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NGA File No. 905114

Dear Mr. Ghadamsi:

We are pleased to submit the attached report titled "Geotechnical Engineering Evaluation – ICOM – Mukilteo, Washington." This report summarizes our observations of the existing surface and subsurface conditions within the site and provides general recommendations for the proposed site development at the address above. Our services were completed in general accordance with our proposal which was signed by you on August 13, 2014.

The property is currently vacant and is fully vegetated with young to mature trees and underbrush. We understand that the proposed development plans for the site consist of constructing a new two-story, mosque/prayer building along with a detached 20- by 40-foot trailer within the southeastern portion of the property. A parking lot will be located within the middle of the property. A wetland and buffer are located within the northern portion of the site. We understand that you desire to infiltrate stormwater runoff within the site.

We explored the site with three trackhoe-excavated test pits. Our explorations indicated that the site is generally underlain by medium dense to very dense glacial till soils with areas of shallow surficial topsoil. We have concluded that the site is generally compatible with the planned development. Foundations should be advanced through any loose soils down to the competent glacial material interpreted to underlie the site, for bearing capacity and settlement considerations. These soils should generally be encountered approximately one to two feet below the existing ground surface, based on our explorations. We should note that deeper areas of unsuitable soils and/or undocumented fill could be encountered in the unexplored areas of the site.

Based on the silty soils encountered in the explorations, it is our opinion that infiltrating stormwater runoff is not feasible for this site. However, pervious pavements could be utilized to infiltrate some of the stormwater runoff generated on this site.

In the attached report, we have also included recommendations for site grading, erosion control, foundation support, structural fill, and drainage.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide service to you on this project. Please contact us if you have any questions regarding this report or require further information.

Sincerely,

**NELSON GEOTECHNICAL ASSOCIATES, INC.**

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Khaled M. Shawish, PE  
**Principal**

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# Geotechnical Engineering Evaluation ICOM Mukilteo, Washington

## INTRODUCTION

This report presents the results of our geotechnical engineering investigation and evaluation of the future “ICOM” project located at 3953 Harbour Pointe Boulevard SW in Mukilteo, Washington, as shown on the Vicinity Map in Figure 1. The purpose of this study is to explore and characterize the site’s surface and subsurface conditions, and to provide geotechnical recommendations for the planned site development.

The property is currently vacant and is fully vegetated with young to mature trees and underbrush. We understand that the proposed development plans for the site consist of constructing a new two-story, mosque/prayer building along with a detached 20- by 40-foot trailer within the southeastern portion of the property. A parking lot will be located within the middle of the property. A wetland and buffer, delineated by others, are located within the northern portion of the site. Stormwater plans have not been finalized, but may include on-site infiltration if feasible. The approximate existing and proposed site layout is shown on the Site Plan in Figure 2.

For our use in preparing this report, we have been provided with the following documents:

- A topography map titled “ICOM – 5500 Harbour Pointe Blvd, Unit R104 – Mukilteo, WA 98275,” prepared by ALL Land Surveying, dated March 12, 2014.
- A site plan titled “Preliminary Proposed – Site Plan,” prepared by ALL Land Surveying, dated March 12, 2014.
- A wetland report titled Critical Area Study and Buffer Mitigation Plan for ICOM – Harbor Point Blvd. – Mukilteo, WA,” prepared by Wetland Resources, Inc., dated April 15, 2014.
- A Google map showing the property lines and the surrounding buildings and roads.

## SCOPE

The purpose of this study is to explore and characterize the site surface and subsurface conditions, and provide general recommendations for the planned development. Specifically, our scope of services included the following:

The soils were visually classified in general accordance with the Unified Soil Classification System, presented in Figure 3. The logs of our test pits are attached to this report and are presented as Figure 4. We present a brief summary of the subsurface conditions in the following paragraphs. For a detailed description of the subsurface conditions, the test pit logs should be reviewed.

At the surface of the test pits, we encountered approximately 1.0 to 1.8 feet of surficial topsoil. Underlying the topsoil in Test Pit 1, we encountered 2.1 feet of medium dense to dense, iron-oxide stained, light brown, silty fine to medium sand with gravel and roots which we interpreted to be weathered glacial till soil. Underlying the weathered glacial till soil in Test Pit 1 and underlying the topsoil in Test Pit 2, we encountered approximately 2.4 and 4.5 feet, respectively, of medium dense to very dense, light brown to gray-brown, silty fine to medium sand with gravel which we interpreted to be glacial till soils. Test Pit 1 and Test Pit 2 were terminated within the native glacial till at depths of 6.0 and 5.5 feet below the existing ground surface, respectively.

Below the topsoil in Test Pit 3 we encountered 2.4 feet of medium dense to dense, gray-brown, silty fine to medium sand with gravel and trace iron-oxide staining, which we interpreted to be glacial till soil. Below the glacial till soil, we encountered 5.5 feet of dense to very dense, light gray to gray, fine to medium sand with silt, gravel and trace iron-oxide staining, underlain by 0.9 feet of very dense, dark gray, silty fine to medium sand with trace gravel and trace iron-oxide staining. We interpreted all soils encountered beneath the topsoil in Test Pit 3 to be native glacial till. Test Pit 3 was terminated within the native glacial till at a depth of 10.4 feet below the existing ground surface.

### **Hydrologic Conditions**

Groundwater was not encountered in our explorations. There is a high potential for a perched groundwater condition to develop within this site during the wetter periods of the year. Perched water occurs when surface water infiltrates through less dense, more permeable soils such as the undocumented fill and outwash material, and accumulates on top of a relatively low permeable material such as the dense to very dense glacial till soils at depth. Perched water does not represent a regional groundwater "table" within the upper soil horizons. Perched water tends to vary spatially and is dependent upon the amount of rainfall. We would expect the amount of perched groundwater to decrease during drier times of the year and increase during wetter periods.

structural fill extending to these soils. The medium dense or better soil should typically be encountered approximately one to two feet below the existing surface, based on our explorations.

Based on the silty low permeability material found across the site, it is our opinion that on-site infiltration using traditional infiltration trenches is not feasible. However, pervious pavement could be utilized on this site. Pervious pavement allows water to be dispersed over a larger area thus allowing water to infiltrate into the ground at a slower rate. We recommend that pervious pavement be utilized as deemed appropriate to reduce the runoff generated on this site. This is further discussed in the **On-site Infiltration** subsection of this report.

The soils encountered on this site are considered moisture-sensitive, and will disturb when wet. We recommend that construction take place during the drier summer months, if possible. If construction is to take place during wet weather, the soils may disturb and additional expenses and delays may be expected due to the wet conditions. Additional expenses could include the need for placing a blanket of rock spalls to protect exposed subgrades and construction traffic areas. The non-organic on-site soils could be used as structural fill provided they could be compacted to specifications. This will depend on the moisture content of the soils at the time of construction. NGA should be retained to determine if the on-site soils can be used as structural fill material during construction.

### **Erosion Control Measures**

The erosion hazard for the on-site soils is interpreted to be slight, but the actual hazard will be dependent on how the site is graded and how water is allowed to concentrate. Best Management Practices (BMPs) should be used to control erosion. Areas disturbed during construction should be protected from erosion. Erosion control measures may include diverting surface water away from the stripped or disturbed areas. Silt fences and/or straw wattles should be erected to prevent muddy water from leaving the site. Stockpiles should be covered with plastic sheeting during wet weather. Disturbed areas should be planted as soon as practical and the vegetation should be maintained until it is established. The erosion potential for areas not stripped of vegetation should be low.

### **Site Preparation and Grading**

After erosion control measures are implemented, site preparation should consist of removing loose soils, topsoil, and undocumented fill, to expose medium dense or better native soils. The stripped soil should be removed from the site or stockpiled for later use as landscaping fill. Based on our observations, we

For planning purposes, we recommend that temporary cuts in the on-site soils be no steeper than 1.5 Horizontal to 1 Vertical (1.5H:1V). If significant groundwater seepage or surface water flow were encountered, we would expect that flatter inclinations would be necessary. We recommend that cut slopes be protected from erosion. Protection measures may include covering cut slopes with plastic sheeting and diverting surface runoff away from the top of cut slopes. We do not recommend vertical slopes for cuts deeper than four feet, if worker access is necessary. We recommend that cut slope heights and inclinations conform to appropriate OSHA/WISHA regulations.

Permanent cut and fill slopes should be no steeper than 2H:1V, unless specifically approved by NGA. Also, flatter inclinations may be required in areas where loose soils are encountered. Permanent slopes should be vegetated and the vegetative cover maintained until established.

### **Foundation Support**

Conventional shallow spread foundations for the planned structure should be placed on medium dense or better native soils, or be supported on structural fill or rock spalls extending to those soils. Medium dense soils or better native soils should be encountered approximately one to two feet below ground surface based on our explorations. However, this depth may increase in unexplored areas of the site. Where topsoil or less dense soils are encountered at footing bearing elevation, the subgrade should be over-excavated to expose suitable bearing soil. The over-excavation may be filled with structural fill or 2- to 4-inch rock spalls or the footing may be extended down to the native bearing soils. If footings are supported on structural fill, the fill zone should extend outside the edges of the footing a distance equal to one half of the depth of the over-excavation below the bottom of the footing.

Footings should extend at least 18 inches below the lowest adjacent finished ground surface for frost protection and bearing capacity considerations. Foundations should be designed in accordance with the 2012 IBC. Footing widths should be based on the anticipated loads and allowable soil bearing pressure but should be no less than 24 inches. Water should not be allowed to accumulate in footing trenches. All loose or disturbed soil should be removed from the foundation excavation prior to placing concrete.

For foundations constructed as outlined above, we recommend an allowable design bearing pressure of not more than 2,000 pounds per square foot (psf) be used for the design of footings founded on the medium dense or better native soils or structural fill extending to the competent native material. The foundation bearing soil should be evaluated by a representative of NGA. We should be consulted if higher bearing

**Fill Placement:** Following subgrade preparation, placement of structural fill may proceed. All fill placements should be accomplished in uniform lifts up to eight inches thick. Each lift should be spread evenly and be thoroughly compacted prior to placement of subsequent lifts.

All structural fill underlying building areas and pavement subgrade should be compacted to a minimum of 95 percent of its maximum dry density. Maximum dry density, in this report, refers to that density as determined by the ASTM D-1557 Compaction Test procedure. The moisture content of the soils to be compacted should be within about two percent of optimum so that a readily compactable condition exists. It may be necessary to over-excavate and remove wet soils in cases where drying to a compactable condition is not feasible. All compaction should be accomplished by equipment of a type and size sufficient to attain the desired degree of compaction.

### **Slab-on-Grade**

Slabs-on-grade should be supported on subgrade soils prepared as described in the **Site Preparation and Grading** subsection of this report. We recommend that all floor slabs be underlain by at least six inches of free-draining gravel with less than three percent by weight of the material passing Sieve #200 for use as a capillary break. We recommend that the capillary break be hydraulically connected to the footing drain system to allow free drainage from under the slab. A suitable vapor barrier, such as heavy plastic sheeting (6-mil minimum), should be placed over the capillary break material. An additional 2-inch thick moist sand layer may be used to cover the vapor barrier. This sand layer is optional and is intended to protect the vapor barrier membrane during construction.

### **Retaining Walls**

The lateral pressure acting on subsurface retaining walls is dependent on the nature and density of the soil behind the wall, the amount of lateral wall movement which can occur as backfill is placed, wall drainage conditions, and the inclination of the backfill. For walls that are free to yield at the top at least one thousandth of the height of the wall (active condition), soil pressures will be less than if movement is limited by such factors as wall stiffness or bracing (at-rest condition). We recommend that walls supporting horizontal backfill and not subjected to hydrostatic forces, be designed using a triangular earth pressure distribution equivalent to that exerted by a fluid with a density of 40 pcf for yielding (active condition) walls, and 60 pcf for non-yielding (at-rest condition) walls.



on the guidelines found in the 2012 Washington State DOE Stormwater Management Manual for Western Washington. We did not encounter groundwater in the test pit explorations, however, wetlands have been delineated on the site and in our opinion the potential for perched groundwater on this site is high.

It is our opinion pervious pavement could be utilized on this site. Pervious pavement allows water to be dispersed over a larger area thus allow water to infiltrate into the ground at a slower rate. We recommend that pervious pavements be used on this site as deemed appropriate. If pervious pavement areas are planned, the pervious pavement should be underlain by a minimum of one foot of clean sand and gravel. The subgrade should be stripped of topsoil and organics prior to placing the gravel. The subgrade below the sand and gravel layer should be sloped to drain away from planned structures.

The pavement subgrade should be proof-rolled with a heavy, rubber-tired piece of equipment, to identify soft or yielding areas that require repair. The final subgrade should be scarified and the gravel layer should only be lightly compacted. Extreme care should be taken not to contaminate the recommended gravel layer with the on-site silty soil. The pavement should be designed using an infiltration rate of 0.5 inches per hour. We should be retained to observe pavement subgrade preparation, as well as the placement of the gravel layer, prior to placement of hard surfaces. Actual pervious pavement design could be discussed during final planning.

Regular maintenance of the pervious pavement is very important. It would be prudent for the client to have a plan in place for periodic maintenance to help maintain the performance of the pavement. The pavement should be thoroughly swept and pressure-washed periodically to minimize siltation.

Another method of handling stormwater runoff within the low-permeability on-site soils is to utilize dispersion trenches along the downhill side of the planned improvements. The dispersion trenches would allow some infiltration into the subsurface soils; however, runoff that does not infiltrate would sheet flow on the ground surface towards the wetlands. We are available to discuss with you and your design team such system and other methods of handling runoff within this site.

### **Site Drainage**

**Surface Drainage:** The finished ground surface should be graded such that runoff is directed to an appropriate stormwater collection system. Water should not be allowed to collect in any areas where

methods, techniques, sequences, or procedures, except as specifically described in our report for consideration in design. There are possible variations in subsurface conditions between the explorations and also with time. Our report, conclusions, and interpretations should not be construed as a warranty of subsurface conditions. A contingency for unanticipated conditions should be included in the budget and schedule.

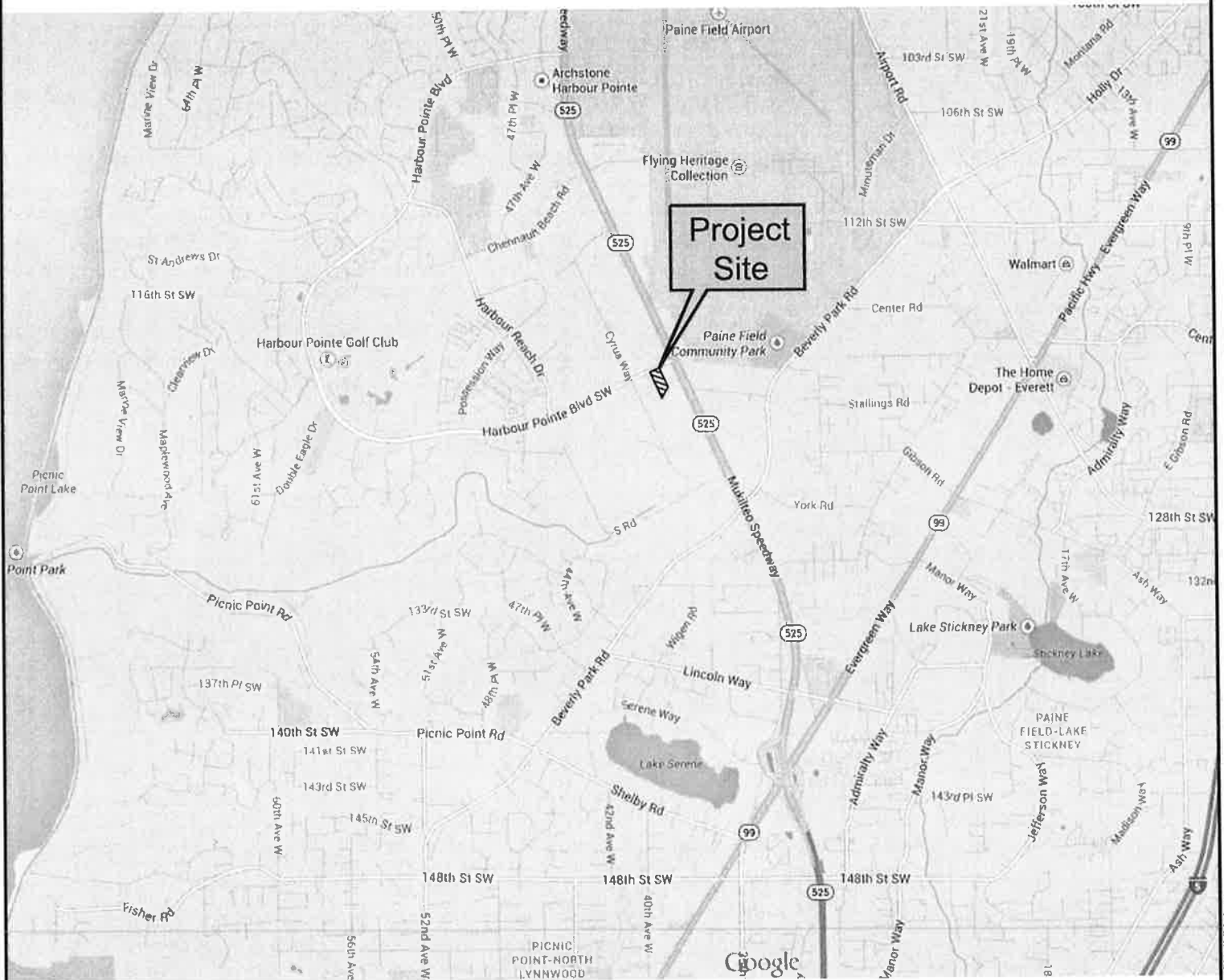
We recommend that NGA be retained to provide monitoring and consultation services during construction to confirm that the conditions encountered are consistent with those indicated by the explorations, to provide recommendations for design changes should the conditions revealed during the work differ from those anticipated, and to evaluate whether or not earthwork and foundation installation activities comply with contract plans and specifications. We should be contacted a minimum of one week prior to construction activities and could attend pre-construction meetings if requested.

Within the limitations of scope, schedule, and budget, our services have been performed in accordance with generally accepted geotechnical engineering practices in effect in this area at the time this report was prepared. No other warranty, expressed or implied, is made. Our observations, findings, and opinions are a means to identify and reduce the inherent risks to the owner.

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# VICINITY MAP

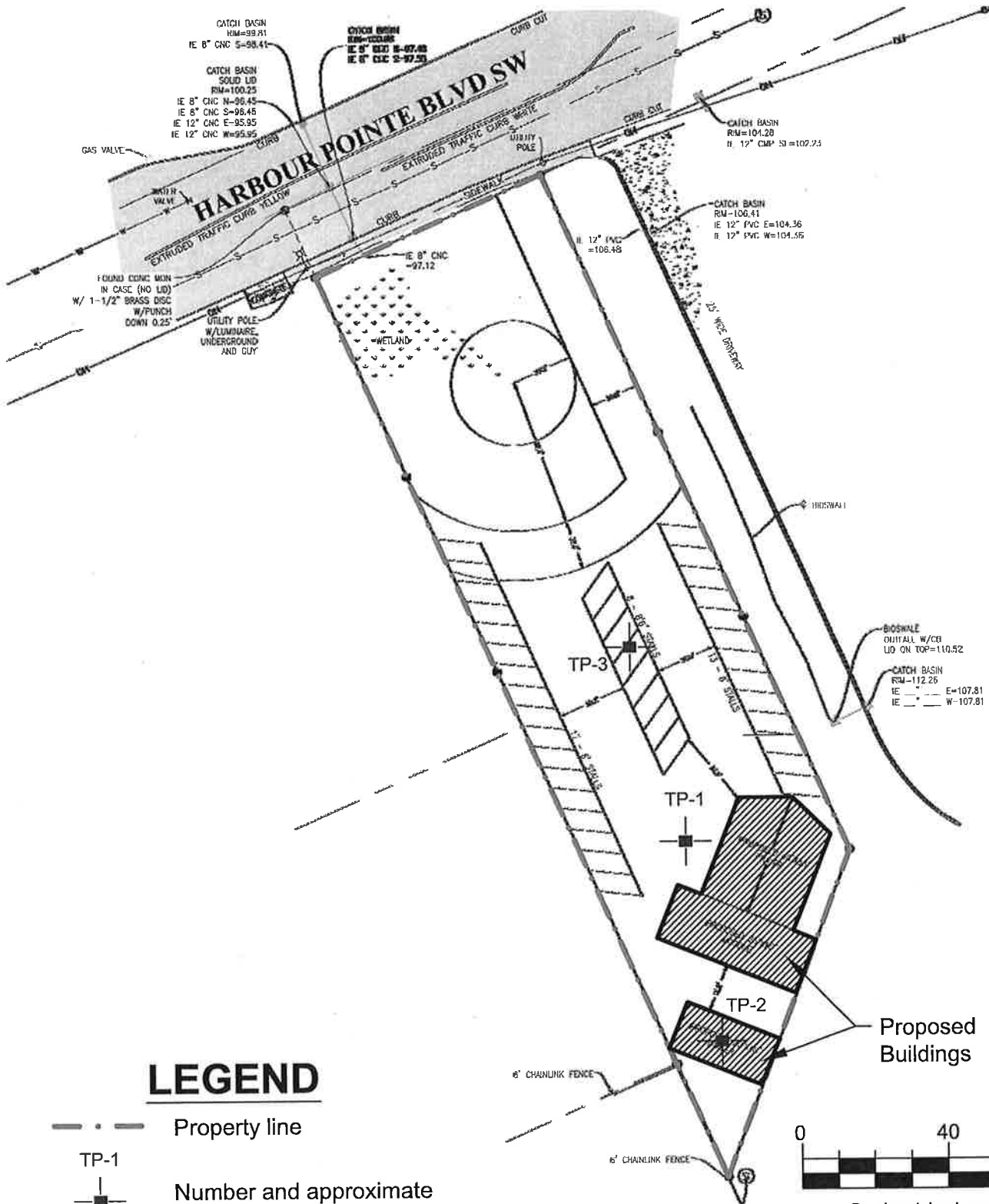
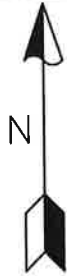
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## Mukilteo, WA

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# Site Plan



Reference: Site Plan based on a plan dated March 12, 2014 titled "Boundary and Topographic Survey," prepared by All Land Surveying.

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# UNIFIED SOIL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM

MAJOR DIVISIONS			GROUP SYMBOL	GROUP NAME	
COARSE - GRAINED SOILS  MORE THAN 50 % RETAINED ON NO. 200 SIEVE	GRAVEL  MORE THAN 50 % OF COARSE FRACTION RETAINED ON NO. 4 SIEVE	CLEAN GRAVEL	GW	WELL-GRADED, FINE TO COARSE GRAVEL	
			GP	POORLY-GRADED GRAVEL	
		GRAVEL WITH FINES	GM	SILTY GRAVEL	
			GC	CLAYEY GRAVEL	
	SAND  MORE THAN 50 % OF COARSE FRACTION PASSES NO. 4 SIEVE	CLEAN SAND	SW	WELL-GRADED SAND, FINE TO COARSE SAND	
			SP	POORLY GRADED SAND	
		SAND WITH FINES	SM	SILTY SAND	
			SC	CLAYEY SAND	
	FINE - GRAINED SOILS  MORE THAN 50 % PASSES NO. 200 SIEVE	SILT AND CLAY  LIQUID LIMIT LESS THAN 50 %	INORGANIC	ML	SILT
				CL	CLAY
ORGANIC			OL	ORGANIC SILT, ORGANIC CLAY	
SILT AND CLAY  LIQUID LIMIT 50 % OR MORE		INORGANIC	MH	SILT OF HIGH PLASTICITY, ELASTIC SILT	
			CH	CLAY OF HIGH PLASTICITY, FLAT CLAY	
		ORGANIC	OH	ORGANIC CLAY, ORGANIC SILT	
HIGHLY ORGANIC SOILS			PT	PEAT	

## NOTES:

- 1) Field classification is based on visual examination of soil in general accordance with ASTM D 2488-93.
- 2) Soil classification using laboratory tests is based on ASTM D 2488-93.
- 3) Descriptions of soil density or consistency are based on interpretation of blowcount data, visual appearance of soils, and/or test data.

## SOIL MOISTURE MODIFIERS:

Dry - Absence of moisture, dusty, dry to the touch

Moist - Damp, but no visible water.

Wet - Visible free water or saturated, usually soil is obtained from below water table

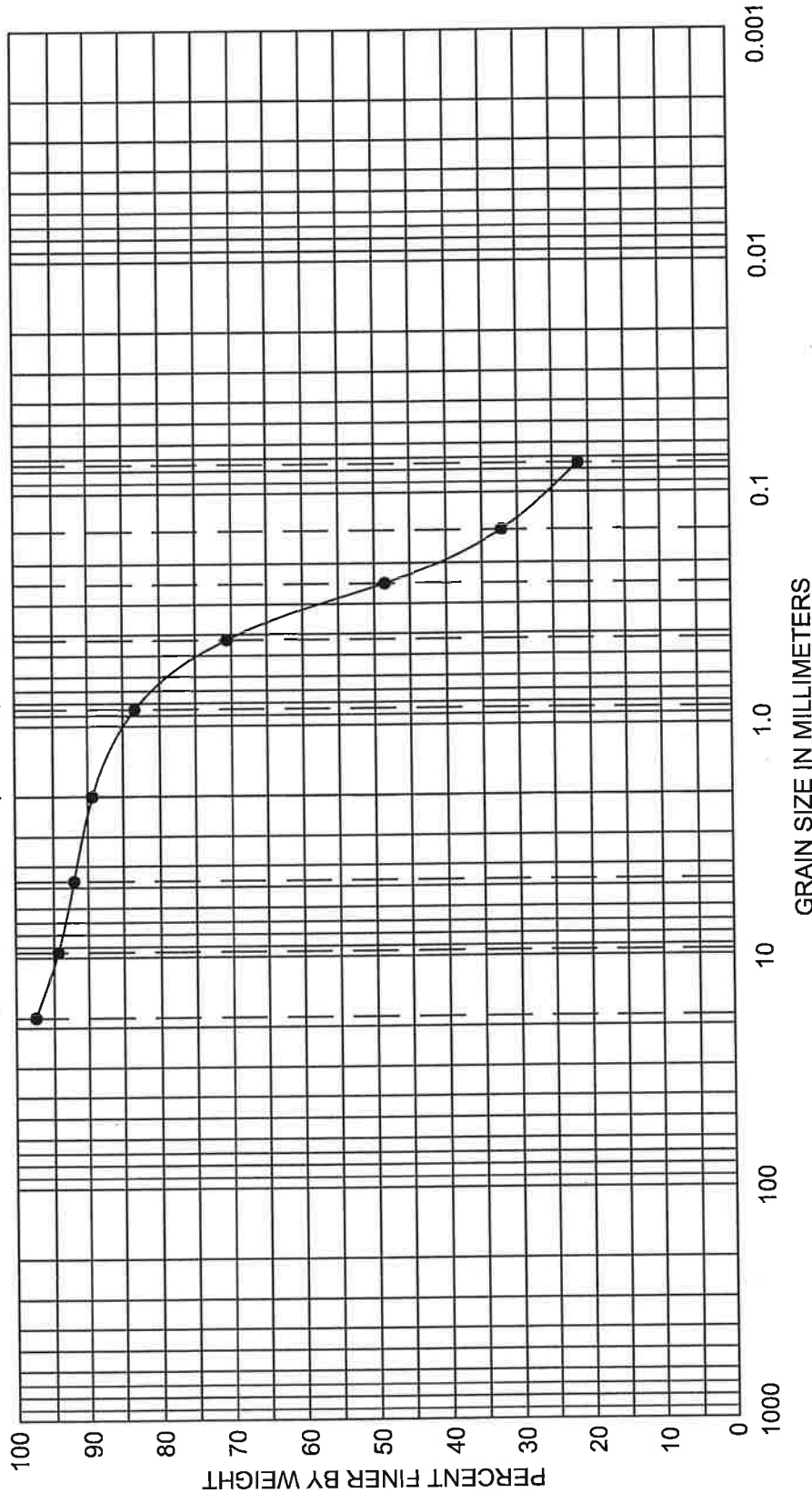
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## LOG OF EXPLORATION

DEPTH (FEET)	USC	SOIL DESCRIPTION
<b>TEST PIT ONE</b>		
0.0 – 1.5		DARK BROWN, SILTY FINE TO MEDIUM SAND WITH GRAVEL AND ROOTS (LOOSE, MOIST) ( <b>TOPSOIL</b> )
1.5 – 3.6	SM	LIGHT BROWN, SILTY FINE TO MEDIUM SAND WITH GRAVEL, ROOTS, AND IRON OXIDE STAINING (MEDIUM DENSE TO DENSE, MOIST)
3.6 – 6.0	SM	GRAY-BROWN, SILTY FINE TO MEDIUM SAND WITH GRAVEL (DENSE, MOIST)
		SAMPLES WERE COLLECTED AT 2.8 AND 6.0 FEET GROUNDWATER SEEPAGE WAS NOT ENCOUNTERED TEST PIT CAVING WAS NOT ENCOUNTERED TEST PIT WAS COMPLETED AT 6.0 FEET ON 8/25/14
<b>TEST PIT TWO</b>		
0.0 – 1.0		DARK BROWN, SILTY FINE TO MEDIUM SAND WITH GRAVEL AND ROOTS (LOOSE, MOIST) ( <b>TOPSOIL</b> )
1.0 – 3.0	SM	LIGHT BROWN, SILTY FINE TO MEDIUM SAND WITH GRAVEL (MEDIUM DENSE TO DENSE, DRY-MOIST)
3.0 – 5.5	SM	GRAY-BROWN, SILTY FINE TO MEDIUM SAND WITH GRAVEL (DENSE TO VERY DENSE, MOIST)
		SAMPLES WERE COLLECTED AT 2.7, 5.0, AND 5.5 FEET GROUNDWATER SEEPAGE WAS NOT ENCOUNTERED TEST PIT CAVING WAS NOT ENCOUNTERED TEST PIT WAS COMPLETED AT 5.5 FEET ON 8/25/14
<b>TEST PIT THREE</b>		
0.0 – 1.8		DARK BROWN, SILTY FINE TO MEDIUM SAND WITH GRAVEL AND ORGANICS (LOOSE, MOIST) ( <b>TOPSOIL</b> )
1.8 – 4.0	SM	GRAY-BROWN, SILTY FINE TO MEDIUM SAND WITH GRAVEL AND IRON OXIDE STAINING (MEDIUM DENSE TO DENSE, MOIST)
4.0 – 6.0	SM	LIGHT GRAY, SILTY FINE TO MEDIUM SAND WITH TRACE GRAVEL AND TRACE IRON OXIDE STAINING (DENSE, MOIST)
6.0 – 10.4	SM	GRAY TO DARK GRAY, SILTY FINE TO MEDIUM SAND WITH GRAVEL (DENSE TO VERY DENSE, MOIST)
		SAMPLES WERE COLLECTED AT 2.5, 5.5, 6.5, 9.0, AND 10.0 FEET GROUNDWATER SEEPAGE WAS NOT ENCOUNTERED TEST PIT CAVING WAS NOT ENCOUNTERED TEST PIT WAS COMPLETED AT 10.4 FEET ON 8/25/14

U.S. STANDARD SIEVE SIZE

3/4 IN.  
3/8 IN.  
NO. 4  
NO. 10  
NO. 20  
NO. 40  
NO. 60  
NO. 100  
NO. 200



GRAIN SIZE IN MILLIMETERS

COBBLES	GRAVEL		SAND			SILT OR CLAY
	COARSE	FINE	COARSE	MEDIUM	FINE	

U.S.C. SYMBOL	EXPLORATION NUMBER	SAMPLE DEPTH	SOIL DESCRIPTION	SOIL DISTRIBUTION
●SM	TP-3	5.5 feet	Light gray, silty fine to medium sand with trace gravel	Gravel = 8% Sand = 71% Silt/Clay = 21%

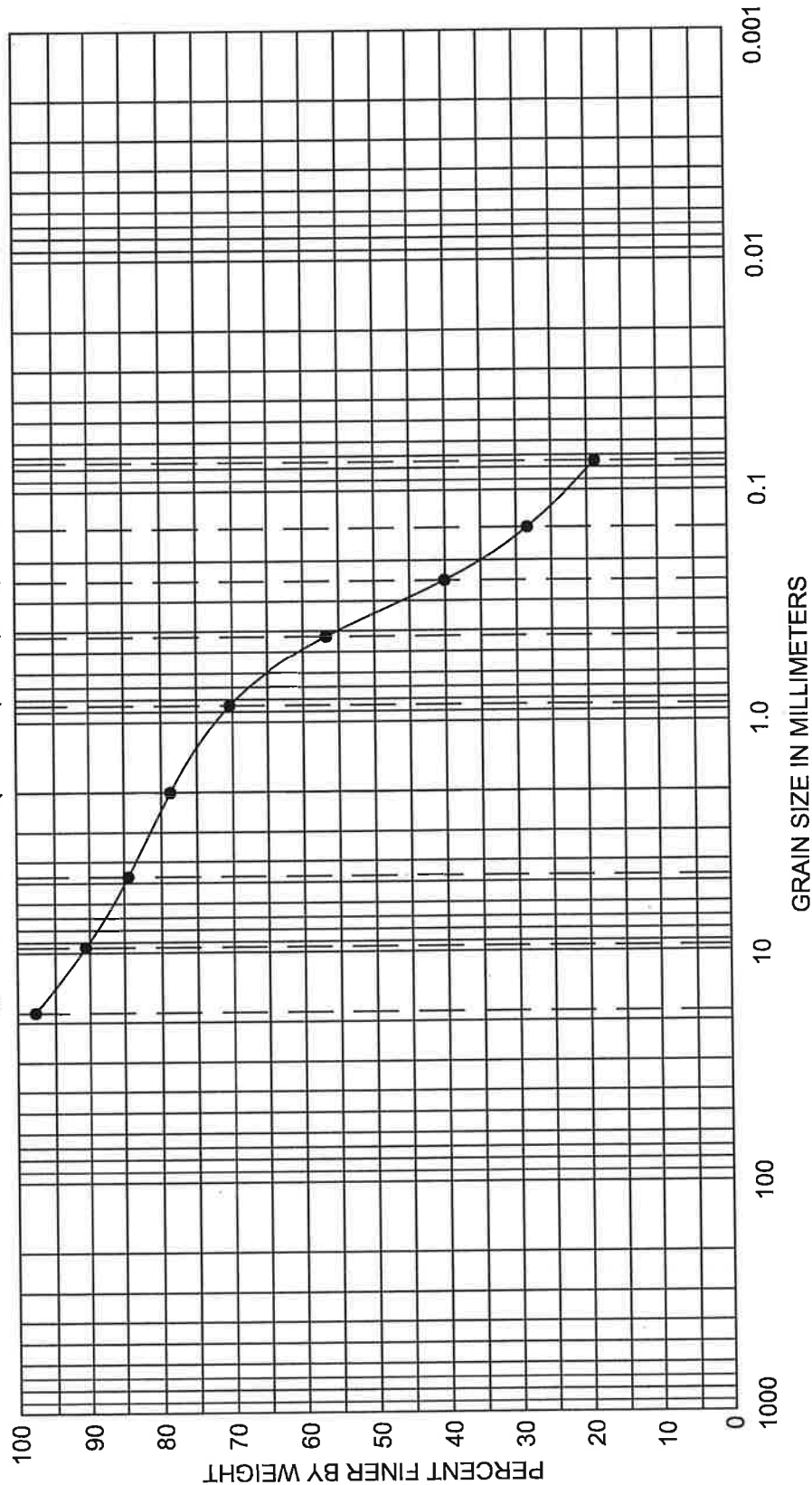
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	COARSE	FINE	COARSE	MEDIUM	FINE	

U.S.C. SYMBOL	EXPLORATION NUMBER	SAMPLE DEPTH	SOIL DESCRIPTION	SOIL DISTRIBUTION
●SM	TP-3	6.5 feet	Gray, silty fine to medium sand with gravel	Gravel = 16% Sand = 65% Silt/Clay = 19%

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Figure 6

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