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RE: Geotechnical/Geologic Evaluation
Proposed Addition
3777 79th Ave SE
Mercer Island, Washington

In accordance with your authorization, Cobalt Geosciences, LLC has prepared this letter to discuss the results of our geotechnical evaluation at the referenced site.

The purpose of our evaluation was to provide recommendations for foundation design, grading, and earthwork.

NOTE: We have updated this letter following review of the architectural plans by NW Lifestyle Homes dated April 24, 2024 and structural plans by MDT Engineering dated April 2024. We have no comments at this time.

Site and Project Description

The site is located at 3777 79th Avenue SE in Mercer Island, Washington. The site consists of one nearly rectangular parcel (No. 5459000110) with a total area of 9,625 square feet.

The east-central portion of the property is developed with a residence with daylight basement and driveway. The site includes graded level areas, benches, and local slope areas. Overall, the site slopes downward from east to west at magnitudes of 0 to 50 percent and relief of about 20 feet. The steeper slopes are within the western margin of the site.

The site is vegetated with grasses, bushes, local understory, and variable diameter trees. The site is bordered to the north, south, and west by residential properties, and to the east by 79th Avenue SE.

The proposed development includes additions to the existing residence. Site grading may include cuts and fills of 8 feet or less and foundation loads are expected to be light.

Area Geology

The Geologic Map of Mercer Island, indicates that the site is underlain by Pre-Olympia Fine Grained Deposits.

These materials include silt and clay deposited in lake environments during glacial retreat. These materials are normally consolidated and typically soft to medium stiff near the ground surface, becoming stiff and locally very stiff at depth.

Soil & Groundwater Conditions

As part of our evaluation, we advanced two hand borings where accessible. The soils encountered were logged in the field and are described in accordance with the Unified Soil Classification System (USCS).

The hand borings encountered approximately 6 inches of topsoil and vegetation underlain by about 3 to 5 feet of medium stiff, silt trace to with clay (Weathered Pre-Olympia Fine Grained Deposits). These soils were underlain by stiff to very stiff, sandy silt trace gravel (Pre-Olympia Fine Grained Deposits) which continued to the termination depths of the hand borings.

Groundwater was not observed or encountered in the explorations. Light volumes of groundwater could be present on or within the silt and clay deposits at variable depths below grade.

Water table elevations often fluctuate over time. The groundwater level will depend on a variety of factors that may include seasonal precipitation, irrigation, land use, climatic conditions and soil permeability. Water levels at the time of the field investigation may be different from those encountered during the construction phase of the project. It would be necessary to install a piezometer to determine groundwater depths over a typical year.

City of Mercer Island GIS Mapped Hazards

The City of Mercer Island GIS maps indicate that the site contains localized erosion and potential landslide hazard areas.

This designation is likely due to the mapped Pre-Olympia Fine Grained Deposits in the area. These deposits can include soils susceptible to erosion (when exposed) as well as some potential for landslide activity depending on topographic conditions. Finer grained soils typically slide at lower magnitude slope areas when compared to coarser grained sands and gravels.

It is our opinion that the erosion hazard risks are low due to the very fine-grained nature of the near surface soils. Additionally, grading will occur in already graded areas and not in steep slope areas. Provided proper TESC is in place during construction, the risk of erosion and landslide activity will remain at low levels.

Mitigation for these hazards is not warranted. The risk of landslide activity is also very low at this time due to a lack of steeper topography and the current conditions (well developed area with streets and residences).

Environmentally Critical Area Assessment

As part of our report preparation, we assessed the site for potential critical areas utilizing the City of Mercer Island geologic hazard map available on-line. As noted above, there is minimal to no risk associated with the mapped hazards. Discussion of code information is as follows:

The City of Mercer Island municipal code requires the following for a critical areas study:

Disclosure of the presence of critical areas, including a delineation and type or category of critical area, on the development proposal site and any mapped or identifiable critical areas on or off site within the distance equal to the largest potential required buffer applicable to the development proposal area on the applicant's property;

The subject site is described as possessing erosion and potential slide hazards.

Low magnitude slopes within and near the site appear to be associated with past legal grading activities, where slopes in the overall neighborhood were flattened and terraced into lots and

buildable areas. The area has low magnitude slopes overall with the exception of 50 percent graded slopes near the west property line. These have limited relief.

Erosion hazards are likely present due to the presence of slopes with magnitudes of more than 15 percent coupled with NRCS soils that have some erosion potential when exposed.

A topographic and boundary survey;

We have provided the topographic survey information in Figure 2. A site plan excerpt is included in this figure.

A statement specifying the accuracy of the report and all assumptions made and relied upon;

This report can be relied upon for design of the proposed additions to the single-family residence in our professional opinion. The report was authored with site-specific information obtained through subsurface explorations, review of historic online soil and groundwater information, and site reconnaissance.

A description of the methodologies used to conduct the critical area study, including references;

Cobalt representatives were on-site in March 2024 to obtain subsurface data through excavation and observation of hand-auger borings surrounding the existing residential structure. We also reviewed the geologic maps for the region (Geologic Map of Mercer Island), and the NRCS Soil Survey.

A scale map of the development proposal site;

We have provided a scaled topographic survey in Figure 2.

Photographic records of the site before the proposed alteration occurs;

We have included photographs with this report.

An assessment of the probable effects to critical areas and associated buffers, including impacts caused by the development proposal and associated alterations to the subject property and impacts to other properties and any critical areas or buffers located on them resulting from the development of the site and the proposed development;

We have analyzed the proposed site development from a slope stability hazard standpoint and with respect to mapped erosion hazards. The additions will not increase or decrease instability on and around the subject site as there are no planned alterations for the landslide hazard areas and surcharge loads will remain the same. Additionally, the distance from slope hazard areas/slopes on the subject site will remain similar to what is currently present and will not result in any alteration in the stability characteristics of the slopes on and off-site. Erosion hazards can be maintained at a low level with installation and maintenance of proper TESC and BMPs until final landscaping is in place.

A description of mitigation sequencing implementation described in section 19.07.100 including steps taken to avoid and minimize critical areas impacts to the greatest extent feasible;

In our opinion, provided best management practices (BMPs) are utilized during and after construction for stormwater management and erosion control measures, there will be no impacts to the critical areas on the site.

Detailed studies, as required by this chapter, for individual critical area types in order to ensure critical area protection;

We have evaluated the slopes on the subject site and based on our observations, the slopes are stable in their current condition and configuration. The primary basis for this opinion is the lack of indications of prior instability, fully developed nature of the site and nearby areas, low to moderate topography, and the fact that there are no planned alterations for the slopes dictated as possessing an erosion and landslide hazard.

Assessment of potential impacts that may occur on adjacent sites, such as sedimentation or erosion, where applicable; and

We have evaluated the currently available plan, and there will be no change in the sedimentation or erosion risks on adjacent sites given BMPs are employed during and after construction.

The mapped landslide and erosion hazards will not be significantly affected by the development, provided all temporary erosion control systems are in place and functioning until final landscaping is in place and all stormwater is routed per plan to City infrastructure.

A post-design memorandum prepared by a qualified professional confirming that the proposed improvements comply with the design recommendations.

We can provide this letter upon request and once the project is complete.

19.07.100 - Mitigation sequencing.

Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, an applicant for a development proposal or activity shall implement the following sequential measures, listed below in order of preference, to avoid, minimize, and mitigate impacts to environmentally critical areas and associated buffers. Applicants shall document how each measure has been addressed before considering and incorporating the next measure in the sequence:

- A. Avoiding the impact altogether by not taking a certain action or parts of an action. The applicant shall consider reasonable, affirmative steps and make best efforts to avoid critical area impacts. However, avoidance shall not be construed to mean mandatory withdrawal or denial of the development proposal or activity if the proposal or activity is an allowed, permitted, or conditional use in this title. In determining the extent to which the proposal should be redesigned to avoid the impact, the code official may consider the purpose, effectiveness, engineering feasibility, commercial availability of technology, best management practices, safety and cost of the proposal and identified changes to the proposal. Development proposals should seek to avoid, minimize and mitigate overall impacts based on the functions and values of all of the relevant critical areas and based on the recommendations of a critical area study. If impacts cannot be avoided through redesign, use of a setback deviation pursuant to section [19.06.110\(C\)](#), or because of site conditions or project requirements, the applicant shall then proceed with the sequence of steps in subsections B through E of this section;

The proposed construction essentially avoids impact to the critical area in that work does not occur within the hazard. Work will occur within a standard buffer; however, provided proper TESC and BMPs are installed and maintained until project completion, the risk to the critical areas will be minimized.

- B. Minimizing impacts by limiting the degree or magnitude of the action and its implementation, using a setback deviation pursuant to section [19.06.110\(C\)](#), using appropriate technology, or by taking affirmative steps to avoid or reduce impacts;

- C. Rectifying the impact by repairing, rehabilitating, or restoring the affected environment;
- D. Reducing or eliminating the impact over time by preservation and maintenance operations during the life of the action;
- E. Compensating for the impact by replacing, enhancing, or providing substitute resources or environments; and/or
- F. Monitoring the impact and taking appropriate corrective measures to maintain the integrity of compensating measures.

As noted above, the proposed construction is not located in the critical area. Provided all TESC and BMPs are installed prior to demolition and grading and maintained until final landscaping is in place, there will be no net negative effect on critical areas. Special mitigation measures other than those noted are not required.

All stormwater, temporary and permanent, must be routed away from the steeper slope areas. Vegetation should be maintained in the critical area and adjacent areas. Monitoring, if required, may consist of erosion control monitoring during construction and verification that vegetation is in place after construction in a condition similar to what was present before construction and/or per any approved landscaping plan.

Statement of Risk

Per Section 19.07.160B3 of the Mercer Island City Code, development within geologic hazard areas require that a Geotechnical Engineer licensed within the State of Washington provide a statement of risk with supporting documentation indicating that one of the following conditions can be met:

- a. The geologic hazard area will be modified, or the development has been designed so that the risk to the lot and adjacent property is eliminated or mitigated such that the site is determined to be safe; or
- b. An evaluation of site specific subsurface conditions demonstrates that the proposed development is not located in a geologic hazard area; or
- c. Development practices are proposed for the alteration that would render the development as safe as if it were not located in a geologic hazard area; or
- d. The alteration is so minor as not to pose a threat to the public health, safety and welfare.

The project meets the criteria of b from above. The site is underlain by very fine grained soils which have a low risk of erosion. Risks of landslide hazards are very low based on the site topography and fully developed nature of the area.

This proposed development can be completed without adversely affecting geologic hazards near or within the site.

Seismic Parameters

The overall subsurface profile corresponds to a Site Class *D* as defined by Table 1613.5.2 of the International Building Code (IBC). A Site Class *D* applies to an overall profile consisting of medium dense to very dense soils within the upper 100 feet.

We referenced the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) Earthquake Hazards Program Website to obtain values for S_s , S_i , F_a , and F_v . The USGS website includes the most updated published data on seismic conditions. The following tables provide seismic parameters from the USGS web site with referenced parameters from ASCE 7-16.

Seismic Design Parameters (ASCE 7-16)

Site Class	Spectral Acceleration at 0.2 sec. (g)	Spectral Acceleration at 1.0 sec. (g)	Site Coefficients		Design Spectral Response Parameters		Design PGA
			F _a	F _v	S _{DS}	S _{D1}	
D	1.415	0.492	1.0	Null	0.943	Null	0.606

Additional seismic considerations include liquefaction potential and amplification of ground motions by soft/loose soil deposits. The liquefaction potential is highest for loose sand with a high groundwater table. The site has a relatively low likelihood of liquefaction. For items listed as “Null” see Section 11.4.8 of the ASCE.

Conclusions and Recommendations

General

The site is underlain by soils consistent with Pre-Olympia Fine Grained Deposits. These soils become relatively dense/stiff below a weathered zone. The proposed additions may be supported on shallow foundation systems bearing on medium dense or firmer native soils or on structural fill placed on the native soils.

Local overexcavation of loose weathered native soils may be necessary depending on the proposed elevations and locations of the new footings. Please note that fine grained soils are easily disturbed by precipitation and equipment traffic. Work performed during the wet season will likely require additional excavation and soil replacement work.

Site Preparation

Trees, shrubs and other vegetation should be removed prior to stripping of surficial organic-rich soil and fill. Based on observations from the site investigation program, it is anticipated that the stripping depth will be 6 to 18 inches. Deeper excavations will be necessary below larger trees and foundation systems.

The native soils consist of silt with sand and clay. These soils should not be used as structural fill.

Imported structural fill should consist of a sand and gravel mixture with a maximum grain size of 3 inches and less than 5 percent fines (material passing the U.S. Standard No. 200 Sieve). Structural fill should be placed in maximum lift thicknesses of 12 inches and should be compacted to a minimum of 95 percent of the modified proctor maximum dry density, as determined by the ASTM D 1557 test method.

Temporary Excavations

Based on our understanding of the project, we anticipate that the grading could include local cuts on the order of approximately 8 feet or less for foundation placement. Temporary excavations should be sloped no steeper than 1.5H:1V (Horizontal:Vertical) in loose/medium stiff native soils and fill and 1H:1V in medium dense/stiff to very stiff native soils. If an excavation is subject to

heavy vibration or surcharge loads, we recommend that the excavations be sloped no steeper than 2H:1V, where room permits.

Temporary cuts should be in accordance with the Washington Administrative Code (WAC) Part N, Excavation, Trenching, and Shoring. Temporary slopes should be visually inspected daily by a qualified person during construction activities and the inspections should be documented in daily reports. The contractor is responsible for maintaining the stability of the temporary cut slopes and reducing slope erosion during construction.

Temporary cut slopes should be covered with visqueen to help reduce erosion during wet weather, and the slopes should be closely monitored until the permanent retaining systems or slope configurations are complete. Materials should not be stored or equipment operated within 10 feet of the top of any temporary cut slope.

Soil conditions may not be completely known from the geotechnical investigation. In the case of temporary cuts, the existing soil conditions may not be completely revealed until the excavation work exposes the soil. Typically, as excavation work progresses the maximum inclination of temporary slopes will need to be re-evaluated by the geotechnical engineer so that supplemental recommendations can be made. Soil and groundwater conditions can be highly variable. Scheduling for soil work will need to be adjustable, to deal with unanticipated conditions, so that the project can proceed and required deadlines can be met.

If any variations or undesirable conditions are encountered during construction, we should be notified so that supplemental recommendations can be made. If room constraints or groundwater conditions do not permit temporary slopes to be cut to the maximum angles allowed by the WAC, temporary shoring systems may be required. The contractor should be responsible for developing temporary shoring systems, if needed. We recommend that Cobalt Geosciences and the project structural engineer review temporary shoring designs prior to installation, to verify the suitability of the proposed systems.

Foundation Design

The proposed additions may be supported on shallow spread footing foundation systems bearing on undisturbed medium dense/stiff or firmer native soils or on properly compacted structural fill placed on the suitable native soils. Any undocumented fill and/or loose native soils should be removed and replaced with structural fill below foundation elements. Structural fill below footings should consist of clean angular rock 5/8 to 4 inches in size. We should verify soil conditions during foundation excavation work.

For shallow foundation support, we recommend widths of at least 16 and 24 inches, respectively, for continuous wall and isolated column footings supporting the proposed structure. Provided that the footings are supported as recommended above, a net allowable bearing pressure of 2,000 pounds per square foot (psf) may be used for design.

A 1/3 increase in the above value may be used for short duration loads, such as those imposed by wind and seismic events. Structural fill placed on bearing, native subgrade should be compacted to at least 95 percent of the maximum dry density based on ASTM Test Method D1557. Footing excavations should be inspected to verify that the foundations will bear on suitable material.

Exterior footings should have a minimum depth of 18 inches below pad subgrade (soil grade) or adjacent exterior grade, whichever is lower. Interior footings should have a minimum depth of 12 inches below pad subgrade (soil grade) or adjacent exterior grade, whichever is lower.

If constructed as recommended, the total foundation settlement is not expected to exceed 1 inch. Differential settlement, along a 25-foot exterior wall footing, or between adjoining column footings, should be less than 1/2 inch. This translates to an angular distortion of 0.002. Most settlement is expected to occur during construction, as the loads are applied. However, additional post-construction settlement may occur if the foundation soils are flooded or saturated. All footing excavations should be observed by a qualified geotechnical consultant.

Resistance to lateral footing displacement can be determined using an allowable friction factor of 0.30 acting between the base of foundations and the supporting subgrades. Lateral resistance for footings can also be developed using an allowable equivalent fluid passive pressure of 250 pounds per cubic foot (pcf) acting against the appropriate vertical footing faces (neglect the upper 12 inches below grade in exterior areas). The frictional and passive resistance of the soil may be combined without reduction in determining the total lateral resistance.

Care should be taken to prevent wetting or drying of the bearing materials during construction. Any extremely wet or dry materials, or any loose or disturbed materials at the bottom of the footing excavations, should be removed prior to placing concrete. The potential for wetting or drying of the bearing materials can be reduced by pouring concrete as soon as possible after completing the footing excavation and evaluating the bearing surface by the geotechnical engineer or his representative.

Concrete Retaining Walls

The following table, titled **Wall Design Criteria**, presents the recommended soil related design parameters for retaining walls with a level backslope. Contact Cobalt if an alternate retaining wall system is used. This has been included for new cast in place walls, if any are proposed.

Wall Design Criteria	
"At-rest" Conditions (Lateral Earth Pressure – EFD ⁺)	55 pcf (Equivalent Fluid Density)
"Active" Conditions (Lateral Earth Pressure – EFD ⁺)	35 pcf (Equivalent Fluid Density)
Seismic Increase for "At-rest" Conditions (Lateral Earth Pressure)	14H* (Uniform Distribution)
Seismic Increase for "Active" Conditions (Lateral Earth Pressure)	7H* (Uniform Distribution)
Passive Earth Pressure on Low Side of Wall (Allowable, includes F.S. = 1.5)	Neglect upper 12 inches, then 250 pcf EFD ⁺
Soil-Footing Coefficient of Sliding Friction (Allowable; includes F.S. = 1.5)	0.30

*H is the height of the wall; Increase based on one in 500 year seismic event (10 percent probability of being exceeded in 50 years),

⁺EFD – Equivalent Fluid Density. Assumes excavation into stiff to hard soils for passive pressures.

The stated lateral earth pressures do not include the effects of hydrostatic pressure generated by water accumulation behind the retaining walls. Uniform horizontal lateral active and at-rest pressures on the retaining walls from vertical surcharges behind the wall may be calculated using

active and at-rest lateral earth pressure coefficients of 0.3 and 0.5, respectively. A soil unit weight of 125 pcf may be used to calculate vertical earth surcharges.

To reduce the potential for the buildup of water pressure against the walls, continuous footing drains (with cleanouts) should be provided at the bases of the walls. The footing drains should consist of a minimum 4-inch diameter perforated pipe, sloped to drain, with perforations placed down and enveloped by a minimum 6 inches of pea gravel in all directions.

The backfill adjacent to and extending a lateral distance behind the walls at least 2 feet should consist of free-draining granular material. All free draining backfill should contain less than 3 percent fines (passing the U.S. Standard No. 200 Sieve) based upon the fraction passing the U.S. Standard No. 4 Sieve with at least 30 percent of the material being retained on the U.S. Standard No. 4 Sieve. The primary purpose of the free-draining material is the reduction of hydrostatic pressure. Some potential for the moisture to contact the back face of the wall may exist, even with treatment, which may require that more extensive waterproofing be specified for walls, which require interior moisture sensitive finishes.

We recommend that the backfill be compacted to at least 90 percent of the maximum dry density based on ASTM Test Method D1557. In place density tests should be performed to verify adequate compaction. Soil compactors place transient surcharges on the backfill. Consequently, only light hand operated equipment is recommended within 3 feet of walls so that excessive stress is not imposed on the walls.

Slab-on-Grade

We recommend that the upper 18 inches of the existing native soils within slab areas be re-compacted to at least 95 percent of the modified proctor (ASTM D1557 Test Method).

Often, a vapor barrier is considered below concrete slab areas. However, the usage of a vapor barrier could result in curling of the concrete slab at joints. Floor covers sensitive to moisture typically requires the usage of a vapor barrier. A materials or structural engineer should be consulted regarding the detailing of the vapor barrier below concrete slabs. Exterior slabs typically do not utilize vapor barriers.

The American Concrete Institutes ACI 360R-06 Design of Slabs on Grade and ACI 302.1R-04 Guide for Concrete Floor and Slab Construction are recommended references for vapor barrier selection and floor slab detailing.

Slabs on grade may be designed using a coefficient of subgrade reaction of 180 pounds per cubic inch (pci) assuming the slab-on-grade base course is underlain by structural fill placed and compacted as outlined above. A 4- to 6-inch-thick capillary break layer should be placed over the prepared subgrade. This material should consist of pea gravel or 5/8 inch clean angular rock.

A perimeter drainage system is recommended unless interior slab areas are elevated a minimum of 12 inches above adjacent exterior grades. If installed, a perimeter drainage system should consist of a 4-inch diameter perforated drain pipe surrounded by a minimum 6 inches of drain rock wrapped in a non-woven geosynthetic filter fabric to reduce migration of soil particles into the drainage system. The perimeter drainage system should discharge by gravity flow to a suitable stormwater system.

Exterior grades surrounding buildings should be sloped at a minimum of one percent to facilitate surface water flow away from the building and preferably with a relatively impermeable surface cover immediately adjacent to the building.

Erosion and Sediment Control

Erosion and sediment control (ESC) is used to reduce the transportation of eroded sediment to wetlands, streams, lakes, drainage systems, and adjacent properties. Erosion and sediment control measures should be implemented, and these measures should be in general accordance with local regulations. At a minimum, the following basic recommendations should be incorporated into the design of the erosion and sediment control features for the site:

- Schedule the soil, foundation, utility, and other work requiring excavation or the disturbance of the site soils, to take place during the dry season (generally May through September). However, provided precautions are taken using Best Management Practices (BMP's), grading activities can be completed during the wet season (generally October through April).
- All site work should be completed and stabilized as quickly as possible.
- Additional perimeter erosion and sediment control features may be required to reduce the possibility of sediment entering the surface water. This may include additional silt fences, silt fences with a higher Apparent Opening Size (AOS), construction of a berm, or other filtration systems.
- Any runoff generated by dewatering discharge should be treated through construction of a sediment trap if there is sufficient space. If space is limited other filtration methods will need to be incorporated.

CONSTRUCTION FIELD REVIEWS

Cobalt Geosciences should be retained to provide part time field review during construction in order to verify that the soil conditions encountered are consistent with our design assumptions and that the intent of our recommendations is being met. This will require field and engineering review to:

- Monitor and test structural fill placement and soil compaction
- Observe bearing capacity at foundation locations
- Observe slab-on-grade preparation
- Monitor foundation drainage placement
- Observe excavation stability

Geotechnical design services should also be anticipated during the subsequent final design phase to support the structural design and address specific issues arising during this phase. Field and engineering review services will also be required during the construction phase in order to provide a Final Letter for the project.

CLOSURE

This report was prepared for the exclusive use of Megan Atkinson and her appointed consultants. Any use of this report or the material contained herein by third parties, or for other than the intended purpose, should first be approved in writing by Cobalt Geosciences, LLC.

The recommendations contained in this report are based on assumed continuity of soils with those of our test holes and assumed structural loads. Cobalt Geosciences should be provided with final architectural and civil drawings when they become available in order that we may review our design recommendations and advise of any revisions, if necessary.

Use of this report is subject to the Statement of General Conditions provided in Appendix A. It is the responsibility of Megan Atkinson who is identified as “the Client” within the Statement of General Conditions, and its agents to review the conditions and to notify Cobalt Geosciences should any of these not be satisfied.

Sincerely,

Cobalt Geosciences, LLC



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BASIS OF THE REPORT: The information, opinions, and/or recommendations made in this report are in accordance with Cobalt Geosciences present understanding of the site specific project as described by the Client. The applicability of these is restricted to the site conditions encountered at the time of the investigation or study. If the proposed site specific project differs or is modified from what is described in this report or if the site conditions are altered, this report is no longer valid unless Cobalt Geosciences is requested by the Client to review and revise the report to reflect the differing or modified project specifics and/or the altered site conditions.

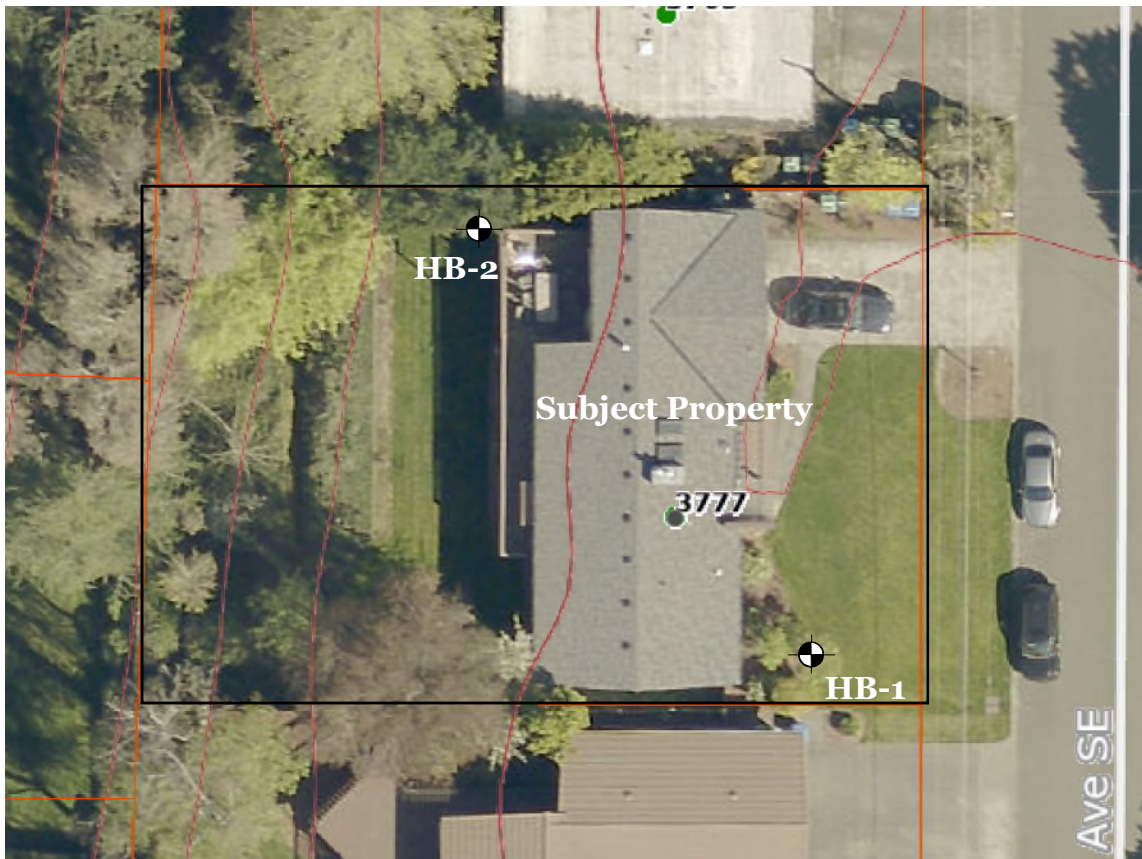
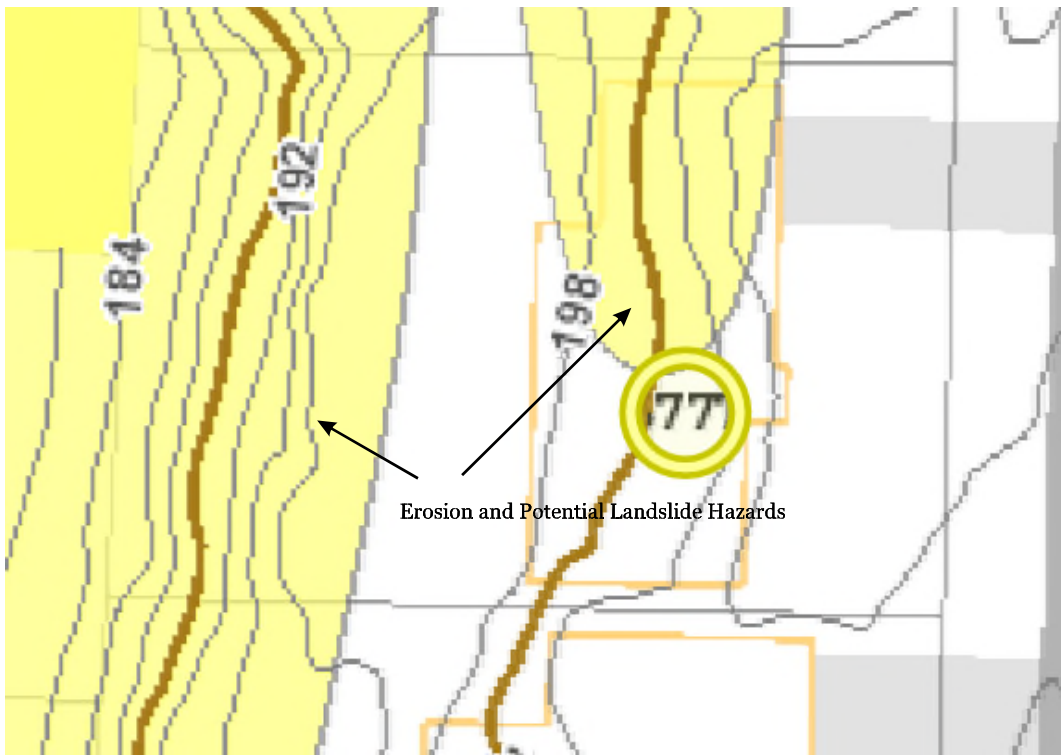
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VARYING OR UNEXPECTED CONDITIONS: Should any site or subsurface conditions be encountered that are different from those described in this report or encountered at the test locations, Cobalt Geosciences must be notified immediately to assess if the varying or unexpected conditions are substantial and if reassessments of the report conclusions or recommendations are required. Cobalt Geosciences will not be responsible to any party for damages incurred as a result of failing to notify Cobalt Geosciences that differing site or sub-surface conditions are present upon becoming aware of such conditions.

PLANNING, DESIGN, OR CONSTRUCTION: Development or design plans and specifications should be reviewed by Cobalt Geosciences, sufficiently ahead of initiating the next project stage (property acquisition, tender, construction, etc), to confirm that this report completely addresses the elaborated project specifics and that the contents of this report have been properly interpreted. Specialty quality assurance services (field observations and testing) during construction are a necessary part of the evaluation of sub-subsurface conditions and site preparation works. Site work relating to the recommendations included in this report should only be carried out in the presence of a qualified geotechnical engineer; Cobalt Geosciences cannot be responsible for site work carried out without being present.

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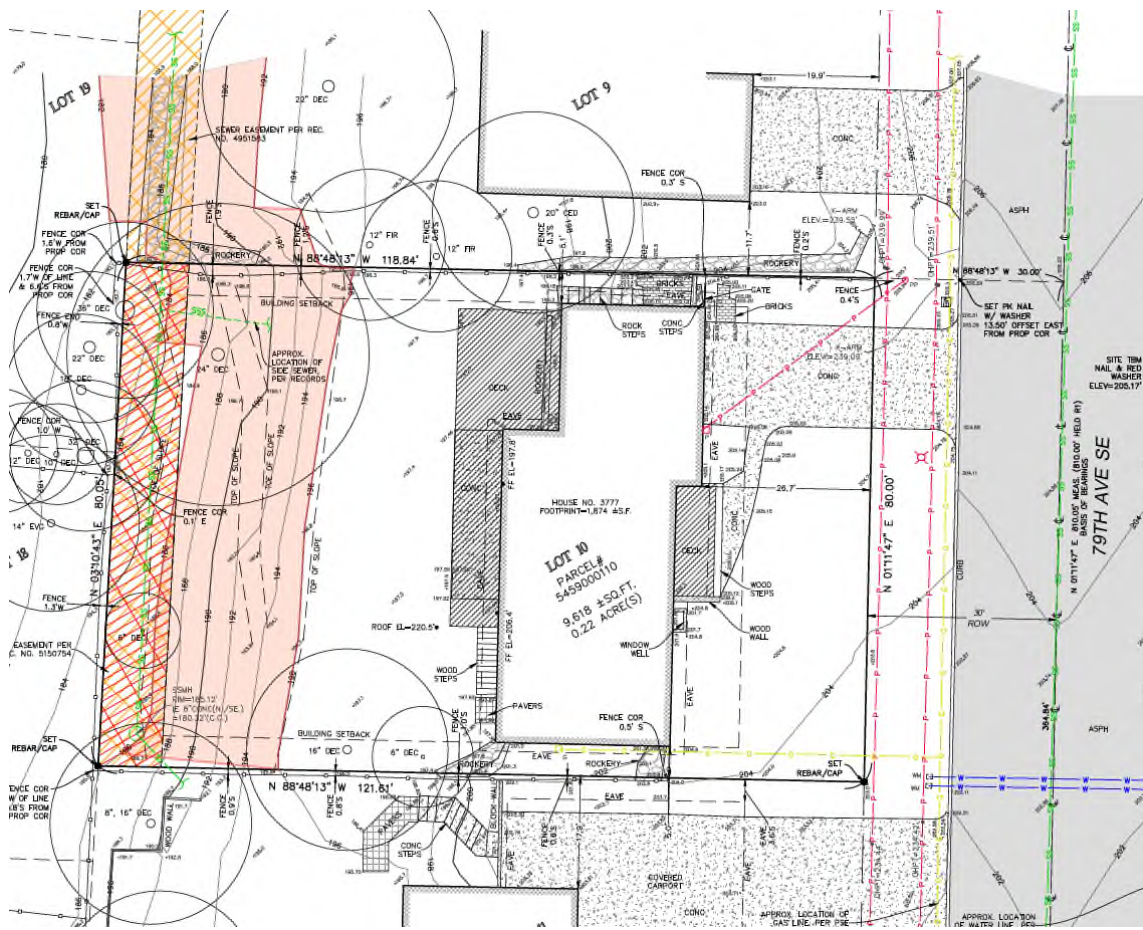
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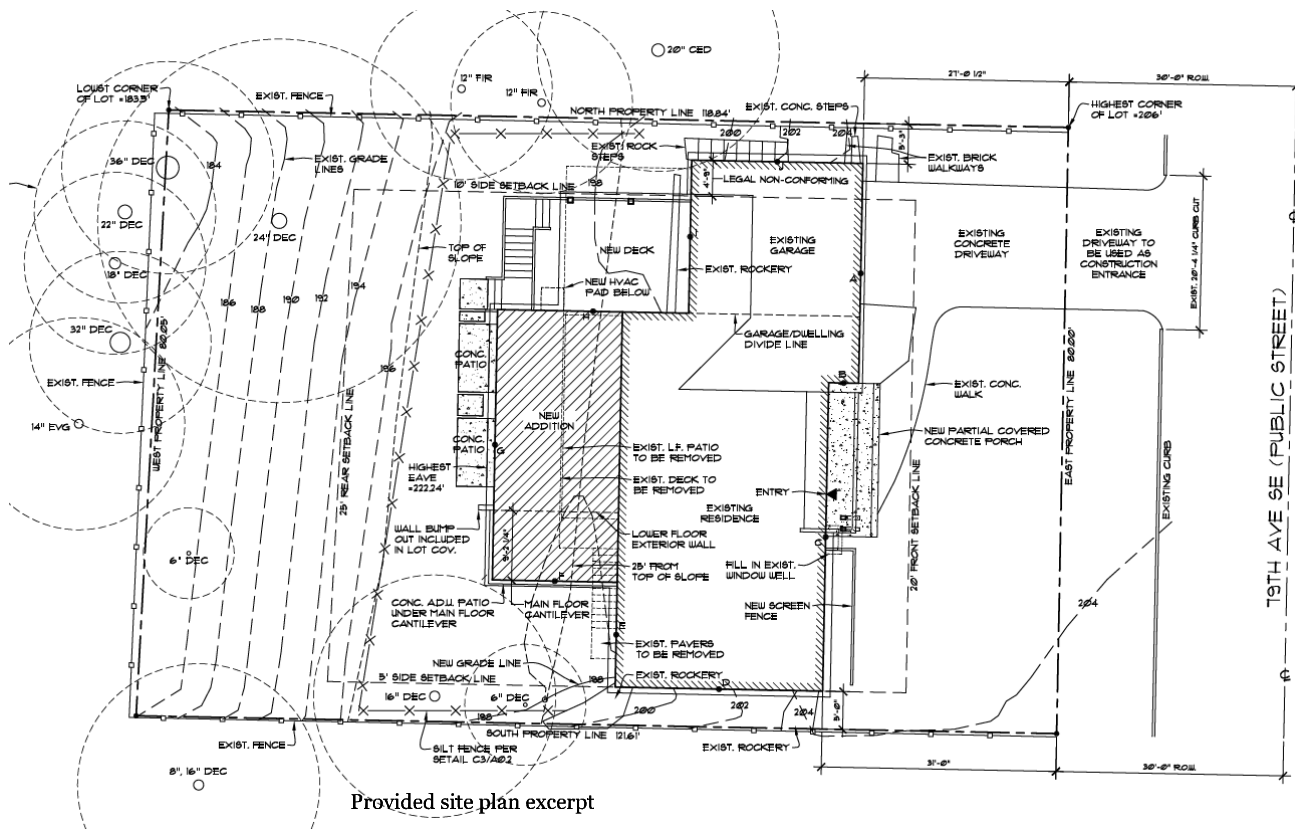
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Site Images
Figure 1

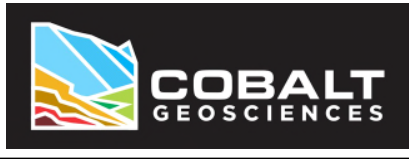
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topographic map



Provided site plan excerpt



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Topo Map/
 Site Plan
 Figure 2

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Looking west at property.



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Looking into the property and residence. No steep slopes noted.



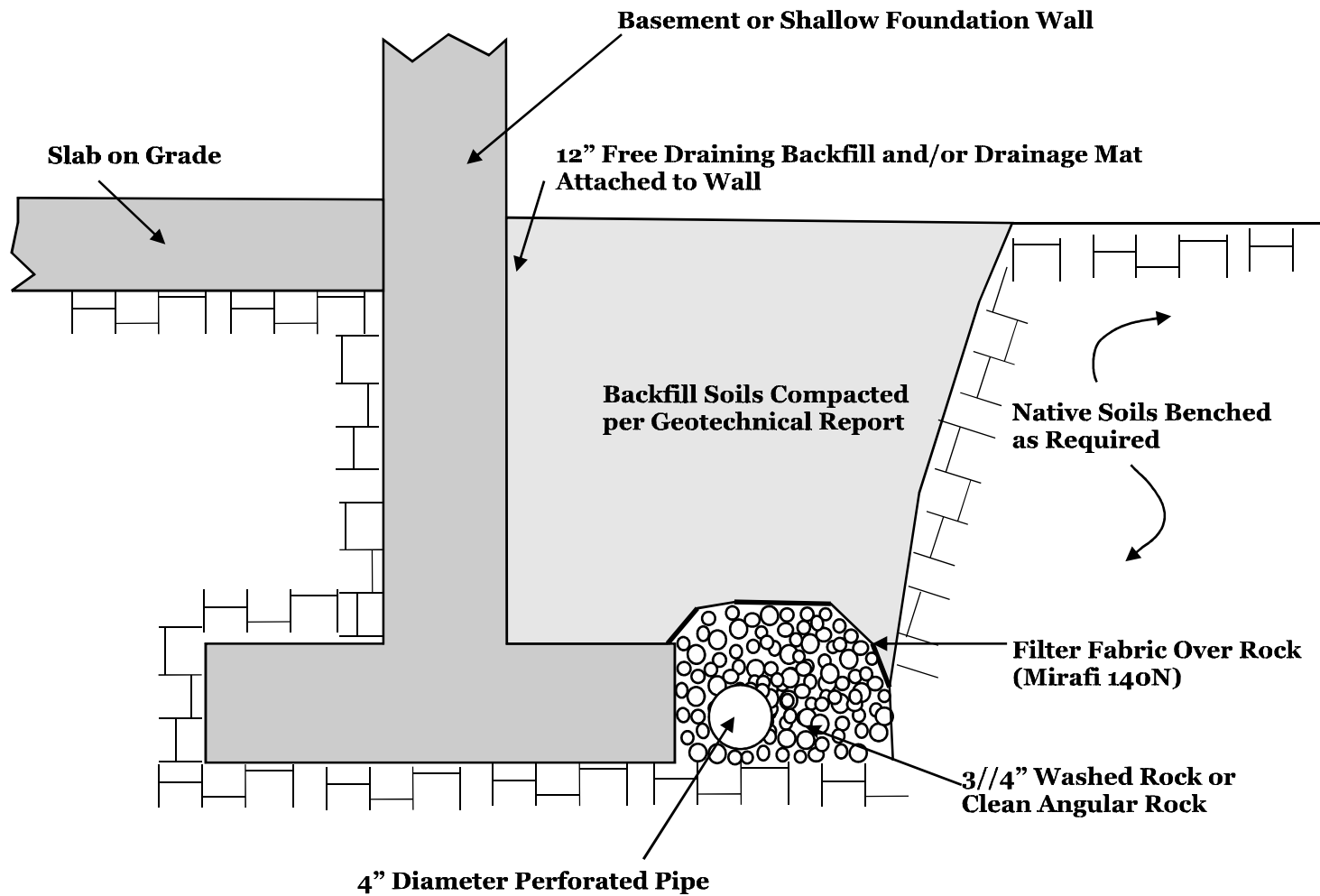
Looking into carport of structure.



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Not to Scale



Typical Foundation Drain Detail

Attachment

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Unified Soil Classification System (USCS)

MAJOR DIVISIONS			SYMBOL	TYPICAL DESCRIPTION	
COARSE GRAINED SOILS (more than 50% retained on No. 200 sieve)	Gravels (more than 50% of coarse fraction retained on No. 4 sieve)	Clean Gravels (less than 5% fines)	GW	Well-graded gravels, gravels, gravel-sand mixtures, little or no fines	
		Gravels with Fines (more than 12% fines)	GP	Poorly graded gravels, gravel-sand mixtures, little or no fines	
		Gravels with Fines (more than 12% fines)	GM	Silty gravels, gravel-sand-silt mixtures	
		Gravels with Fines (more than 12% fines)	GC	Clayey gravels, gravel-sand-clay mixtures	
	Sands (50% or more of coarse fraction passes the No. 4 sieve)	Clean Sands (less than 5% fines)	SW	Well-graded sands, gravelly sands, little or no fines	
		Sands with Fines (more than 12% fines)	SP	Poorly graded sand, gravelly sands, little or no fines	
		Sands with Fines (more than 12% fines)	SM	Silty sands, sand-silt mixtures	
		Sands with Fines (more than 12% fines)	SC	Clayey sands, sand-clay mixtures	
		Silts and Clays (liquid limit less than 50)	Inorganic	ML	Inorganic silts of low to medium plasticity, sandy silts, gravelly silts, or clayey silts with slight plasticity
			Inorganic	CL	Inorganic clays of low to medium plasticity, gravelly clays, sandy clays, silty clays, lean clays
Organic	OL		Organic silts and organic silty clays of low plasticity		
Silts and Clays (liquid limit 50 or more)	Inorganic		MH	Inorganic silts, micaceous or diatomaceous fine sands or silty soils, elastic silt	
	Inorganic	CH	Inorganic clays of medium to high plasticity, sandy fat clay, or gravelly fat clay		
	Organic	OH	Organic clays of medium to high plasticity, organic silts		
HIGHLY ORGANIC SOILS	Primarily organic matter, dark in color, and organic odor	PT	Peat, humus, swamp soils with high organic content (ASTM D4427)		

Classification of Soil Constituents
<p>MAJOR constituents compose more than 50 percent, by weight, of the soil. Major constituents are capitalized (i.e., SAND).</p> <p>Minor constituents compose 12 to 50 percent of the soil and precede the major constituents (i.e., silty SAND). Minor constituents preceded by "slightly" compose 5 to 12 percent of the soil (i.e., slightly silty SAND).</p> <p>Trace constituents compose 0 to 5 percent of the soil (i.e., slightly silty SAND, trace gravel).</p>

Grain Size Definitions	
Description	Sieve Number and/or Size
Fines	< #200 (0.08 mm)
Sand	#200 to #40 (0.08 to 0.4 mm)
-Fine	#40 to #10 (0.4 to 2 mm)
-Medium	#10 to #4 (2 to 5 mm)
-Coarse	
Gravel	#4 to 3/4 inch (5 to 19 mm)
-Fine	3/4 to 3 inches (19 to 76 mm)
-Coarse	
Cobbles	3 to 12 inches (75 to 305 mm)
Boulders	>12 inches (305 mm)

Relative Density (Coarse Grained Soils)		Consistency (Fine Grained Soils)	
N, SPT, Blows/FT	Relative Density	N, SPT, Blows/FT	Relative Consistency
0 - 4	Very loose	Under 2	Very soft
4 - 10	Loose	2 - 4	Soft
10 - 30	Medium dense	4 - 8	Medium stiff
30 - 50	Dense	8 - 15	Stiff
Over 50	Very dense	15 - 30	Very stiff
		Over 30	Hard

Moisture Content Definitions	
Dry	Absence of moisture, dusty, dry to the touch
Moist	Damp but no visible water
Wet	Visible free water, from below water table




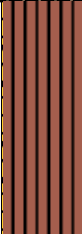
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Soil Classification Chart

Figure C1

Log of Hand Boring HB-1

Date: March 2023	Depth: 6'	Initial Groundwater: None
Contractor:	Elevation:	Sample Type: Grab
Method: Hand Auger	Logged By: KK Checked By: PH	Final Groundwater: N/A


Depth (Feet)	Interval	% Recovery	Blows/6"	Graphic Log	USCS Symbol	Material Description	Groundwater	Moisture Content (%)					
								Plastic Limit	Liquid Limit				
								SPT N-Value					
								0	10	20	30	40	50
						Vegetation/Topsoil							
1					ML	Medium stiff, silt trace clay, locally mottled yellowish brown to grayish brown, moist. (Weathered Pre-Olympia Deposits)							
2													
3													
4					ML	Stiff to very stiff, silt trace clay, locally mottled olive brown to grayish brown, moist. (Pre-Olympia Deposits)							
5													
6						End of Hand Boring 6'							
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Log of Hand Boring HB-2

Date: March 2023	Depth: 6'	Initial Groundwater: None
Contractor:	Elevation:	Sample Type: Grab
Method: Hand Auger	Logged By: KK Checked By: PH	Final Groundwater: N/A

Depth (Feet)	Interval	% Recovery	Blows/6"	Graphic Log	USCS Symbol	Material Description	Groundwater	Moisture Content (%)					
								Plastic Limit	Liquid Limit				
								SPT N-Value					
								0	10	20	30	40	50
				[Graphic Log: Horizontal lines]		Vegetation/Topsoil							
1				[Graphic Log: Vertical lines]	ML	Medium stiff, silt trace clay, locally mottled yellowish brown to grayish brown, moist. (Weathered Pre-Olympia Deposits)							
2				[Graphic Log: Vertical lines]									
3	■			[Graphic Log: Vertical lines]									
4				[Graphic Log: Vertical lines]									
5				[Graphic Log: Vertical lines]									
6	■			[Graphic Log: Vertical lines]	ML	Stiff to very stiff, silt trace clay, locally mottled olive brown to grayish brown, moist. (Pre-Olympia Deposits)							
7						End of Hand Boring 6'							
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9													
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