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File No. 25-324

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**Subject:       Geotechnical Report  
                  Proposed House Remodel  
                  4110 78<sup>th</sup> Avenue Southeast, Mercer Island, WA**

Dear Lisa and Ben,

As requested, PanGEO, Inc. has completed a geotechnical engineering study for the proposed remodel project at the above-referenced property. This study was performed in general accordance with our mutually agreed scope of work outlined in our proposal dated August 26, 2025, and was subsequently approved by you on September 1, 2025. Our service scope included reviewing readily-available geologic and geotechnical data in the project vicinity, reviewing current design plans, drilling two test borings, conducting a site reconnaissance, and developing the conclusions and recommendations presented in this report.

#### **SITE AND PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The subject site is an approximately 11,847 square foot lot located at 4110 78<sup>th</sup> Avenue Southeast in the City of Mercer Island, Washington (see Figure 1, Vicinity Map). The subject lot is triangular in shape, and is bordered to the southwest by 78<sup>th</sup> Avenue Southeast, and to other two sides by existing single-family residences. A one-story single-family house with a partial basement occupies the approximately middle portion of the site. The site grade generally descends from northwest to southeast with a vertical relief of about 20 feet and an average slope gradient of about 10 percent (see Figure 2, Site and Exploration Plan).

Based on the information provided to us, we understand that the proposed project consists of an interior remodel of the existing house. As part of the remodel, we also understand that a new

egress window well is planned on the north side of the basement, along with a future replacement of the existing deck post footings on the south side of the house. We expect that the site grading earthwork will be minor.

According to the City of Mercer Island GIS maps, the subject property contains two mapped geologic hazards: potential landslide and erosion hazards. As such, a geotechnical report is required as part of the permit application for the proposed remodel.

The conclusions and recommendations in this report are based on our understanding of the proposed remodel, which is in turn based on the project information provided. If the above project description is incorrect, or the project information changes, we should be consulted to review the recommendations contained in this study and make modifications, if needed.

### **SUBSURFACE EXPLORATIONS**

Two borings (PG-1 and PG-2) were drilled at the site on September 17, 2025, using a modified Bobcat MT 55 skid steer mini drill rig owned and operated by Geologic Drill Partners of Fall City, Washington. The approximate boring locations were taped in the field from on-site features and are shown on Figure 2. The borings were drilled to depths of about 16½ feet below the existing grades.

The drill rig was equipped with 6-inch outside diameter hollow stem augers. Soil samples were obtained from the borings at 2½-foot depth intervals in general accordance with Standard Penetration Test (SPT) sampling methods (ASTM test method D-1586) in which the samples are obtained using a 2-inch outside diameter split-spoon sampler. The sampler was driven into the soil a distance of 18 inches using a 140-pound weight freely falling a distance of 30 inches. The number of blows required for each 6-inch increment of sampler penetration was recorded. The number of blows required to achieve the last 12 inches of sample penetration is defined as the SPT N-value. The N-value provides an empirical measure of the relative density of cohesionless soil, or the relative consistency of fine-grained soils.

A geologist from PanGEO was present to observe the drilling, assist in sampling, and to describe and document the soil samples obtained from the borings. The soil samples were described and field classified in general accordance with the symbols and terms outlined in Figure A-1 of Appendix A, and the summary boring logs are included as Figures A-2 and A-3.

## SITE GEOLOGY AND SUBSURFACE CONDITIONS

### SITE GEOLOGY

Based on our review of the *Geologic Map of Mercer Island, Washington* (Troost and Wisher, 2006), the site is mapped with Pre-Olympia non-glacial deposits (Geologic Map Unit Qpon). Pre-Olympia fine-grained glacial deposits (Qpogf) are mapped immediately northwest of the site.

- Pre-Olympia deposits (Qpo) consist of very dense and hard sand, silt, clay, and gravel of indeterminate age and origin, deposited prior to the Olympia non-glacial interval (i.e., at least about 60,000 years ago).
- Pre-Olympia fine-grained glacial deposits (Qpogf) are a subunit of pre-Olympia deposits generally consisting of very dense and hard silt and clay with some laminated to massive interbedded sand deposited by glacial processes. Pre-Olympia non-glacial deposits (Qpon) are a subunit of pre-Olympia deposits of inferred non-glacial origin.

### SUBSURFACE AND GROUNDWATER CONDITIONS

The soils encountered in the test borings consisted of up to about 3½ feet of loose to medium dense fill overlying medium dense to very dense and hard native sandy silt and silt. This soil unit extended to the maximum depths drilled at about 16½ feet. This soil unit appears to be consistent with the mapped pre-Olympia deposits. Please refer to the boring summary logs in Appendix A for a detailed description of the conditions encountered at each boring location.

Groundwater was not encountered within the drilling depths during drilling up to 16½ feet deep. We do not expect the groundwater will be encountered in the planned excavation. It should be noted that groundwater elevations and seepage rates are likely to vary depending on the season, local subsurface conditions, and other factors. Groundwater levels and seepage rates are normally highest during the winter and early spring.

## GEOLOGIC HAZARDS ASSESSMENT

### LANDSLIDE HAZARDS

The site is mapped as a potential landslide hazard area according to the City of Mercer Island GIS maps. However, the site is not mapped as a steep slope area and the nearest past known

slides mapped by the Mercer Island GIS map and DNR are at least 800 feet away from the site. A site reconnaissance of the subject property was conducted on September 5 and 17, 2025. During our site reconnaissance, we did not observe obvious evidence of past landslides at the site. Based on our field observations, the general topography at the site and vicinity, and the results of our subsurface explorations, it is our opinion that the subject site appears to be globally stable in its current configuration. Furthermore, it is our opinion that the proposed remodel as currently planned is feasible from a geotechnical engineering standpoint and will not adversely affect the overall stability of the site or adjacent properties, provided the recommendations herein are followed and standard care is implemented during construction.

### **EROSION HAZARDS**

The site is also mapped as a potential erosion hazard area according to the City of Mercer Island GIS maps. Based on soil conditions encountered in the borings, the near-surface site soils are likely to exhibit low to moderate erosion potential. However, the site grading earthwork is expected to be minor for this project. In our opinion, the erosion hazards at the site can be effectively mitigated with the best management practice during construction and with properly designed and implemented landscaping for permanent erosion control. During construction, the temporary erosion hazard can be effectively managed with an appropriate erosion and sediment control plan, including but not limited to installing silt fence at the construction perimeter, limiting removal of vegetation to the construction area, placing rocks or hay bales at the disturbed/traffic areas and on the downhill side of the project, covering stockpile soil or cut slopes with plastic sheets, constructing a temporary drainage pond to control surface runoff and sediment trap, placing quarry spalls at the construction entrance, etc. Permanent erosion control measures should include establishing vegetation, landscape plants, and hardscape established at the end of project, and reducing surface runoff to the minimum extent possible.

## **GEOTECHNICAL DESIGN RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **SEISMIC SITE CLASS**

We anticipate that the seismic design of the structures will be accomplished using the 2021 edition of the International Building Code (IBC). Based on the site soil conditions encountered in the test borings and the site geology, it is our opinion that Site Class C should be used for the seismic design.

## **BUILDING FOUNDATIONS**

Based on the subsurface conditions encountered at the site and our understanding of the current design, it is our opinion that the proposed improvements may be supported on conventional footings. New footings should bear on competent native soils or on newly placed structural fill placed on undisturbed native soils. In summary, the competent bearing soils are estimated at about 3½ feet below the existing grade at boring PG-1, and at about 1½ feet below grade at boring PG-2.

Exterior foundation elements should be placed at a minimum depth of 18 inches below final exterior grade. Interior spread foundations should be placed at a minimum depth of 12 inches below the top of slab. Where space may be limited, the use of L-shaped footings may be required to conserve space for the temporary cuts.

We recommend that a maximum allowable bearing pressure of 2,000 pounds per square feet (psf) be used for sizing the new footings. The recommended allowable bearing pressures are for dead plus live loads. For allowable stress design, the recommended bearing pressure may be increased by one-third for transient loads, such as wind or seismic forces. Continuous and individual spread footings should have minimum widths of 18 and 24 inches, respectively.

Settlements of footings designed and constructed as described above should have a total settlement of less than one inch, and differential settlement of less than ½ inch. Most of the anticipated settlement should occur during construction as dead loads are applied.

### ***Lateral Resistance***

Lateral loads on the structure may be resisted by passive earth pressure developed against the embedded portion of the foundation system and by frictional resistance between the bottom of the foundation and the supporting subgrade soils. For footings bearing on the medium dense native soils or compacted structural fill, a frictional coefficient of 0.35 may be used to evaluate sliding resistance at the bottom of footings. Passive soil resistance may be calculated using an equivalent fluid weight of 350 pcf, assuming properly compacted structural fill will be placed against the footings. The above values include a factor of safety of 1.5. Unless covered by pavements or slabs, the passive resistance in the upper 12 inches of soil should be neglected.

### ***Footing Subgrade Preparation***

All footing subgrades should be carefully prepared. Loose or softened soil exposed at the construction subgrade elevation should be removed prior to pouring concrete. The adequacy of

footing subgrade should be verified by a representative of PanGEO, prior to placing forms or rebar.

## **FLOORS SLABS**

It is our opinion that concrete slab-on-grade floors are appropriate for this project. Concrete slab-on-grade floors may be supported on the competent native soil or on compacted structural fill placed on the native soil. If loose or soft soils are encountered at the slab subgrade elevation that cannot be adequately compacted, the loose or soft soil should be over-excavated to competent native soil and replaced with compacted structural fill.

Slab-on-grade floors should be underlain by a capillary break consisting of at least of 4 inches of  $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch, clean crushed rock (less than 3 percent fines). The capillary break should be placed on subgrade that has been compacted to a dense and unyielding condition. The capillary break should be placed on a suitable subgrade as confirmed by PanGEO. A minimum 6-mil polyethylene vapor barrier should also be placed directly below the slab. We also recommend that control joints be incorporated into the floor slab to control cracking.

## **RETAINING WALL DESIGN PARAMETERS**

Retaining wall, if needed, should be properly designed to resist the lateral earth pressures exerted by the soils behind the wall. Proper drainage provisions should also be provided behind the walls to intercept and remove groundwater that may be present behind the wall. Our geotechnical recommendations for the design and construction of the retaining wall are presented below.

### ***Lateral Earth Pressures***

Concrete cantilever walls should be designed for an equivalent fluid pressure of 35 pcf for level backfills behind the walls assuming the walls are free to rotate. If walls are to be restrained at the top from free movement, such as basement walls, equivalent fluid pressures of 45 pcf should be used for level backfills behind the walls. Walls with a maximum 2H:1V backslope should be designed for an active and at rest earth pressure of 45 and 55 pcf, respectively.

Permanent walls should be designed for an additional uniform lateral pressure of 8H psf for seismic loading, where H corresponds to the buried depth of the wall. The recommended lateral pressures assume that the backfill behind the wall consists of a free draining and properly compacted fill with adequate drainage provisions.

### ***Surcharge***

Surcharge loads, where present, should also be included in the design of retaining walls. We recommend that a lateral load coefficient of 0.3 be used to compute the lateral pressure on the wall face resulting from surcharge loads located within a horizontal distance of one-half wall height.

### ***Lateral Resistance***

Lateral forces from seismic loading and unbalanced lateral earth pressures may be resisted by a combination of passive earth pressures acting against the embedded portions of the foundations and by friction acting on the base of the foundations. Passive resistance values may be determined using an equivalent fluid weight of 350 pcf. This value includes a factor of safety of 1.5, assuming the footing is poured against dense native sand, re-compacted on-site sandy soil, or properly compacted structural fill adjacent to the sides of footing. A friction coefficient of 0.35 may be used to determine the frictional resistance at the base of the footings. The coefficient includes a factor safety of 1.5.

### ***Wall Drainage***

Provisions for wall drainage should consist of a 4-inch diameter perforated drainpipe behind and at the base of the wall footings, embedded in 12 to 18 inches of clean crushed rock or pea gravel wrapped with a layer of filter fabric. A minimum 18-inch-wide zone of free draining granular soils (i.e., pea gravel or washed rock) is recommended to be placed adjacent to the wall for the full height of the wall. Alternatively, a composite drainage material, such as Miradrain 6000, may be used in lieu of the clean crushed rock or pea gravel. The drainpipe at the base of the wall should be graded to direct water to a suitable outlet.

### ***Wall Backfill***

Retaining wall backfill should consist of free draining granular material. The site soils within the planned excavation depth are relatively silty and would not meet the requirements for wall backfill. We recommend importing a free draining granular material, such as Seattle Type 17 or a soil meeting the requirements of Gravel Borrow as defined in Section 9-03.14(1) of the WSDOT *Standard Specifications for Road, Bridge, and Municipal Construction* (WSDOT, 2025). In areas where space is limited between the wall and the face of excavation, pea gravel may be used as backfill without compaction.

Wall backfill should be properly moisture conditioned, placed in loose, horizontal lifts less than 12 inches in thickness, and compacted to a dense and unyielding condition. If density tests will be performed, the test results should show at least 95 percent of the maximum dry density, as determined using test method ASTM D-1557 (Modified Proctor). Within 5 feet of the wall, the backfill should be compacted with hand-operated equipment to at least 90 percent of the maximum dry density.

## **CONSTRUCTION CONSIDERATIONS**

### **TEMPORARY EXCAVATIONS**

We anticipate that excavations up to about 3 to 4 feet deep may be needed for the proposed improvements. All temporary excavations should be performed in accordance with Part N of WAC (Washington Administrative Code) 296-155. The contractor is responsible for maintaining safe excavation slopes and/or shoring.

All temporary excavations deeper than a total of 4 feet should be sloped or shored. Based on the soil conditions at the site, for planning purposes, it is our opinion that temporary excavations for the proposed construction may be sloped 1H:1V (Horizontal:Vertical) or flatter.

The temporary excavations and cut slopes should be re-evaluated in the field during construction based on actual observed soil conditions, and may need to be flattered in the wet seasons and should be covered with plastic sheets. The cut slopes should be covered with plastic sheets in the raining season. We also recommend that heavy construction equipment, building materials, excavated soil, and vehicular traffic should not be allowed within a distance equal to 1/3 the slope height from the top of any excavation.

### **MATERIAL REUSE**

In the context of this report, structural fill is defined as compacted fill placed under footings, concrete stairs and landings, and slabs, or other load-bearing areas. The contractor should be aware that the site soils contain high fines content, and may be difficult to compact to the requirements of structural fill. As a result, for planning purposes, we do not recommend the on-site soils be re-used as structural backfill for the project. Structural fill should consist of a well-graded granular material, such as Gravel Borrow (Section 9-03.14(1), WSDOT 2025), Crushed Surfacing Base Course (Section 9-03.9(3), WSDOT 2025), or approved equivalent.

### **STRUCTURAL FILL PLACEMENT AND COMPACTION**

Structural fill should be properly moisture conditioned, placed in loose, horizontal lifts less than 12 inches in thickness, and systematically compacted to a dense and unyielding condition. The adequacy of compaction should be verified by a PanGEO representative. Alternatively, a minimum 95 percent maximum density as determined using ASTM D-1557 (Modified Proctor) may be used to determine the adequacy of the compacted fill.

Depending on the type of compaction equipment used and depending on the type of fill material, it may be necessary to decrease the thickness of each lift in order to achieve adequate compaction. PanGEO can provide additional recommendations regarding structural fill and compaction during construction.

### **EROSION AND DRAINAGE CONSIDERATIONS**

Surface runoff can be controlled during construction by careful grading practices. Typically, this includes the construction of shallow, upgrade perimeter ditches or low earthen berms in conjunction with silt fences to collect runoff and prevent water from entering excavations or to prevent runoff from the construction area from leaving the immediate work site. Temporary erosion control may require the use of hay bales on the downhill side of the project to prevent water from leaving the site and potential storm water detention to trap sand and silt before the water is discharged to a suitable outlet. All collected water should be directed under control to a positive and permanent discharge system.

Permanent control of surface water should be incorporated in the final grading design. Adequate surface gradients and drainage systems should be incorporated into the design such that surface runoff is directed away from structures. Potential problems associated with erosion may also be reduced by establishing vegetation within disturbed areas immediately following grading operations.

### **WET EARTHWORK RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is our opinion that construction of the project can be accomplished during the wet season. However, performing earthwork activities during wet season is anticipated to be more costly than during dry weather conditions. Based on the anticipated soil conditions and topography in the proposed construction area, it is our opinion that potential for erosion at the site can be adequately mitigated by employing sediment control best management practices (BMPs). Additional information and details of the BMPs discussed in this section can be found in the

Washington State Department of Ecology's *Stormwater Management Manual for Western Washington, Volume II* (<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/stormwater/manual.html>). Sediment control BMPs should be installed/constructed and functional prior to land disturbing activities.

General recommendations relative to earthwork performed in wet weather or in wet conditions are presented below:

- All footing surfaces should be protected against inclement weather unless the footings can be poured immediately after the subgrade is exposed. It is the contractor's responsibility to protect the footing subgrade from disturbance. If needed, one option is to place 2 to 3 inches of lean-mix concrete or 4 to 6 inches of crushed surfacing base course (CSBC) on the exposed foundation subgrade as soon as the subgrade is exposed.
- Earthwork should be performed in small areas to minimize subgrade exposure to wet weather. Excavation or the removal of unsuitable soil should be followed promptly by the placement and compaction of clean structural fill. The size and type of construction equipment used may have to be limited to prevent soil disturbance.
- Where practical, maintain vegetation buffers around cleared areas (BMP C101).
- During wet weather, the allowable fines content of the structural fill should be reduced to no more than 5 percent by weight based on the portion passing ¾-inch sieve. The fines should be non-plastic.
- The ground surface within the construction area should be graded to promote run-off of surface water and to prevent the ponding of water.
- Geotextile silt fences should be strategically located to control erosion and the movement of soil. Erosion control measures should be installed along all the property boundaries.
- Excavation slopes and soils stockpiled on site should also be covered with plastic sheets.

### **STATEMENT OF MINIMUM RISK**

We understand that the portion of the site is mapped as geologic hazard areas, specifically as potential landslide and erosion hazard areas. Per Mercer Island City Code Section 19.07.060.D.2, development within geologic hazard areas and critical slopes may occur if the geotechnical engineer provides 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.

Based on the surface conditions at the site and results of our geotechnical study, it is also our opinion that the proposed house remodel meets the criterion (c) above. Best management practices should be implemented during construction, including the proper use of silt fence, minimize earthwork activities during periods heavy precipitations, minimized exposed areas in wet season, etc. Permanent erosion control measures including landscape and hardscape installations will effectively mitigate the risk of erosion in the long term.

### **ADDITIONAL SERVICES**

To confirm that our recommendations are properly incorporated into the design and construction of the proposed residence, PanGEO should be retained to conduct a review of the final project plans and specifications, and to monitor the construction of geotechnical elements. The City of Mercer Island, as part of the permitting process, may also require geotechnical construction inspection services. PanGEO can provide you a cost estimate for construction monitoring services at a later date.

We anticipate that the following additional services will be required:

- Review final project plans and specifications

- Verify implementation of erosion control measures;
- Verify adequacy of footing subgrade;
- Monitor temporary excavation;
- Confirm the adequacy of the compaction of structural backfill; and
- Other consultation as may be required during construction

Modifications to our recommendations presented in this report may be necessary, based on the actual conditions encountered during construction.

### **CLOSURE**

We have prepared this report for Lisa and Ben Jones and the project design team. Recommendations contained in this report are based on a site reconnaissance, a subsurface exploration program, review of pertinent subsurface information, and our understanding of the project. The study was performed using a mutually agreed-upon scope of work.

Variations in soil conditions may exist between the locations of the explorations and the actual conditions underlying the site. The nature and extent of soil variations may not be evident until construction occurs. If any soil conditions are encountered at the site that are different from those described in this report, we should be notified immediately to review the applicability of our recommendations. Additionally, we should also be notified to review the applicability of our recommendations if there are any changes in the project scope.

The scope of our work does not include services related to construction safety precautions. Our recommendations are not intended to direct the contractors' methods, techniques, sequences or procedures, except as specifically described in our report for consideration in design. Additionally, the scope of our work specifically excludes the assessment of environmental characteristics, particularly those involving hazardous substances. We are not mold consultants nor are our recommendations to be interpreted as being preventative of mold development. A mold specialist should be consulted for all mold-related issues.

This report has been prepared for planning and design purposes for specific application to the proposed project in accordance with the generally accepted standards of local practice at the time this report was written. No warranty, express or implied, is made.

This report may be used only by the client and for the purposes stated, within a reasonable time from its issuance. Land use, site conditions (both off and on-site), or other factors including advances in our understanding of applied science, may change over time and could materially affect our findings. Therefore, this report should not be relied upon after 24 months from its issuance. PanGEO should be notified if the project is delayed by more than 24 months from the date of this report so that we may review the applicability of our conclusions considering the time lapse.

It is the client's responsibility to see that all parties to this project, including the designer, contractor, subcontractors, etc., are made aware of this report in its entirety. The use of information contained in this report for bidding purposes should be done at the contractor's option and risk. Any party other than the client who wishes to use this report shall notify PanGEO of such intended use and for permission to copy this report. Based on the intended use of the report, PanGEO may require that additional work be performed and that an updated report be reissued. Noncompliance with any of these requirements will release PanGEO from any liability resulting from the use this report.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of service.

Sincerely,

**PanGEO, Inc.**

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**Enclosures:**

- Figure 1 Vicinity Map
- Figure 2 Site and Exploration Plan

**Appendix A Summary Test Boring Logs**

- Figure A-1 Terms and Symbols for Boring and Test Pit Logs
- Figure A-2 Log of Test Boring PG-1
- Figure A-3 Log of Test Boring PG-2

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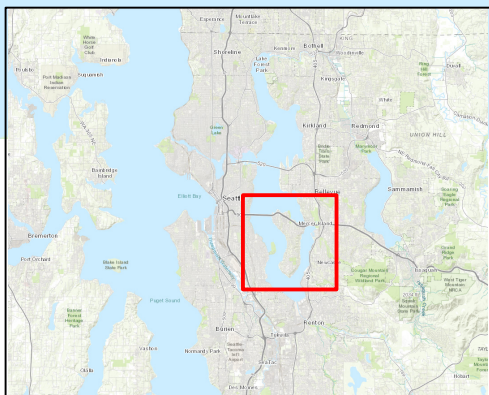
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**Project Site**

Base Map: ESRI GIS



Not-To-Scale

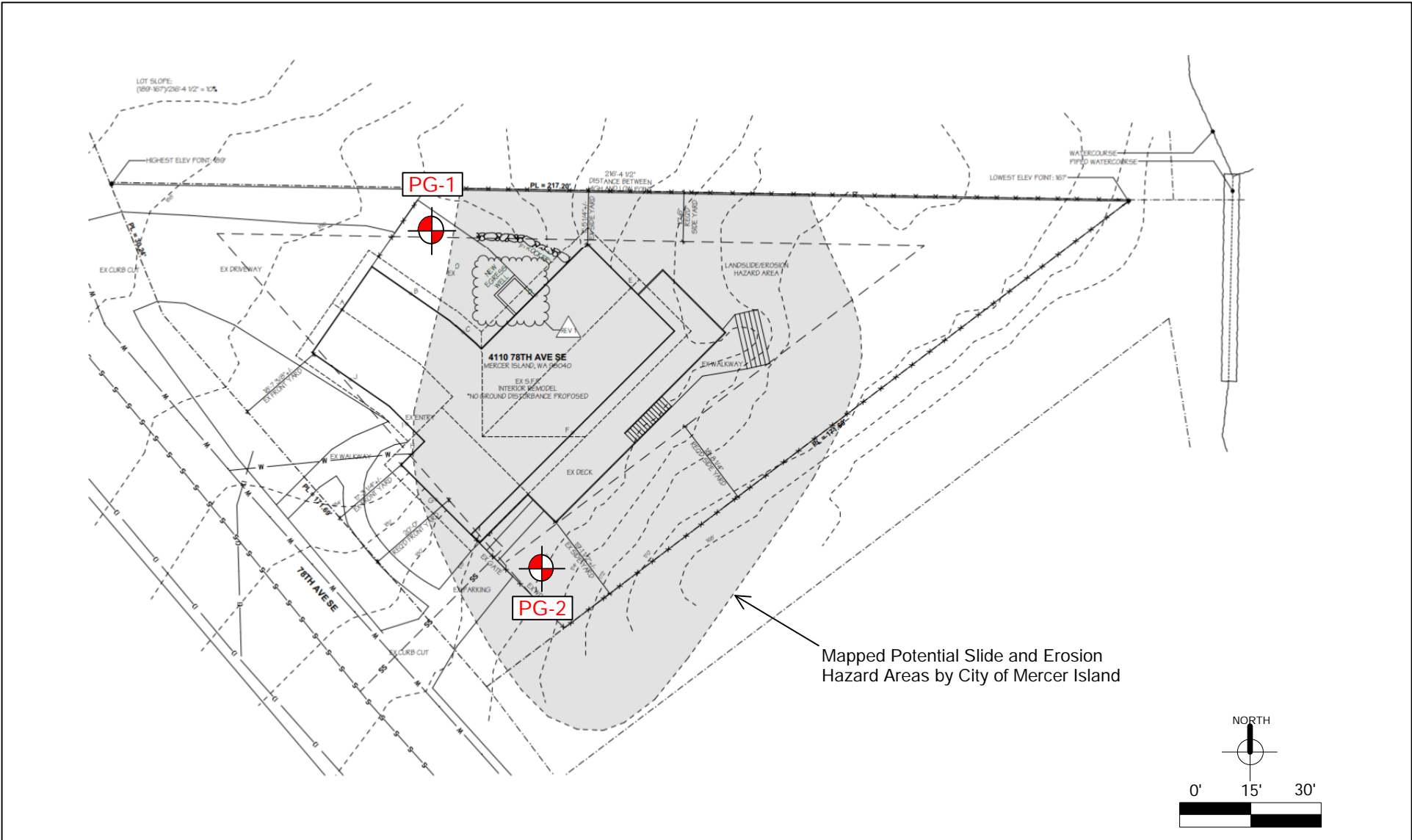


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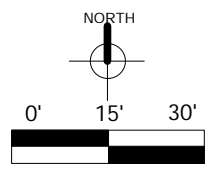
**VICINITY MAP**

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Figure No. **1**




Mapped Potential Slide and Erosion Hazard Areas by City of Mercer Island



Note: Base map modified from Site Plan prepared by H2D Architecture and Design dated September 1, 2025.

**Legend:**

 Approx. Test Boring Location



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<b>SITE AND EXPLORATION PLAN</b>	
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**APPENDIX A**  
**SUMMARY TEST BORING LOGS**

**RELATIVE DENSITY / CONSISTENCY**

SAND / GRAVEL			SILT / CLAY		
Density	SPT N-values	Approx. Relative Density (%)	Consistency	SPT N-values	Approx. Undrained Shear Strength (psf)
Very Loose	<4	<15	Very Soft	<2	<250
Loose	4 to 10	15 - 35	Soft	2 to 4	250 - 500
Med. Dense	10 to 30	35 - 65	Med. Stiff	4 to 8	500 - 1000
Dense	30 to 50	65 - 85	Stiff	8 to 15	1000 - 2000
Very Dense	>50	85 - 100	Very Stiff	15 to 30	2000 - 4000
			Hard	>30	>4000

**UNIFIED SOIL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM**

MAJOR DIVISIONS		GROUP DESCRIPTIONS	
Gravel 50% or more of the coarse fraction retained on the #4 sieve. Use dual symbols (eg. GP-GM) for 5% to 12% fines.	GRAVEL (<5% fines)		GW: Well-graded GRAVEL
	GRAVEL (>12% fines)		GP: Poorly-graded GRAVEL
Sand 50% or more of the coarse fraction passing the #4 sieve. Use dual symbols (eg. SP-SM) for 5% to 12% fines.	SAND (<5% fines)		GM: Silty GRAVEL
	SAND (>12% fines)		GC: Clayey GRAVEL
			SW: Well-graded SAND
			SP: Poorly-graded SAND
Silt and Clay 50% or more passing #200 sieve	Liquid Limit < 50		SM: Silty SAND
			SC: Clayey SAND
			ML: SILT
	Liquid Limit > 50		CL: Lean CLAY
			OL: Organic SILT or CLAY
			MH: Elastic SILT
			CH: Fat CLAY
Highly Organic Soils		OH: Organic SILT or CLAY	
		PT: PEAT	

**TEST SYMBOLS**

for In Situ and Laboratory Tests listed in "Other Tests" column.

- ATT Atterberg Limit Test
- Comp Compaction Tests
- Con Consolidation
- DD Dry Density
- DS Direct Shear
- %F Fines Content
- GS Grain Size
- Perm Permeability
- PP Pocket Penetrometer
- R R-value
- SG Specific Gravity
- TV Torvane
- TXC Triaxial Compression
- UCC Unconfined Compression

**SYMBOLS**

Sample/In Situ test types and intervals

- 2-inch OD Split Spoon, SPT (140-lb. hammer, 30" drop)
- 3.25-inch OD Split Spoon (300-lb hammer, 30" drop)
- Non-standard penetration test (see boring log for details)
- Thin wall (Shelby) tube
- Grab
- Rock core
- Vane Shear

- Notes:**
- Soil exploration logs contain material descriptions based on visual observation and field tests using a system modified from the Uniform Soil Classification System (USCS). Where necessary laboratory tests have been conducted (as noted in the "Other Tests" column), unit descriptions may include a classification. Please refer to the discussions in the report text for a more complete description of the subsurface conditions.
  - The graphic symbols given above are not inclusive of all symbols that may appear on the borehole logs. Other symbols may be used where field observations indicated mixed soil constituents or dual constituent materials.

**DESCRIPTIONS OF SOIL STRUCTURES**

<b>Layered:</b> Units of material distinguished by color and/or composition from material units above and below	<b>Fissured:</b> Breaks along defined planes
<b>Laminated:</b> Layers of soil typically 0.05 to 1mm thick, max. 1 cm	<b>Slickensided:</b> Fracture planes that are polished or glossy
<b>Lens:</b> Layer of soil that pinches out laterally	<b>Blocky:</b> Angular soil lumps that resist breakdown
<b>Interlayered:</b> Alternating layers of differing soil material	<b>Disrupted:</b> Soil that is broken and mixed
<b>Pocket:</b> Erratic, discontinuous deposit of limited extent	<b>Scattered:</b> Less than one per foot
<b>Homogeneous:</b> Soil with uniform color and composition throughout	<b>Numerous:</b> More than one per foot
	<b>BCN:</b> Angle between bedding plane and a plane normal to core axis

**COMPONENT DEFINITIONS**

COMPONENT	SIZE / SIEVE RANGE	COMPONENT	SIZE / SIEVE RANGE
Boulder:	> 12 inches	Sand	
Cobbles:	3 to 12 inches	Coarse Sand:	#4 to #10 sieve (4.5 to 2.0 mm)
Gravel	3 to 3/4 inches	Medium Sand:	#10 to #40 sieve (2.0 to 0.42 mm)
		Fine Sand:	#40 to #200 sieve (0.42 to 0.074 mm)
Coarse Gravel:	3 to 3/4 inches	Silt	0.074 to 0.002 mm
Fine Gravel:	3/4 inches to #4 sieve	Clay	<0.002 mm

**MONITORING WELL**

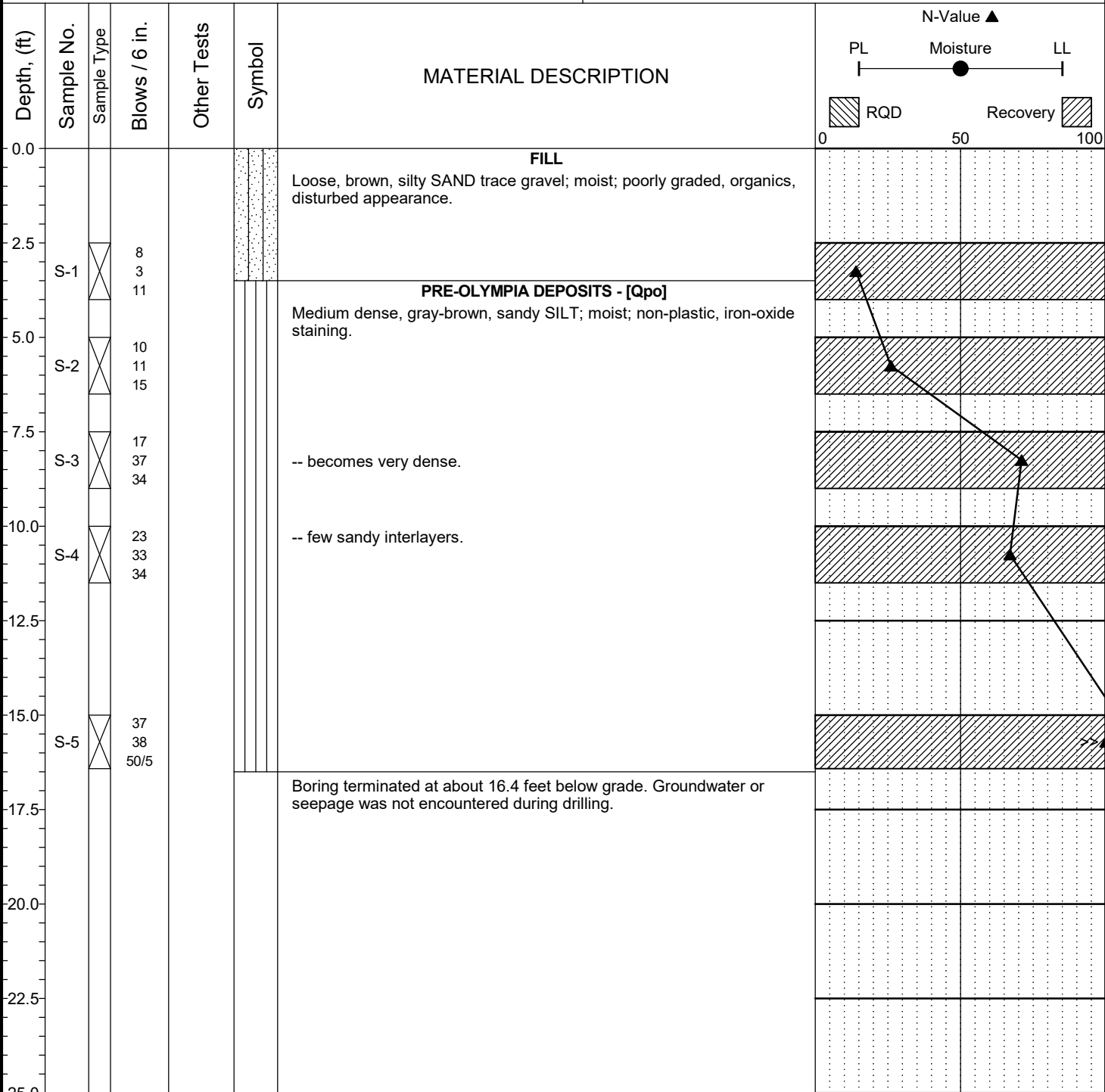
- Groundwater Level at time of drilling (ATD)
- Static Groundwater Level
- Cement / Concrete Seal
- Bentonite grout / seal
- Silica sand backfill
- Slotted tip
- Slough
- Bottom of Boring

**MOISTURE CONTENT**

Dry	Dusty, dry to the touch
Moist	Damp but no visible water
Wet	Visible free water

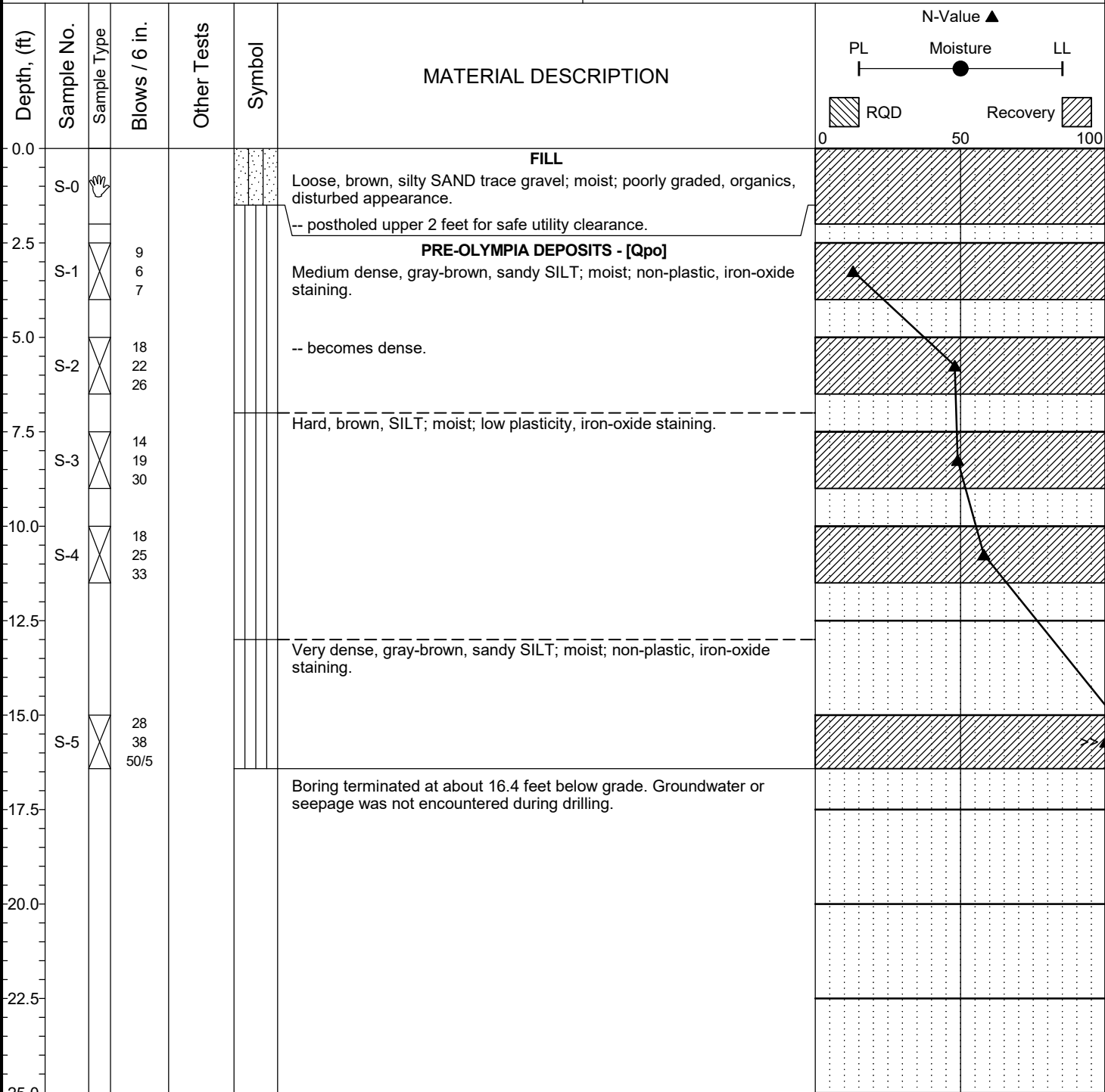
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Project:	Proposed House Remodel	Surface Elevation:	185.0ft
Job Number:	25-324	Top of Casing Elev.:	N/A
Location:	4110 - 78th Ave SE, Mercer island, WA	Drilling Method:	HSA
Coordinates:	Northing: 47.5731, Easting: -122.2346	Sampling Method:	SPT



Completion Depth:	16.4ft	Remarks: Borings drilled using a modified Bobcat MT 55 skid steer mini drill rig. Standard penetration test (SPT) sampler driven with a 140 lb. safety hammer. Hammer operated with a rope and cathead mechanism. Surface elevations estimated from Site Plan prepared by H2D Architecture and design dated Sept 1, 2025. <b>Horizontal/Vertical Datum: WGS84/NAVD 88</b>
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Date Borehole Completed:	9/17/25	
Logged By:	S. Paquet	
Drilling Company:	Geologic Drill Partners	

Project:	Proposed House Remodel	Surface Elevation:	176.0ft
Job Number:	25-324	Top of Casing Elev.:	N/A
Location:	4110 - 78th Ave SE, Mercer island, WA	Drilling Method:	HSA
Coordinates:	Northing: 47.5729, Easting: -122.23455	Sampling Method:	SPT



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