

# Geotechnical Engineering Report

## Proposed Mixed-Use Development

### 16517 and 16523 Smokey Point Boulevard

### Arlington, WA

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Dear Mr. Wammack,

As requested, GeoTest Services, Inc. [GeoTest] is pleased to submit the following report summarizing the results of our geotechnical engineering evaluation for the proposed multi-use development, located on the two lots at 16517 and 16523 on Smokey Point Boulevard in Arlington, WA (see *Vicinity Map*, Figure 1). This report has been prepared in general accordance with the terms and conditions established in our services agreement dated November 1, 2021 and authorized by yourself.

GeoTest appreciates the opportunity to provide geotechnical services on this project and look forward to assisting you during the construction phase. Should you have any further questions regarding the information contained within the report, or if we may be of service in other regards, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully,  
**GeoTest Services, Inc.**



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## PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF SERVICES

The purpose of this evaluation is to establish general subsurface conditions beneath the site from which conclusions and recommendations pertaining to the project design can be formulated. Our scope of services includes the following tasks:

- Explore soil and groundwater conditions underlying the site by excavating six exploratory test pits with a client-provided rubber tire backhoe.
- Perform laboratory testing on representative samples to classify and evaluate the engineering characteristics of the soils encountered and to assess on-site infiltration capability.
- Provide a written report containing a description of subsurface conditions and exploration logs. The findings and recommendations in this report pertain to site preparation and earthwork, fill and compaction, seismic design, foundation recommendations, concrete slab-on-grade construction, foundation and site drainage, infiltration feasibility, utilities, temporary and permanent slopes, pavement structures, geotechnical consultation, and construction monitoring.
- Assess Geologically Hazardous Areas (if present) per Arlington Municipal Code.

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project site is located at the southeast corner of 166th Place NE and Smokey Point Boulevard in Arlington, WA and is comprised of two parcels totaling 2.28 acres (Parcel Nos. 31052800201100 and 31052800204400). Both parcels are relatively flat and covered with gravel surfacing and/or sporadic tall vegetation. GeoTest understands that a three-story mixed-use building will be constructed on each of the parcels. Each building will contain one story of retail space over two stories of residential apartments. Although preliminary information was not available during our investigation, GeoTest anticipates that the proposed structures will be wood framed and utilize shallow conventional foundations and slab-on-grade floors. Asphalt parking and driveways will surround the new mixed-use buildings.

From discussions with the Civil Engineer, GeoTest understands that detention facilities will likely be incorporated as part of the proposed development due to the anticipated shallow groundwater table underlying the subject property. Details regarding the type, number, and configuration of these proposed facilities was not known at the time that this report was written.

## SITE CONDITIONS

This section includes a description of the general surface and subsurface conditions observed at the project site during the time of our field investigation. Interpretations of site conditions are based on the results and review of available information, site reconnaissance, subsurface explorations, laboratory testing, and previous experience in the project vicinity.

### Surface Conditions

The L-shaped subject property is mostly undeveloped and contains two parcels (Parcel Nos. 31052800201100 and 31052800204400) totaling approximately 2.28 acres. Both parcels combined occupy approximately 300 feet of fenced and gated frontage along the eastern side of Smokey Point Boulevard in Arlington, WA. An electric substation exists on the adjacent property along 166<sup>th</sup> Place NE with large transformer and electrical boxes at the properties northwest corner. Small businesses and storage facilities populate the general vicinity of the proposed development area, while a single-family residence exists on the adjacent parcel to the south.

In general, the topography across the subject property is relatively flat with an approximate elevation of 120 feet above mean sea level. The eastern portion of the property appears to have been stripped of topsoil while the west portion is blanketed with crushed surfacing aggregate. The eastern margins are covered with weeds, blackberry brambles, and some scotch broom. A retention pond exists within the northeastern corner of the southernmost parcel. A drainage swale also exists along the eastern boundary of the property, bordering a vacant and lightly vegetated parcel. Standing surface water was observed on the surfaces of the proposed development area at the time of our investigation.



**Images 1 and 2:** A view of existing surface conditions within the western portion of the subject property from both 166<sup>th</sup> Place NE (on left, facing south) as well as Smokey Point Boulevard (on right, facing east). Images 1 through 3 taken on November 2, 2021.



**Image 3:** Existing surface conditions within the eastern portion of the proposed development area from its northeastern corner (facing southwest).

### **Subsurface Soil Conditions**

Subsurface conditions were explored by advancing six exploratory test pits (TP-1 through TP-6) on November 9, 2021. The explorations were advanced to an approximate depth of 6 to 8.5 feet below ground surface (BGS) using a backhoe. Approximate locations of these explorations have been plotted on the *Site and Exploration Plan* (Figure 2).

All six test pits encountered similar subsurface conditions. In general, the western three explorations consisted of approximately 0.5 to 2 feet of previously placed fill throughout the surface of the property (test pits TP-1 – TP-3). The fill soils consisted of loose to dense, gray to brown, sandy, well-graded gravels with some brick and other debris. Underlying the fill is relict topsoil, in which extends to depths between 1 and 2.5 feet BGS and consists of organic-rich, silty sands with organic odor. Native soils underlying the relict topsoil are comprised of medium dense, weathered tan to orange, moist to wet, slightly silty, poorly graded sands. These soils transition to saturated, gray, poorly graded sands with depth. GeoTest interprets the weathered tan to gray, poorly graded soils to be that of Recessional Outwash. Test pits TP-4 – TP-6 advanced within the eastern portion of the proposed development area exhibited the same native soil conditions, but neither surficial fill nor topsoil is present.

More detailed logs of the subsurface conditions encountered within our explorations are presented in the enclosed *Test Pit Logs* attached to the end of this report.



**Image 4:** Subsurface soil conditions within test pit TP-1, in which 2.5 feet of fill and relict topsoil overlies poorly graded sand with groundwater seepage at 5.5 feet BGS (Image taken on November 9, 2021.)

## General Geologic Conditions

Geologic information for the project site was obtained from the *Geologic map of the Arlington West 7.5-minute quadrangle, Snohomish County, Washington* (Minard, 1985) published by the U.S. Geological Survey. This map indicates that the project site is underlain by Vashon Drift Recessional Outwash consisting of the Marysville Sand Member (map unit Qvrm). The Marysville Sand Member consists of mostly well-drained, outwash sand with minor amounts of gravel. Sediment was deposited as valley fill by meltwater flowing south from the stagnating and receding Vashon glacier during the Pleistocene Era.

Our on-site explorations indicate that the encountered subsurface soil conditions are generally in accordance with the mapped Recessional Outwash.

## Groundwater

At the time of our investigation on November 9, 2021, groundwater was encountered between 2 and 5.5 feet BGS within our explorations. Based on a review of publicly available well data from the Washington Department Ecology *Well Log Viewer*, the regional water table in the Recessional Outwash appeared to be at depths of generally 4 feet BGS in the vicinity of the site and across Smokey Point Boulevard at the time those well borings were documented.

The groundwater conditions reported on the exploration logs are for the specific locations and dates indicated, and therefore may not be indicative of other locations and/or times.

Groundwater levels are variable and groundwater conditions will fluctuate depending on local subsurface conditions, precipitation, and changes in on-site and off-site use.

## GEOLOGIC HAZARDS

GeoTest reviewed Chapter 20.93.600 (Geologically Hazardous Areas) of the Arlington Municipal Code. As the subject property is flat with relatively no discernible elevation change, it is GeoTest's opinion that the subject property does not contain hazards pertaining to erosion or landslides (i.e., not an Erosion Hazard or Steep Slope Hazard). However, the subject property is mapped as having a low to moderate susceptibility to liquefaction. This is addressed in the next section.

### Seismic and Liquefaction Hazards

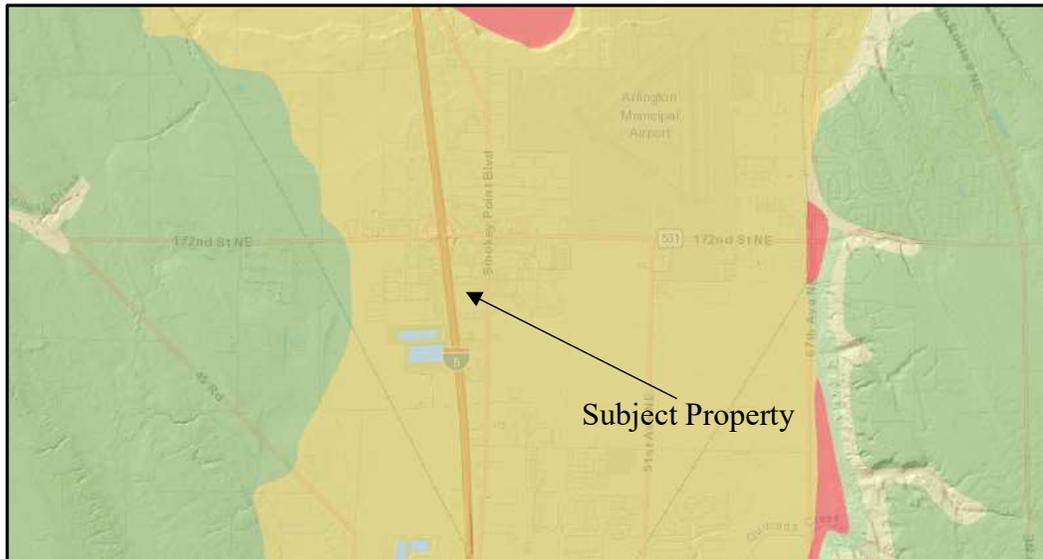
Based on a review of information obtained from the Washington State Department of Natural Resources *Geologic Information Portal*, the subject site is classified as having a low to moderate liquefaction susceptibility. However, this map only provides an estimate of the likelihood that soil will liquefy as a result of an earthquake and is meant as a general guide to delineate areas prone to liquefaction.

Liquefaction is defined as a significant rise in porewater pressure within a soil mass caused by earthquake-induced cyclic shaking. The shear strength of liquefiable soils is reduced during large and/or long duration earthquakes as the soil consistency approaches that of semi-solid slurry. Liquefaction can result in significant and widespread structural damage if not properly mitigated. Deposits of loose, granular soil below the groundwater table are most susceptible to liquefaction. Damage caused by foundation rotation, lateral spreading, and other ground movements can result from soil liquefaction.

The site is underlain by native, medium-dense Recessional Outwash soils. At the time of our site explorations, groundwater was encountered at depths between 2 and 5.5 feet BGS.

Recent liquefaction analyses that GeoTest has performed on nearby projects in the vicinity of the suggest that the subject property will have a reasonably low risk of liquefaction. Past evaluations also suggest that liquefaction-induced settlements may be on the order of 2 inches or less. Please note that GeoTest did not perform a site-specific evaluation for this report, but regional maps and our previous experience with nearby projects support less than 2 inches of liquefaction-induced settlement. Thus, the project team should anticipate 2 inches of potential settlement due to liquefaction. If this anticipated settlement is not acceptable, GeoTest can perform a site-specific evaluation upon request as part of a separate scope of work. This would require a further soils investigation with either borings or Cone Penetration Tests (CPT's).

It should be noted that a seismic event could cause cracking or shifting of structural elements that could cause long-term problems with a building. These risks would, however, be present throughout seismically active areas such as Puget Sound. As such, it is generally expected that new construction will utilize design and construction practices that are current with modern design codes and standards.



**Image 5:** Map showing liquefaction hazard susceptibility. Yellow depicts “low to moderate” susceptibility in the vicinity of subject property. Data source: Washington Geologic Information Portal.

## CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on the evaluation of the data collected during this investigation, it is GeoTest’s opinion that the subsurface conditions at the site are suitable for the proposed development, provided the recommendations contained herein are incorporated into the project design.

Subsurface explorations conducted within the western half of the proposed development area encountered approximately 1 to 2.5 feet of undocumented fill and relict topsoil before encountering native recessional outwash comprised of poorly graded sands. The eastern half of the subject property appears to have been stripped of topsoil and deleterious material sometime in the past. GeoTest recommends that the undocumented fill soils and relict topsoil (if present) be removed from the proposed building footprints and the proposed pavement areas down to the native, recessional outwash soil. GeoTest generally anticipates that about 1 to 2.5 feet of stripping will be needed to expose the native weathered/unweathered soils.

Once competent native soils have been exposed, GeoTest recommends that the subgrade surface be compacted to a firm and unyielding condition with an appropriate piece of construction equipment. The foundations can bear directly on the prepared native subgrade or on compacted structural fill placed atop prepared native subgrades. Further recommendations

regarding the placement and compaction of structural fill can be found in the *Fill and Compaction* section of this report.

Groundwater seepage was observed between 2 and 5.5 feet BGS throughout the project site. It is our understanding that the project team has elected to not incorporate conventional stormwater infiltration design into the proposed development, in which stormwater will be routed to a municipal stormwater system. Thus, an infiltration assessment was not conducted for this report.

### **Site Preparation and Earthwork**

The portions of the site proposed for foundations, floor slabs, and pavements should be prepared by removing existing undocumented fill (if present), deleterious material, and organics. Prior to placement of any foundation elements or structural fill, the exposed subgrade under all areas to be occupied by soil-supported floor slabs, spread foundations, continuous foundations, and pavements should be recompacted to a firm and unyielding condition. Verification of compaction should be performed by qualified geotechnical personnel. The purpose of this effort is to identify loose or soft soil deposits so that, if feasible, the soil disturbed during site work can be recompacted.

Proof rolling should be carefully observed by qualified geotechnical personnel. Areas exhibiting significant deflection, pumping, or over-saturation that cannot be readily compacted should be overexcavated to firm soil. Overexcavated areas should be backfilled with compacted granular material placed in accordance with subsequent recommendations for structural fill. During periods of wet weather, proof rolling could damage the exposed subgrade. Under these conditions, qualified geotechnical personnel should observe subgrade conditions to determine if proof rolling is feasible.

### **Fill and Compaction**

Structural fill used to obtain final elevations for footings and soil-supported floor slabs must be properly placed and compacted. In most cases, suitable, non-organic, predominantly granular soil may be used for fill material provided the material is properly moisture conditioned prior to placement and compaction, and the specified degree of compaction is obtained. Material containing topsoil, wood, trash, organic material, or construction debris is not suitable for reuse as structural fill and should be properly disposed offsite or placed in nonstructural areas.

Soils containing more than approximately five percent fines are considered moisture sensitive and are difficult to compact to a firm and unyielding condition when over the optimum moisture content by more than approximately two percent. The optimum moisture content is that which allows the greatest dry density to be achieved at a given level of compactive effort.

### *Reuse of On-Site Soil*

The near-surface fill soils encountered in the upper 1 to 2.5 feet of our test pit explorations appeared to contain some deleterious material, as well as variable organic contents. These soils are not suitable for reuse as structural fill for these reasons.

The on-site Recessional Outwash soils are suitable for reuse as structural fill when placed at or near optimum moisture contents, as determined by ASTM D1557 and if allowed for in the project plans and specifications. The near-surface, weathered soils may contain elevated silt contents and may be difficult to use during periods of wet weather.

The Contractor and Owner should be prepared to manage over-optimum moisture content soils. Moisture content of the site soils may be difficult to control during periods of wet weather.

### *Imported Structural Fill*

GeoTest recommends that imported structural fill consist of clean, well-graded sandy gravel, gravelly sand, or other approved naturally occurring granular material (pit run) with at least 30 percent retained on the No. 4 sieve, or a well-graded crushed rock. Structural fill for dry weather construction may contain up to 10 percent fines (that portion passing the U.S. No. 200 sieve) based on the portion passing the U.S. No. 4 sieve. The use of an imported fill having more than 10 percent fines may be feasible, but the use of these soils should generally be reviewed by the design team prior to the start of construction.

Imported structural fill with less than five percent fines should be used during wet weather conditions. Due to wet site conditions, soil moisture contents could be high enough that it may be difficult to compact even clean imported select granular fill to a firm and unyielding condition. Soils with an over-optimum moisture content should be scarified and dried back to a suitable moisture content during periods of dry weather or removed and replaced with drier structural fill.

### *Backfill and Compaction*

Structural fill should be placed in horizontal lifts. The structural fill must measure 8 to 10 inches in loose thickness and be thoroughly compacted. All structural fill placed under load bearing areas should be compacted to at least 95 percent of the maximum dry density, as determined using test method ASTM D1557. The top of the compacted structural fill should extend outside all foundations and other structural improvements a minimum distance equal to the thickness of the fill. We recommend that compaction be tested after placement of each lift in the fill pad.

## **Wet Weather Earthwork**

If construction takes place during wet weather, GeoTest recommends that structural fill consist of imported, clean, well-graded sand or sand and gravel as described above. If fill is to be placed or earthwork is to be performed in wet conditions, the contractor may reduce soil disturbance by:

- Limiting the size of areas that are stripped of topsoil and left exposed
- Accomplishing earthwork in small sections
- Limiting construction traffic over unprotected soil
- Sloping excavated surfaces to promote runoff
- Limiting the size and type of construction equipment used
- Providing gravel 'working mats' over areas of prepared subgrade
- Removing wet surficial soil prior to commencing fill placement each day
- Sealing the exposed ground surface by rolling with a smooth drum compactor or rubber-tired roller at the end of each working day
- Providing up-gradient perimeter ditches or low earthen berms and using temporary sumps to collect runoff and prevent water from ponding and damaging exposed subgrades

## **Seismic Design Considerations**

The Pacific Northwest is seismically active, and the site could be subject to movement from a moderate or major earthquake. Consequently, moderate levels of seismic shaking should be accounted for during the design life of the project, and the proposed structure should be designed to resist earthquake loading using appropriate design methodology.

For structures designed using the seismic design provisions of the 2018 International Building Code, the medium dense to dense Marysville Sand soils underlying the site are classified as Site Class D, according to ASCE 7-16. The structural engineer should select the appropriate design response spectrum based on Site Class D soil and the geographical location of the proposed construction.

## **Foundation Support**

Continuous or isolated spread footings founded on firm and unyielding, native Recessional Outwash soils, or on properly compacted structural fill placed directly over undisturbed native soil can provide foundation support for the proposed improvements. GeoTest recommends that qualified geotechnical personnel confirm that suitable bearing conditions have been reached prior to placement of structural fill or foundation formwork. To provide proper support, GeoTest recommends that existing topsoil, existing fill (if present), and/or loose upper portions of the native soil be removed from beneath the building foundation area.

Continuous and isolated spread footings should be founded 18 inches, minimum, below the lowest adjacent final grade for freeze/thaw protection. The footings should be sized in accordance with the structural engineer's prescribed design criteria and seismic considerations.

#### *Allowable Bearing Capacity*

Assuming the above foundation support criteria are satisfied, continuous or isolated spread footings founded directly on native, firm and unyielding, Recessional Outwash soils or on compacted structural fill placed directly over undisturbed native soils may be proportioned using a net allowable soil bearing pressure of 2,500 pounds per square foot (psf).

The 'net allowable bearing pressure' refers to the pressure that can be imposed on the soil at foundation level. This pressure includes all dead loads, live loads, the weight of the footing, and any backfill placed above the footing. The net allowable bearing pressure may be increased by one-third for transient wind or seismic loads.

#### *Foundation Settlement*

Settlement of shallow foundations depends on foundation size and bearing pressure, as well as the strength and compressibility characteristics of the underlying soil. If construction is accomplished as recommended and at the maximum allowable soil bearing pressure, GeoTest estimates the total settlement of building foundations under static conditions to be less than one inch. Differential settlement between two adjacent load-bearing components supported on competent soil is estimated to be less than one half the total settlement.

#### *Liquefaction-Induced Settlement*

The amount of liquefaction-induced settlement is expected to be minor based on our regional experience and, in our opinion, does not require mitigation if the building can tolerate 2 inches of liquefaction-induced settlement. Due to the intended building use, however, the Owner may wish to consider the inclusion of grade beams on the interior of the building, or similar structural improvements, to add a degree of rigidity to the building that will further mitigate settlement during a seismic event. GeoTest recommends that the design team review the requirements of the International Building Code, the recommendations contained in this report, and consider similar construction in close proximity to this property when determining if grade beams or similar structural elements to mitigate liquefaction are to be included in the final design. The inclusion of more robust seismic mitigations, specifically grade beams, has the added benefit of reducing the risk of differential settlement across the footprint of the building under both static and seismic conditions.

## Floor Support

Conventional slab-on-grade floor construction is feasible for the planned site improvements. Floor slabs may be supported on properly prepared native subgrade or on properly placed and compacted structural fill placed over properly prepared native soil. Prior to placement of the structural fill, the native soil should be proof rolled as recommended in the *Site Preparation and Earthwork* section of this report.

GeoTest recommends that interior concrete slab-on-grade floors be underlain with at least 6 inches of clean, compacted, free-draining gravel. The gravel should contain less than 3 percent passing the U.S. Standard No. 200 sieve (based on a wet sieve analysis of that portion passing the U.S. Standard No. 4 sieve). The purpose of this gravel layer is to provide uniform support for the slab, provide a capillary break, and act as a drainage layer. To help reduce the potential for water vapor migration through floor slabs, a continuous 10-mil minimum thick polyethylene sheet with tape-sealed joints should be installed below the slab to serve as an impermeable vapor barrier. The vapor barrier should be installed and sealed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

## Foundation and Site Drainage

Positive surface gradients should be provided adjacent to the proposed building to direct surface water away from the building and toward suitable drainage facilities. Roof drainage should not be introduced into the perimeter footing drains but should be separately discharged directly to the stormwater collection system or similar municipality-approved outlet. Pavement and sidewalk areas, if present, should be sloped and drainage gradients should be maintained to carry surface water away from the building towards an approved stormwater collection system. Surface water should not be allowed to pond and soak into the ground surface near buildings or paved areas during or after construction. Construction excavations should be sloped to drain to sumps where water from seepage, rainfall, and runoff can be collected and pumped to a suitable discharge facility.

To reduce the potential for groundwater and surface water to seep into interior spaces, GeoTest recommends that an exterior footing drain system be constructed around the perimeter of new building foundations as shown in the *Typical Footing and Wall Drain Section* (Figure 3) of this report. The drain should consist of a perforated pipe measuring 4 inches in diameter at minimum, surrounded by at least 12 inches of filtering media. The pipe should be sloped to carry water to an approved collection system.

The filtering media may consist of open-graded drain rock wrapped in a nonwoven geotextile fabric such as Mirafi 140N (or equivalent) or wrapped with a graded sand and gravel filter. For foundations supporting retaining walls, drainage backfill should be carried up the back of the wall and be at least 12 inches wide. The drainage backfill should extend from the foundation drain to

within approximately 1 foot of the finished grade and consist of open-graded drain rock containing less than 3 percent fines by weight passing the U.S. Standard No. 200 sieve (based on a wet sieve analysis of that portion passing the U.S. Standard No. 4 sieve). The invert of the footing drainpipe should be placed at approximately the same elevation as the bottom of the footing or 12 inches below the adjacent floor slab grade, whichever is deeper, so that water will be contained. This process prevents water from seeping through walls or floor slabs. The drain system should include cleanouts to allow for periodic maintenance and inspection.

Please understand that the above recommendations are intended to assist the design engineer and/or architect in development of foundation and site drainage parameters and are based on our experience with similar projects in the area. The final foundation and site drainage plan that will be incorporated into the project plans is to be determined by the design team.

### *Buoyant Forces*

Buoyant forces develop when a submerged structural element is placed below a water table, with the resultant force having the potential to “float” the structure. Buoyant forces are likely to develop if structural elements are included in the design that are more than about 7 to 8 feet below existing site grades. Below grade elements such as vaults and elevator pits that extend below the water table should be designed to resist buoyant forces. GeoTest also recommends that, where appropriate, submerged elements have adequate water stops and waterproofing to resist the intrusion of water into the structural element.

GeoTest recommends that additional information be provided for our review once a construction plan has been developed so that we can get a better understanding of where buoyant forces may develop. GeoTest should be allowed to revise our recommendations if submerged structural elements are included in the final design.

### **Resistance to Lateral Loads**

The lateral earth pressures that develop against retaining walls will depend on the method of backfill placement, degree of compaction, slope of backfill, type of backfill material, provisions for drainage, magnitude and location of any adjacent surcharge loads, and the degree to which the wall can yield laterally during or after placement of backfill. If the wall is allowed to rotate or yield so the top of the wall moves an amount equal to or greater than about 0.001 to 0.002 times its height (a yielding wall), the soil pressure exerted comprises the active soil pressure. When a wall is restrained against lateral movement or tilting (a nonyielding wall), the soil pressure exerted comprises the at rest soil pressure. Wall restraint may develop if a rigid structural network is constructed prior to backfilling or if the wall is inherently stiff.

GeoTest recommends that yielding walls under drained conditions be designed for an equivalent fluid density of 35 pounds per cubic foot (pcf), for structural fill in active soil conditions.

Nonyielding walls under drained conditions should be designed for an equivalent fluid density of 55 pcf, for structural fill in at-rest conditions. GeoTest should be contacted if submerged walls are expected as part of the final design. Design of walls should include appropriate lateral pressures caused by surcharge loads located within a horizontal distance equal to or less than the height of the wall. For uniform surcharge pressures, a uniformly distributed lateral pressure equal to 35 percent and 50 percent of the vertical surcharge pressure should be added to the lateral soil pressures for yielding and nonyielding walls, respectively.

For structures designed using the seismic design provisions of the International Building Code, GeoTest recommends that retaining walls include a seismic surcharge in addition to the equivalent fluid densities presented above. We recommend that a seismic surcharge of approximately  $8H$  (where  $H$  is the height of the wall) be used for design purposes. This surcharge assumes that the wall is allowed to rotate or yield. If the wall is restrained, GeoTest should be contacted so that we can provide a revised seismic surcharge pressure.

Passive earth pressures developed against the sides of building foundations, in conjunction with friction developed between the base of the footings and the supporting subgrade, will resist lateral loads transmitted from the structure to its foundation. For design purposes, the passive resistance of well-compacted fill placed against the sides of foundations is equivalent to a fluid with a density of 350 pcf. The recommended value includes a safety factor of about 1.5 and is based on the assumption that the ground surface adjacent to the structure is level in the direction of movement for a distance equal to or greater than twice the embedment depth. The recommended value also assumes drained conditions that will prevent the buildup of hydrostatic pressure in the compacted fill. Retaining walls should include a drain system constructed in general accordance with the recommendations presented in the *Foundation and Site Drainage* section of this report. In design computations, the upper 12 inches of passive resistance should be neglected if the soil is not covered by floor slabs or pavement. If future plans call for the removal of the soil providing resistance, the passive resistance should not be considered.

An allowable coefficient of base friction of 0.35, applied to vertical dead loads only, may be used between the underlying imported granular structural fill or native Recessional Outwash soils and the base of the footing.

If passive and frictional resistance are considered together, one half the recommended passive soil resistance value should be used since larger strains are required to mobilize the passive soil resistance as compared to frictional resistance. A safety factor of about 1.5 is included in the base friction design value. GeoTest does not recommend increasing the coefficient of friction to resist seismic or wind loads.

## Temporary and Permanent Slopes

The contractor is responsible for construction slope configurations and maintaining safe working conditions, including temporary excavation stability. All applicable local, state, and federal safety codes should be followed. All open cuts should be monitored during and after excavation for any evidence of instability. If instability is detected, the contractor should flatten the side slopes or install temporary shoring.

Temporary excavations in excess of 4 feet should be shored or sloped in accordance with Safety Standards for Construction Work Part N, WAC 296-155-66403.

Temporary unsupported excavations in the Recessional Outwash, encountered at the project site are classified as a Type C soil according to WAC 296-155-66401 and may be sloped as steep as 1.5H: 1V (Horizontal: Vertical). All soils encountered are classified as Type C soil in the presence of groundwater seepage and may be sloped as steep as 1.5:1. Flatter slopes or temporary shoring may be required in areas where groundwater flow is present and unstable conditions develop. Temporary slopes and excavations should be protected as soon as possible using appropriate methods to prevent erosion from occurring during periods of wet weather.

GeoTest recommends that permanent cut or fill slopes be designed for inclinations of 2H: 1V or flatter. All permanent slopes should be vegetated or otherwise protected to limit the potential for erosion as soon as practical after construction.

## Utilities

Utility trenches must be properly backfilled and compacted to reduce cracking or localized loss of foundation, slab, or pavement support. Excavations for new shallow underground utilities are expected to be placed within native recessional outwash.

Trench backfill in improved areas (beneath structures, pavements, sidewalks, etc.) should consist of structural fill as defined in the *Fill and Compaction* section of this report. Outside of improved areas, trench backfill may consist of reused native material provided the backfill can be compacted to the project specifications. Trench backfill should be placed and compacted in general accordance with the recommendations presented in the *Fill and Compaction* section of this report.

Surcharge loads on trench support systems due to construction equipment, stockpiled material, and vehicle traffic should be included in the design of any anticipated shoring system. The contractor should implement measures to prevent surface water runoff from entering trenches and excavations. In addition, vibration as a result of construction activity and traffic may cause caving of the trench walls.

The contractor is responsible for trench configurations. All applicable local, state, and federal safety codes should be followed. All open cuts should be monitored by the contractor during excavation for any evidence of instability.

If instability is detected, the contractor should flatten the side slopes or install temporary shoring. If groundwater or groundwater seepage is present, and the trench is not properly dewatered, the soil within the trench zone may be prone to caving, channeling, and running. Trench widths may be substantially wider than under dewatered conditions.

#### *Utility Trench Backfill Considerations*

The majority of the near-surface soils excavated from the site will be moist, fine to medium sand with relatively low amounts of silt and gravel. These soils are suitable for use as backfill material, provided they are placed at or near optimum moisture contents. It should be noted, however, that GeoTest encountered groundwater seepage at approximately 2 to 5.5 feet BGS in our explorations. GeoTest anticipates that soil below the water table will consist of saturated fine to medium sands that will not be suitable for backfill without significant moisture conditioning efforts.

#### *Utility Trench Base Support*

There is a potential that utility trenches excavated below the ground water table could experience a “quick” condition. A quick condition develops when the seepage pressure exceeds the resisting pressure. In this case, it would be the upwards vertical flow of water exceeding the unit weight of the soils at the bottom of the trench. The potential for a quick condition to develop is based on the hydraulic head difference between the water table level, the trench bottom, and the unit weight of the surrounding soils. We encountered relatively shallow groundwater conditions in all of our subsurface explorations, with the groundwater elevation having the potential for being higher than the bottom of utility trenches. The probability of a quick condition developing decreases as the elevation differential between groundwater levels and the bottom of the trench decreases.

If a quick condition does develop within utility trenches, it will be necessary to add quarry spall rock to the bottom of the trench during the excavation process. The quarry spall rock will add weight to the saturated sands and provide resistance against hydrostatic forces. If quick conditions develop in a lateral direction (i.e., running sand), mitigating the differential forces will be more difficult and will likely require that the water table be lowered to below the depth of the excavation.

### *Dewatering Considerations*

Groundwater was encountered at approximately 2 to 5.5 feet below existing site grades in our recent explorations. Based on our previous experience, groundwater elevations seasonally vary and can raise or lower several feet. Typically, groundwater elevations are highest in the late winter and early spring months, and lowest in late summer or early fall. Groundwater elevations vary with season, adjacent site land usage, and recent rainfall.

When feasible, GeoTest recommends that utility trenching occur during late summer or early fall, when the water table is at its lowest elevation. Even if excavations occur during seasonal lows, it is likely that dewatering may have to occur. Based on our experience, it is likely that groundwater will be controlled by using sump pumps during trench excavations or through the use of well points placed along the trench alignment. It is, however, the Contractor's responsibility to provide a suitable dewatering plan based on the type and depth of the excavation and the groundwater elevation during construction.

### **Pavement Subgrade Preparation**

Selection of a pavement section is typically a choice relative to higher initial cost and lower long-term maintenance, or lower initial cost with more frequent maintenance. For this reason, we recommend that the owner participate in the selection of proposed pavement improvements planned for the site. Site grading plans should include provisions for sloping of the subgrade soils in proposed pavement areas, so that passive drainage of the pavement section(s) can proceed uninterrupted during the life of the project. The proposed pavement areas should be prepared as indicated in the *Site Preparation and Earthwork* section of this report.

### *Light-Duty Flexible Pavement*

GeoTest anticipates that asphalt pavement will be used for passenger vehicle access drives and parking areas. We recommend that a standard, or 'light duty,' pavement section consist of 2.5 inches of ½-inch HMA asphalt above 6 inches of crushed surfacing base course (CSBC) meeting criteria set forth in the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) Standard Specification 9-03.9[3].

### *Heavy-Duty Flexible Pavement*

Areas that will be accessed by more heavily loaded vehicles, semi and garbage trucks, etc. will require a thicker asphalt section and should be designed using a paving section consisting of 4 inches of Class ½-inch HMA asphalt surfacing above 8 inches of CSBC meeting criteria set forth in WSDOT Standard Specification 9-03.9[3].

### *Concrete Pavement*

Concrete pavements could be used for access and drive areas. Design of concrete pavements is a function of concrete strength, reinforcement steel, and the anticipated loading conditions for the roads. For design purposes, a vertical modulus of subgrade reaction of 150 pounds per cubic inch (pci) should be expected for concrete roadways constructed over properly placed and compacted Structural Fill. GeoTest expects that concrete pavement sections, if utilized, will be at least 8 inches thick and be founded on a minimum of 8 inches of compacted CSBC. The design of concrete pavements will need to be performed by a structural engineer. GeoTest recommends that subgrade soils supporting concrete pavement sections include minor grade changes to allow for passive drainage away from the pavement.

GeoTest is available to further consult, review, and/or modify our pavement section recommendations based on further discussion and/or analysis with the project team/owner. The above pavement sections are initial recommendations and may be accepted and/or modified by the site civil engineer based on the actual finished site grading elevations and/or the owner's preferences.

### **Geotechnical Consultation and Construction Monitoring**

GeoTest recommends that we be involved in the project design review process. The purpose of the review is to verify that the recommendations presented in this report are understood and incorporated in the design and specifications.

We also recommend that geotechnical construction monitoring services be provided. These services should include observation by GeoTest personnel during structural fill placement, compaction activities and subgrade preparation operations to confirm that design subgrade conditions are obtained beneath the areas of improvement.

Periodic field density testing should be performed to verify that the appropriate degree of compaction is obtained. The purpose of these services is to observe compliance with the design concepts, specifications, and recommendations of this report. In the event that subsurface conditions differ from those anticipated before the start of construction, GeoTest Services, Inc. would be pleased to provide revised recommendations appropriate to the conditions revealed during construction.

GeoTest is available to provide a full range of materials testing and special inspection during construction as required by the local building department and the International Building Code. This may include specific construction inspections on materials such as reinforced concrete, reinforced masonry, wood framing and structural steel. These services are supported by our fully accredited materials testing laboratories.

## USE OF THIS REPORT

GeoTest Services, Inc. has prepared this report for the exclusive use of Grandview North, LLC and their design consultants for specific application to the design of the proposed mixed-use development located at 16517 and 16523 Smokey Point Boulevard, in Arlington, WA (Parcel Nos. 31052800201100, 31052800204400). Use of this report by others is at the user's sole risk. This report is not applicable to other site locations. Our services are conducted in accordance with accepted practices of the geotechnical engineering profession; no other warranty, express or implied, is made as to the professional advice included in this report.

Our site explorations indicate subsurface conditions at the dates and locations indicated. It is not warranted that these conditions are representative of conditions at other locations and times. The analyses, conclusions, and recommendations contained in this report are based on site conditions to the limited depth and time of our explorations, a geological reconnaissance of the area, and a review of previously published geological information for the site. If variations in subsurface conditions are encountered during construction that differ from those contained within this report, GeoTest should be allowed to review the recommendations contained in this report and, if necessary, make revisions. If there is a substantial lapse of time between submission of this report and the start of construction, or if conditions change due to construction operations at or adjacent to the project site, we recommend that we review this report to determine the applicability of the conclusions and recommendations contained herein.

The earthwork contractor is responsible to perform all work in conformance with all applicable WISHA/OSHA regulations. GeoTest Services, Inc. is not responsible for job site safety on this project; this responsibility is specifically disclaimed.

Attachments: Figure 1	Vicinity Map
Figure 2	Site and Exploration Plan
Figure 3	Typical Footing and Wall Drain Section
Figure 4	Soil Classification System and Key
Figure 5-10	Test Pit Logs
Figure 11	Grain Size Test Data
Attached	Report Limitations and Guidelines for its Use

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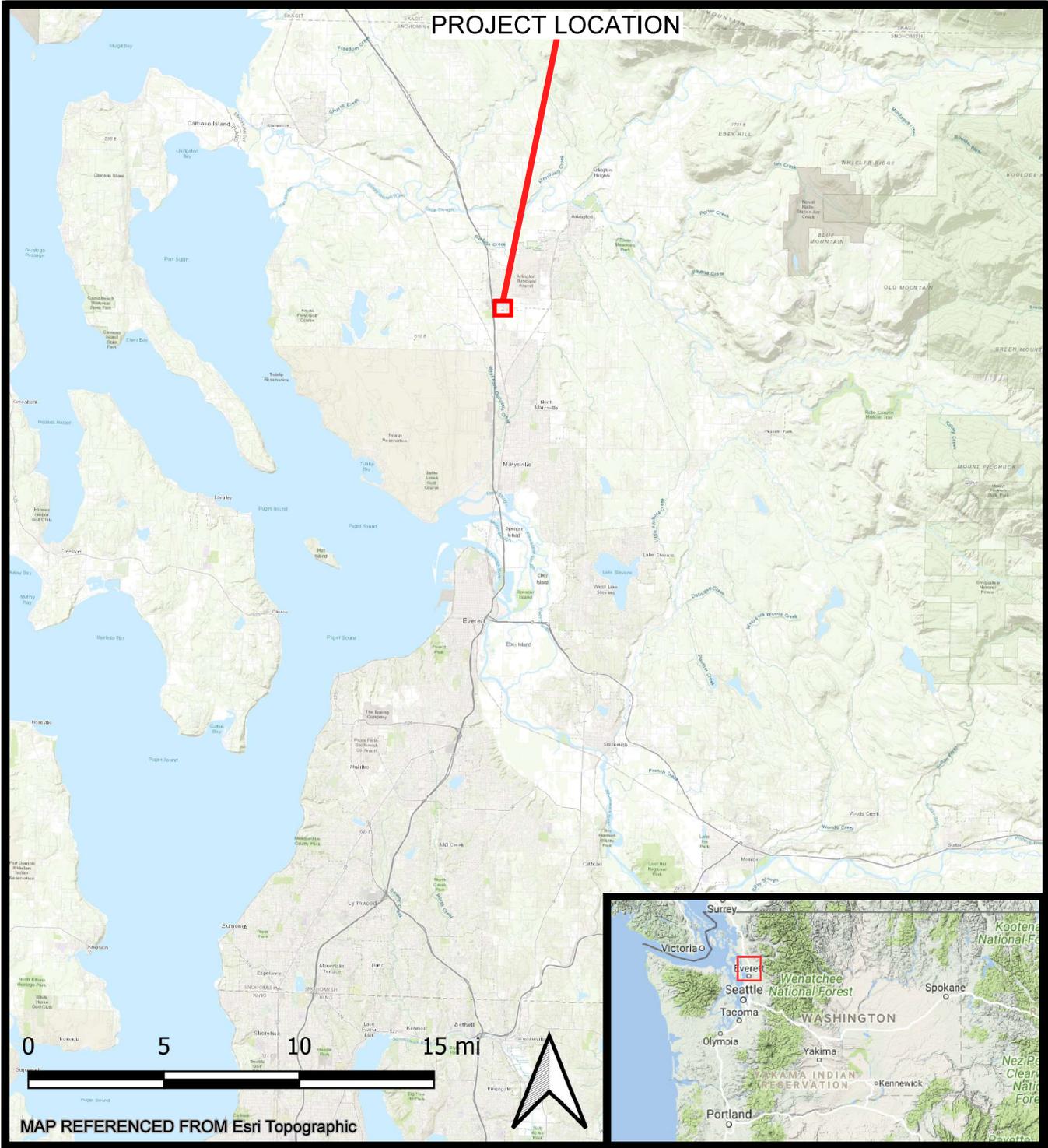
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Project <b>21-1019</b>
Figure <b>1</b>



 TP-X = Approximate Test Pit Location



Notes:

- 1) Aerial imagery and parcel boundaries sourced from PDS Map Portal
- 2) All test pit locations are approximate



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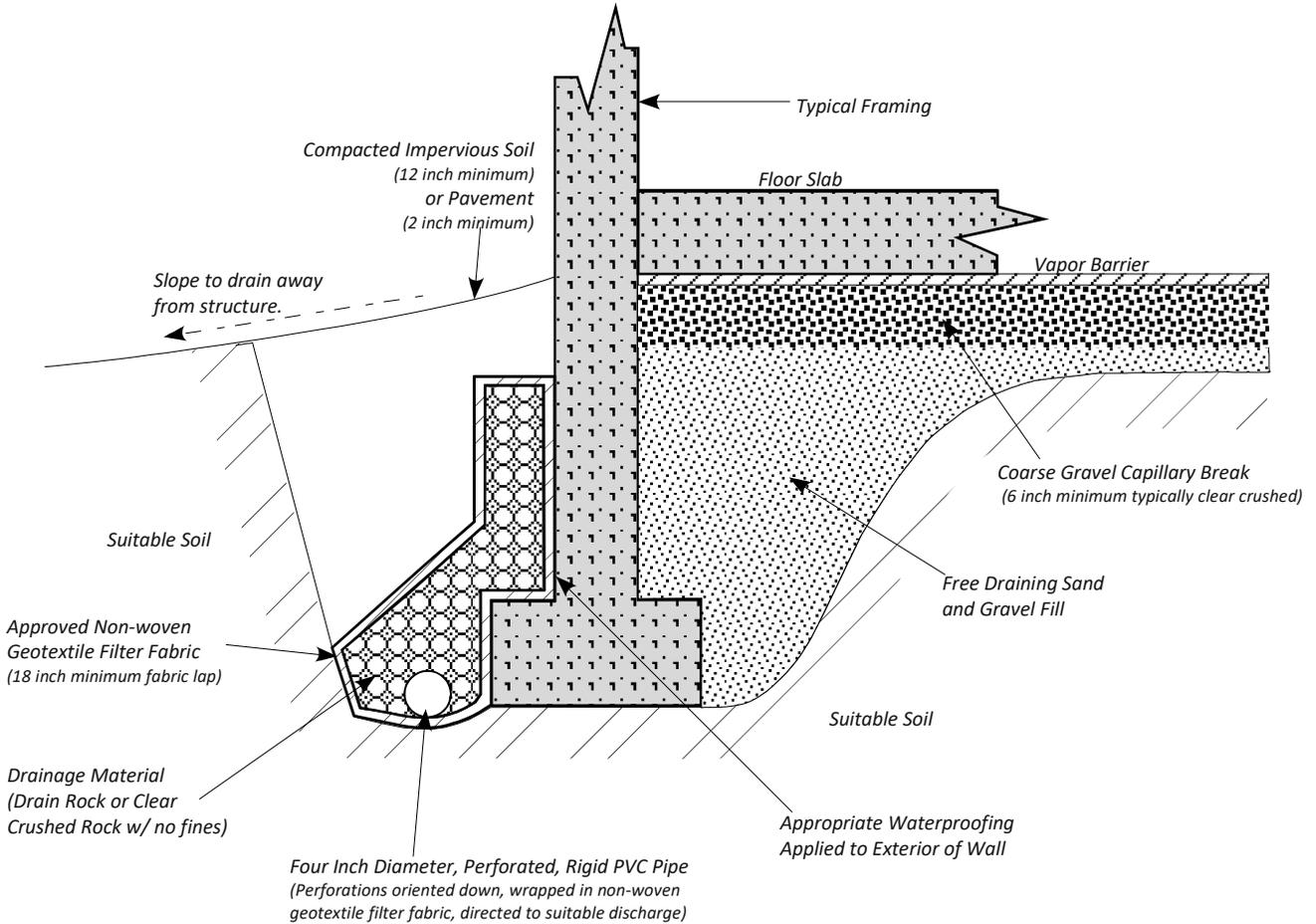
**SITE AND EXPLORATION PLAN**  
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**16517 & 16523 SMOKEY POINT BOULEVARD**  
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Figure

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# SHALLOW FOOTINGS WITH INTERIOR SLAB-ON-GRADE



**Notes:**

This figure is not intended to be representative of a design. This figure is intended to present concepts that can be incorporated into a functional foundation drain designed by a civil engineer. In all cases, refer to the civil plan sheet for drain details and elevations.

Footings should be properly buried for frost protection in accordance with the International Building Code or local Municipal building codes (typically 18 inches below exterior finished grades).

The footing drain will need to be modified from this typical drawing to fit the dimensions of the planned footing and slab configuration.

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## Soil Classification System

	MAJOR DIVISIONS	CLEAN GRAVEL (Little or no fines)	GRAPHIC SYMBOL	USCS LETTER SYMBOL	TYPICAL DESCRIPTIONS <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	
COARSE-GRAINED SOIL (More than 50% of material is larger than No. 200 sieve size)	GRAVEL AND GRAVELLY SOIL  (More than 50% of coarse fraction retained on No. 4 sieve)	CLEAN GRAVEL (Little or no fines)		<b>GW</b>	Well-graded gravel; gravel/sand mixture(s); little or no fines	
		GRAVEL WITH FINES (Appreciable amount of fines)		<b>GP</b>	Poorly graded gravel; gravel/sand mixture(s); little or no fines	
		SAND AND SANDY SOIL  (More than 50% of coarse fraction passed through No. 4 sieve)	CLEAN SAND (Little or no fines)		<b>SW</b>	Well-graded sand; gravelly sand; little or no fines
			SAND WITH FINES (Appreciable amount of fines)		<b>SP</b>	Poorly graded sand; gravelly sand; little or no fines
	FINE-GRAINED SOIL (More than 50% of material is smaller than No. 200 sieve size)	SILT AND CLAY  (Liquid limit less than 50)	SILT AND CLAY (Liquid limit less than 50)		<b>ML</b>	Inorganic silt and very fine sand; rock flour; silty or clayey fine sand or clayey silt with slight plasticity
			SILT AND CLAY (Liquid limit greater than 50)		<b>CL</b>	Inorganic clay of low to medium plasticity; gravelly clay; sandy clay; silty clay; lean clay
SILT AND CLAY (Liquid limit greater than 50)				<b>OL</b>	Organic silt; organic, silty clay of low plasticity	
SILT AND CLAY  (Liquid limit greater than 50)		SILT AND CLAY (Liquid limit greater than 50)		<b>MH</b>	Inorganic silt; micaceous or diatomaceous fine sand	
		SILT AND CLAY (Liquid limit greater than 50)		<b>CH</b>	Inorganic clay of high plasticity; fat clay	
		SILT AND CLAY (Liquid limit greater than 50)		<b>OH</b>	Organic clay of medium to high plasticity; organic silt	
	HIGHLY ORGANIC SOIL			<b>PT</b>	Peat; humus; swamp soil with high organic content	

OTHER MATERIALS	GRAPHIC SYMBOL	LETTER SYMBOL	TYPICAL DESCRIPTIONS
PAVEMENT		<b>AC or PC</b>	Asphalt concrete pavement or Portland cement pavement
ROCK		<b>RK</b>	Rock (See Rock Classification)
WOOD		<b>WD</b>	Wood, lumber, wood chips
DEBRIS		<b>DB</b>	Construction debris, garbage

Notes: 1. Soil descriptions are based on the general approach presented in the *Standard Practice for Description and Identification of Soils (Visual-Manual Procedure)*, as outlined in ASTM D 2488. Where laboratory index testing has been conducted, soil classifications are based on the *Standard Test Method for Classification of Soils for Engineering Purposes*, as outlined in ASTM D 2487.

2. Soil description terminology is based on visual estimates (in the absence of laboratory test data) of the percentages of each soil type and is defined as follows:

- Primary Constituent: > 50% - "GRAVEL," "SAND," "SILT," "CLAY," etc.
- Secondary Constituents: > 30% and ≤ 50% - "very gravelly," "very sandy," "very silty," etc.
- > 12% and ≤ 30% - "gravelly," "sandy," "silty," etc.
- Additional Constituents: > 5% and ≤ 12% - "slightly gravelly," "slightly sandy," "slightly silty," etc.
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Proposed Mixed-Use Buildings  
Smokey Point Boulevard,  
Arlington, WA 98223

Soil Classification System and Key

Figure  
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# TEST PIT LOG

Test Pit No. TP-1

PROJECT: Proposed Mixed-Use Buildings PROJECT NO.: 21-1019  
 LOCATION: 16517 & 16523 Smokey Point Blvd., Arlington, WA 98223 DATE: 11-9-2021  
 EXPLORATION METHOD: Backhoe ELEVATION: 120'  
 CONTRACTOR/DRILLER: E & D Excavating LOGGED BY: Tristan C.  
 DEPTH TO WATER TABLE:  $\nabla$  5.5 PERCHED WATER:  $\nabla$  NA CAVING C 7.3

ELEVATION/ DEPTH	SOIL SAMPLE AND TEST DATA		USCS SYMBOL	SOIL PROFILE DESCRIPTION
	SAMPLE & TEST DATA			
120 0			GW	Dense, gray to brown, moist, sandy GRAVEL, trace silt, well-graded, chipped gravel, rounded gravel, scattered organics (Fill)
118 2	1 █ d	GT  W = 23.5 GS	SM	Loose, brown to black, moist, very silty SAND, organics, rootlets, roots, organic odor (Relict Topsoil)
116 4	2 █ d		SP-SM	Medium dense, weathered tan to orange, moist, slightly silty SAND, poorly graded (Recessional Outwash)
114 6	3 █ d			Transitions to gray @ 5' BGS Moderate seepage observed @ 5.5' BGS
112 8	4 █ d			Rapid caving observed @ 7.3' BGS
				Refusal met @ 8.5' BGS due to caving

Reference Notes:  
 1. Stratigraphic contacts are based on field interpretations and are approximate.  
 2. Reference to the text of this report is necessary for a proper understanding of subsurface conditions.  
 3. Refer to "Soil Classification System and Key" figure for an explanation of the graphics/symbols used.

**Test Pit TP-1 was terminated at 8.5 ft below site grades on 11-9-2021**

Figure:

Notes: Elevations are approximate and based on topographic contours exhibited on the Snohomish County PDS Map Portal.

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# TEST PIT LOG

Test Pit No. TP-2

PROJECT: Proposed Mixed-Use Buildings PROJECT NO.: 21-1019  
 LOCATION: 16517 & 16523 Smokey Point Blvd., Arlington, WA 98223 DATE: 11-9-2021  
 EXPLORATION METHOD: Backhoe ELEVATION: 120'  
 CONTRACTOR/DRILLER: E & D Excavating LOGGED BY: Tristan C.  
 DEPTH TO WATER TABLE: ∇ 4.0 PERCHED WATER: ∇ NA CAVING ⊘ 7.5

ELEVATION/ DEPTH	SOIL SAMPLE AND TEST DATA		USCS SYMBOL	SOIL PROFILE DESCRIPTION
	SAMPLE & TEST DATA			
120 - 0			GW	Dense, gray to brown, moist, sandy GRAVEL, trace silt, well-graded, chipped gravel, rounded gravel, brick debris, scattered organics (Fill)
			SM	
118 - 2	5 █ d		SP-SM	Loose, brown to black, moist, very silty SAND, organics, rootlets, roots, organic odor (Relict Topsoil)
116 - 4	6 █ d	GT		Medium dense, weathered tan to orange, moist, slightly silty SAND, trace gravel, poorly graded (Recessional Outwash)
114 - 6	7 █ d			Moderate seepage observed @ 4' BGS
112 - 8	8 █ d			Transitions to gray and slightly gravelly @ 5' BGS
				Rapid caving observed @ 7.5' BGS
				Refusal met @ 8.5' BGS due to caving

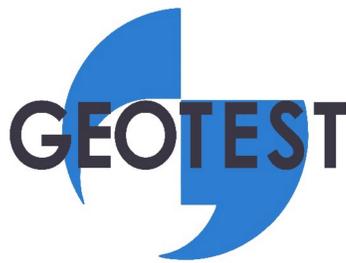
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Figure:

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# TEST PIT LOG

Test Pit No. TP-3

PROJECT: Proposed Mixed-Use Buildings PROJECT NO.: 21-1019  
 LOCATION: 16517 & 16523 Smokey Point Blvd., Arlington, WA 98223 DATE: 11-9-2021  
 EXPLORATION METHOD: Backhoe ELEVATION: 120'  
 CONTRACTOR/DRILLER: E & D Excavating LOGGED BY: Tristan C.  
 DEPTH TO WATER TABLE: 3.8 PERCHED WATER: NA CAVING C 7.0

ELEVATION/ DEPTH	SOIL SAMPLE AND TEST DATA		USCS SYMBOL	SOIL PROFILE DESCRIPTION
	SAMPLE & TEST DATA			
120 0			GW	Dense, gray to brown, moist, sandy GRAVEL, trace silt, well-graded, chipped gravel, rounded gravel, scattered organics (Fill)
1 1	9 █ d		SM	Loose, brown to black, moist, very silty SAND, organics, rootlets, roots, organic odor (Relict Topsoil)
118 2	10 █ d	W = 20.8 GS	SP-SM	Medium dense, weathered tan to orange, moist, slightly silty SAND, trace gravel, poorly graded (Recessional Outwash)
3 3	11 █ d	W = 26.8 GS		
116 4				Moderate seepage observed @ 3.8' BGS
5 5				
114 6	12 █ d			
7 7				Rapid caving observed @ 7.0' BGS
				Refusal met @ 7.5' BGS due to caving

Reference Notes:  
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 2. Reference to the text of this report is necessary for a proper understanding of subsurface conditions.  
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**Test Pit TP-3 was terminated at 7.5 ft below site grades on 11-9-2021**

Figure:

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# TEST PIT LOG

Test Pit No. TP-4

PROJECT: Proposed Mixed-Use Buildings PROJECT NO.: 21-1019  
 LOCATION: 16517 & 16523 Smokey Point Blvd., Arlington, WA 98223 DATE: 11-9-2021  
 EXPLORATION METHOD: Backhoe ELEVATION: 120'  
 CONTRACTOR/DRILLER: E & D Excavating LOGGED BY: Tristan C.  
 DEPTH TO WATER TABLE: ∇ 3.9 PERCHED WATER: ∇ NA CAVING C 6.0

ELEVATION/ DEPTH	SOIL SAMPLE AND TEST DATA		USCS SYMBOL	SOIL PROFILE DESCRIPTION
	SAMPLE & TEST DATA			
120 0	13 █ d		SM	Loose, weathered orange, moist, silty SAND, rootlets, trace organics (Recessional Outwash)
118 2			SP-SM	Medium dense, weathered tan, damp, slightly silty SAND, trace gravel, poorly graded (Recessional Outwash)
116 4	14 █ d		SP-SM	Medium dense, weathered tan, moist, slightly silty SAND, poorly graded (Recessional Outwash)
114 6	15 █ d			Moderate seepage observed @ 3.9' BGS
				Rapid caving observed @ 6' BGS
				Refusal met @ 7.5' BGS due to caving

Reference Notes:  
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 2. Reference to the text of this report is necessary for a proper understanding of subsurface conditions.  
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**Test Pit TP-4 was terminated at 7.5 ft below site grades on 11-9-2021**

Figure:

Notes: Elevations are approximate and based on topographic contours exhibited on the Snohomish County PDS Map Portal.



# TEST PIT LOG

Test Pit No. TP-5

PROJECT: Proposed Mixed-Use Buildings PROJECT NO.: 21-1019  
 LOCATION: 16517 & 16523 Smokey Point Blvd., Arlington, WA 98223 DATE: 11-9-2021  
 EXPLORATION METHOD: Backhoe ELEVATION: 120'  
 CONTRACTOR/DRILLER: E & D Excavating LOGGED BY: Tristan C.  
 DEPTH TO WATER TABLE:  $\nabla$  1.8 PERCHED WATER:  $\nabla$  NA CAVING C 4.0

ELEVATION/ DEPTH	SOIL SAMPLE AND TEST DATA			SOIL PROFILE DESCRIPTION	
	SAMPLE & TEST DATA		USCS SYMBOL		
120 0		d W = 20.4 GS	SP-SM	Medium dense, weathered tan to orange, moist, slightly silty SAND, trace gravel, poorly graded (Recessional Outwash)	
118 2			16	SP	Medium dense, gray, wet, slightly gravelly SAND, trace silt, poorly graded (Recessional Outwash)
116 4			17		Moderate seepage observed @ 1.8' BGS Rapid caving observed @ 4' BGS
114 6	18			Refusal met @ 6.0' BGS due to caving	

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**Test Pit TP-5 was terminated at 6.0 ft below site grades on 11-9-2021**

Figure:

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# TEST PIT LOG

Test Pit No. TP-6

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 LOCATION: 16517 & 16523 Smokey Point Blvd., Arlington, WA 98223 DATE: 11-9-2021  
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 CONTRACTOR/DRILLER: E & D Excavating LOGGED BY: Tristan C.  
 DEPTH TO WATER TABLE:  $\nabla$  3.0 PERCHED WATER:  $\nabla$  NA CAVING C 5.0

ELEVATION/ DEPTH	SOIL SAMPLE AND TEST DATA		USCS SYMBOL	SOIL PROFILE DESCRIPTION	
	SAMPLE & TEST DATA				
120 0		d	SP-SM	Medium dense, weathered tan to orange, moist, slightly silty SAND, trace gravel, poorly graded (Recessional Outwash)	
118 2			20	SP	Medium dense, gray, wet, poorly graded SAND, trace silt (Recessional Outwash)
116 4			21		
114 6				Refusal met @ 7.0' BGS due to caving	

Reference Notes:  
 1. Stratigraphic contacts are based on field interpretations and are approximate.  
 2. Reference to the text of this report is necessary for a proper understanding of subsurface conditions.  
 3. Refer to "Soil Classification System and Key" figure for an explanation of the graphics/symbols used.

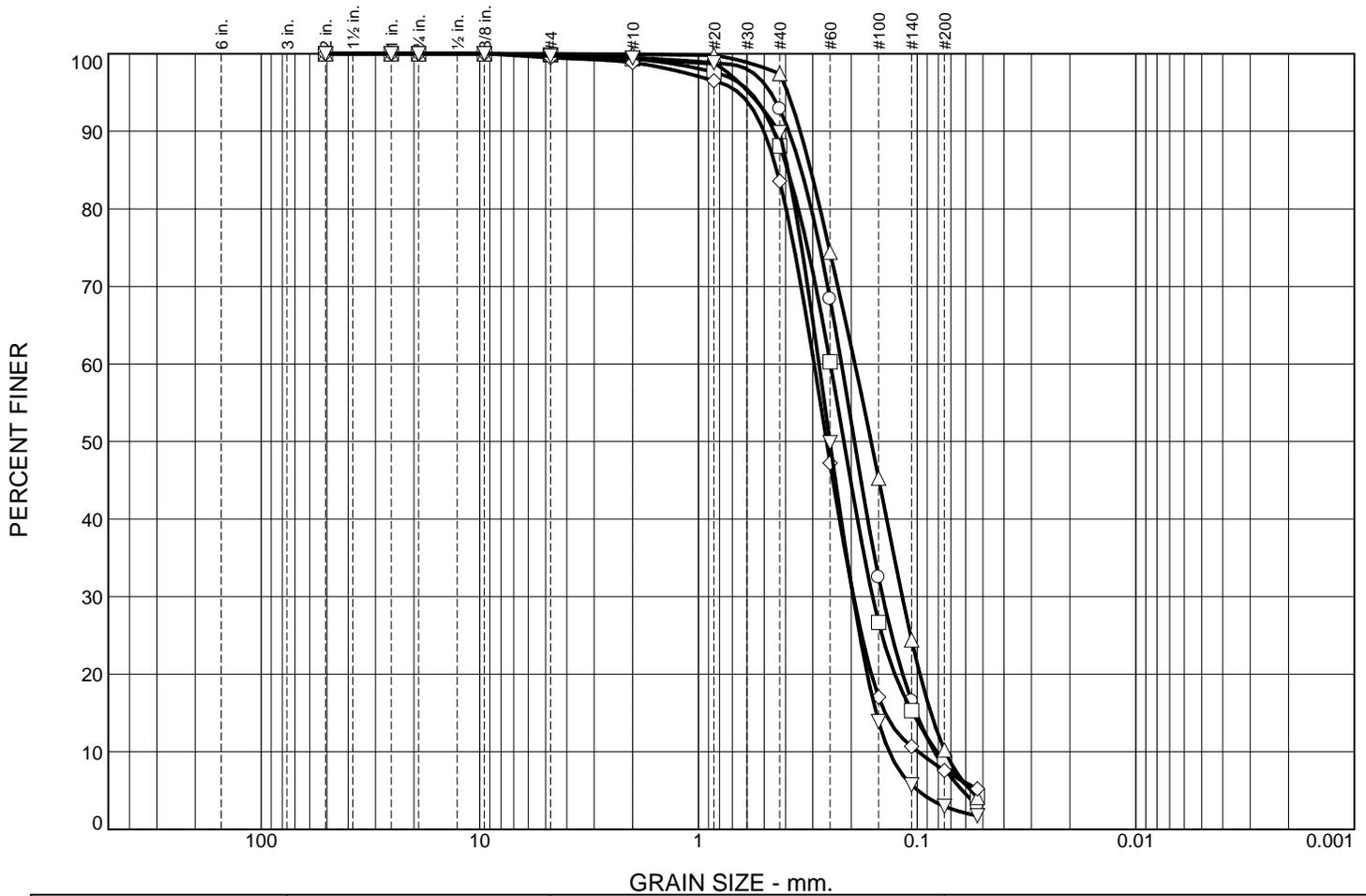
**Test Pit TP-6 was terminated at 7.0 ft below site grades on 11-9-2021**

Figure:

Notes: Elevations are approximate and based on topographic contours exhibited on the Snohomish County PDS Map Portal.

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# Grain Size Test Data



	% +3"	% Gravel		% Sand			% Fines	
		Coarse	Fine	Coarse	Medium	Fine	Silt	Clay
○	0	0	0	0	7	85	8	
□	0	0	0	1	11	79	9	
△	0	0	0	0	3	87	10	
◇	0	0	1	0	15	76	8	
▽	0	0	0	1	9	87	3	

SOIL DATA					
SYMBOL	SOURCE	SAMPLE NO.	DEPTH (ft.)	Material Description	USCS
○	TP-1	3	3.0	Slightly silty SAND, poorly graded	SP-SM
□	TP-3	10	1.8	Slightly silty SAND, poorly graded	SP-SM
△	TP-3	11	3.2	Slightly silty SAND, poorly graded	SP-SM
◇	TP-5	16	1.0	Slightly silty SAND, trace gravel, poorly graded	SP-SM
▽	TP-6	20	2.5	Poorly graded SAND, trace silt	SP



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**Figure** 11

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## REPORT LIMITATIONS AND GUIDELINES FOR ITS USE<sup>1</sup>

Subsurface issues may cause 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:

### **Geotechnical Services are Performed for Specific Purposes, Persons, and Projects**

At GeoTest our geotechnical engineers and geologists structure their services to meet specific needs of our clients. A geotechnical engineering study conducted for a civil engineer may not fulfill the needs of an owner, a construction contractor or even another civil engineer. Because each geotechnical engineering study is unique, each geotechnical engineering report is unique, prepared solely for the client. No one except you should rely on your geotechnical engineer who prepared it. And no one – not even you – should apply the report for any purpose or project except the one originally contemplated.

### **Read the Full Report**

Serious problems have occurred because those relying on a geotechnical engineering report did not read it all. Do not rely on an executive summary. Do not read selected elements only.

### **A Geotechnical Engineering Report is Based on a Unique Set of Project-Specific Factors**

GeoTest's geotechnical engineers consider a number of unique, project-specific factors when establishing the scope of a study. Typical factors include: the clients goals, objectives, and risk management preferences; the general nature of the structure involved its size, and configuration; the location of the structure on the site; and other planned or existing site improvements, such as access roads, parking lots, and underground utilities. Unless GeoTest, who conducted the study specifically states otherwise, do not rely on a geotechnical engineering report that was:

- not prepared for you,
- not prepared for your project,
- not prepared for the specific site explored, or
- completed before important project changes were made.



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Typical changes that can erode the reliability of an existing geotechnical engineering report include those that affect:

- the function of the proposed structure, as when it's changed, for example, from a parking garage to an office building, or from a light industrial plant to a refrigerated warehouse,
- elevation, configuration, location, orientation, or weight of the proposed construction,
- alterations in drainage designs; or
- composition of the design team; the passage of time; man-made alterations and construction whether on or adjacent to the site; or by natural alterations and events, such as floods, earthquakes or groundwater fluctuations; or project ownership.

Always inform GeoTest's geotechnical engineer of project changes – even minor ones – and request an assessment of their impact. Geotechnical engineers cannot accept responsibility or liability for problems that occur because their reports do not consider developments of which they were not informed.

### **Subsurface Conditions Can Change**

This geotechnical or geologic report is based on conditions that existed at the time the study was performed. Do not rely on the findings and conclusions of this report, whose adequacy may have been affected by: the passage of time; by man-made events, such as construction on or adjacent to the site; or by natural events, such as floods, earthquakes, or groundwater fluctuations. Always contact GeoTest before applying the report to determine if it is still relevant. A minor amount of additional testing or analysis will help determine if the report remains applicable.

### **Most Geotechnical and Geologic Findings are Professional Opinions**

Our site exploration identifies subsurface conditions only at those points where subsurface tests are conducted or samples are taken. GeoTest's engineers and geologists review field and laboratory data and then apply their professional judgment to render an opinion about subsurface conditions throughout the site. Actual subsurface conditions may differ – sometimes significantly – from those indicated in your report. Retaining GeoTest who developed this report to provide construction observation is the most effective method of managing the risks associated with anticipated or unanticipated conditions.



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## **A Report's Recommendations are Not Final**

Do not over-rely on the construction recommendations included in this report. Those recommendations are not final, because geotechnical engineers or geologists develop them principally from judgment and opinion. GeoTest's geotechnical engineers or geologists can finalize their recommendations only by observing actual subsurface conditions revealed during construction. GeoTest cannot assume responsibility or liability for the report's recommendations if our firm does not perform the construction observation.

## **A Geotechnical Engineering or Geologic Report may be Subject to Misinterpretation**

Misinterpretation of this report by other design team members can result in costly problems. Lower that risk by having GeoTest confer with appropriate members of the design team after submitting the report. Also, we suggest retaining GeoTest to review pertinent elements of the design teams plans and specifications. Contractors can also misinterpret a geotechnical engineering report. Reduce that risk by having GeoTest participate in pre-bid and preconstruction conferences, and by providing construction observation.

## **Do not Redraw the Exploration Logs**

Our geotechnical engineers and geologists prepare final boring and testing logs based upon their interpretation of field logs and laboratory data. To prevent errors of omissions, the logs included in this report should never be redrawn for inclusion in architectural or other design drawings. Only photographic or electronic reproduction is acceptable; but recognizes that separating logs from the report can elevate risk.

## **Give Contractors a Complete Report and Guidance**

Some owners and design professionals mistakenly believe they can make contractors liable for unanticipated subsurface conditions by limiting what they provide for bid preparation. To help prevent costly problems, give contractors the complete geotechnical engineering report, but preface it with a clearly written letter of transmittal. In that letter, consider advising the contractors that the report was not prepared for purposes of bid development and that the report's accuracy is limited; encourage them to confer with GeoTest and/or to conduct additional study to obtain the specific types of information they need or prefer. A pre-bid conference can also be valuable. Be sure contractors have sufficient time to perform additional study. Only then might you be in a position to give contractors the best information available, while requiring them to at least share some of the financial responsibilities stemming from unanticipated conditions.



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In addition, it is recommended that a contingency for unanticipated conditions be included in your project budget and schedule.

### **Read Responsibility Provisions Closely**

Some clients, design professionals, and contractors do not recognize that geotechnical engineering or geology is far less exact than other engineering disciplines. This lack of understanding can create unrealistic expectations that can lead to disappointments, claims, and disputes. To help reduce risk, GeoTest includes an explanatory limitations section in our reports. Read these provisions closely. Ask questions and we encourage our clients or their representative to contact our office if you are unclear as to how these provisions apply to your project.

### **Environmental Concerns Are Not Covered in this Geotechnical or Geologic Report**

The equipment, techniques, and personnel used to perform an environmental study differ significantly from those used to perform a geotechnical or geologic study. For that reason, a geotechnical engineering or geologic report does not usually relate any environmental findings, conclusions, or recommendations; e.g., about the likelihood of encountering underground storage tanks or regulated containments, etc. If you have not yet obtained your own environmental information, ask your geotechnical consultant for risk management guidance. Do not rely on environmental report prepared for some one else.

### **Obtain Professional Assistance to Deal with Biological Pollutants**

Diverse strategies can be applied during building design, construction, operation, and maintenance to prevent significant amounts biological pollutants from growing on indoor surfaces. Biological pollutants includes but is not limited to molds, fungi, spores, bacteria and viruses. To be effective, all such strategies should be devised for the express purpose of prevention, integrated into a comprehensive plan, and executed with diligent oversight by a professional biological pollutant prevention consultant. Because just a small amount of water or moisture can lead to the development of severe biological infestations, a number of prevention strategies focus on keeping building surfaces dry. While groundwater, water infiltration, and similar issues may have been addressed as part of this study, the geotechnical engineer or geologist in charge of this project is not a biological pollutant prevention consultant; none of the services performed in connection with this geotechnical engineering or geological study were designed or conducted for the purpose of preventing biological infestations.