

# Geotechnical Engineering Report

## Proposed 67<sup>th</sup> Avenue Development

### Arlington, WA

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**Regarding: Geotechnical Engineering Report**  
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(Parcel Nos. 31052300200500, 00738500103100)

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 18705 and 18625 on 67<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE 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 May 11, 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 seven exploratory test pits with a Client-provided rubber tire backhoe.
- Perform one Pilot Infiltration Test (PIT) in accordance with the Stormwater Management Manual for Western Washington (SMMWW). The SMMWW is the stormwater manual currently adopted by the City of Arlington.
- 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 contains two parcels totaling approximately 2.5-acres with a one-story residential building currently located on the northern lot. The property has been largely cleared of vegetation, with only short grass and some landscaping shrubs remaining. The property borders 67th Avenue NE to the west and Woodlands Way to the south. A series of single-family residences exist to the north of the property. The property is partially fenced and is in the process of being sold.

GeoTest understands that a new mixed-use development is planned for the property. GeoTest was provided an initial development concept that included two new, three-story buildings with associated drive paths and vehicle parking. GeoTest anticipates that the lower portion of the building fronting 67th Avenue will include retail buildings, with the remainder of the building consisting of multi-family housing. It is expected that the second building will consist almost entirely of multi-family housing. GeoTest anticipates that new construction will utilize wood frame construction in conjunction with slab-on-grade floors and shallow conventional

foundations. GeoTest has not been provided with a formalized development plan, but it is expected that structural loads will be light to moderate.

GeoTest anticipates that infiltration facilities will be constructed on the property as part of stormwater design services performed by others. GeoTest was not provided with a plan sheet showing stormwater design concepts. It was, however, discussed with the Civil Engineer that the most likely location of infiltration facilities would be in the northern portion of the planned development.

## 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 flag-shaped subject property is mostly undeveloped and contains two parcels (Parcel Nos. 31052300200500 and 00738500103100) totaling approximately 2.5 acres. Both parcels combined occupy approximately 285 feet of frontage along the eastern side of 67<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE in Arlington, WA. There is also an approximate 30-foot-wide road that provides access from 188<sup>th</sup> Street NE from between residential properties located at 6800 and 6804 188<sup>th</sup> Street NE. There is a single-family residence in the central section of the west side of parcel 31052300200500. In general, the topography across the subject property is relatively flat with an approximate elevation of 148 feet above mean sea level. A large majority of the site is stripped of groundcover and consists of gravelly sand material. The southern and eastern margins are covered with weeds, blackberry brambles, scotch broom, alders and conifers. No signs of surface water were observed on the proposed development at the time of our site visit in mid-May.



**Image 1:** Existing surface conditions at the subject property. View of the subject property looking south. Exploration of TP-3 in progress. (Image taken on May 19, 2021.)

## Subsurface Soil Conditions

Subsurface conditions were explored by advancing seven exploratory test pits (TP-1 through TP-6 and PIT-1) on May 19, 2021. The explorations were advanced to an approximate depth of 9 to 11.5 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 seven test pits encountered similar subsurface conditions. In general, explorations consisted of 1 to 2 feet of medium dense, slightly silty, gravelly sand with some rootlets (undocumented fill) at the surface. Underlying the fill was a thin bed that varies in thickness and consists of dark brown medium dense, silty sand with trace gravels and rootlets interpreted to be relict topsoil. At approximately 1.5 to 2.5 feet BGS, a dense sand with varying amounts of gravel (unweathered recessional outwash) was encountered. The upper 1 to 2 feet of this lower unit was weathered. The unweathered recessional outwash commonly contained deposits of cobbles and was encountered to the maximum explored depth of the test pits.

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 2:** Subsurface soil conditions within TP-3, in which fill overlies a relict topsoil and sand with gravels (Image taken on May 19, 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 (Marysville Sand Member). For the purposes of this geotechnical report, we have referred to the native soils as ‘recessional outwash’.

## Groundwater

At the time of our investigation on May 19, 2021, groundwater was not encountered in any of 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 appears to be at depths of generally 50 feet BGS in the vicinity of the site.

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

As the subject property is located within the City of Arlington, 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 sliding (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.

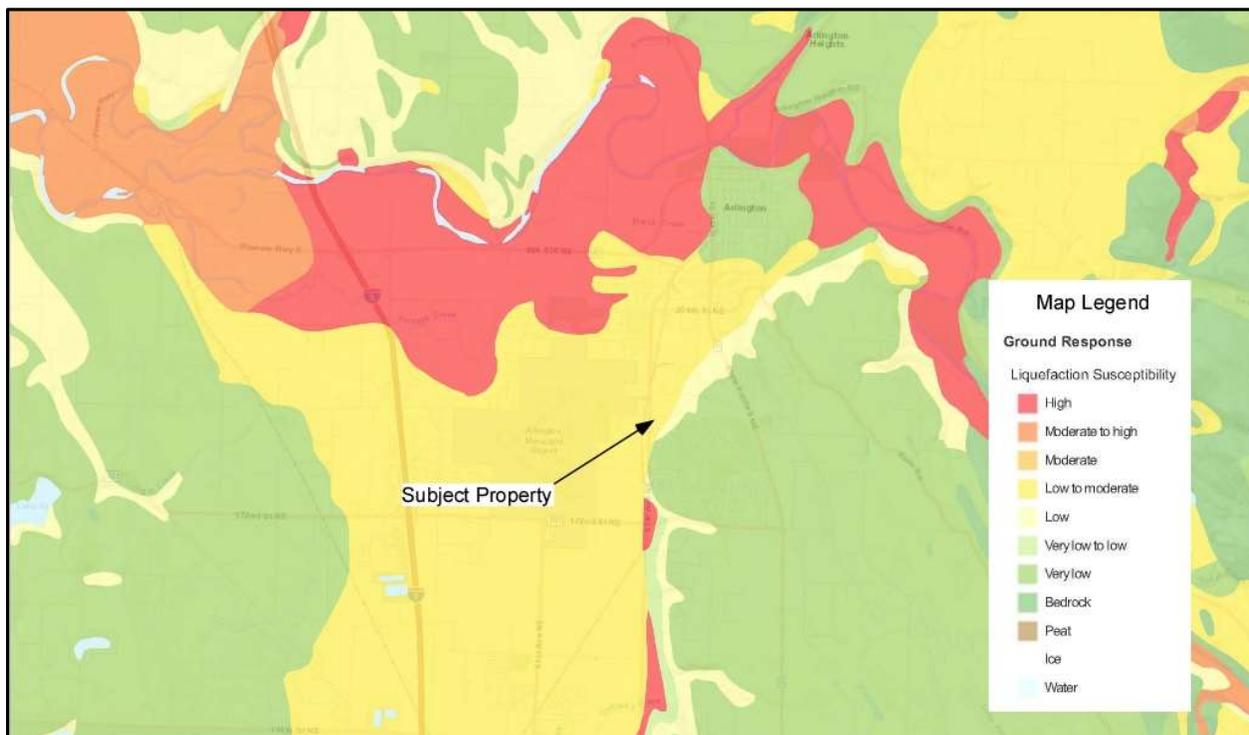
## Seismic and Liquefaction Hazards

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.

Based on our subsurface explorations, the site is underlain by native medium dense, gravelly, sandy soils. GeoTest did not encounter the regional groundwater table during our explorations and a review of local well log data suggest it is typically encountered at approximately 50 feet BGS in the vicinity of the site. Due to these factors, it is GeoTest’s opinion that the potential for liquefaction underlying the subject property is low. Thus, it is also our opinion that no mitigations are required to address liquefaction for the proposed development.



**Image 3:** 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 encountered in this study encountered approximately 1 to 2 feet of undocumented fill before encountering native recessional outwash composed of sand with varying amounts of gravel. GeoTest recommends that the undocumented fill soils and relict topsoil (if present) be removed from the building footprint down to the native, recessional outwash soil. GeoTest generally anticipates that about 1 to 2 feet of stripping will be needed in order to remove near-surface, undocumented fill soils and the relict topsoil (if present) and 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 these soils. Further recommendations regarding the placement and compaction of structural fill can be found in the *Fill and Compaction* section of this report.

Based on the native soils encountered during our subsurface investigation, in which include medium dense to dense recessional outwash sands, it appears that the subject property is suitable for stormwater infiltration. We have also conducted a Pilot Infiltration Test to determine the initial saturated hydraulic conductivity rate of the soil.

This report constitutes a stormwater infiltration evaluation for preliminary design purposes. The below recommended rates are intended to inform the stormwater facility engineer of feasibility and potential design rates. GeoTest recommends that we review and confirm soil types at the base of the infiltration facility location during construction. Additional infiltration tests may be required at the final infiltration facility locations in order to finalize design infiltration rates.

### Site Preparation and Earthwork

The portions of the site proposed for foundations and floor slabs 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, or continuous foundations 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 our test pit explorations appeared to be non-organic and thus may potentially be suitable for reuse as structural fill when placed at or near optimum moisture contents, as determined as ASTM D1557 and if allowed for in the project plans and specifications.

The on-site, weathered and unweathered 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 loose to medium-dense recessional outwash within the upper 100 feet is 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.

### **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 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.

### **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. 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 and the base of the footing. If foundations will bear directly on the native recessional outwash soils, an allowable coefficient of 0.30 should be used.

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 B soil according to WAC 296-155-66401 and may be sloped as steep as 1H: 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 and *Typical Utility Trench Section* (Figure 4).

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.

## **Pavement Subgrade Preparation**

Selection of a pavement section is typically a choice relative to its 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.

We anticipate that asphalt pavement will be used for new passenger car drive paths and parking areas. We recommend a standard, or 'light duty', pavement section consist of 2.5 inches of ½-inch HMA asphalt above 8 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]. Main drive 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].

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 should be considered 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.

## **Stormwater Infiltration Potential**

Based on the presence of predominantly granular materials and the lack of a restriction layer that would otherwise impact infiltration facilities, it is our opinion that the on-site infiltration of stormwater is feasible for this project site. GeoTest was not provided with any conceptual drawings of proposed stormwater infiltration facilities for this report.

### *Pilot Infiltration Test Results*

GeoTest performed one small-scale PIT test on May 19, 2021, per the SMMWW in order to determine the initial saturated hydraulic conductivity rate (K<sub>sat</sub> initial) in inches per hour. The base of the PIT was excavated to the dimensions of approximately 3.8 feet by 4.5 feet with a depth of 4 feet BGS. The PIT was conducted at a depth of 4 feet BGS in order to evaluate the infiltration potential at a minimum 3-foot separation between the bottom of a planned infiltration facility and the regional groundwater table. The bottom of the PIT extended through the existing undocumented fill, relict topsoil, and underlying weathered material extending into the native Marysville Sand.

Infiltration testing was conducted by discharging water into the flat-bottom excavation for a 5-hour “soaking period”. The purpose of the 5-hour pre-soak was to allow the soils in the immediate vicinity of the test area to exhibit saturated conditions. Water was discharged into the excavation at a metered rate while keeping the water level within the testing area approximately fixed. The cumulative volume and instantaneous flow rate in gallons per minute were recorded approximately every 15 to 30 minutes. Water for the infiltration testing was obtained from a municipal hydrant.

Following the 5-hour pre-soak and steady-state period, the water was shut off at the hydrant and the rate of infiltration (the drop of the standing water) in inches per hour was recorded until fully drained.

At the conclusion of the testing, the bottom of the PIT was excavated an additional 5 feet downward to identify possible restrictive layers. During the additional overexcavation, GeoTest observed Marysville Sand with varying amounts of gravel to an elevation of 9 feet BGS. GeoTest did not observe noticeable indications of hydraulically restrictive layers between the bottom of the PIT test and the groundwater table.

Table 1 below presents topographic information for the surface elevations and the bottom of PIT elevation:

**Table 1: PIT Test Elevations**

PIT ID	Test Date	Surface Elevation (ft)	Bottom of PIT Elevation (ft)	Groundwater Elevation (ft)	Groundwater Separation (ft)
PIT-1	5/19/2021	~148*	~144	Unknown	≥ 7.5**
*Surface elevation data is derived from the Digital Elevation Model available on the Snohomish County PDS Map portal **Test pits advanced throughout the site reached a maximum depth of approximately 11.5 feet BGS, in which groundwater seepage was not observed on the date of our explorations					

*Design Infiltration Rates*

The initial, uncorrected hydraulic conductivity ( $K_{sat}$  initial) was calculated for the PIT using the infiltration rate recorded during the falling-head test. This is measured as change in depth per recorded time interval. The  $K_{sat}$  initial value is shown below in Table 2. GeoTest then determined the corrected, long-term infiltration rate ( $K_{sat}$  design) by applying the following correction factors in accordance with the SMMWW:

- Site variability and number of locations tests,  $CF_v = 0.8$
- Test method (small-scale test),  $CF_t = 0.5$

- Degree of influent control to prevent siltation and bio-buildup,  $CF_m = 0.9$ .

Table 2 provides a summary of the calculated infiltration rate determined at the PIT location:

**Table 2: Calculated Infiltration Rates**

PIT ID	$K_{sat}$ Initial (in/hr)	Reduction Factor *	$K_{sat}$ Design (in/hr)
PIT-1	43.2	0.36	<b>15.6</b>
* Total Reduction Factor = (0.80)(0.50)(0.90) = 0.36			

Based on our PIT result and analysis of the subsurface soils, the infiltration rates within the native Recessional Outwash at the location tested was calculated to be **15.6 in/hr**. This rate is representative of a facility based at approximately 144 feet above mean sea level.

Our excavation did not encounter groundwater or soil conditions that would suggest the presence of a restriction layer. The Civil Engineer must also design facilities based on the amount of separation between facilities and the seasonal groundwater highs.

Given that our test was performed in May, just after the SMMWW “wet season”, it is GeoTest’s opinion that groundwater conditions underlying the project site are likely still near seasonal highs. Thus, GeoTest is confident that stormwater facilities constructed at elevation 144 feet or higher are unlikely to require reductions due to mounding or the presence of “restriction layers”. Elevation 144 feet correlates to about 4 vertical feet below the site grades at the time of our test in May 2021.

#### *Stormwater Treatment*

The stormwater facilities on-site may require some form of pollutant pretreatment with an amended soil prior to on-site infiltration or offsite discharge. The reuse of on-site topsoil is often the most sustainable and cost-effective method for pollutant treatment purposes. Cation exchange capacities, organic contents, and pH of site subsurface soils were also tested to determine possible pollutant treatment suitability.

Cation exchange capacity, organic content, and pH tests were performed by Northwest Agricultural Consultants on three soil samples collected from the explorations performed for this project. A summary of the laboratory test results is presented in Table 3 below.

**Table 3: Cation Exchange Capacity, Organic Content, and pH Laboratory Test Results**

Test Pit ID	Sample Depth (ft)	Geologic Unit	Cation Exchange Capacity (meq/100 grams)	Organic Content (%)	pH
TP-3	2.7	Weathered Recessional Outwash	4.9	1.61	6.0
TP-6	2.1	Weathered Recessional Outwash	17.5	6.32	5.5

Suitability for onsite pollutant treatment is determined in accordance with SSC-6 of the Washington State Department of Ecology *Stormwater Management Manual for Western Washington*. Soils with an organic content of greater than or equal to 1 percent and a cation exchange capacity of greater than or equal to 5 meq/100 grams are characterized as suitable for stormwater treatment. Based on the results shown in Table 3, native recessional soils within the upper 2.5 feet are suitable for stormwater treatment.

On-site soils can be amended by mixing higher silt content soils or adding mulch (or other admixtures) to elevate the cation exchange capacity and organic contents. On-site amended soil requires additional testing to confirm compliance with ecological regulations. GeoTest is available to perform additional laboratory testing as part of an expanded scope of services if the soil is to be amended. Alternatively, the Owner may elect to import amended soils with the desired properties for planned treatment facilities.

### **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 laboratory.

## 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 new mixed-use development located at 18705 and 18625 67th Avenue NE in Arlington, WA. 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 USGS geological information for the site. If variations in subsurface conditions are encountered during construction that differs 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	Site Vicinity Map
Figure 2	Site and Exploration Plan
Figure 3	Typical Footing and Wall Drain Section
Figure 4	Typical Utility Trench Section
Figure 5	Soil Classification System and Key
Figure 6-12	Test Pit Logs
Figure 13-14	Grain Size Analysis
Appendix A	Northwest Agricultural Consultants Results
Appendix B	Report Limitations and Guidelines for its Use

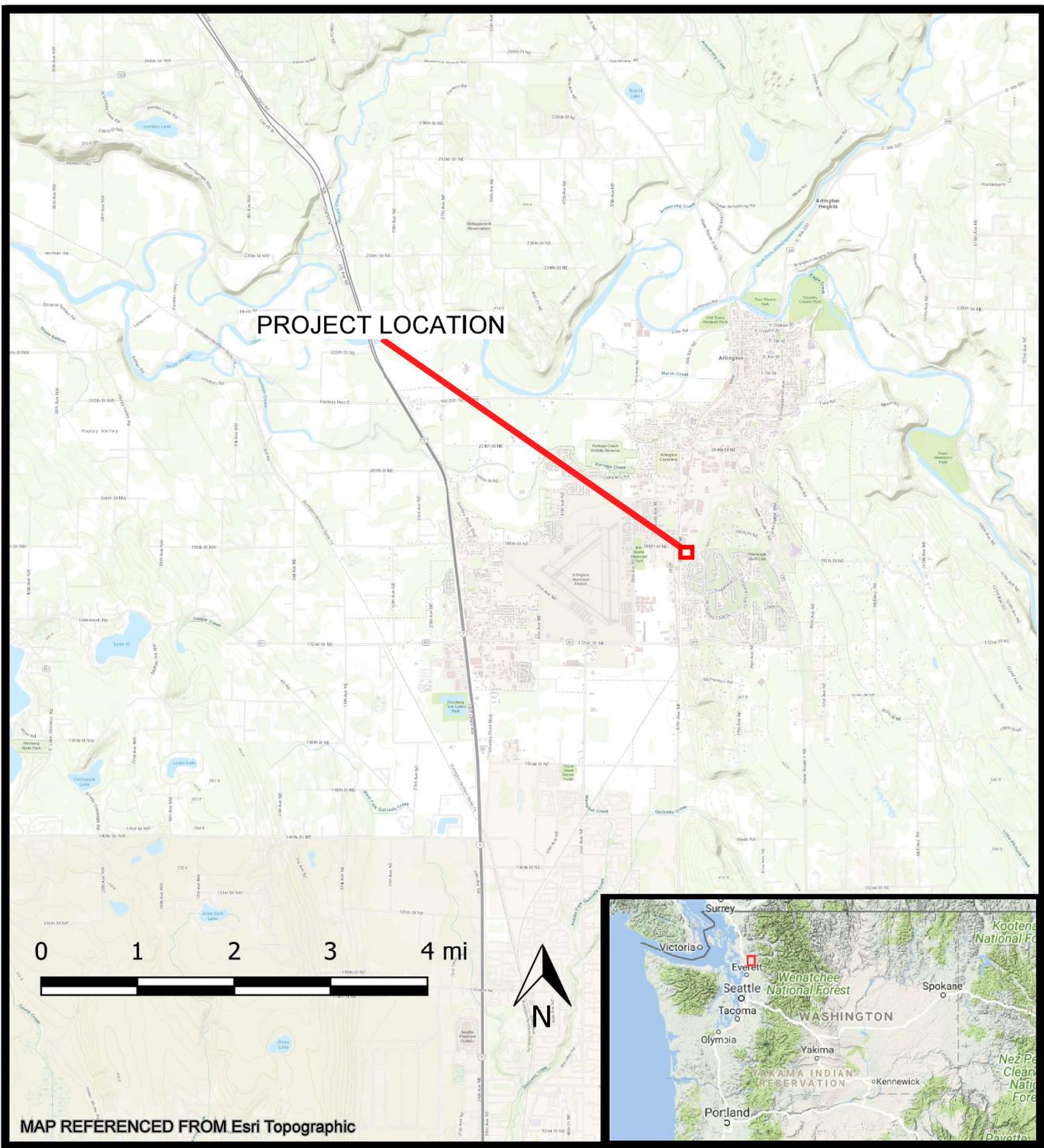
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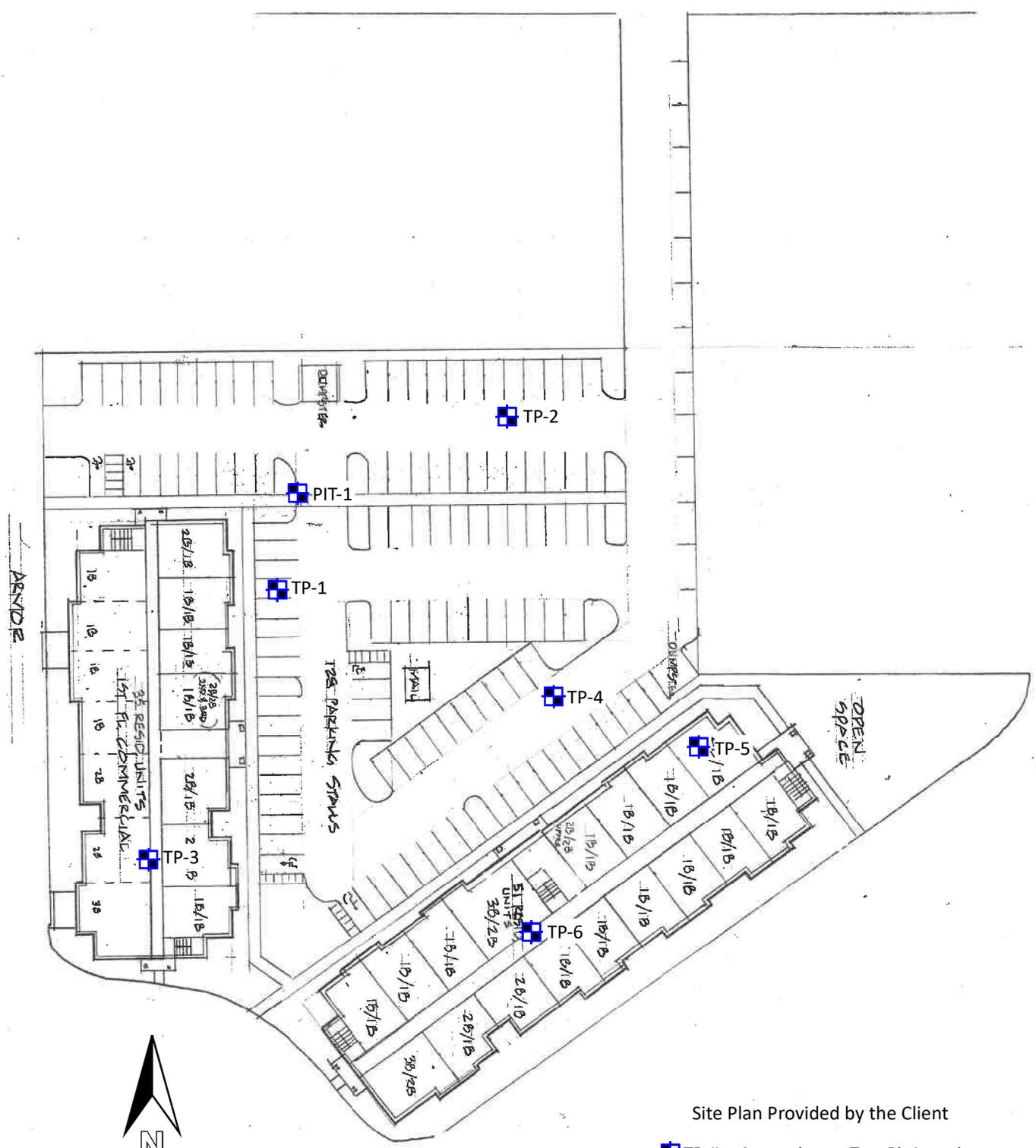
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Date: 5-27-21	By: BWS	Scale: As Shown	Project <b>21-0553</b>
<b>VICINITY MAP</b> <b>67TH AVENUE DEVELOPMENT</b> <b>18705 &amp; 18625 67TH AVENUE NE</b> <b>ARLINGTON, WA 98223</b>			Figure <b>1</b>

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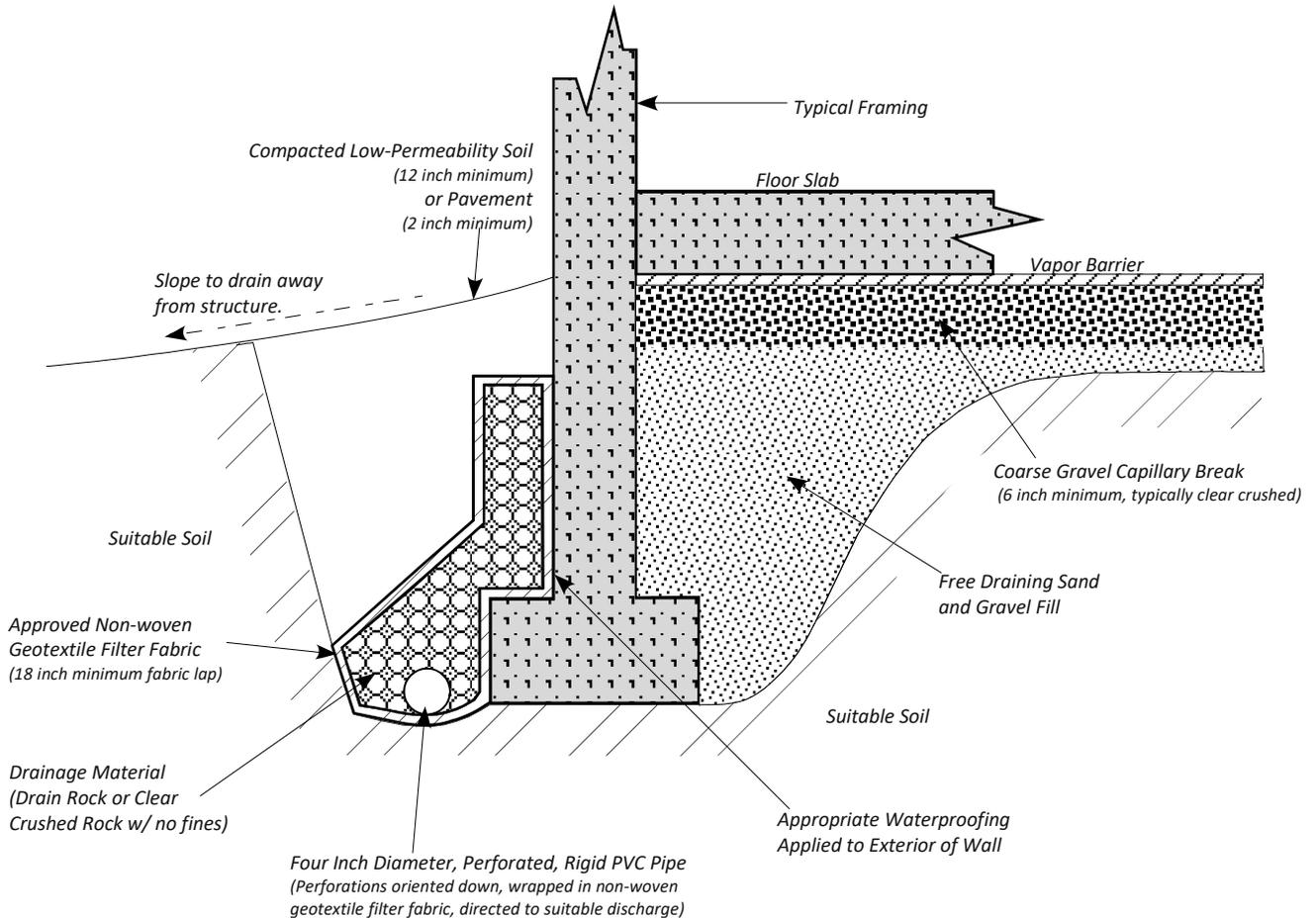
Site Plan Provided by the Client

TP-# = Approximate Test Pit Location



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<b>SITE AND EXPLORATION PLAN</b> <b>67TH AVENUE DEVELOPMENT</b> <b>18705 &amp; 18625 67TH AVENUE NE</b> <b>ARLINGTON, WA 98223</b>			Figure <b>2</b>

## CONCEPTUAL 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.**

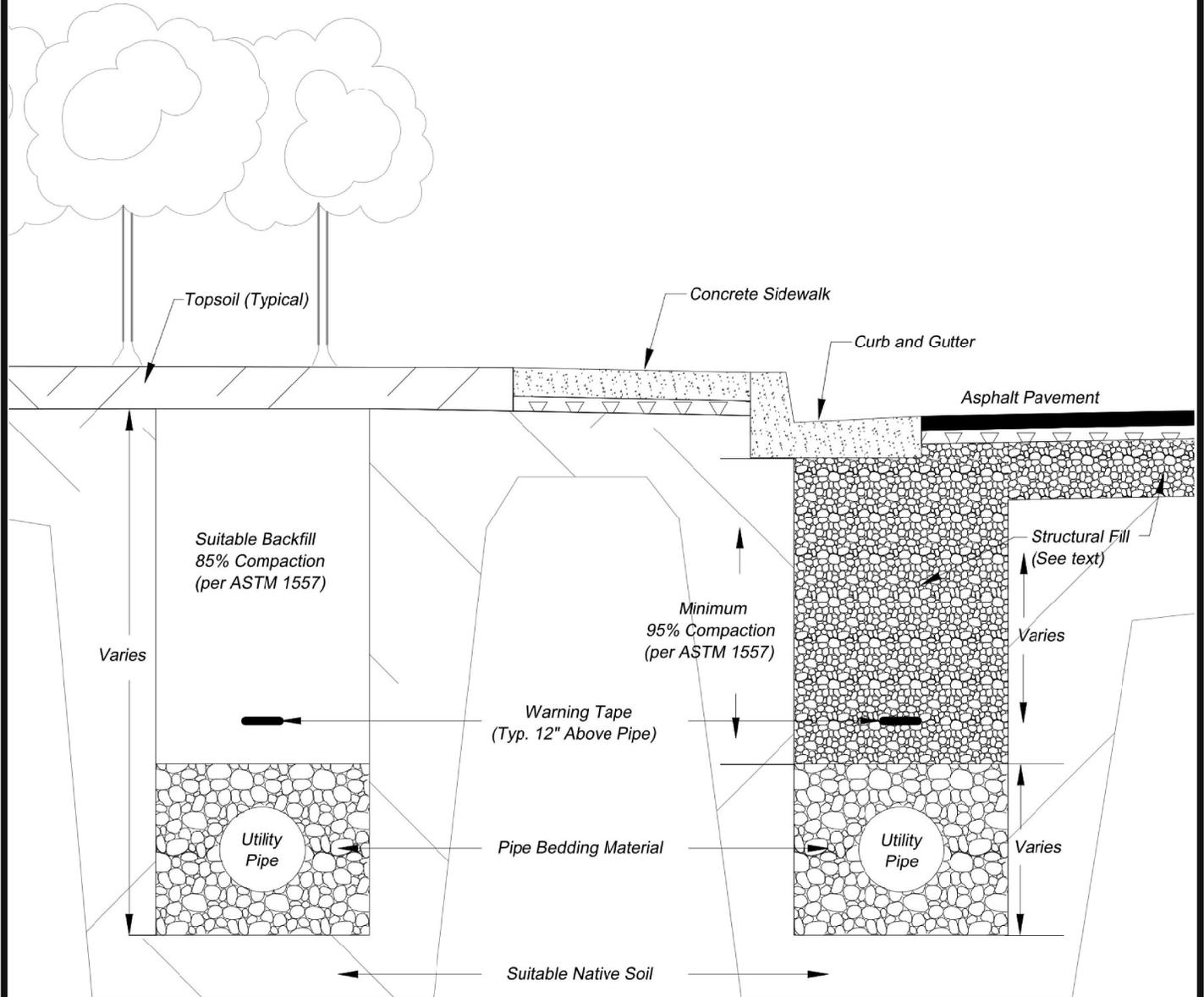
**Footings should be properly buried for frost protection in accordance with International Building Code or local building codes (Typically 18 inches below exterior finished grades).**

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

	Date: 6-01-21	By: BWS	Scale: None	Project <b>21-0553</b>
	<b>CONCEPTUAL FOOTING &amp; WALL DRAIN SECTION</b> 67TH AVENUE DEVELOPMENT 18705 & 18625 67TH AVENUE NE ARLINGTON, WA 98223			Figure <b>3</b>

**LANDSCAPING AREAS**

**LOAD BEARING AREAS**



Date: 6-1-2021

By: BWS

Scale: None

Project

**21-0553**

**TYPICAL UTILITY TRENCH SECTION**

**67TH AVENUE DEVELOPMENT**

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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
		SAND WITH FINES (Appreciable amount of fines)		<b>SM</b>	Silty sand; sand/silt mixture(s)
		SAND WITH FINES (Appreciable amount of fines)		<b>SC</b>	Clayey sand; sand/clay mixture(s)
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 less 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 less 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.
- ≤ 5% - "trace gravel," "trace sand," "trace silt," etc., or not noted.

Drilling and Sampling Key	Field and Lab Test Data
<p><b>SAMPLE NUMBER &amp; INTERVAL</b>      <b>SAMPLER TYPE</b></p> <p>Code      Description</p> <p>a 3.25-inch O.D., 2.42-inch I.D. Split Spoon</p> <p>b 2.00-inch O.D., 1.50-inch I.D. Split Spoon</p> <p>c Shelby Tube</p> <p>d Grab Sample</p> <p>e Other - See text if applicable</p> <p>1 300-lb Hammer, 30-inch Drop</p> <p>2 140-lb Hammer, 30-inch Drop</p> <p>3 Pushed</p> <p>4 Other - See text if applicable</p>	<p>Code      Description</p> <p>PP = 1.0      Pocket Penetrometer, tsf</p> <p>TV = 0.5      Torvane, tsf</p> <p>PID = 100      Photoionization Detector VOC screening, ppm</p> <p>W = 10      Moisture Content, %</p> <p>D = 120      Dry Density, pcf</p> <p>-200 = 60      Material smaller than No. 200 sieve, %</p> <p>GS      Grain Size - See separate figure for data</p> <p>AL      Atterberg Limits - See separate figure for data</p> <p>GT      Other Geotechnical Testing</p> <p>CA      Chemical Analysis</p>
<p><b>Groundwater</b></p> <p> Approximate water elevation at time of drilling (ATD) or on date noted. Groundwater levels can fluctuate due to precipitation, seasonal conditions, and other factors.</p>	



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Soil Classification System and Key

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# TEST PIT LOG

Test Pit No. PIT-1

PROJECT: 67th Avenue Development

PROJECT NO.: 21-0553

LOCATION: 18705 & 18625 67th Avenue NE, Arlington, WA 98223

DATE: 5-19-21

EXPLORATION METHOD: Rubber Tire Backhoe

ELEVATION: 148'

CONTRACTOR/DRILLER: E & D Excavating

LOGGED BY: BWS

DEPTH TO WATER TABLE:  $\nabla$

PERCHED WATER:  $\nabla$

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ELEVATION/ DEPTH	SOIL SAMPLE AND TEST DATA		USCS SYMBOL	SOIL PROFILE DESCRIPTION
	SAMPLE & TEST DATA			
148 0	1 █ b		FILL	Medium dense, brownish gray, damp, slightly silty, gravelly SAND, with rootlets (Fill)
1 1	2 █ b		SP	Dense, dark brown, damp, slightly silty SAND, with trace gravels (Weathered Recessional Outwash)
146 2	3 █ b		SM	Dense, brown, damp, slightly silty SAND (Recessional Outwash)
3 3			SP	Dense, brown, damp, gravelly SAND, with trace silt, some cobbles (Recessional Outwash)
144 4	4 █ b	W = 8.0 GS		3.8' by 4.5' Pilot Infiltration Test conducted at approximately 4.0' BGS
5 5	5 █ b			
142 6	6 █ b			
7 7				
140 8	7 █ b			

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 PIT-1 was terminated at 8.0 ft below site grades on 5-19-21**

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# TEST PIT LOG

Test Pit No. TP-1

PROJECT: 67th Avenue Development

PROJECT NO.: 21-0553

LOCATION: 18705 & 18625 67th Avenue NE, Arlington, WA 98223

DATE: 5-19-21

EXPLORATION METHOD: Rubber Tire Backhoe

ELEVATION: 148'

CONTRACTOR/DRILLER: E & D Excavating

LOGGED BY: BWS

DEPTH TO WATER TABLE:  $\nabla$

PERCHED WATER:  $\nabla$

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ELEVATION/ DEPTH	SOIL SAMPLE AND TEST DATA		USCS SYMBOL	SOIL PROFILE DESCRIPTION
	SAMPLE & TEST DATA			
148 0				
8	█ b		FILL	Loose, brown, moist, silty GRAVEL, with rootlets (Fill)
1	9 █ b		FILL	Loose to medium dense, weathered tan, moist, slightly silty, gravelly SAND, non-sorted (Fill)
146 2			SP	Medium dense, weathered tan tan/red, damp, slightly gravelly, slightly silty, SAND, poorly graded, some 4" cobbles (Weathered Recessional Outwash)
10 █ b			SP	Medium dense, weathered tan, damp to moist, gravelly SAND, with trace silt, poorly-graded (Recessional Outwash)
144 4				
5				
142 6	11 █ b			
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140 8	12 █ b			
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138 10	13 █ b			
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14	14 █ b			

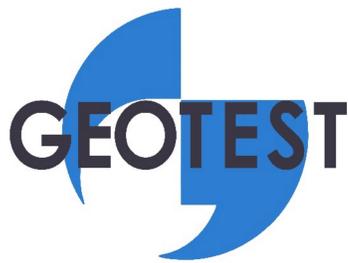
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**Test Pit TP-1 was terminated at 11.5 ft below site grades on 5-19-21**

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# TEST PIT LOG

Test Pit No. TP-2

PROJECT: 67th Avenue Development

PROJECT NO.: 21-0553

LOCATION: 18705 & 18625 67th Avenue NE, Arlington, WA 98223

DATE: 5-19-21

EXPLORATION METHOD: Rubber Tire Backhoe

ELEVATION: 148'

CONTRACTOR/DRILLER: E & D Excavating

LOGGED BY: BWS

DEPTH TO WATER TABLE:  $\nabla$

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ELEVATION/ DEPTH	SOIL SAMPLE AND TEST DATA		USCS SYMBOL	SOIL PROFILE DESCRIPTION
	SAMPLE & TEST DATA			
148 0	15 █ b		FILL	Medium dense, brownish-gray, damp, slightly silty, gravelly SAND, with rootlets (Fill)
1 1	16 █ b		SM	Dense, dark brown, damp, slightly silty SAND, with trace gravel, rootlets (Relict Topsoil)
146 2	17 █ b		SP	Dense, orangish-brown, damp, slightly silty, SAND (Weathered Recessional Outwash)
3 3	18 █ b			
144 4	19 █ b	W = 5.2 GS	SP	Dense, brown, moist, slightly silty, gravelly, SAND (Recessional Outwash)  *Gravel rich interbeds at 5.0' and 6.0' BGS
5 5				
142 6	20 █ b			
7 7				
140 8	21 █ b			
9 9				
138 10				
11 11				

Reference Notes:  
 1. Stratigraphic contacts are based on field interpretations and are approximate.  
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**Test Pit TP-2 was terminated at 11.0 ft below site grades on 5-19-21**

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# TEST PIT LOG

Test Pit No. TP-3

PROJECT: 67th Avenue Development

PROJECT NO.: 21-0553

LOCATION: 18705 & 18625 67th Avenue NE, Arlington, WA 98223

DATE: 5-19-21

EXPLORATION METHOD: Rubber Tire Backhoe

ELEVATION: 148'

CONTRACTOR/DRILLER: E & D Excavating

LOGGED BY: BWS

DEPTH TO WATER TABLE:  $\nabla$

PERCHED WATER:  $\nabla$

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ELEVATION/ DEPTH	SOIL SAMPLE AND TEST DATA		USCS SYMBOL	SOIL PROFILE DESCRIPTION	
	SAMPLE & TEST DATA				
148 0			FILL	Medium dense, brownish-gray, damp, slightly silty, gravelly SAND, with rootlets (Fill)	
1 1	22 █ b	W = 8.4 GS	SM	Dense, dark brown, damp, silty SAND, with trace gravel, rootlets (Relict Topsoil)	
1 2	23 █ b		SP	Dense, orangish-brown, damp, slightly gravelly SAND, with trace silt (Weathered Recessional Outwash)	
146 2			SP	Dense, brown, damp, slightly gravelly SAND, with trace silt (Recessional Outwash)	
3 3	24 █ b				
144 4	25 █ b				
5 5			SP	Dense, grayish brown, damp, gravelly SAND (Recessional Outwash)	
6 6	26 █ b			SP	Dense, brown, damp slightly gravelly SAND, with trace silt (Recessional Outwash)
7 7					
140 8	27 █ b				
9 9					
138 10	28 █ b				
11 11	29 █ b				

Reference Notes:  
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 3. Refer to "Soil Classification System and Key" figure for an explanation of the graphics/symbols used.

**Test Pit TP-3 was terminated at 11.0 ft below site grades on 5-19-21**

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# TEST PIT LOG

Test Pit No. TP-4

PROJECT: 67th Avenue Development

PROJECT NO.: 21-0553

LOCATION: 18705 & 18625 67th Avenue NE, Arlington, WA 98223

DATE: 5-19-21

EXPLORATION METHOD: Rubber Tire Backhoe

ELEVATION: 148'

CONTRACTOR/DRILLER: E & D Excavating

LOGGED BY: BWS

DEPTH TO WATER TABLE:  $\nabla$

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ELEVATION/ DEPTH	SOIL SAMPLE AND TEST DATA		USCS SYMBOL	SOIL PROFILE DESCRIPTION
	SAMPLE & TEST DATA			
148 0				
30	█ b		FILL	Very hard, gray, dry, gravelly SILT, with trace sand (Fill)
31	█ b		FILL	Dense, brown, damp, slightly silty, gravelly, SAND (Fill)
146 2	32 █ b		SM	Dense, dark brown, damp, silty SAND, with trace gravel (Relict Topsoil)
3			SP	Dense, orangish-brown, damp, slightly gravelly SAND with trace silt (Weathered Recessional Outwash)
144 4	33 █ b		SP	Dense, brown, damp, slightly gravelly SAND with trace silt (Recessional Outwash)
5				
142 6	34 █ b	W = 5.5 GS		*Small lenses of very gravelly SAND with occasional cobbles at 6.0' and 7.5' BGS
7				
140 8	35 █ b			
9				
138 10	36 █ b			
	37 █ b			

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-4 was terminated at 10.9 ft below site grades on 5-19-21**

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# TEST PIT LOG

Test Pit No. TP-5

PROJECT: 67th Avenue Development

PROJECT NO.: 21-0553

LOCATION: 18705 & 18625 67th Avenue NE, Arlington, WA 98223

DATE: 5-19-21

EXPLORATION METHOD: Rubber Tire Backhoe

ELEVATION: 148'

CONTRACTOR/DRILLER: E & D Excavating

LOGGED BY: BWS

DEPTH TO WATER TABLE:  $\nabla$

PERCHED WATER:  $\nabla$

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ELEVATION/ DEPTH	SOIL SAMPLE AND TEST DATA		USCS SYMBOL	SOIL PROFILE DESCRIPTION
	SAMPLE & TEST DATA			
148 0			FILL	Very hard, brownish-gray, damp, sandy SILT (Fill)
1 38	█ b			
146 2			SP	Dense, orangish-brown, damp, slightly gravelly SAND, with trace silt (Weathered Recessional Outwash)
1 39	█ b			
3 40	█ b		SP/GP	Dense, brown, damp, slightly gravelly SAND, with trace silt (Recessional Outwash)
144 4				*Cobbles at 4.0' BGS
5 41	█ b			
142 6		W = 4.5 GS	GP	Lab Sample: poorly graded gravel with sand Transitions to poorly graded Gravel near 6' BGS
7 42	█ b			
140 8				
9 43	█ b			
138 10				
11 44	█ b		SP	Dense, brown, wet, gravelly SAND (Recessional Outwash)

Reference Notes:

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**Test Pit TP-5 was terminated at 11.0 ft below site grades on 5-19-21**

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# TEST PIT LOG

Test Pit No. TP-6

PROJECT: 67th Avenue Development

PROJECT NO.: 21-0553

LOCATION: 18705 & 18625 67th Avenue NE, Arlington, WA 98223

DATE: 5-19-21

EXPLORATION METHOD: Rubber Tire Backhoe

ELEVATION: 148'

CONTRACTOR/DRILLER: E & D Excavating

LOGGED BY: BWS

DEPTH TO WATER TABLE:  $\nabla$

PERCHED WATER:  $\nabla$

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ELEVATION/ DEPTH	SOIL SAMPLE AND TEST DATA		USCS SYMBOL	SOIL PROFILE DESCRIPTION
	SAMPLE & TEST DATA			
148 0			FILL	Dense to very dense, brown, damp, slightly silty, slightly gravelly SAND with rootlets, grass and weeds at surface (Fill)
146 2	45 █ b		SM	Dense, dark brown with red oxidation, damp, silty SAND, with trace gravel, rootlets (Relict Topsoil)
144 4	46 █ b		SP	Dense to very dense, brown, damp, slightly gravelly SAND (Recessional Outwash)
142 6	47 █ b	W = 4.3 GS		*Cobbles at 5.0' BGS
140 8	48 █ b			*Lense of very gravelly SAND at 7.0' BGS
138 10	49 █ b			*Increasing moisture at 10.5' BGS
11 11	50 █ b			

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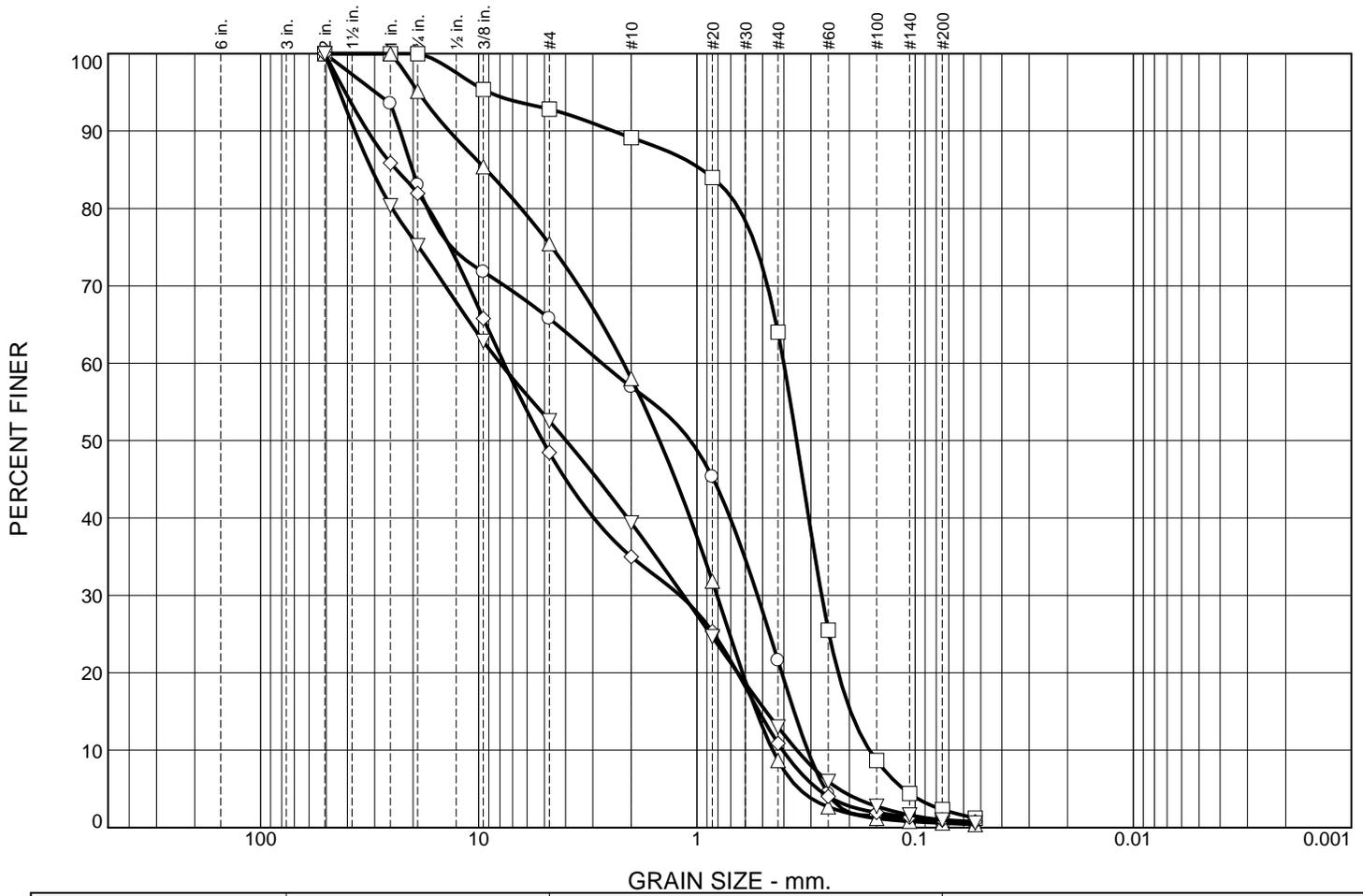
**Test Pit TP-6 was terminated at 11.0 ft below site grades on 5-19-21**

Figure:

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# Grain Size Test Data



	% +3"	% Gravel		% Sand			% Fines	
		Coarse	Fine	Coarse	Medium	Fine	Silt	Clay
○	0	17	17	9	35	21	1	
□	0	0	7	4	25	62	2	
△	0	5	20	17	49	8	1	
◇	0	18	34	13	24	10	1	
▽	0	25	22	14	26	12	1	

SOIL DATA					
SYMBOL	SOURCE	SAMPLE NO.	DEPTH (ft.)	Material Description	USCS
○	TP-2	19	6.5	poorly graded sand with gravel	SP
□	TP-3	25	4.1	poorly graded sand	SP
△	TP-4	34	5.8	poorly graded sand with gravel	SP
◇	TP-5	42	6.0	poorly graded gravel with sand	GP
▽	TP-6	47	5.8	poorly graded sand with gravel	SP



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**Project:** 67th Avenue Development

**Project No.:** 21-0553

**Figure** 13

**Tested By:** JAC

**Checked By:** TAC



# Appendix A:

## Northwest Agricultural Consultants Results





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**Report:** 55283-1-1  
**Date:** May 25, 2021  
**Project No:** 21-0553  
**Project Name:** 67<sup>th</sup> Ave Development

Sample ID	pH	Organic Matter	Cation Exchange Capacity
TP-3 @ 2.7'	6.0	1.61%	4.9 meq/100g
TP-6 @ 2.1'	5.5	6.32%	17.5 meq/100g
<b>Method</b>	<b>SM 4500-H<sup>+</sup> B</b>	<b>ASTM D2974</b>	<b>EPA 9081</b>

# Appendix B:

Report Limitations and Guidelines for its Use





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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.