs.

The final logs represent the interpretations of the field logs and the results of laboratory analyses. The stratification lines on the logs represent the approximate boundaries between soil types. In actuality, the transitions may be more gradual.

Earth Solutions NWLLC SOIL CLASSIFICATION CHART

M	AJOR DIVISI	ONS	SYM	BOLS	TYPICAL
			GRAPH	LETTER	DESCRIPTIONS
	GRAVEL AND	CLEAN GRAVELS		GW	WELL-GRADED GRAVELS, GRAVEL - SAND MIXTURES, LITTLE OR NO FINES
	GRAVELLY SOILS	(LITTLE OR NO FINES)		GP	POORLY-GRADED GRAVELS, GRAVEL - SAND MIXTURES, LITTLE OR NO FINES
COARSE GRAINED SOILS	MORE THAN 50% OF COARSE	GRAVELS WITH FINES		GM	SILTY GRAVELS, GRAVEL - SAND - SILT MIXTURES
	FRACTION RETAINED ON NO. 4 SIEVE	(APPRECIABLE AMOUNT OF FINES)		GC	CLAYEY GRAVELS, GRAVEL - SAND - CLAY MIXTURES
MORE THAN 50% OF MATERIAL IS	SAND AND	CLEAN SANDS		SW	WELL-GRADED SANDS, GRAVELLY SANDS, LITTLE OR NO FINES
LARGER THAN NO. 200 SIEVE SIZE	SANDY SOILS	(LITTLE OR NO FINES)		SP	POORLY-GRADED SANDS, GRAVELLY SAND, LITTLE OR NO FINES
	MORE THAN 50% OF COARSE FRACTION	SANDS WITH FINES		SM	SILTY SANDS, SAND - SILT MIXTURES
	PASSING ON NO. 4 SIEVE	(APPRECIABLE AMOUNT OF FINES)		SC	CLAYEY SANDS, SAND - CLAY MIXTURES
				ML	INORGANIC SILTS AND VERY FINE SANDS, ROCK FLOUR, SILTY OR CLAYEY FINE SANDS OR CLAYEY SILTS WITH SLIGHT PLASTICITY
FINE GRAINED SOU S	SILTS AND CLAYS	LIQUID LIMIT LESS THAN 50		CL	INORGANIC CLAYS OF LOW TO MEDIUM PLASTICITY, GRAVELLY CLAYS, SANDY CLAYS, SILTY CLAYS, LEAN CLAYS
SOILS				OL	ORGANIC SILTS AND ORGANIC SILTY CLAYS OF LOW PLASTICITY
MORE THAN 50% OF MATERIAL IS SMALLER THAN NO. 200 SIEVE				МН	INORGANIC SILTS, MICACEOUS OR DIATOMACEOUS FINE SAND OR SILTY SOILS
SIZE	SILTS AND CLAYS	LIQUID LIMIT GREATER THAN 50		СН	INORGANIC CLAYS OF HIGH PLASTICITY
				ОН	ORGANIC CLAYS OF MEDIUM TO HIGH PLASTICITY, ORGANIC SILTS
HI	GHLY ORGANIC S	SOILS		РТ	PEAT, HUMUS, SWAMP SOILS WITH HIGH ORGANIC CONTENTS

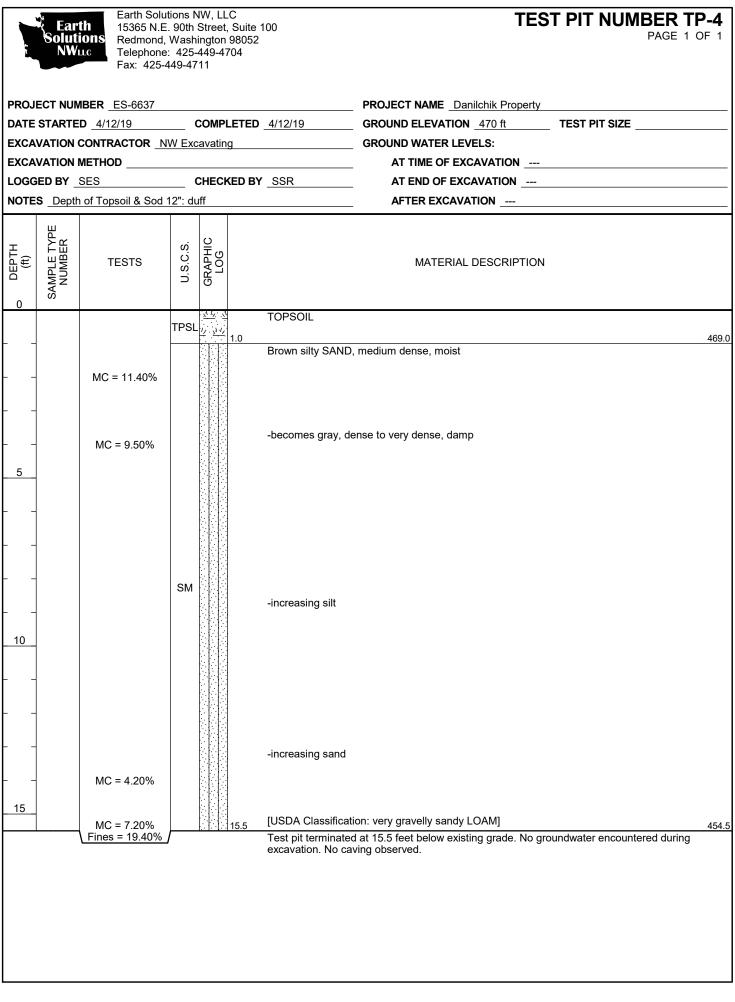
DUAL SYMBOLS are used to indicate borderline soil classifications.

The discussion in the text of this report is necessary for a proper understanding of the nature of the material presented in the attached logs.

Solu	tions Factors	. 90th Wash : 425-	Street, S ington 98 449-470		
DATE START EXCAVATION EXCAVATION LOGGED BY	ED <u>4/12/19</u> CONTRACTOR <u>N</u> METHOD	IW Exc	COMPLE cavating CHECKE	PROJECT NAME Danilchik Property GROUND ELEVATION 516 ft TEST PIT SIZE GROUND WATER LEVELS: AT TIME OF EXCAVATION OBY SSR AT END OF EXCAVATION AFTER EXCAVATION	
o DEPTH (ft) SAMPLE TYPE NUMBER	TESTS	U.S.C.S.	GRAPHIC LOG	MATERIAL DESCRIPTION	
 5 -	MC = 9.40% Fines = 26.10% MC = 6.20%	SM		Brown silty SAND with gravel, medium dense, damp -becomes gray, dense to very dense (unweathered till) [USDA Classification: very gravelly sandy LOAM] -becomes very dense	<u>515.0</u>
GENERAL BH / TP / WELL - 6637.GPJ - GINT STD US.GDT - 3/25/20		-		Test pit terminated at 11.5 feet below existing grade. No groundwater encountered during excavation. No caving observed.	

Solut NW	th 15365 N.E ions Redmond,	utions NW, LLC E. 90th Street, Suite , Washington 9805 e: 425-449-4704 449-4711	9 100 2	TEST PIT NUMBER TP-2 PAGE 1 OF 1		
DATE STARTE EXCAVATION EXCAVATION LOGGED BY	CONTRACTOR METHOD SES	COMPLETEI	y <u>SSR</u>	PROJECT NAME _Danilchik Property GROUND ELEVATION _504 ft TEST PIT SIZE		
O DEPTH (ft) SAMPLE TYPE NUMBER	TESTS	U.S.C.S. GRAPHIC LOG		MATERIAL DESCRIPTION		
 5	MC = 10.20% MC = 4.80%	TPSL	·	503 D with gravel, medium dense, moist dense to very dense, damp		
	MC = 9.90%		-	ation: very gravelly LOAM] 495		
	MC = 7.00% Fines = 34.10%	} <u></u> ;∴;∴;9.0	-	ed at 9.0 feet below existing grade. No groundwater encountered during		

	Ear Soluti NW	018 Redmond.	. 90th S Washir : 425-4	street ngton 49-47	, Suite 100 98052	TES	T PIT NUMBER TP-3 PAGE 1 OF 1
DATE EXCA EXCA LOGO	STARTE	D _4/12/19 CONTRACTOR _N METHOD SES	C(W Exca Cl	OMPI avatin HECł	LETED 4/12/19	AT END OF EXCAVATION	
o DEPTH (ft)	SAMPLE TYPE NUMBER	TESTS	U.S.C.S.	GRAPHIC LOG		MATERIAL DESCRIPTION	
 5		MC = 9.10%	SM		1.0 Brown silty SAND -becomes gray, de -becomes moist	with gravel, medium dense, damp ense to very dense	469.0
		MC = 11.90%	¹		Test pit terminated excavation. No ca	d at 9.0 feet below existing grade. No grou ving observed.	461.0 Indwater encountered during



Solut	rth 15365 N.E tions Redmond,	tions NW, LLC :. 90th Street, Suite 100 Washington 98052 e: 425-449-4704 449-4711	TEST PIT NUMBER TP-5 PAGE 1 OF 1		
PROJECT NUI	MBER _ES-6637		PROJECT NAME Danilchik Property		
DATE STARTE	ED 4/12/19	COMPLETED 4/12/19	GROUND ELEVATION _502 ft TEST PIT SIZE		
		IW Excavating			
		CHECKED BY SSR			
	h of Topsoil & Sod				
o DEPTH (ft) SAMPLE TYPE NUMBER	TESTS	U.S.C.S. GRAPHIC LOG	MATERIAL DESCRIPTION		
		TPSL	PSOIL, minimal root intrusions		
	MC = 13.00% MC = 11.20% MC = 8.10%	SM Brown silty SAI	501.0 ND with gravel, medium dense, damp , dense to very dense 489.5		
			ated at 12.5 feet below existing grade. No groundwater encountered during caving observed.		

	Ear Solut NW	01S Redmond,	. 90th Wash : 425	Street nington -449-4	, Suite 98052		TEST PIT NUMBER TF PAGE 1 C	
							PROJECT NAME Danilchik Property	
							GROUND ELEVATION <u>512 ft</u> TEST PIT SIZE GROUND WATER LEVELS:	
						Y SSR		
NOTES		ce Conditions: grav	vel fill	1			AFTER EXCAVATION	
o DEPTH (ft)	SAMPLE TYPE NUMBER	TESTS	U.S.C.S.	GRAPHIC LOG			MATERIAL DESCRIPTION	
0			GP		0.5	Gray poorly grade		511.
 		MC = 11.70% MC = 12.30% Fines = 49.20%	SM			-becomes gray, de	with gravel, medium dense, moist ense to very dense nse ion: gravelly LOAM]	
					14.0	-becomes damp		498.0
		MC = 7.40%	/	1.1.1.	1 1 1 .0	Test pit terminated excavation. No ca	d at 14.0 feet below existing grade. No groundwater encountered during ving observed	<u>-+30.</u>

	Ear Soluti NW	th 15365 N.E ONS Redmond,	tions NW, L . 90th Stree Washingtor : 425-449-4 449-4711	t, Suite 100 1 98052	TEST PIT NUMBER TP- PAGE 1 OF	
DATE EXCA EXCA LOGO	STARTE	D <u>4/12/19</u> CONTRACTOR <u>N</u> METHOD SES	COMF	PLETED 4/12/19	AT END OF EXCAVATION	
o DEPTH (ft)	SAMPLE TYPE NUMBER	TESTS	U.S.C.S. GRAPHIC LOG		MATERIAL DESCRIPTION	
 		MC = 19.80%	SM	Brown silty SAND	with gravel, medium dense, wet	491.5
		MC = 10.00%			d at 10.0 feet below existing grade. No groundwater encountered during	

Earth Solutions NW, LLC 15365 N.E. 90th Street, Suite 100 Redmond, Washington 98052 Telephone: 425-449-4704 Fax: 425-449-4711						00	TEST PIT NUMBER TP- PAGE 1 OF	
PROJECT NUMBER _ES-6637							PROJECT NAME _ Danilchik Property	
DATE STARTED _4/16/19 COMPLETED _4/16/1					LETED	4/16/19	GROUND ELEVATION _490 ft TEST PIT SIZE	
EXCAVATION CONTRACTOR <u>NW Excavating</u>								
EXCAVATION METHOD								
NOTES Depth of Topsoil & Sod 12"								
							AFTER EXCAVATION	
o DEPTH (ft)	SAMPLE TYPE NUMBER	TESTS	U.S.C.S.	GRAPHIC LOG			MATERIAL DESCRIPTION	
-			TPSL	<u>717</u>		Dark brown TOPSO	DIL, root intrusions to 1.5'	
					1.0	Brown silty SAND	4: with gravel, medium dense, damp	89.0
						Brown Silty CAND	nar gravel, medium dense, damp	
						-becomes gray, der	nse to very dense	
5								
			0.4					
			SM					
10								
10								
15								
		MC = 10.30%						
		MC = 8.70% Fines = 15.80%	┝──		16.0		on: slightly gravelly loamy SAND] 4 at 16.0 feet below existing grade. No groundwater encountered during	74.0
		1 1100 - 10.00 /0	1			excavation. No cav	ing observed.	

Appendix B

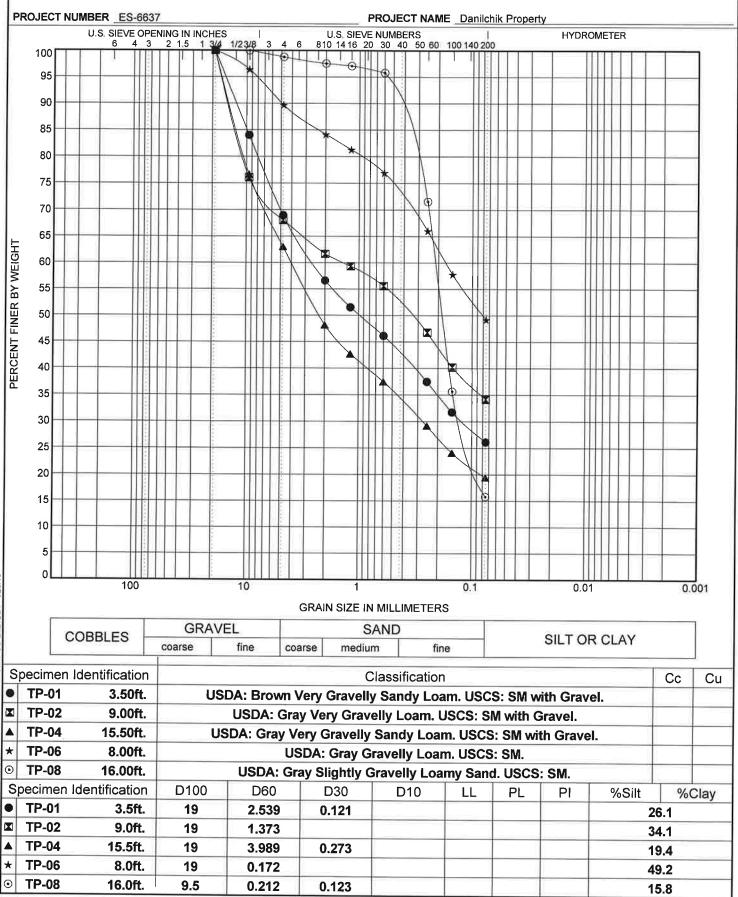
Laboratory Test Results

ES-6637



Earth Solutions NW 1805 - 136th Place N.E., Suite 201 Bellevue, Washington 98005 Telephone: 425-449-4704 Fax: 425-449-4711

GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION



3RAIN SIZE USDA ES-6637 DANILCHIK PROPERTY GPJ GINT US LAB.GDT 4/26/19

Report Distribution

ES-6637

EMAIL ONLYRMJ Holdings, LLC9675 Southeast 36th Street, Suite 105Mercer Island, Washington 98040

Attention: Mr. Dmitriy Mayzlin

EMAIL ONLYESM Consulting Engineers, Inc.33400 – 8th Avenue South, Suite 205Federal Way, Washington 98003

Attention: Ms. Savanna Nagorski