

May 1, 2025
Project No. 2DF0422984



Bin Zhang
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Re: Geotechnical Engineering Investigation for Residential Development
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Dear Zhangbin:

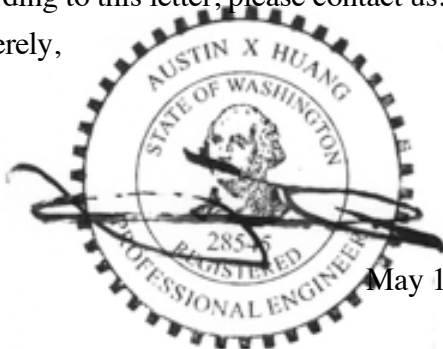
At your request, I provide this letter of minimum risk statement.

Merit Engineering has reviewed the latest revised Civil plan prepared by ATWELL dated April 3, 2025 and landscape plan prepared by Lotus Landscape Design dated April 28, 2025 in response to City of Mercer Island Critical Area Review CAO23-014 SUB3 Review Letter dated 01/07/2025. Based on our review of the plans, it is our opinion that the geotechnical aspects of these documents are generally consistent with the design recommendations presented in our November 22, 2024 geotechnical report.

Provided that the project is completed in accordance with the plans and specifications and that the geotechnical engineer of record provides observation during construction, it is our opinion that the areas disturbed by construction will be stabilized and remain stable and will not increase the potential for soil movement. The risk of damage as a result of soil instability will be minimal on the property being developed, and on adjacent properties. The use of the word “minimal” in the above statement should not be taken to imply that there is no risk, but rather that it is our opinion that the risk is low.

Thank you for the opportunity to work with you on this project. Should you have any questions regarding to this letter, please contact us.

Sincerely,



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