

# Webster Elementary School Tract A, Wilsons Widefield Addition No. 6 El Paso County, CO

## COUNTY STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN (SWMP) REPORT

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## CERTIFICATION / SIGNATURE BLOCKS

### ENGINEER'S STATEMENT

This Erosion and Stormwater Quality Control/Grading Plan was prepared under my direction and supervision and is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. If such work is performed in accordance with the grading and erosion control plan, the work will not become a hazard to life and limb, endanger property, or adversely affect the safety, use, or stability of a public way, drainage channel, or other property.

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### OWNER'S STATEMENT

The owner will comply with the requirements of the Erosion and Stormwater Quality Control Plan including temporary BMP inspection requirements and final stabilization requirements. I acknowledge the responsibility to determine whether the construction activities on these plans require Colorado Discharge Permit System (CDPS) permitting for Stormwater discharges associated with Construction Activity.

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Name of Developer/Owner: LKA Partners

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## INTRODUCTION

### INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE

This Stormwater Management Report (“SWMP”) Report is provided to support the approval of the Erosion and Sediment Control Plan Construction Drawings through El Paso County (“County”) and the issuance of a CDPS General Permit through Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (“CDPHE”) for the proposed elementary school expansion project located at Tract A, Wilsons Widefield Addition No. 6 (The “Project”). This report, in conjunction with the Construction Drawings in **Appendix A**, provide a site and project understanding along with guidelines for implementation and maintenance of erosion, sediment and stormwater quality control measures prior to and during construction of the Project.

The primary goal of pollution prevention efforts during the Project construction is to control sediment and pollutants that originate on the site and prevent them from flowing to surface waters. A successful pollution prevention program also relies upon careful inspection and adjustments during the construction process to enhance its effectiveness. It is the intent of this plan to implement stormwater control measures, also referred to as best management practices (BMP) for enhancing the quality of stormwater discharges associated with the construction activity. Control measures designs are based on the criteria set forth by the General Permit and the El Paso County Drainage Criteria Manual Volume II and Engineering Criteria Manual.

This plan must be implemented before construction begins on the site. It primarily addresses the impact of storm rainfall and runoff on areas of the ground surface disturbed during the construction process. In addition, there are recommendations for controlling other sources of pollution that could accompany the major construction activities. Applicability of this plan shall be terminated when disturbed areas are stabilized, temporary erosion controls are removed, construction activities covered herein have ceased and the permit has been inactivated.

### PERMIT COVERAGE AND APPLICATIONS

The Grading, Erosion & Sediment Control for this Project shall be approved by El Paso County prior to issuance of construction related permits.

Based upon a Site Disturbance Area of one (1) acre or more, this site requires the issuance of a Colorado Discharge Permit System (CDPS) - Stormwater Discharge Associated with Construction Activities Permit (General Permit) through the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE). A copy of the CDPS General Permit Application is included in **Appendix** of this report.

## GENERAL LOCATION

### PROJECT LOCATION

The Project is located in the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 19, Township 15 South, Range 65 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., County of El Paso, State of Colorado (see Vicinity Map). More specifically, the site is located at Tract A, Wilsons Widefield Addition No. 6.

The Project is located on approximately 7.93 acres of land consisting of an existing school building with native vegetation.

Parcels adjacent to the site include:

- North – Jersey Lane (60' ROW)
- West – Syracuse Street (60' ROW)
- South – Mesa Ridge Self Storage Filing No. 1 and Widefield Community Bible Church
- East – Quebec Street (60' ROW)

## VICINITY MAP



## SITE DESCRIPTION

### GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Project is located on approximately 7.93 acres of land consisting of an existing elementary school with associated playground, parking lot, ballfield and hardscape. The Project consists of a building addition to the existing elementary school with associated sidewalk and hardscape extensions, new playground equipment, and a proposed onsite full spectrum detention basin. The Site does not currently provide water quality or detention for the Project area. The existing land use is for an elementary school.

### VEGETATION

The existing site currently has an existing elementary school with associated ballfield. Ground cover consists of sidewalks, drive aisles, parking, short grasses with a few trees and density of approximately 50%.

Item 9. Include method used to determine ground cover (i.e., visual, aerial inspection)

## DRAINAGE CHARACTERISTICS

The existing topography consists of slopes ranging from 1% to 25% and generally slopes from Northeast to Southwest. The site is bounded by Mesa Ridge Self Storage Filing No. 1 and Widefield Community Bible Church to the south, and Syracuse Street to the West where the majority of the site currently overland flows to, overtops the curb and gutter and flows into the storm drain system in Syracuse Street and an existing concrete swale along the southern boundary. A Full Spectrum Extended Detention Basin is proposed for the site which will release flows from the site into the existing storm system below historic levels.

The Site improvements are located in Zone X, as determined by the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) number 08041C0952G effective date, December 7, 2018.

There are no stream crossings located within the construction site boundary or limits of disturbance.

## ULTIMATE DISCHARGE

The runoff generated from the roof areas are collected and conveyed via private roof drains and outfall into the proposed private storm sewer system. Other sub-basins include internal areas within the parking lot and adjacent landscape areas. Each sub-basin drains either to an inlet within the parking lot or sheetflows to the property boundary and is routed to the private storm sewer system at individual design points indicated on the Proposed Drainage Exhibit. The entirety of the proposed storm sewer system is routed to a Full Spectrum Extended Detention Basin at the Southwest corner of the Site. The detention system will release flows into an existing ditch within the El Paso County MS4. The ditch within the MS4 will discharge into the East Big Johnson basin and then ultimately into Fountain Creek.

## SITE SOILS

A review of the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) Web Soil Survey determined that soils onsite are generally USCS Type B/C. The NRCS Soils map is provided in the Appendix. A Geotechnical Report, provided by Ground Engineering dated 09/24/2021, which includes soil borings and tests, including the depth of groundwater, if encountered, has also been included in the **Appendix**.

**Item 8. Include soil erosion potential and impacts on discharge**

## DEWATERING

KH: Soil erosion potential and impacts on discharge added.

Per Ground Engineering dated 09/24/2021, "Groundwater was encountered in some of the test holes at depths of ranging from approximately 24 to 27 feet below existing grades during drilling operations." "The groundwater observations performed during our exploration must be interpreted carefully as they are short-term and do not constitute a groundwater study." If groundwater is encountered during construction and the site must be dewatered, the operator shall file for appropriate dewatering permits (Permit No. COG070000) with the CDPHE.

If groundwater is encountered on the project site, a State of Colorado General Permit for Construction Dewater Activities will be required. The state dewatering permit application and associated information can be found at <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/wq-construction-general-permits>. The permit application will need to be filled out 30 days prior to the anticipated discharge. Refer to the UDFCDs detail and fact sheet for additional dewatering operations information.

## AREAS AND VOLUMES

The total anticipated project disturbance area is approximately 6.51 acres. The estimated earthwork quantities are as follows:

Cut: ±2,152 cubic yards

Fill: ±7,162 cubic yards

Net: ±5,010 cubic yards FILL

## TIMING AND PHASING SCHEDULE

The operator shall utilize the following general construction practices which are required throughout the project at locations shown on the Erosion and Sediment Control Plan or as dictated by construction activities.

- Materials handling and spill prevention
- Waste management and disposal
- Hazardous material storage and containment area
- Vehicle maintenance fueling and storage
- Solid waste containment facility
- Sanitary waste facility
- Street Sweeping (SS) – performed by the Operator

These practices shall remain active and operational throughout the duration of construction and be identified on the Erosion and Sediment Control Plan. Due to any phasing required for the Project, it is understood that these control measures may be relocated as needed to facilitate construction operations. The Operator shall locate and identify the original and current location of these control measures on the Erosion and Sediment Control Plan, throughout the construction of the Project. An updated copy of the Erosion and Sediment Control Plan shall be kept onsite throughout construction of the Project.

General construction sequencing and activities associated with this project are described below. They are presented in the order (or sequence) they are expected to begin, but each activity will not necessarily be completed before the next begins.

The anticipated construction start date is Summer 2022 and the anticipated construction completion date is Summer 2024.

## INITIAL PHASE

The initial phase shall consist of applying for and receiving the CDPS General Permit as well as construction/installation of temporary control measures to minimize potential for erosion and sediment transfer while mobilizing and preparing the site for construction activities. The operator shall minimize site disturbance by minimizing the extent of grading and clearing to effectively reduce sediment yield. The operator shall complete the anticipated initial phase sequencing as follows:

1. Prepare and submit the State of Colorado, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) Colorado Discharge Permit System (CDPS) General Permit. A copy of the permit shall be provided to the owner upon receipt from the CDPHE.



2. Obtain EPC ESQCP Permit, schedule Kickoff meeting with EPC, and obtain “notice to proceed” from EPC.
3. Install *Vehicle Tracking Control (VTC)* at the proposed southwest site entrance.
4. Install and denote on the plan any of the following areas: trailer, parking, lay down, porta-potty, wheel wash, concrete washout, fuel and material storage containers, solid waste containers, etc.
5. Prepare *Stabilized Staging Area (SSA)* and *Stockpile Protection (SP)*. Contractor to note the actual size and location of this area and shall minimize this area.
6. Install perimeter controls including *Silt Fence (SF)* and *Construction Fence (CF)* as shown on the Grading and Erosion Control Plans. Ensure that the limits of construction are defined as necessary and known by all parties which will be responsible for construction on the site.
7. Install *Diversion Swale (DS)* and *Check Dams (CD)* in the swales as denoted on the Grading and Erosion Control Plans.
8. Install *Inlet Protection (IP)* around all existing inlets as denoted on the Grading and Erosion Control Plans including *Temporary Outlet Protection (TOP)* at each proposed culvert.
9. Install *Rock Socks (RS)* along the curb flowline of the adjacent roadways.
10. Install *Concrete Washout Area (CWA)* prior to construction of concrete improvements.
11. Install *Temporary Sediment Basin (SB)* in the location of the permanent Full Spectrum Extended Detention Basin per the detail as denoted on the Grading and Erosion Control Plans.
12. Upon completion of the initial control measure installation the Operator shall schedule and hold a meeting with the Contractor and Inspector that shall take place prior to the Pre-Construction Meeting.
13. The Operator shall schedule a Pre-Construction Meeting with the County and Owner to confirm control measures installed are adequate prior to proceeding with additional land disturbing activities.
14. Begin clearing and grubbing of the site.

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## INTERIM PHASE

The interim phase shall consist of site improvements including utility installation, foundation pouring, and vertical construction. The operator shall complete the anticipated interim phase sequencing as follows:

1. Confirm existing control measures from the initial phase which are to be maintained throughout construction, are in working order and compliant with applicable regulations.
2. Repair and/or replace any existing control measures which are deemed inadequate.
3. *Temporarily Seed (TS)*, throughout construction, denuded areas that will be inactive for 14 days or more.
4. Install *Inlet Protection (IP)* around all constructed and existing inlets as denoted on the Erosion and Sediment Control Plans including *Temporary Outlet Protection (TOP)* at each proposed culvert.
5. Construct permanent Full Spectrum Extended Detention Basin

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## FINAL PHASE

The final phase shall consist of construction of site improvements, construction of permanent control measures, and final stabilization of the Site. The operator shall complete the anticipated final phase sequencing as follows:

1. Confirm existing control measures from the initial phase which are to be maintained throughout construction, are in working order and compliant with applicable regulations.
2. Repair and/or replace any existing control measures which are deemed inadequate.
3. *Temporarily Seed (TS)*, throughout construction, denuded areas that will be inactive for 14 days or more.
4. Complete installation of utilities and curb and gutters.
5. Permanently stabilize areas to be vegetated as they are brought to final grade.
6. Prepare site for paving.
7. Pave site, including gravel roadways, concrete sidewalk, and paved parking lot.
8. Complete grading and installation of final stabilization over all areas in accordance with the approved landscape plans for the Project.
9. Remove remaining control measures once permanent stabilization has been achieved and accepted by the County Inspector. Repair and stabilize areas disturbed through control measure removal.
10. Notify the owner of intent to file the Notice of Inactivation with CDPHE and receive Owner acceptance to proceed with Stormwater Management Close-out.
11. Proceed with filing the Notice of Inactivation with CDPHE.
12. Provide the Owner with a copy of all stormwater documentation (permits, inspection reports, logs, etc.) upon completion of Project Stormwater Notice of Inactivation.

## STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN SITE MAP

### SITE MAP MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

The Site Map for this project is included within **Appendix** of this report and meets the following minimum requirements:

- Construction Site Boundaries
- Flow Arrows Depicting Stormwater Flow Directions
- Identification of Ground Surface Disturbance
- Areas of Storage of Building Materials, Equipment, Soil or Waste
- Location of Dedicated Asphalt or Concrete Batch Plants (As Applicable)
- Location of Structural Control Measures
- Location of Non-Structural Control Measures
- Location of Springs, Streams, Wetlands or other Surface Waters (As Applicable)
- Location of All Stream Crossings Located Within the Construction Site Boundary (As Applicable)

## STORMWATER MANAGEMENT CONTROLS

### QUALIFIED STORMWATER MANAGER

The Qualified Stormwater Manager is the Operator selected for the project. The Qualified Stormwater Manager is an individual knowledgeable in the principles and practices of erosion and sediment control and pollution prevention, and with the skills to assess the effectiveness of stormwater controls implemented to meet the requirements of the General Permit. **The Qualified Stormwater Manager will be sufficiently qualified for the required duties per the ECM Appendix 1.5.** The Qualified Stormwater Manager is

responsible for developing, implementing, maintaining and revising the Grading, Erosion and Sediment Control Plan. The activities and responsibilities of the Qualified Stormwater Manager shall address all aspects of the facility's Grading, Erosion and Sediment Control Plan.

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Contact:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

## SITE SPECIFIC POLLUTION SOURCES

Further identification of site-specific pollutants that fall within the categories outlined in the next section may be field noted using the corresponding log included in **Appendix** of this report. The logs are intended to record site specific pollutants, the date of arrival on the site, the date removed from the site, and the methods of treatment.

## IDENTIFICATION OF POLLUTANT SOURCES

Evaluation of general sediment and non-sediment pollution sources associated with site construction activities, as outlined within the General Permit, consist of the following:

- **Disturbed and Stored Soils** – Earth disturbing activities (grading, excavation, etc.) will be necessary for this project; therefore, the potential exists for disturbed site soils to contribute sediment to stormwater discharges.
- **Vehicle Tracking and Sediment** – Construction traffic will be entering and exiting the Site; therefore, the potential exists for vehicle tracking to contribute sediment to stormwater discharges.
- **Management of Contaminated Soils** – Contaminated soils are not anticipated on this Site. If encountered, the Qualified Stormwater Manager shall take appropriate containment and treatment measures.
- **Loading and Unloading Operations** – Loading and unloading operations will be taking place at the Site; therefore, the potential exists for these operations to introduce sediment and non-sediment pollutants to stormwater discharges.
- **Outdoor Storage of Materials** – Limited outdoor storage of materials is anticipated with construction of this site; however, outdoor storage of chemicals, fertilizers, etc. is not anticipated.
- **Vehicle and Equipment Maintenance and Fueling** – Routine maintenance and fueling of vehicles and equipment is anticipated with this Site; therefore, the potential exists for pollutants associated with these activities to contribute pollutants to stormwater discharges.
- **Significant Dust or Particulate Generating Processes** – Earth disturbing activities (grading, excavation, etc.) will be necessary for this project; therefore, the potential exists for windblown site soils to contribute sediment to stormwater discharges.
- **Routine Maintenance** – Routine maintenance involving fertilizers, pesticides, detergents, fuels, solvents, oils, etc., other than those identified within Vehicle and Equipment Maintenance and

Fueling are not anticipated with this project. If encountered, the Qualified Stormwater Manager shall take appropriate containment and treatment measures.

- **Onsite Waste Management** – Waste management consisting of solid waste piles, liquid wastes, dumpsters, etc. are anticipated onsite; therefore, the potential exists for these operations to introduce sediment and non-sediment pollutants to stormwater discharges.
- **Concrete Truck / Equipment Washing** – Concrete truck and equipment washing are not anticipated with this project. If encountered, the Qualified Stormwater Manager shall take appropriate containment and treatment measures.
- **Dedicated Asphalt and Concrete Batch Plants** – Dedicated asphalt and/or concrete batch plants are not anticipated with this project. If encountered, the Qualified Stormwater Manager shall take appropriate containment and treatment measures and document as necessary.
- **Non-Industrial Waste Sources** – Non-Industrial waste sources limited to portable sanitary facilities are anticipated with this project.
- **Additional Pollutant Sources** – Additional areas or procedures where potential spills could occur are not anticipated with this project.

Logs for the identification of pollutant sources are included in **Appendix** for reference and use.

Based on the following, the potential to contribute pollutants to stormwater discharges is not significant for most of the pollutants identified above:

- Relatively Low Frequency of the Activities
- The Ability to Schedule Activities During Dry Weather
- Existing Site Topography
- The Ability to Implement Primary and Secondary Containment for Product Storage
- The Ability to Locate Activities Away from Drainage Ways

Potential pollutant sources noted below shall be mitigated by use of Best Management Practices (BMPs) as noted in the following sections:

- Disturbed and Stored Soils
- Vehicle Tracking and Sediment
- Loading and Unloading Operations
- Outdoor Storage
- Vehicle Equipment and Maintenance Fueling
- Significant Dust or Particulate Generating Processes
- Non-Industrial Waste Sources

## NON-STORMWATER DISCHARGE COMPONENTS

Only specifically authorized non-stormwater discharges are allowed to enter the storm sewer and all authorized non-stormwater discharges shall be eliminated or reduced to the extent practical. **There are no non-stormwater discharges anticipated at the Site.**

Appropriate control measures shall be used to minimize the discharge of pollutants. Such control measures will be strictly followed to ensure any impacts from non-stormwater discharges are reduced or eliminated. Appropriate control measures are:

- Emergency Fire Fighting Activities



- Uncontaminated ground water or spring water  
If possible, direct uncontaminated ground water or spring water to stabilized points of discharge. If discharged to a disturbed area, assure measures to control erosive velocities and sediment control measures are implemented. Velocity control measures include riprap aprons and other conveyance measures. Sediment control measures might include stone check dams, sediment traps and basins.

If uncontaminated ground water is discharged off-site, a Construction Dewatering Permit will be required. This Permit will not apply if dewatering is not performed or if water is not discharged off-site.

- Landscape Irrigation Return Flows  
Volume of water used for irrigation prior to establishment of vegetation shall be controlled to prevent excess runoff and erosion. Temporary sediment control measures shall remain in place until all upstream disturbed areas are stabilized. Sediment loss will be controlled using sediment control measures such as wattles, sediment fence, and vegetative buffers.

## CONTROL MEASURES FOR STORMWATER POLLUTION PREVENTION

There are three general types of control measures that will be utilized for the Project: Erosion Control, Sediment Control, and Site/Material Management control measures. Erosion Control measures are used to limit the amount and extent of erosion. Sediment Control measures are designed to capture eroded sediments prior to their conveyance offsite. Site/Material Management control measures are related to construction access and staging. Several control measures described below may be categorized into more than one of the types described above. Also, these control measures may be categorized into one or more of the following construction phases which pertain to the phase of development in which they may be implemented. Initial Stage control measures shall be installed on existing grades at the outset of construction. Final Stage control measures shall be installed on proposed grades and drainage features after initial site grading. Construction of the identified improvements will take place under two phases of construction anticipated as identified within the construction sequencing included within this report.

Refer to the Erosion and Sediment Control Plans for the location and implementation of erosion control measures for the phases of the Project. The following is a brief description of temporary sediment and erosion control measures to be utilized on this Site and the application those control measures are treating.

### EROSION CONTROL

Protection of steep slopes is not anticipated on this project. Steep slopes are defined as slopes greater than 3:1 that are higher than 5-feet vertically. Temporary slopes during construction that are greater than 3:1 need to be addressed along with any permanent slopes which are greater than 3:1. The Permittee may need to implement the use of diversion ditches to reroute the storm runoff, terrace the grades to break up the flow of incidental runoff down slopes, compost mulch to protect the exposed soil or other control measure as approved by the inspector. Slopes steeper than 3:1 shall be protected with an erosion control blanket. No un-protected final grades shall be allowed greater than 2:1.

Permanent soil erosion control measures for all slopes, channels, ditches, or any disturbed land area shall be completed within fourteen (14) calendar days after final grading or the final earth disturbances has been completed. When it is not possible to permanently stabilize a disturbed area after an earth disturbance has

been completed or where significant earth disturbance activity ceases, temporary soil erosion control measures shall be implemented within fourteen (14) calendar days. All temporary soil erosion control measures shall be maintained until permanent soil erosion measures are implemented.

All disturbed areas shall be stabilized as soon as possible. Seeding and Mulching (SM), to provide protection against rain and wind erosion, shall be performed temporarily, as needed, during the pre-construction, initial, and interim phases and maintained until final stabilization is completed. Site Stabilization will be achieved through use of temporary seeding and mulching (TS) and ultimately permanent landscaping (PS). All disturbed areas which are either final graded or will remain inactive for a period of more than 30 days shall be required to be stabilized within 14 days of the completion of the grading activities.

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## SEDIMENT CONTROL

Silt Fence (SF) is located downstream of disturbed areas and provides a sediment barrier for runoff. SF is installed to help reduce the amount of sediment in surface runoff that will be exiting/entering the Site. SF will be installed along portions of the limits of construction line located throughout the Site as denoted on the Site Map. The SF will be installed during the initial phases of construction activities and maintained throughout construction.

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## SITE/MATERIAL MANAGEMENT

One construction entrance with Vehicle Tracking Control (VTC) shall be installed at the southwest entrance of the Site in an effort to reduce off-site sediment tracking. The VTC shall be installed during the initial phase of construction activities.

A Concrete Washout Area (CWA) will be installed near the VTC to help isolate concrete truck washout operations upon departure. A CWA is installed when a site anticipates the generation of concrete wash water. CWAs provide an area for the proper collection and disposal of all liquid concrete waste. The CWA will be installed during the initial phase of construction activities. Three basic approaches are available to the Contractor and include an above-grade storage area, excavation of a pit in the ground, and a prefabricated haul-away concrete washout container. All concrete washout areas shall, as a minimum adhere to the following guidelines:

- Maintain a minimum distance of 400 feet from a stream or water body.
- Maintain a minimum distance of 1,000 feet from any wells or drinking water source.
- Shall not be located in a natural draw or drainage swale.
- Shall not be located in areas of highly permeable soils, i.e., gravels and sands.
- The chosen location shall be sited so that if a failure or overtopping occurs, the flow would be directed to a flat or depressed grassy area away from any water sources.
- The use of solvents, cleaners, or hazardous materials when cleaning or removing concrete is strictly prohibited.
- Backflushing shall not be permitted on site.
- Adequate and proper disposal of contents is required once the CWA has reached ½ capacity and at the end of concrete construction activities.

A stabilized staging area (SSA) to provide an area for construction activities and material storage will be located on the north side of the Site. The SSA provides a designated area for staging of construction materials and equipment, placement of job trailer, contractor parking, etc.

Street Sweeping (SS) is necessary for any site that has track out onto adjacent sites or roadways. Paved and impervious surfaces which are adjacent to construction sites must be swept on a weekly basis or as needed during the week when sediment and other materials are tracked or discharged onto them. Either

sweeping by hand or use of street sweepers is acceptable. Street sweepers using water while sweeping is preferred in order to minimize dust. Scraped or swept material shall not be deposited in the storm sewer. Materials collected by the inlet protection shall be removed and shall not be deposited in the storm sewer. Street sweeping is the responsibility of the Operator and will not be performed by the County to meet the requirements of this Plan.

## OTHER POTENTIAL POLLUTION CONSIDERATIONS

### MATERIALS HANDLING AND SPILL PREVENTION

Any hazardous or potentially hazardous material that is brought onto the construction site shall be handled properly to reduce the potential for stormwater pollution. In an effort to minimize the potential for a spill of petroleum product or hazardous materials to come in contact with stormwater, the following steps shall be implemented:

- Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) information shall be kept on site for any and all applicable materials.
- All materials with hazardous properties (such as pesticides, petroleum products, fertilizers, detergents, construction chemicals, acids, paints, paint solvents, additives for soil stabilization, concrete, curing compounds and additives, etc.) shall be stored in a secure location, under cover and in appropriate, tightly sealed containers when not in use.
- The minimum practical quantity of all such materials shall be kept on the job site and scheduled for delivery as close to time of use as practical.
- A spill control and containment kit shall be provided on the construction site and location(s) shown on Site Maps.
- All of the product in a container shall be used before the container is disposed of. All such containers shall be triple rinsed, with water prior to disposal. The rinse water used in these containers shall be disposed of in a manner in compliance with State and Federal regulations and shall not be allowed to mix with stormwater discharges.
- All products shall be stored in and used from the original container with the original product label and used in strict compliance with the instructions on the product label.
- The disposal of excess or used products shall be in strict compliance with instructions on the product label.

Fueling for construction is anticipated to be conducted with a fuel truck that will not be kept permanently on-site. If utilized, temporary onsite fuel tanks for construction vehicles shall meet all state and federal regulations. Tanks shall have approved spill containment with the capacity required by the applicable regulations. From NFPA 30: All tanks shall be provided with secondary containment (i.e. containment external to and separate from primary containment). Secondary containment shall be constructed of materials of sufficient thickness, density and composition so as not to be structurally weakened as a result of contact with the fuel stored and capable of containing discharged fuel for a period of time equal to or longer than the maximum anticipated time sufficient to allow recovery of discharged fuel. Secondary containment may only be required on larger fuel tanks and the qualified stormwater manager should familiarize themselves with and follow local and state requirements.

The tanks shall be in sound condition free of rust or other damage which might compromise containment. Fuel storage areas shall meet all Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), OSHA and other regulatory requirements for signage, fire extinguisher, etc. Hoses, valves, fittings, caps, filler nozzles and associated

hardware shall be maintained in proper working condition at all times. The location of fuel tanks shall be shown on the Site Maps and shall be located to minimize exposure to weather and surface water drainage features.

The Operator shall develop and implement a Materials Handling and Spill Prevention Plan (MHSP) in accordance with the EPA and State of Colorado requirements. In the event of an accidental spill, immediate action shall be undertaken by the Operator to contain and remove the spilled material. All hazardous materials, including contaminated soil, shall be disposed of by the Operator in the manner specified by federal, state and local regulations and by the manufacturer of such products. As soon as possible, the spill shall be reported to the appropriate agencies. As required under the provisions of the Clean Water Act, any spill or discharge entering waters of the United States shall be properly reported. The Operator shall prepare a written record of any spill and associated clean-up activities of petroleum products or hazardous materials in excess of 1 gallon or reportable quantities, whichever is less. A copy of the Spill Report Form is included in **Appendix** of this report.

Accidental spills shall be handled expeditiously as outlined in CDPHE guidance. Any spills of petroleum products or hazardous materials in excess of Reportable Quantities as defined by EPA or the state or local agency regulations, shall be immediately reported to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment spill reporting lines.

- CDPHE Environmental Release and Incident Reporting Line (877) 518-5608.
- National Response Center - (800) 424-8802

## VEHICLE TRACKING AND DUST CONTROL

Vehicle Tracking Control measures (structural and non-structural) shall be implemented in order to control potential sediment discharges from vehicle tracking. Practices shall be implemented for all areas of potential vehicle tracking which include but are not limited to reduced site access and utilization of designated haul routes.

Areas of soil that are denuded of vegetation and have little protection from particles being picked up and carried by wind should be protected with a temporary cover or kept under control with water or other soil adhering products to limit wind transported particles exiting the site perimeter.

## DEDICATED CONCRETE OR ASPHALT BATCH PLANTS

Dedicated concrete or asphalt batch plants are not anticipated with this project. If encountered, the Qualified Stormwater Manager shall notify EPC immediately and take appropriate containment and treatment measures and document as necessary.

## WASTE MANAGEMENT AND DISPOSAL

An effective first step towards preventing pollution in stormwater from work sites involves using a common-sense approach to improve the facility's basic housekeeping methods. Poor housekeeping practices result in increased waste and potential for stormwater contamination.

No solid materials are allowed to be discharged from the site with stormwater. All solid waste, including disposable materials incidental to the construction activities, must be collected and placed in containers. Secure covers for the containers shall be provided if required by state and local requirements. The location of solid waste receptacles shall be identified on the SWMP by the Operator.

Concrete waste is anticipated with this project; and therefore, a dedicated concrete washout is required. The Qualified Stormwater Manager shall take appropriate containment and treatment measures and document as necessary

### PORTABLE TOILETS

Portable toilets shall be provided on-site as necessary for construction personnel. Portable toilets shall be located on flat surfaces away from drainage paths. Toilets shall be located a minimum of 10 feet from stormwater inlets and 50 feet from state waters. They will be secured at all four corners to prevent overturning and cleaned on a weekly basis. They will be inspected daily for spills.

## STABILIZATION AND STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

### TEMPORARY STABILIZATION AND SHORT-TERM STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

The County considers the completion of over-lot grading operations, by definition, to be substantially complete; therefore, all areas that will be dormant for more than 30 days after the completion of the over-lot grading will require temporary seeding within 14 days of establishment. This does not preclude the 7-day requirement for areas fully completed in the future. At a minimum, in ensuring that this requirement is followed, adequate phasing/scheduling will be required.

### FINAL STABILIZATION AND LONG-TERM STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

In the natural condition, the site soil is stabilized by means of native vegetation. The final stabilization technique to be used at this project for stabilizing soils shall be to provide a protective cover of landscaping vegetation, pavement and granular stabilization material. Seeding should be conducted after final grade is achieved and soils are prepared to take advantage of soil moisture and seed germination. Long term stabilization of the proposed extended detention basin includes this permanent seeding. The EDB provides maintenance access roads to clean sediment and debris from trickle channels and the outlet structure, which should be routinely maintained. The Qualified Stormwater Manager should evaluate the short and long-term forecasts prior to applying permanent seed.

**Final site stabilization is achieved when vegetative cover provides permanent stabilization with a density greater than 70 percent of the pre-disturbance levels, or equivalent permanent, physical erosion reduction methods have been employed over the entire area to be stabilized by vegetative cover.** This area is exclusive of areas that are covered with rock (crushed granite, gravel, etc.) or landscape mulch, paved or have a building or other permanent structure on them.

## INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE

Inspections shall be the responsibility of the Qualified Stormwater Manager throughout the construction process.

### INSPECTION SCHEDULE REQUIREMENTS

Inspection and maintenance of erosion control measures shall comply with the criteria set forth by the General Permit (COR400000), or the following, whichever is more stringent.

**The Permittee or Contractor shall produce written and signed records every seven (7) days and after within 24 hours after every significant precipitation or snow melt events that causes surface erosion. All necessary maintenance and repair shall be completed immediately.** If more frequent inspections are required to ensure that control measures are properly maintained and operated, the inspection schedule shall be modified to meet this need.

When snow cover exists over the entire site for an extended period, inspections are not always feasible. This condition should be documented, including date of snowfall and date of melting conditions to bring awareness of and preparation for areas where melting conditions may pose a risk of surface erosion.

A copy of the SWMP shall be maintained at the site at all times. Any degradation of the control measures described in the SWMP or excessive accumulation of sediments shall be remedied immediately upon discovery. The Contractor shall record all storm events on the Storm Event Log included in **Appendix**.

## INSPECTION PROCEDURES

The inspection shall include observations of:

- The Construction Site Perimeter and Discharge Points;
- All Disturbed Areas;
- Vehicles and Equipment;
- Areas Used for Material / Waste Storage That are Exposed to Precipitation;
- Other Areas Determined to Have a Significant Potential for Stormwater Pollution;
- Erosion and Sediment Control Measures Identified in the SWMP; and
- Any Other Structural Control Measures That May Require Maintenance.

The inspection must determine if there is evidence of, or the potential for, pollutants entering the drainage system. Control measures should be reviewed to determine if they still meet the design intent and operational criteria in the SWMP and if they continue to adequately control pollutants at the site. Any control measures not operating in accordance with the SWMP must be addressed as soon as possible, immediately in most cases, to minimize the discharge of pollutants and the SWMP must be updated and inspections must be documented.

Examples of specific items to evaluate during site inspections are listed below. This list is not intended to be comprehensive. Ultimately, it is the responsibility of the Contractor to assure the adequacy of site pollutant discharge controls. Actual physical site conditions or contractor practices could make it necessary to install more controls than are shown on the plans. Assessing the need for additional controls and implementing them or adjusting existing controls will be an ongoing requirement until the site achieves final stabilization.

1. Vehicle Tracking Control - Locations where vehicles enter and exit the site shall be inspected for evidence of offsite sediment tracking. Exits shall be maintained as necessary to prevent the release of sediment from vehicles leaving the site. Any sediment deposited on the adjacent roadway shall be removed as necessary throughout the day or at the end of every day and disposed of in an appropriate manner. Sediment shall not be washed into storm sewer systems.
2. Erosion Control Devices - Rolled erosion control products (nets, blankets, turf reinforcement mats) and marginally vegetated areas (areas not meeting required vegetative densities for final stabilization) must be inspected frequently. Rilling, rutting and other signs of erosion indicate the erosion control device is not functioning properly and additional erosion control devices are warranted.



3. Sediment Control Devices - Sediment barriers (silt fence, sediment control logs, etc.), traps and basins must be inspected, and they must be cleaned out at such time as their original capacity has been reduced by 50 percent. All material excavated from behind sediment barriers or in traps and basins shall be incorporated into onsite soils or spread out on an upland portion of the site and stabilized. To minimize the potential for sediment releases from the Project, site perimeter control devices shall be inspected with consideration given to changing up-gradient conditions.
4. Material Storage Areas - Material storage areas should be located to minimize exposure to weather. Inspections shall evaluate disturbed areas and areas used for storing materials that are exposed to rainfall for evidence of, or the potential for, pollutants entering the drainage system or discharging from the site. If necessary, the materials must be covered, or original covers must be repaired or supplemented. Also, protective berms must be constructed, if needed, in order to contain runoff from material storage areas. All state and local regulations pertaining to material storage areas shall be adhered to.
5. Vegetation - Seed/Sod shall be free of weedy species and appropriate for site soils and regional climate. Seeding, sodding, tacking, and mulching shall be completed, in accordance with the requirements outlined within the Project Manual and locations identified within the plans, immediately after topsoil is applied and final grade is reached. Grassed areas shall be inspected to confirm that a healthy stand of grass is maintained. Rip-rap, mulch, gravel, decomposed granite or other equivalent permanent stabilization measures may be employed in lieu of vegetation based on site-specific conditions and Owner approval.
6. Discharge Points - All discharge points must be inspected to determine whether erosion and sediment control measures are effective in preventing discharge of sediment from the site or impacts to receiving waters.

Based on the inspection results, all necessary maintenance and repair shall be completed immediately and in no cases longer than seventy-two (72) hours after identification. The inspection reports must be completed after each inspection. An important aspect of the inspection report is the description of additional measures that need to be taken to enhance plan effectiveness. The inspection report must identify whether the site was in compliance with the SWMP at the time of inspection and specifically identify all incidents of non-compliance.

The Qualified Stormwater Manager shall ensure that, at a minimum, the following is recorded for each inspection and kept onsite for reference:

- a. The inspector's name and signature (must be a Qualified Stormwater Manager),
- b. The date and type of the inspection (regular inspection vs. post-storm inspection),
- c. Weather conditions at the time of the inspection,
- d. Phase of construction at the time of the inspection,
- e. Estimated acreage of disturbance at the time of inspection,
- f. The minimum frequency of inspections chosen,
- g. Location(s) of discharges of sediment or other pollutants from the site,
- h. Location(s) of control measures needing maintenance,
- i. Location(s) and identification of inadequate control measures
- j. Location(s) and identification of additional control measures are needed that were not in place at the time of inspection, and
- k. Any corrective actions taken.

If repairs are needed to any control measures, they shall be completed immediately. After adequate corrective action(s) and maintenance have been taken, or where a report does not identify any incidents requiring corrective action or maintenance, the report shall contain a statement stating the following:

"I verify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, all corrective action and maintenance items identified during the inspection are complete, and the site is currently in compliance with the permit."

This statement must be signed by a Qualified Stormwater Manager. If it is infeasible to install or repair of control measure immediately after discovering the deficiency, the following information must be documented and kept on record:

1. Describe why it is infeasible to initiate the installation or repair immediately; and
2. Provide a schedule for installing or repairing the control measure and returning it to an effective operating condition as soon as possible.

The use and maintenance of log books, photographs, field notebooks, drawings or maps should also be included in the SWMP records when appropriate. Copies of the Inspection and Sampling Report Forms have been included in **Appendix** for reference and use.

## CONTROL MEASURE MAINTENANCE / REPLACEMENT AND FAILED CONTROL MEASURES

Site inspection procedures noted above must address maintenance of control measures that are found to no longer function as needed and designed, as well as preventive measures to proactively ensure continued operation.

The Qualified Stormwater Manager shall implement a preventative maintenance program to ensure that control measure breakdowns and failures are handled proactively. Site inspections should uncover any conditions which could result in the discharge of pollutants to storm sewers and surface waters and shall be rectified. For example, sediment shall be removed from silt fences on a regular basis to prevent failure of the control measure. Sediment shall be removed to an appropriate location so that it will not become an additional pollutant source.

The inspection process must also include replacement of control measures when needed or the addition of new control measures in order to adequately manage the pollutant sources at the site.

Any control measure deficiencies, replacement or additional control measures that may be required shall be documented on the Stormwater Management Site Map and on the appropriate Inspection Form. If amendments to the SWMP are required, these amendments shall be documented on the SWMP Amendment Log included in **Appendix** for reference and use.

## DISPOSITION OF TEMPORARY MEASURES

Most temporary erosion and sediment control measures must be removed within 30 days after final site stabilization is achieved. Trapped sediment and disturbed soil areas resulting from the disposal of temporary measures must be returned to final plan grades and permanently stabilized to prevent further soil erosion.

## PLAN MODIFICATIONS

Plan revisions made prior to or following a change(s) onsite, including revisions to sections addressing site conditions and control measures, a notation must be included in the plan that identifies:

- Date of site change,
- The control measure removed or modified,
- The location(s) of those control measures, and



- Any changes to the control measure.

This project does not rely on control measures owned or operated by another entity.

## REFERENCES

Colorado Discharge Permit System (CDPS) – Stormwater Discharge Associated with Construction Activities Application - Prepared by Water Quality Control Division, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment; Revised April 2019.

Colorado Discharge Permit System (CDPS) General Permit – Stormwater Discharges Associated with Construction Activity - Prepared by Water Quality Control Division, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment; signed and issued on May 31, 2007 and administratively continued effective July 1, 2012.

NRCS Web Soil Survey - Website: <http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov>

Stormwater Discharges Associated with Construction Activity – Stormwater Management Plan Preparation Guidance - Prepared by Water Quality Control Division, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment; Revised April 2011.

Threatened, Endangered, Candidate and Proposed Species by County - Prepared by US Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Services, Ecological Services, Colorado Field Offices; printed March 2019.

Urban Storm Drainage Criteria Manual, Volume 3 – Mile High Flood District, Denver, CO.; November 2015.

## APPENDIX A – STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLANS / SITE MAPS



STANDARD NOTES FOR EL PASO COUNTY GRADING AND

EROSION CONTROL PLANS:

1. STORMWATER DISCHARGES FROM CONSTRUCTION SITES SHALL NOT CAUSE OR THREATEN TO CAUSE POLLUTION, CONTAMINATION, OR DEGRADATION OF STATE WATERS. ALL WORK AND EARTH DISTURBANCE SHALL BE DONE IN A MANNER THAT MINIMIZES POLLUTION OF ANY ON-SITE OR OFF SITE WATERS, INCLUDING WETLANDS.
2. NOTWITHSTANDING ANYTHING DEPICTED IN THESE PLANS IN WORDS OR GRAPHIC REPRESENTATION, ALL DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION RELATED TO ROADS, STORM DRAINAGE AND EROSION CONTROL SHALL CONFORM TO THE STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS OF THE MOST RECENT VERSION OF THE RELEVANT ADOPTED EL PASO COUNTY STANDARDS, INCLUDING THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, THE ENGINEERING CRITERIA MANUAL, THE DRAINAGE CRITERIA MANUAL, AND THE DRAINAGE CRITERIA MANUAL VOLUME 2. ANY DEVIATIONS TO REGULATIONS AND STANDARDS MUST BE REQUESTED, AND APPROVED, IN WRITING.
3. A SEPARATE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN (SWMP) FOR THIS PROJECT SHALL BE COMPLETED AND AN EROSION AND STORMWATER QUALITY CONTROL PERMIT (ESQCP) ISSUED PRIOR TO COMMENCING CONSTRUCTION. MANAGEMENT OF THE SWMP DURING CONSTRUCTION IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE DESIGNATED QUALIFIED STORMWATER MANAGER OR CERTIFIED EROSION CONTROL INSPECTOR. THE SWMP SHALL BE LOCATED ON SITE AT ALL TIMES DURING CONSTRUCTION AND SHALL BE KEPT UP TO DATE WITH WORK PROGRESS AND CHANGES IN THE FIELD.
4. ONCE THE ESQCP HAS BEEN APPROVED AND A "NOTICE TO PROCEED" HAS BEEN ISSUED, THE CONTRACTOR MAY INSTALL THE INITIAL STAGE EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES AS INDICATED ON THE APPROVED GEC. A PRECONSTRUCTION MEETING BETWEEN THE CONTRACTOR, ENGINEER, AND EL PASO COUNTY WILL BE HELD PRIOR TO ANY CONSTRUCTION. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE APPLICANT TO COORDINATE THE MEETING TIME AND PLACE WITH COUNTY STAFF.
5. CONTROL MEASURES MUST BE INSTALLED PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT OF ACTIVITIES THAT COULD CONTRIBUTE POLLUTANTS TO STORMWATER. CONTROL MEASURES FOR ALL SLOPES, CHANNELS, DITCHES, AND DISTURBED LAND AREAS SHALL BE INSTALLED IMMEDIATELY UPON COMPLETION OF THE DISTURBANCE.
6. ALL TEMPORARY SEDIMENT AND EROSION CONTROL MEASURES SHALL BE MAINTAINED AND REMAIN IN EFFECTIVE OPERATING CONDITION UNTIL PERMANENT SOIL EROSION CONTROL MEASURES ARE IMPLEMENTED AND FINAL STABILIZATION IS ESTABLISHED. ALL PERSONS ENGAGED IN LAND DISTURBANCE ACTIVITIES SHALL ASSESS THE ADEQUACY OF CONTROL MEASURES AT THE SITE AND IDENTIFY IF CHANGES TO THOSE CONTROL MEASURES ARE NEEDED TO ENSURE THE CONTINUED EFFECTIVE PERFORMANCE OF THE CONTROL MEASURES. ALL CHANGES TO TEMPORARY SEDIMENT AND EROSION CONTROL MEASURES MUST BE INCORPORATED INTO THE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN.
7. TEMPORARY STABILIZATION SHALL BE IMPLEMENTED ON DISTURBED AREAS AND STOCKPILES WHERE GROUND DISTURBING CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY HAS PERMANENTLY CEASED OR TEMPORARILY CEASED FOR LONGER THAN 14 DAYS.
8. FINAL STABILIZATION MUST BE IMPLEMENTED AT ALL APPLICABLE CONSTRUCTION SITES. FINAL STABILIZATION IS ACHIEVED WHEN ALL GROUND DISTURBING ACTIVITIES ARE COMPLETE AND DISTURBED AREAS EITHER HAVE A UNIFORM VEGETATIVE COVER WITH INDIVIDUAL PLANT DENSITY OF 70 PERCENT OF PRE-DISTURBANCE LEVELS ESTABLISHED OR EQUIVALENT PERMANENT ALTERNATIVE STABILIZATION METHOD IS IMPLEMENTED. ALL TEMPORARY SEDIMENT AND EROSION CONTROL MEASURES SHALL BE REMOVED UPON FINAL STABILIZATION AND BEFORE PERMIT CLOSURE.
9. ALL PERMANENT STORMWATER MANAGEMENT FACILITIES SHALL BE INSTALLED AS DESIGNED IN THE APPROVED PLANS. ANY PROPOSED CHANGES THAT EFFECT THE DESIGN OR FUNCTION OF PERMANENT STORMWATER MANAGEMENT STRUCTURES MUST BE APPROVED BY THE ECM ADMINISTRATOR PRIOR TO IMPLEMENTATION.
10. EARTH DISTURBANCES SHALL BE CONDUCTED IN SUCH A MANNER SO AS TO EFFECTIVELY MINIMIZE ACCELERATED SOIL EROSION AND RESULTING SEDIMENTATION. ALL DISTURBANCES SHALL BE DESIGNED, CONSTRUCTED, AND COMPLETED SO THAT THE EXPOSED AREA OF ANY DISTURBED LAND SHALL BE LIMITED TO THE SHORTEST PRACTICABLE PERIOD OF TIME. PRE-EXISTING VEGETATION SHALL BE PROTECTED AND MAINTAINED WITHIN 50 HORIZONTAL FEET OF A WATERS OF THE STATE, UNLESS SHOWN TO BE INFEASIBLE AND SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED AND APPROVED.
11. COMPACTION OF SOIL MUST BE PREVENTED IN AREAS DESIGNATED FOR INFILTRATION CONTROL MEASURES OR WHERE FINAL STABILIZATION WILL BE ACHIEVED BY VEGETATIVE COVER. AREAS DESIGNATED FOR INFILTRATION CONTROL SHALL ALSO BE PROTECTED FROM SEDIMENTATION DURING CONSTRUCTION UNTIL FINAL STABILIZATION IS ACHIEVED. IF COMPACTION PREVENTION IS NOT FEASIBLE DUE TO SITE CONSTRAINTS, ALL AREAS DESIGNATED FOR INFILTRATION AND VEGETATION CONTROL MEASURES MUST BE LOOSEND PRIOR TO INSTALLATION OF THE CONTROL MEASURES(S).
12. ANY TEMPORARY OR PERMANENT FACILITY DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTED FOR THE CONVEYANCE OF STORMWATER AROUND, THROUGH, OR FROM THE EARTH DISTURBANCE AREA SHALL BE A STABILIZED CONVEYANCE DESIGNED TO MINIMIZE EROSION AND THE DISCHARGE OF SEDIMENT OFF SITE.
13. CONCRETE WASH WATER SHALL BE CONTAINED AND DISPOSED OF IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SWMP. NO WASH WATER SHALL BE DISCHARGED TO OR ALLOWED TO ENTER STATE WATERS, INCLUDING ANY SURFACE OR SUBSURFACE STORM DRAINAGE SYSTEM OR FACILITIES. CONCRETE WASHOUT SHALL NOT BE LOCATED IN AN AREA WHERE SHALLOW GROUNDWATER MAY BE PRESENT, OR WITHIN 50 FEET OF A SURFACE WATER BODY, CREEK, OR STREAM.
14. DURING DEWATERING OPERATIONS OF UNCONTAMINATED GROUND WATER MAY BE DISCHARGED ON SITE, BUT SHALL NOT LEAVE THE SITE IN THE FORM OF SURFACE RUNOFF UNLESS AN APPROVED STATE DEWATERING PERMIT IS IN PLACE.
15. EROSION CONTROL BLANKETING OR OTHER PROTECTIVE COVERING SHALL BE USED ON SLOPES STEEPER THAN 3:1.
16. CONTRACTOR SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE REMOVAL OF ALL WASTES FROM THE CONSTRUCTION SITE FOR DISPOSAL IN ACCORDANCE WITH LOCAL AND STATE REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS. NO CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS, TREE SLASH, BUILDING MATERIAL WASTES OR UNUSED BUILDING MATERIALS SHALL BE BURIED, BURNED, OR DISCHARGED AT THE SITE.
17. WASTE MATERIALS SHALL NOT BE TEMPORARILY PLACED OR STORED IN THE STREET, ALLEY, OR OTHER PUBLIC WAY, UNLESS IN ACCORDANCE WITH AN APPROVED TRAFFIC CONTROL PLAN. CONTROL MEASURES MAY BE REQUIRED BY EL PASO COUNTY ENGINEERING IF DEEMED NECESSARY, BASED ON SPECIFIC CONDITIONS AND CIRCUMSTANCES.
18. TRACKING OF SOILS AND CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS OFF-SITE SHALL BE MINIMIZED. MATERIALS TRACKED OFF-SITE SHALL BE CLEANED UP AND PROPERLY DISPOSED OF IMMEDIATELY.
19. THE OWNER/DEVELOPER SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE REMOVAL OF ALL CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS, DIRT, TRASH, ROCK, SEDIMENT, SOIL, AND SAND THAT MAY ACCUMULATE IN ROADS, STORM DRAINS AND OTHER DRAINAGE CONVEYANCE SYSTEMS AND STORMWATER APPURTENANCES AS A RESULT OF SITE DEVELOPMENT.
20. THE QUANTITY OF MATERIALS STORED ON THE PROJECT SITE SHALL BE LIMITED, AS MUCH AS PRACTICAL, TO THAT QUANTITY REQUIRED TO PERFORM THE WORK IN AN ORDERLY SEQUENCE. ALL MATERIALS STORED ON-SITE SHALL BE STORED IN A NEAT, ORDERLY MANNER, IN THEIR ORIGINAL CONTAINERS, WITH ORIGINAL MANUFACTURER'S LABELS.
21. NO CHEMICAL(S) HAVING THE POTENTIAL TO BE RELEASED IN STORMWATER ARE TO BE STORED OR USED ONSITE UNLESS PERMISSION FOR THE USE OF SUCH CHEMICAL(S) IS GRANTED IN WRITING BY THE ECM ADMINISTRATOR. IN GRANTING APPROVAL FOR THE USE OF SUCH CHEMICAL(S), SPECIAL CONDITIONS AND MONITORING MAY BE REQUIRED.
22. BULK STORAGE OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS OR OTHER ALLOWED LIQUID CHEMICALS IN EXCESS OF 55 GALLONS SHALL REQUIRE ADEQUATE SECONDARY CONTAINMENT PROTECTION TO CONTAIN ALL SPILLS ONSITE AND TO PREVENT ANY SPILLED MATERIALS FROM ENTERING STATE WATERS, ANY SURFACE OR SUBSURFACE STORM DRAINAGE SYSTEM OR FACILITIES.
23. NO PERSON SHALL CAUSE THE IMPEDIMENT OF STORMWATER FLOW IN THE CURB AND GUTTER OR DITCH EXCEPT WITH APPROVED SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES.
24. OWNER/DEVELOPER AND THEIR AGENTS SHALL COMPLY WITH THE "COLORADO WATER QUALITY CONTROL ACT" (TITLE 25, ARTICLE 8, CRS), AND THE "CLEAN WATER ACT" (33 USC 1344), IN ADDITION TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, DCM VOLUME II AND THE ECM APPENDIX I. ALL APPROPRIATE PERMITS MUST BE OBTAINED BY THE CONTRACTOR PRIOR TO CONSTRUCTION (1041, NPDES, FLOODPLAIN, 404, FUGITIVE DUST, ETC.). IN THE EVENT OF CONFLICTS BETWEEN THESE REQUIREMENTS AND OTHER LAWS, RULES, OR REGULATIONS OF OTHER FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL OR COUNTY AGENCIES, THE MOST RESTRICTIVE LAWS, RULES, OR REGULATIONS SHALL APPLY.
25. ALL CONSTRUCTION TRAFFIC MUST ENTER/EXIT THE SITE AT APPROVED CONSTRUCTION ACCESS POINTS.
26. PRIOR TO CONSTRUCTION THE PERMITEE SHALL VERIFY THE LOCATION OF EXISTING UTILITIES.
27. A WATER SOURCE SHALL BE AVAILABLE ON SITE DURING EARTHWORK OPERATIONS AND SHALL BE UTILIZED AS REQUIRED TO MINIMIZE DUST FROM EARTHWORK EQUIPMENT AND WIND.
28. THE SOILS REPORT FOR THIS SITE HAS BEEN PREPARED BY KUMAR AND ASSOCIATES, INC., DATED 9/10/2020 AND SHALL BE CONSIDERED A PART OF THESE PLANS.
29. AT LEAST TEN (10) DAYS PRIOR TO THE ANTICIPATED START OF CONSTRUCTION, FOR PROJECTS THAT WILL DISTURB ONE (1) ACRE OR MORE, THE OWNER OR OPERATOR OF CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY SHALL SUBMIT A PERMIT APPLICATION FOR STORMWATER DISCHARGE TO THE COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT, WATER QUALITY DIVISION. THE APPLICATION CONTAINS CERTIFICATION OF A STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN (SWMP), OF WHICH THIS GRADING AND EROSION CONTROL PLAN MAY BE A PART. FOR INFORMATION OR APPLICATION MATERIALS CONTACT:  
  
COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT  
WATER QUALITY CONTROL DIVISION  
WOOD -PERMITS  
4300 CHERRY CREEK DRIVE SOUTH  
DENVER, CO 80246-1530  
ATTN: PERMITS UNIT



VICINITY MAP

Sheet List Table	
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C 9.0	GESQCP PLAN COVER SHEET
C9.1	INITIAL EROSION CONTROL PLAN
C9.2	FINAL EROSION CONTROL PLAN
C9.3	EROSION CONTROL DETAILS
C9.4	EROSION CONTROL DETAILS
C9.5	EROSION CONTROL DETAILS

CONTACTS:

OWNER:  
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COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 80911  
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3 SOUTH 7TH STREET  
COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 80905  
TEL: (719) 453-0887  
CONTACT: TIM MCCONNELL

LAND AREA:

TOTAL PROPERTY AREA: +/- 6.51 ACRES

BENCHMARK:

THIS UTILITY/FACILITY WAS UNABLE TO BE LOCATED AND IS SHOWN IN AN APPROXIMATE/ASSUMED LOCATION BASED ON RECORD DRAWINGS OR OTHER AVAILABLE INFORMATION OR FIELD EVIDENCES. THE CONTRACTOR IS TO FIELD VERIFY THE LOCATION AND ELEVATION OF THE UTILITY/FACILITY IF IT EXISTS.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

TRACT A, WILSONS WIDEFIELD ADDITION NO. 6, ACCORDING TO REC. #55193130001, RECORDS OF EL PASO COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO.

SOIL TYPE:

THE SOIL ON SITE IS USGS HYDROLOGIC SOIL GROUP B/C.

FLOOD ZONE DESIGNATION

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP, MAP NUMBER 08041C09520, EFFECTIVE DATE DECEMBER 7, 2018 INDICATES THIS PARCEL OF LAND IS LOCATED IN ZONE X (AREA OF MINIMAL FLOOD HAZARD).

SITE INFORMATION:

TIMING:  
ANTICIPATED STARTING AND COMPLETION TIME PERIOD OF SITE GRADING:  
START: SUMMER 2022  
END: SUMMER 2023  
  
EXPECTED DATE ON WHICH THE FINAL STABILIZATION WILL BE COMPLETE:  
SUMMER 2024

AREAS:  
TOTAL DISTURBED AREA: 6.51 ACRES

RECEIVING WATERS:  
NAME OF RECEIVING WATERS: EAST BIG JOHNSON, ULTIMATELY FOUNTAIN CREEK

DESCRIPTION OF EXISTING VEGETATION:  
THE EXISTING SITE CURRENTLY CONTAINS AN EXISTING SCHOOL BUILDING, PARKING LOT, BALL FIELD, AND GROUND COVER CONSISTING OF 100% WEEDS, GRASSES, AND TREES.

DESCRIPTION OF PERMANENT BMPs:  
FULL SPECTRUM EXTENDED DETENTION BASIN

SOILS INFORMATION:  
SOIL GROUP: 32% B, 68% C  
SOIL SLOPES: 3 H: 1V OR LESS FOR ALL UN-RETAINED AREAS



Webster Elementary School  
Addition and Alterations  
445 Jersey Lane, Colorado Springs, CO 80911

Widefield School District 3  
1820 Main Street  
Colorado Springs, CO. 80911

Construction Documents

Drawn: JAR  
Checked: EJS  
Issued: 11 January 2022  
Revised:

Area Key Plan

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COVER SHEET

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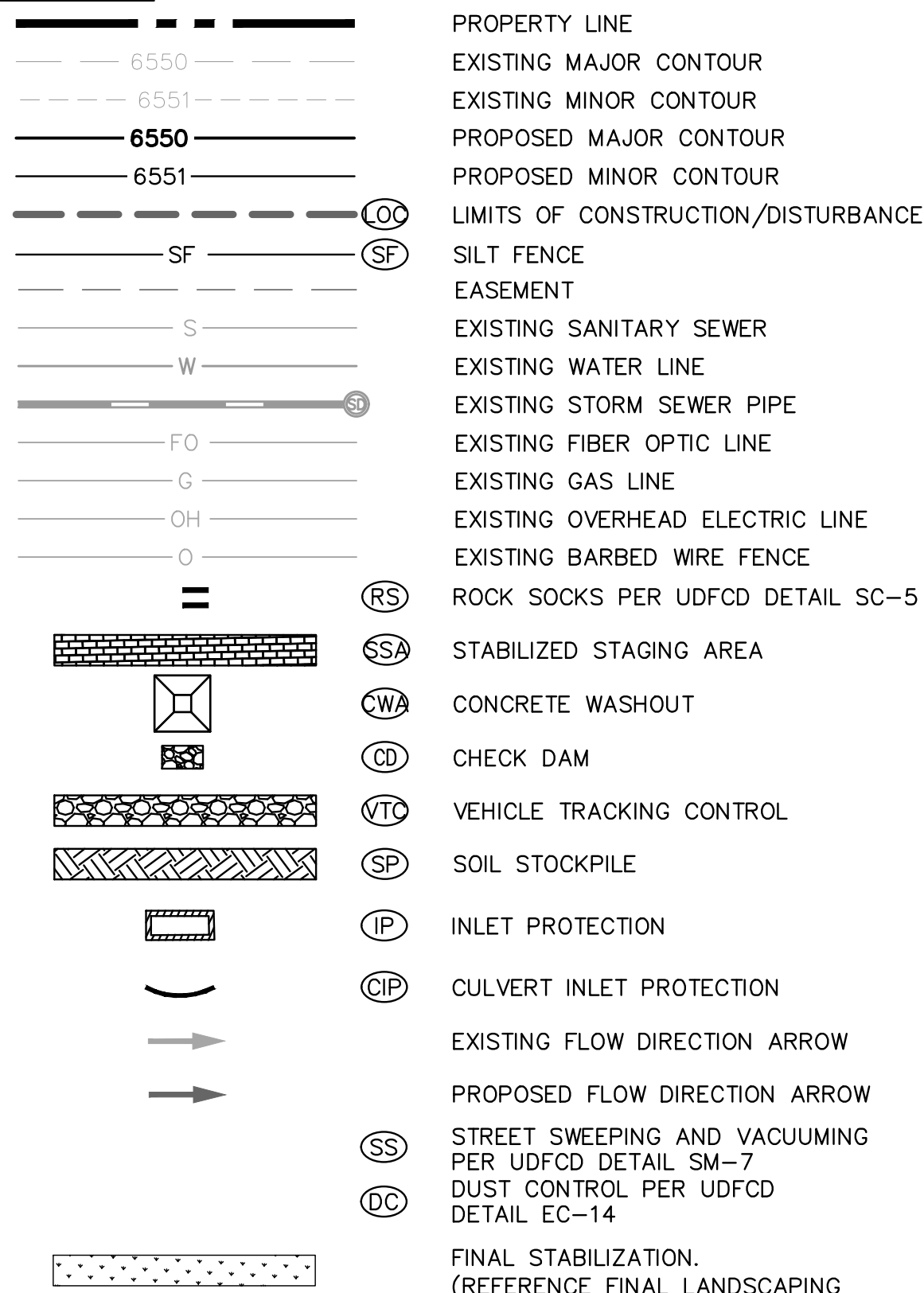
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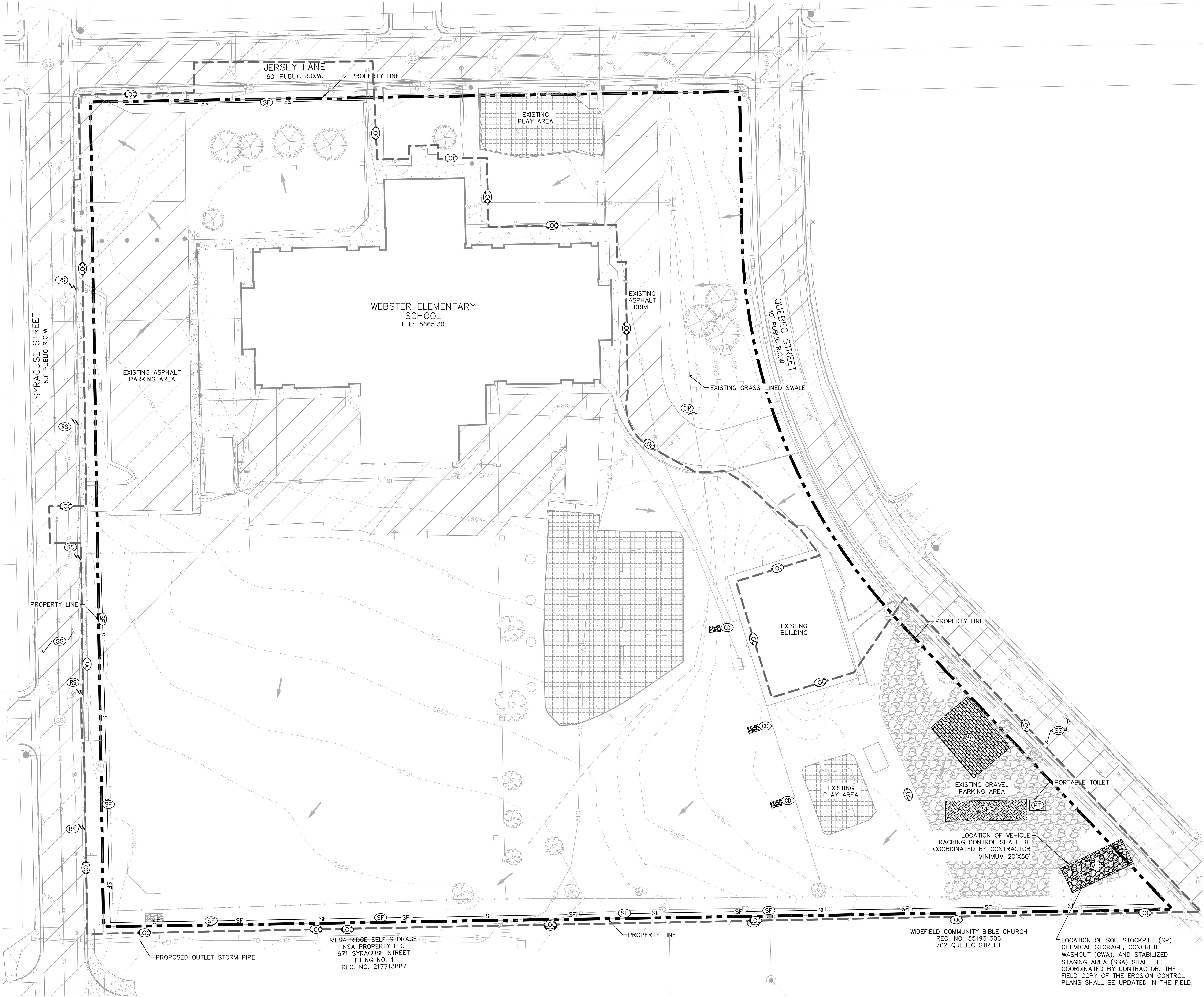


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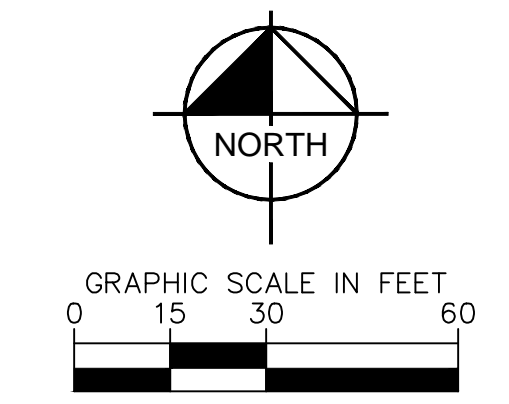
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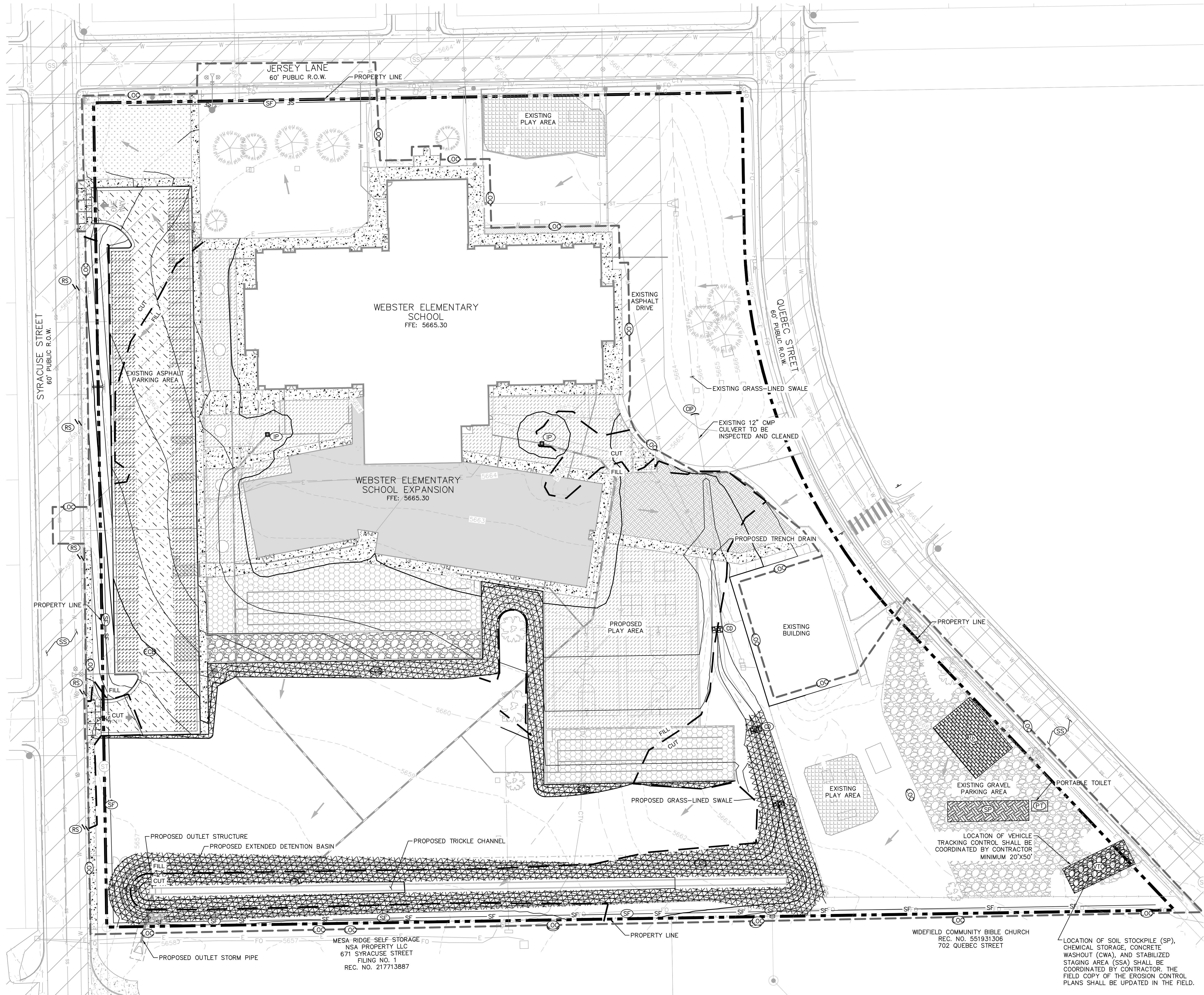
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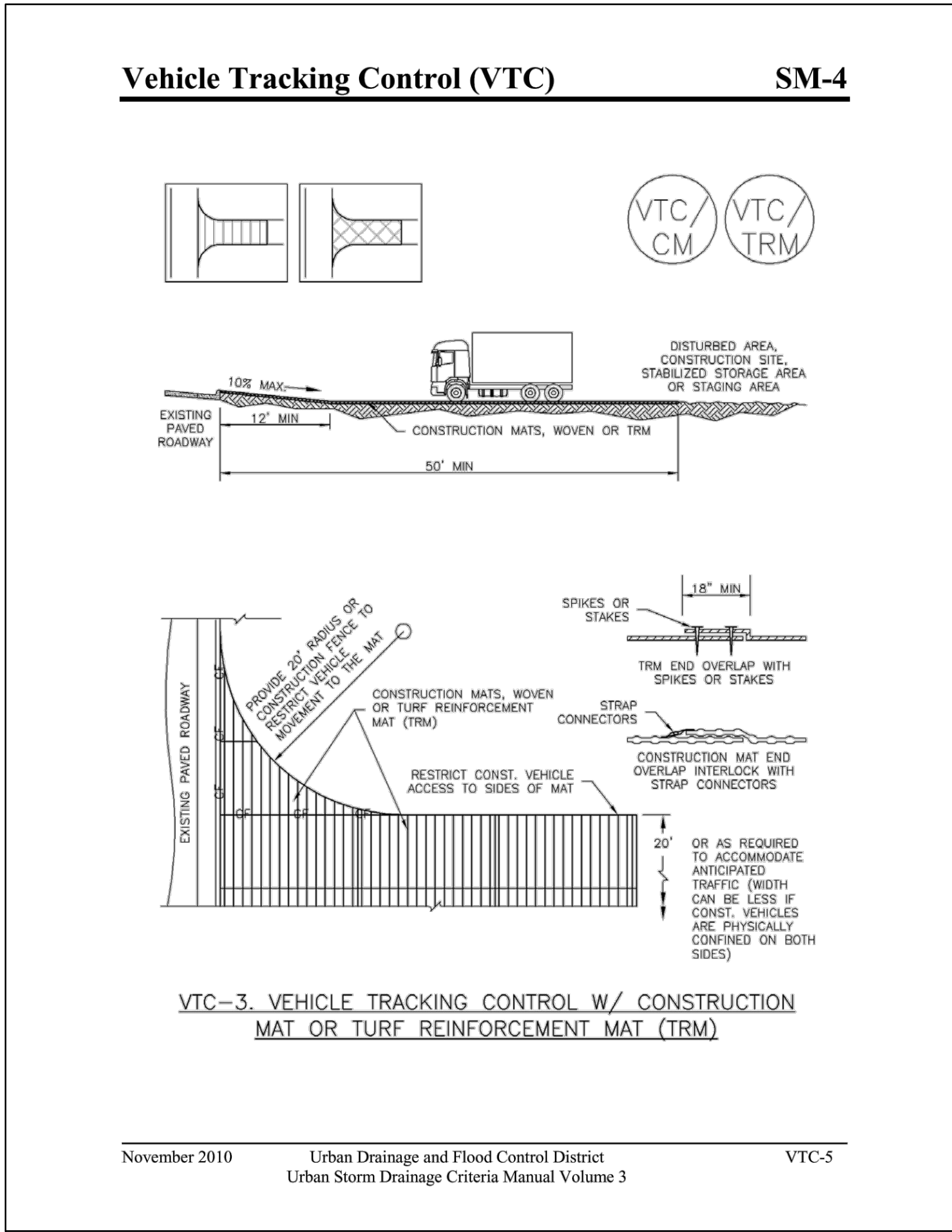
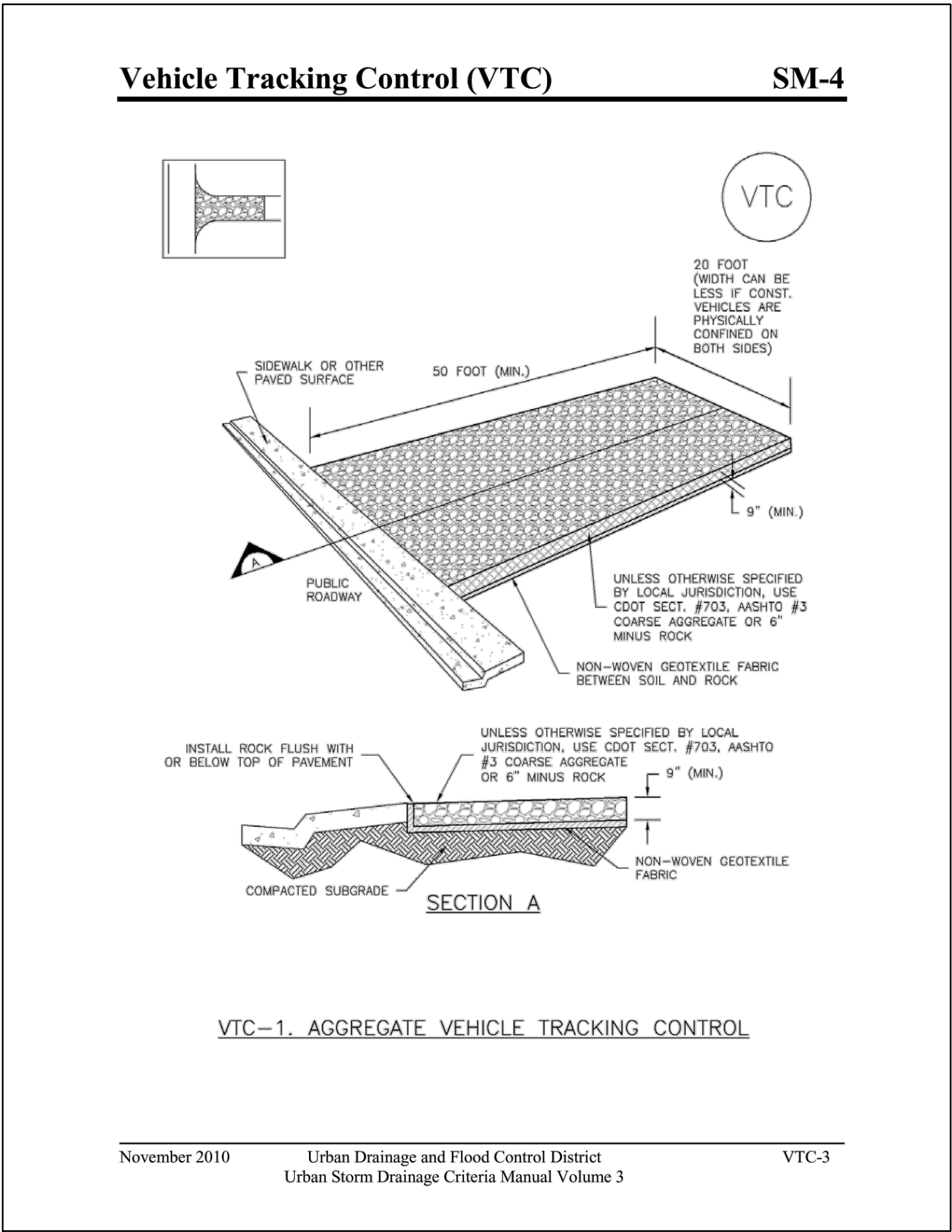
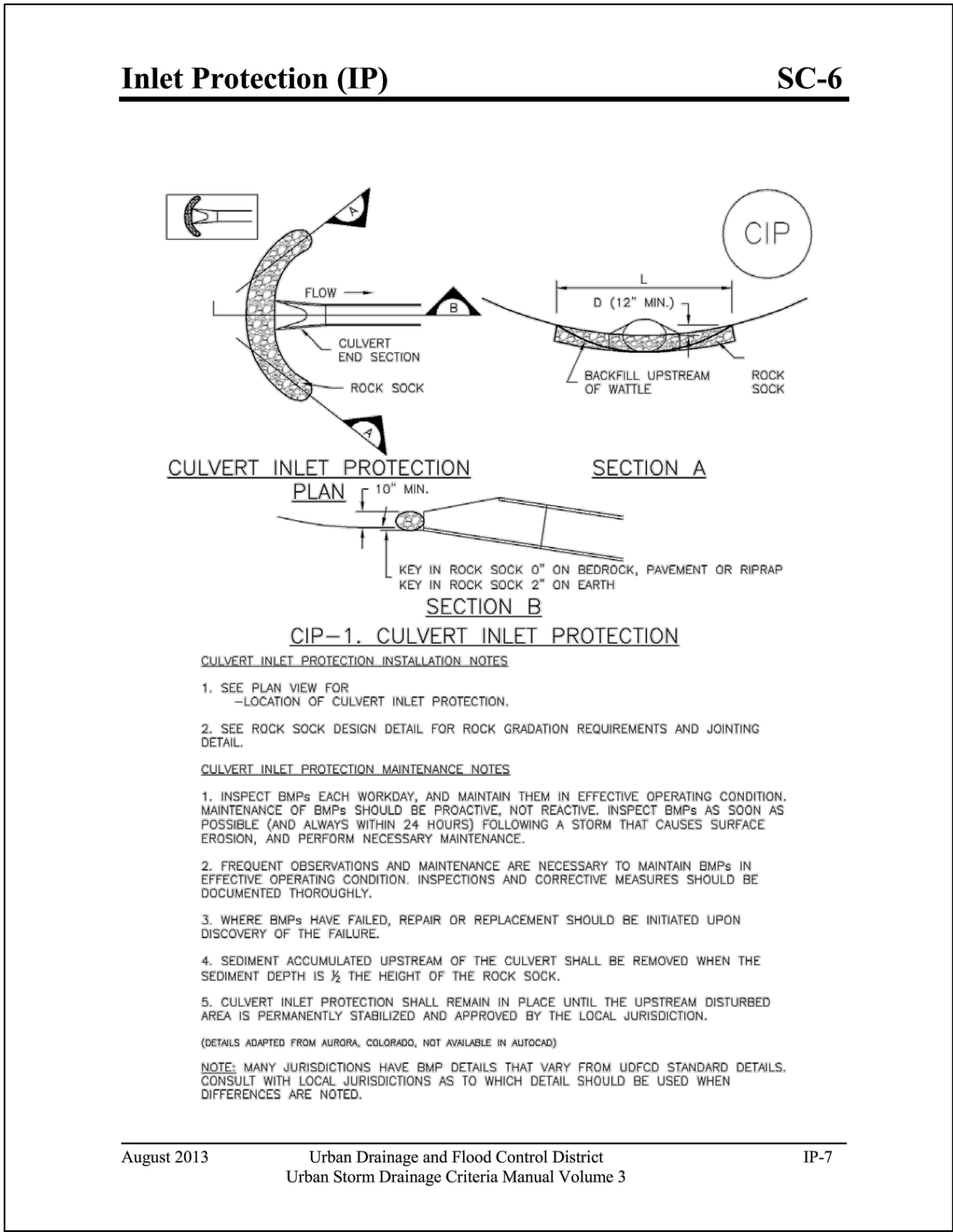
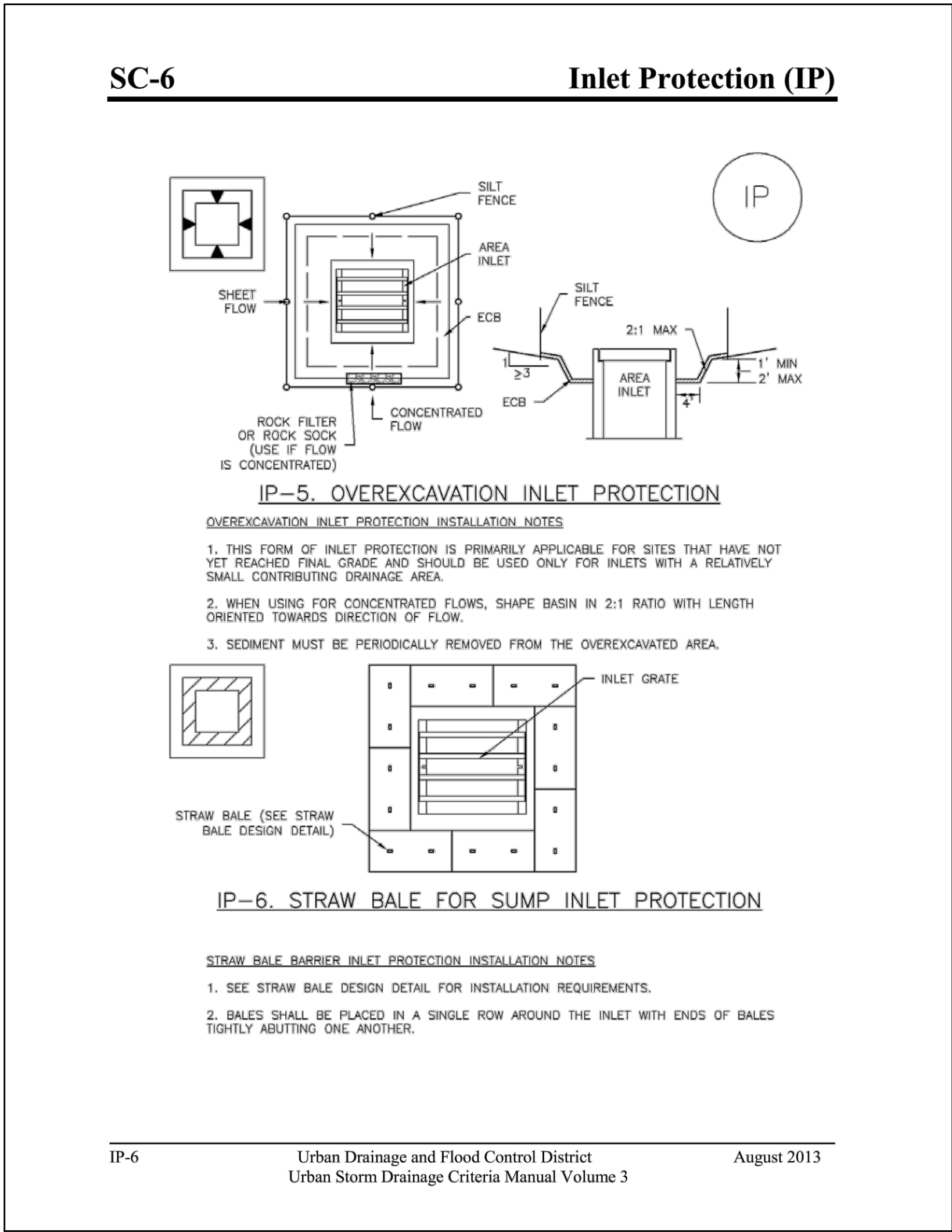
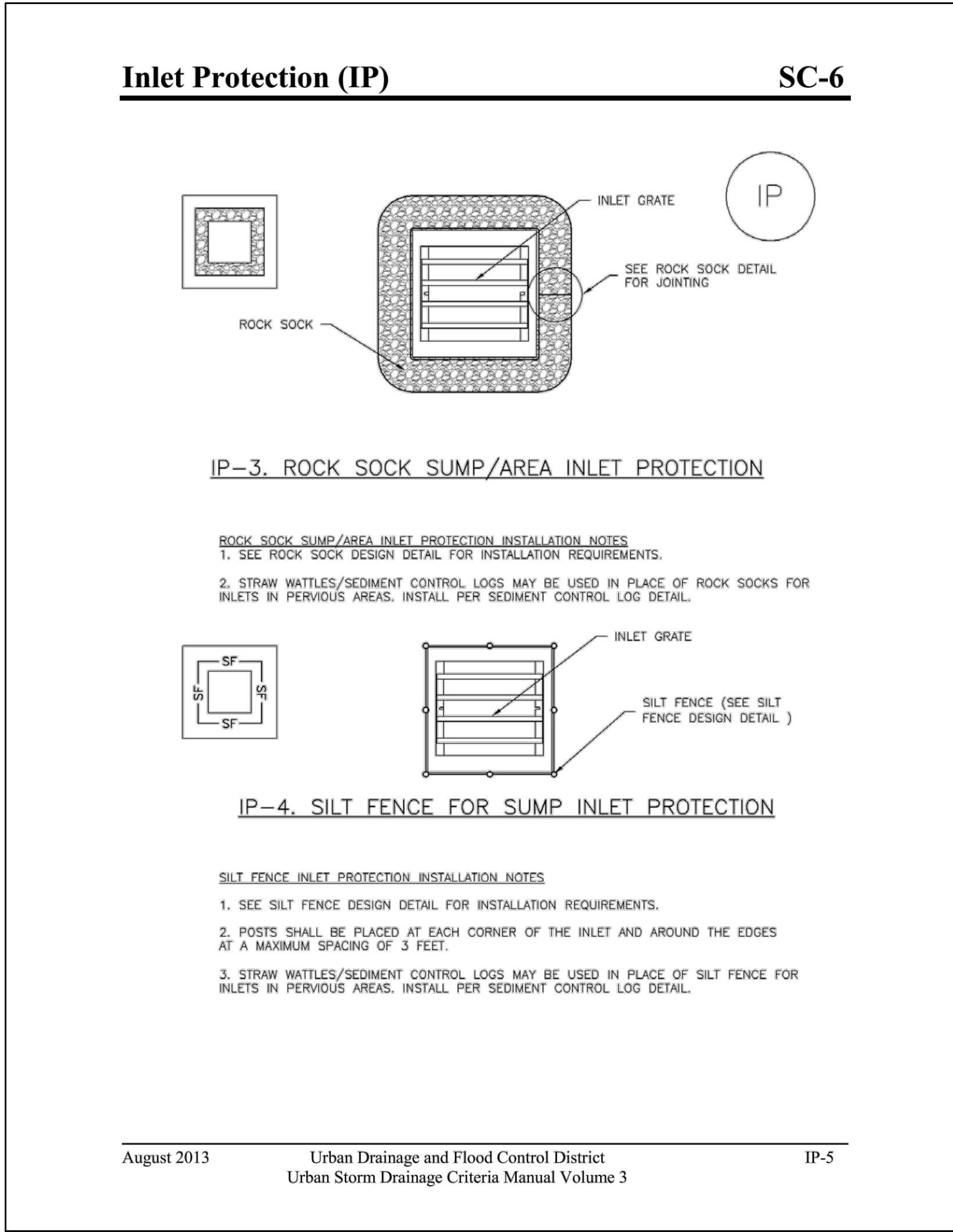
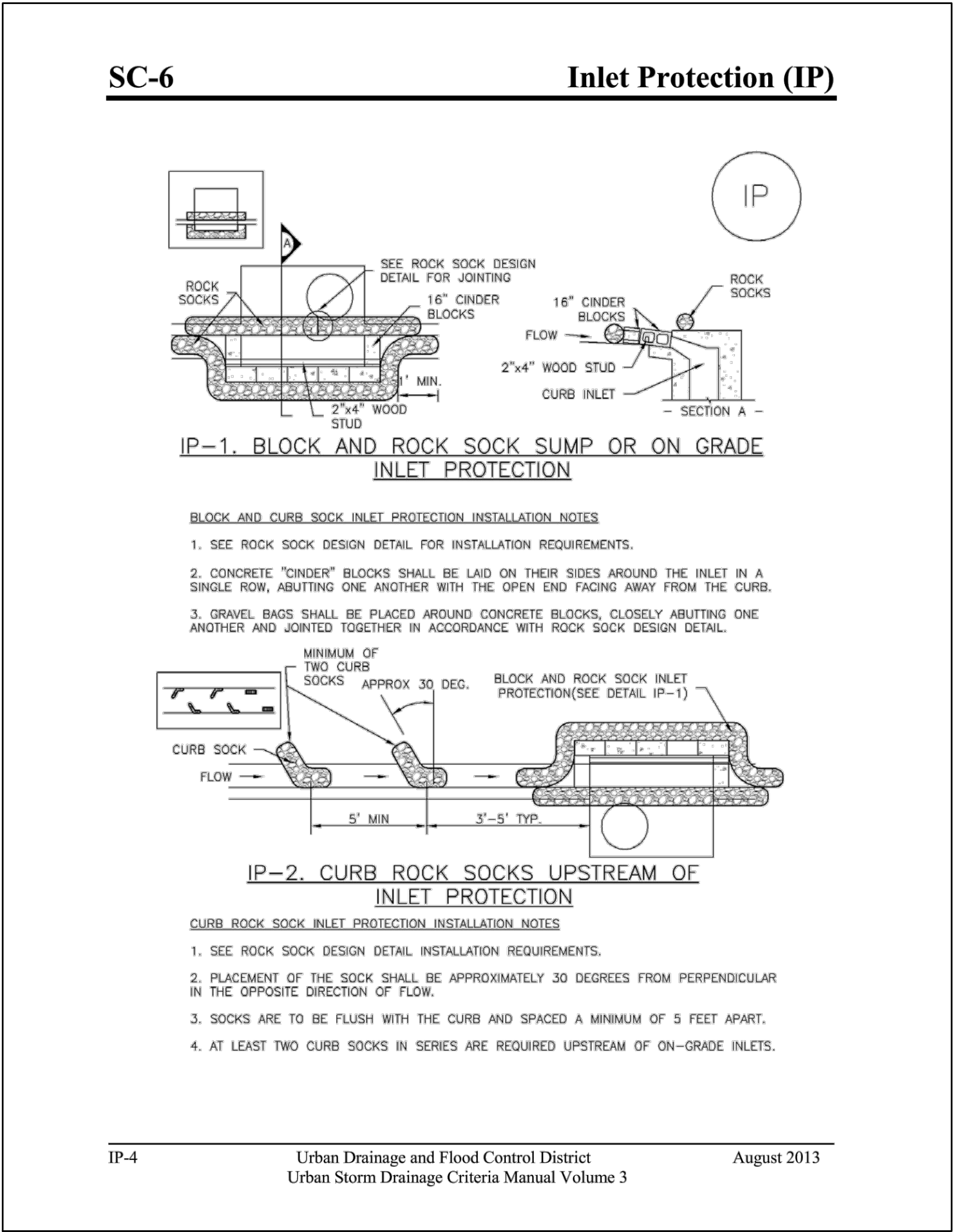
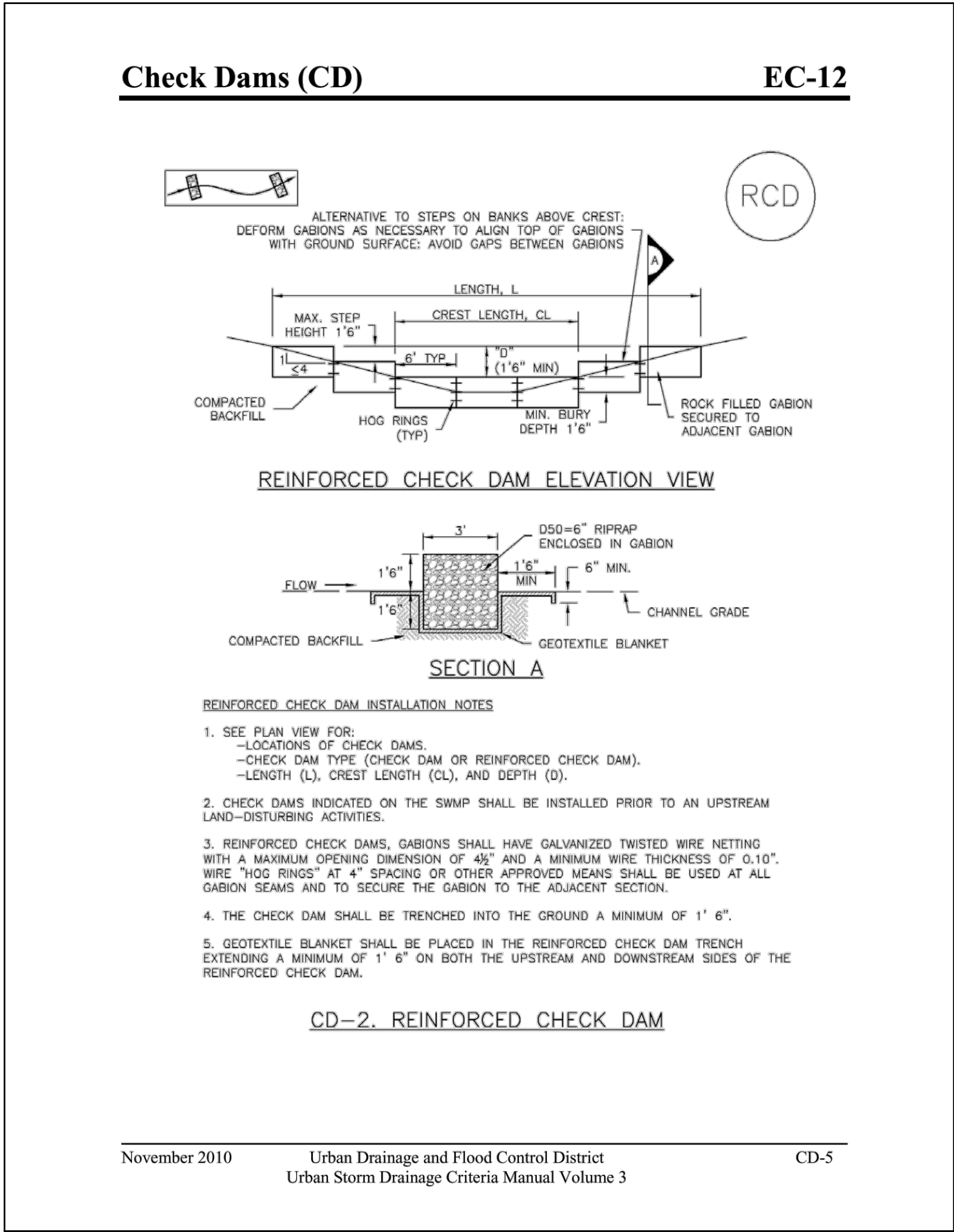
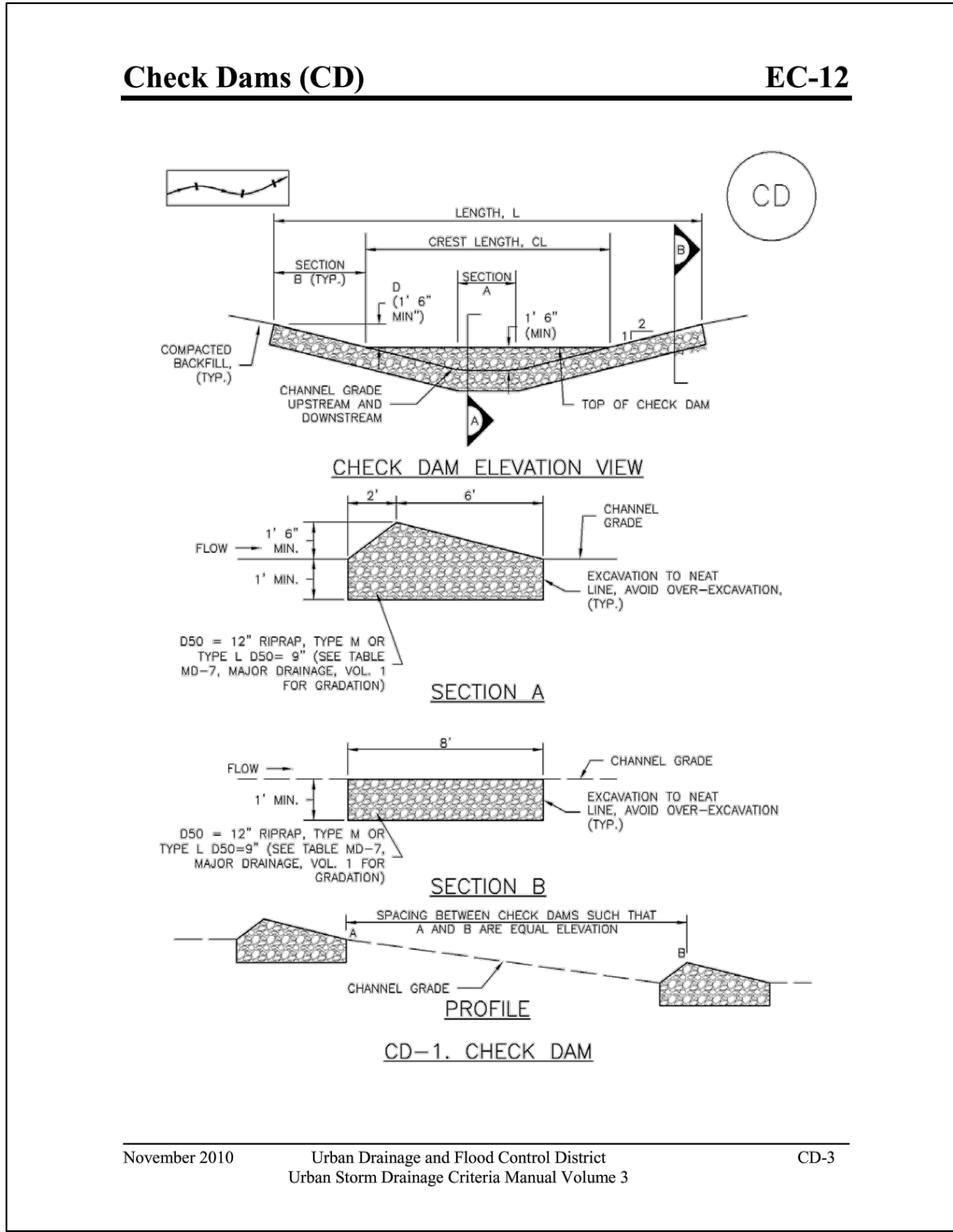


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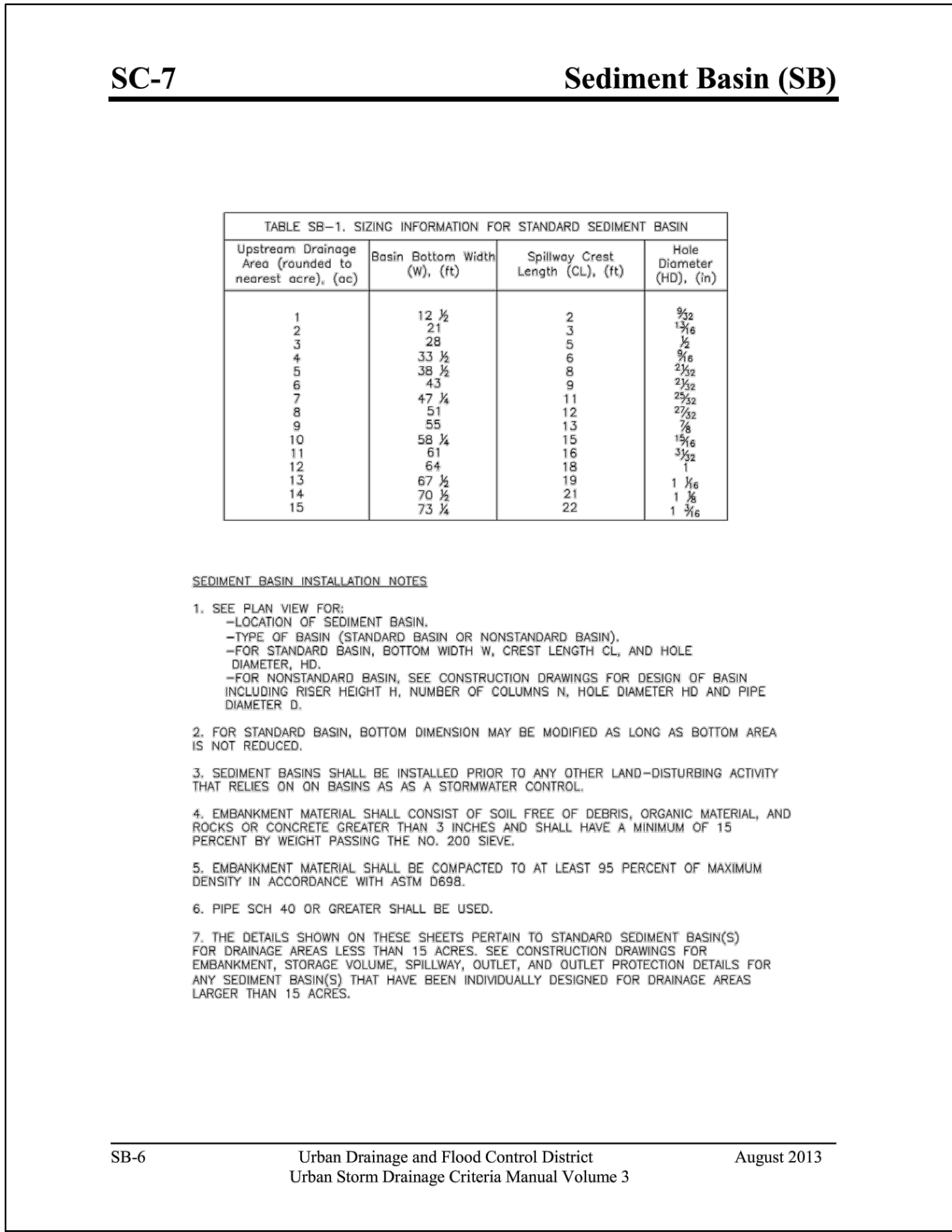
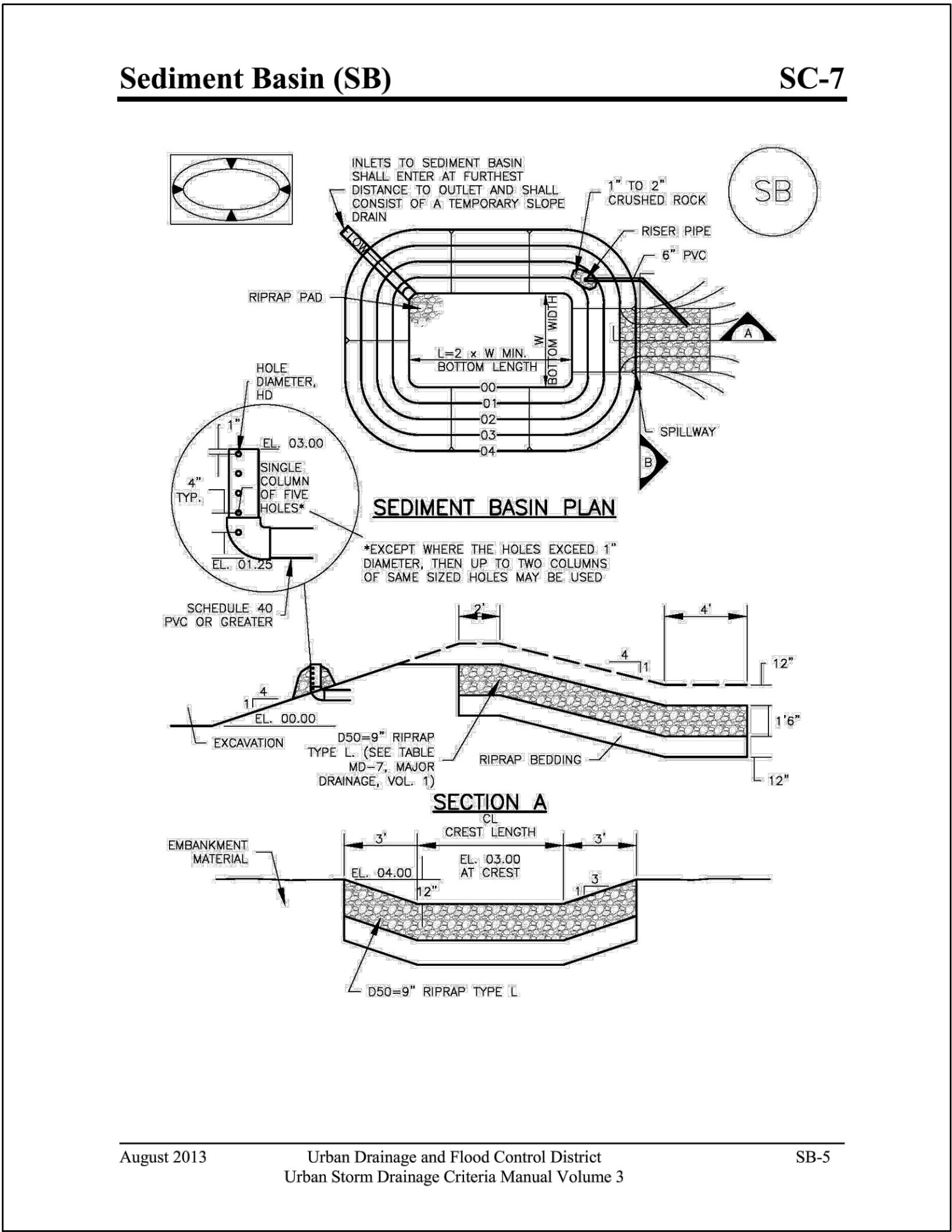
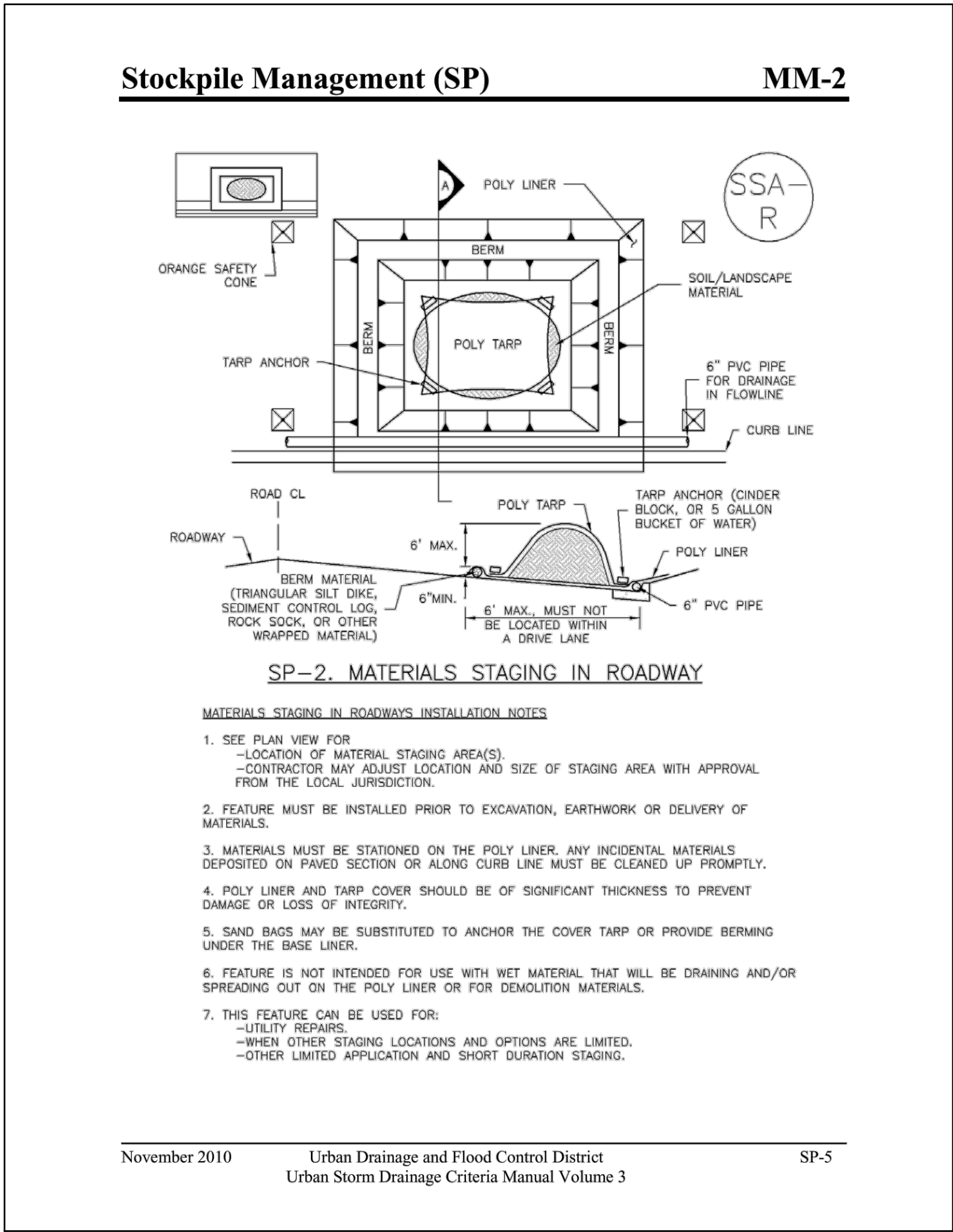
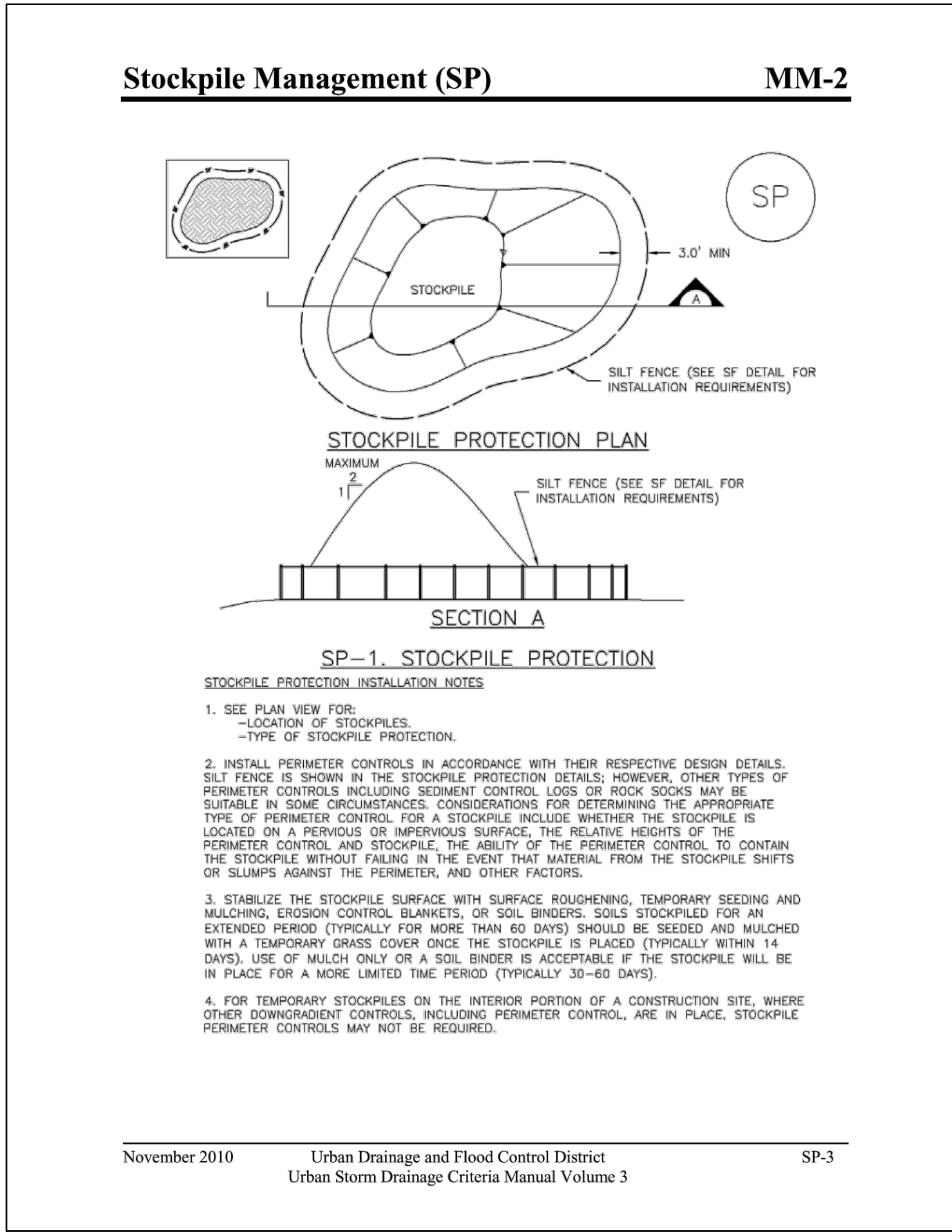
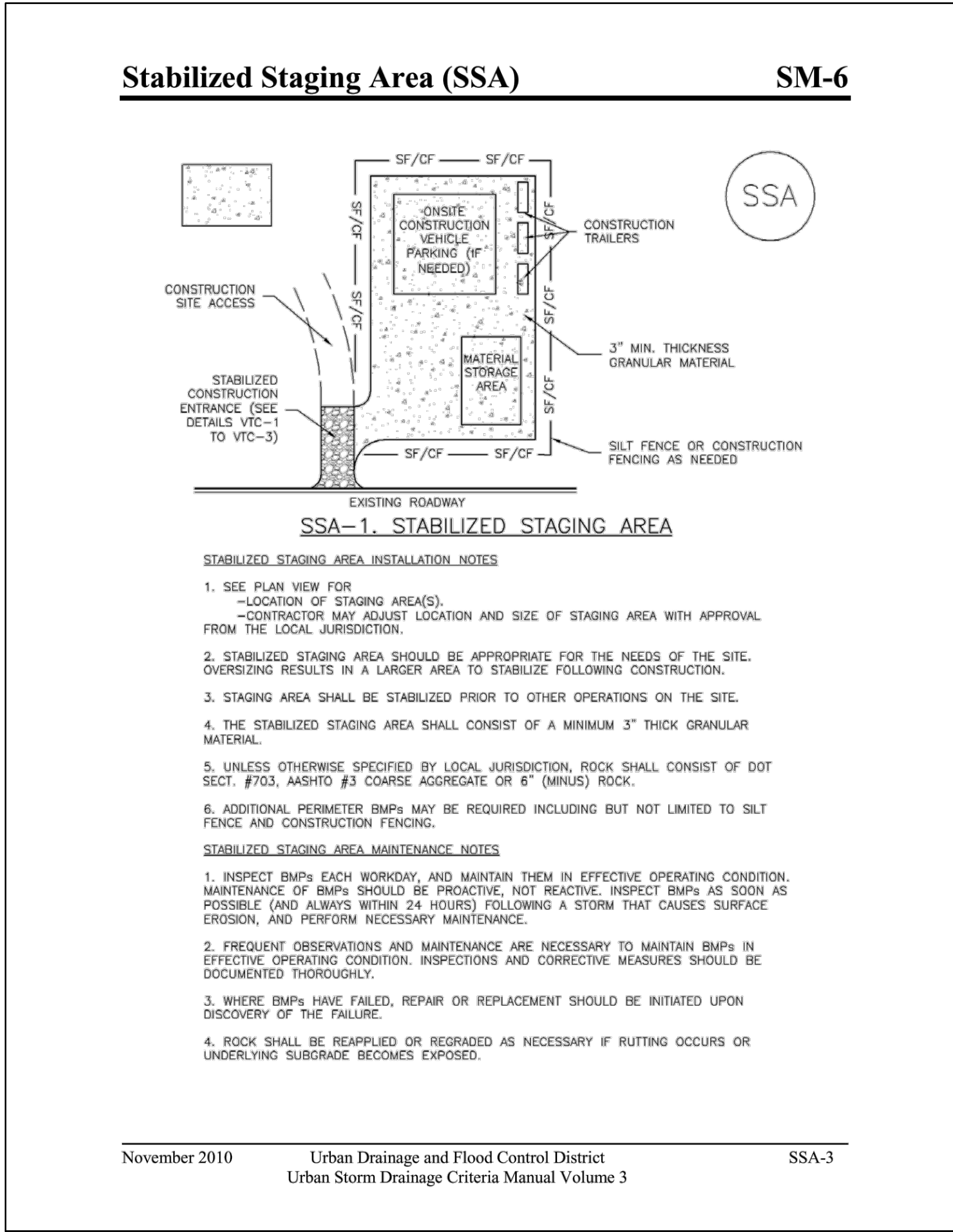
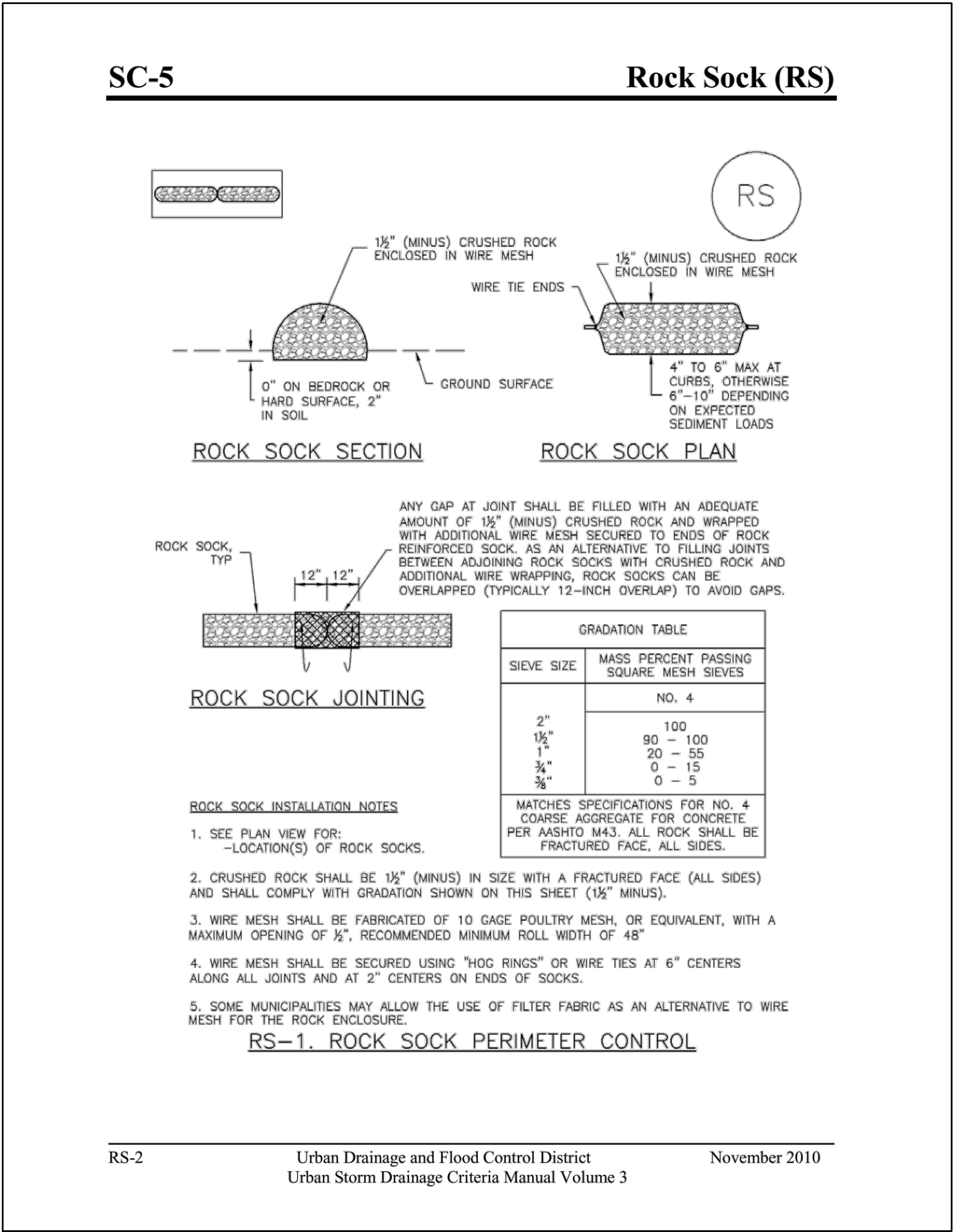
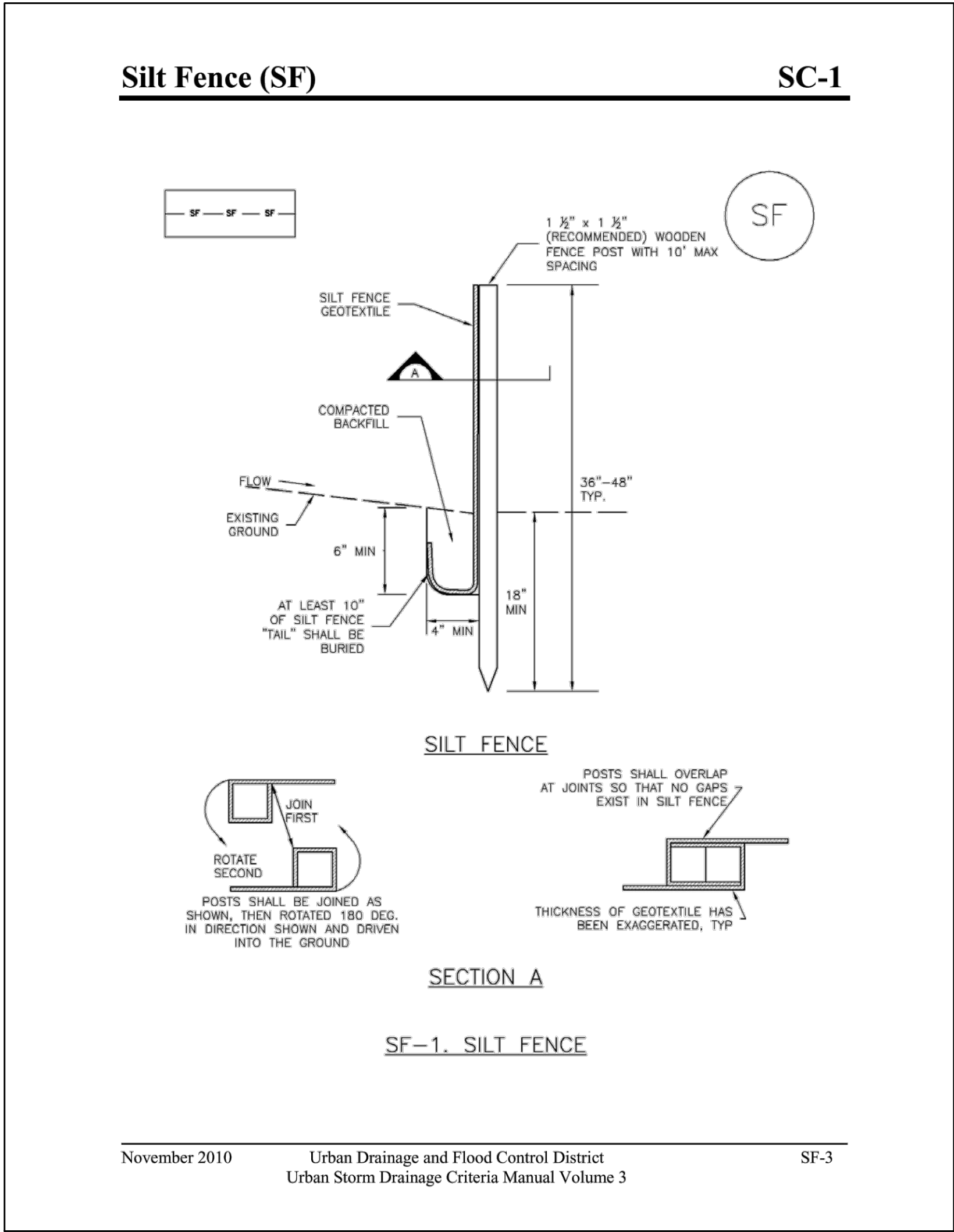
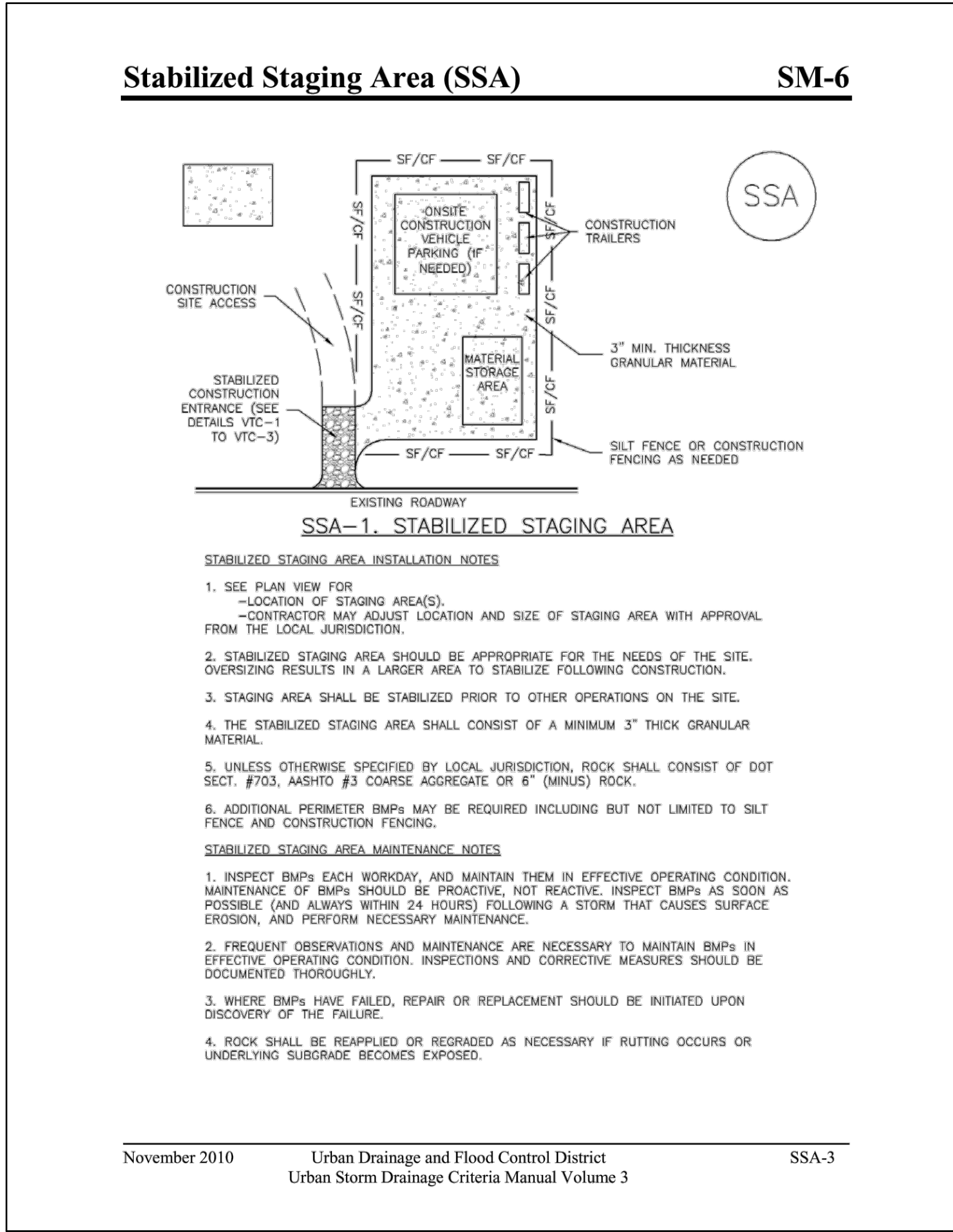
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## APPENDIX B – CDPHE STORMWATER PERMIT



# STATE OF COLORADO

COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT  
Water Quality Control Division

CDPS GENERAL PERMIT  
STORMWATER DISCHARGES ASSOCIATED WITH  
CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY  
AUTHORIZATION TO DISCHARGE UNDER THE  
COLORADO DISCHARGE PERMIT SYSTEM (CDPS)

In compliance with the provisions of the Colorado Water Quality Control Act, (25-8-101 et seq., CRS, 1973 as amended) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.; the "Act"), this permit authorizes the discharge of stormwater associated with construction activities (and specific allowable non-stormwater discharges in accordance with Part I.A.1. of the permit) certified under this permit, from those locations specified throughout the State of Colorado to specified waters of the State.

Such discharges shall be in accordance with the conditions of this permit. This permit specifically authorizes the facility listed on the certification to discharge in accordance with permit requirements and conditions set forth in Parts I and II hereof. All discharges authorized herein shall be consistent with the terms and conditions of this permit.

This permit becomes effective on April 1, 2019, and shall expire at midnight March 31, 2024.

Issued and signed this 1st day of November 2018.

COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

Ellen Howard Kutzer, Permits Section Manager  
Water Quality Control Division

## Permit History

Originally signed and issued October 31, 2018; effective April 1, 2019.

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## Part I

Note: At the first mention of terminology that has a specific connotation for the purposes of this permit, the terminology is electronically linked to the definitions section of the permit in Part I.E.

**A. COVERAGE UNDER THIS PERMIT****1. Authorized Discharges**

This general permit authorizes [permittee\(s\)](#) to discharge the following to state waters: stormwater associated with [construction activity](#) and specified non-stormwater associated with construction activity. The following types of stormwater and non-stormwater discharges are authorized under this permit:

**a. Allowable Stormwater Discharges**

- i. Stormwater discharges associated with construction activity.
- ii. Stormwater discharges associated with producing earthen materials, such as soils, sand, and gravel dedicated to providing material to a single contiguous site, or within ¼ mile of a construction site (i.e. borrow or fill areas)
- iii. Stormwater discharges associated with [dedicated asphalt, concrete batch plants and masonry mixing stations](#) (Coverage under this permit is not required if alternative coverage has been obtained.)

**b. Allowable Non-Stormwater Discharges**

The following non-stormwater discharges are allowable under this permit if the discharges are identified in the stormwater management plan in accordance with Part I.C. and if they have appropriate [control measures](#) in accordance with Part I.B.1.

- i. Discharges from uncontaminated springs that do not originate from an area of land disturbance.
- ii. Discharges to the ground of concrete washout water associated with the washing of concrete tools and concrete mixer chutes. Discharges of concrete washout water must not leave the site as surface runoff or reach [receiving waters](#) as defined by this permit.
- iii. Discharges of landscape irrigation return flow.

**c. Emergency Fire Fighting**

Discharges resulting from emergency firefighting activities are authorized by this permit.

**2. Limitations on Coverage**

Discharges not authorized by this permit include, but are not limited to, the discharges and activities listed below. Permittees may seek individual or alternate general permit coverage for the discharges, as appropriate and available.

**a. Discharges of Non-Stormwater**

Discharges of non-stormwater, except the authorized non-stormwater discharges listed in Part I.A.1.b., are not eligible for coverage under this permit.

- b. Discharges Currently Covered by another Individual or General Permit
- c. Discharges Currently Covered by a Water Quality Control Division (division) Low Risk Guidance Document

### 3. Permit Certification and Submittal Procedures

#### a. Duty to apply

The following activities shall apply for coverage under this permit:

- i. Construction sites that will disturb one acre or more; or
- ii. Construction sites that are part of a [common plan of development or sale](#); or
- iii. Stormwater discharges that are designated by the division as needing a stormwater permit because the discharge:
  - (a) Contributes to a violation of a water quality standard; or
  - (b) is a significant contributor of pollutants to state waters.

#### b. Application Requirements

To obtain authorization to discharge under this permit, applicants applying for coverage following the effective date of the renewal permit shall meet the following requirements:

- i. Owners and operators submitting an application for permit coverage will be co-permittees subject to the same benefits, duties, and obligations under this permit.
- ii. Signature requirements: Both the [owner](#) and [operator](#) (permittee) of the construction site, as defined in Part I.E., must agree to the terms and conditions of the permit and submit a completed application that includes the signature of both the owner and the operator. In cases where the duties of the owner and operator are managed by the owner, both application signatures may be completed by the owner. Both the owner and operator are responsible for ensuring compliance with all terms and conditions of the permit, including implementation of the stormwater management plan.
- iii. Applicants must use the paper form provided by the division or the electronic form provided on the division's web-based application platform when applying for coverage under this permit.
- iv. The applicant(s) must develop a stormwater management plan (SWMP) in accordance with the requirements of Part I.C. The applicant(s) must also certify that the SWMP is complete, or will be complete, prior to commencement of any construction activity.



- v. The applicant(s) must submit a complete, accurate, and signed permit application electronically, by mail or hand delivery to the division at least 10 days prior to the commencement of construction activity except that construction activities that are in response to a [public emergency related site](#) shall apply for coverage no later than 14 days after the commencement of construction activities. The provisions of this part in no way remove a violation of the Colorado Water Quality Control Act if a point source discharge occurs prior to the issuance of a CDPS permit.
- vi. The application must be signed in accordance with the requirements of Part IA. Applications submitted by mail or hand delivered should be directed to:

Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment  
Water Quality Control Division  
Permits Section, WQCD-PS-B2  
4300 Cherry Creek Drive South  
Denver, CO 80246

- vii. The applicant(s) must receive written notification that the division granted permit coverage prior to conducting construction activities except for construction activities that are in response to a public emergency related site
- c. Division Review of Permit Application
- Within 10 days of receipt of the application, and following review of the application, the division may:
- i. Issue a certification of coverage;
  - ii. request additional information necessary to evaluate the discharge;
  - iii. delay the authorization to discharge pending further review;
  - iv. notify the applicant that additional terms and conditions are necessary; or
  - v. deny the authorization to discharge under this general permit.
- d. Alternative Permit Coverage
- i. Division Required Alternate Permit Coverage:  
The Division may require an applicant or permittee to apply for an individual permit or an alternative general permit if it determines the discharge does not fall under the scope of this general permit. In this case, the Division will notify the applicant or permittee that an individual permit application is required.
  - ii. Permittee Request for alternate permit coverage:  
A permittee authorized to discharge stormwater under this permit may request to be excluded from coverage under this general permit by applying for an individual permit. In this case, the permittee must submit an individual application, with reasons supporting the request, to the Division at least 180 days prior to any discharge. When an individual permit is issued, the permittee's authorization to discharge under this permit is terminated on the effective date of the individual permit.
- e. Submittal Signature Requirements

Documents required for submittal to the division in accordance with this permit, including applications for permit coverage and other documents as requested by the division, must include signatures by both the owner and the operator, except for instances where the duties of the owner and operator are managed by the owner.

Signatures on all documents submitted to the division as required by this permit must meet the Standard Signatory Requirements in Part II.K. of this permit in accordance with 40 C.F.R. 122.41(k).

i. Signature Certification

Any person(s) signing documents required for submittal to the Division must make the following certification:

"I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations."

f. Compliance Document Signature Requirements

Documents which are required for compliance with the permit, but for which submittal to the division is not required unless specifically requested by the division, must be signed by the individual(s) designated as the Qualified Stormwater Manager, as defined in Part I.E.

i. Any person(s) signing inspection documents required for compliance with the permit must make the following statement:

"I verify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, all corrective action and maintenance items identified during the inspection are complete, and the site is currently in compliance with the permit."

g. Field Wide Permit Coverage for Oil and Gas Construction

At the discretion of the division, a single permit certification may be issued to a single oil and gas permittee to cover construction activity related discharges from an oil and gas field at multiple locations that are not necessarily contiguous.

h. Permit Coverage without Application

Qualifying Local Program: When a small construction site is within the jurisdiction of a qualifying local program, the owner and operator of the construction activity are authorized to discharge stormwater associated with small construction activity under this general permit without the submittal of an application to the division. Sites covered by a qualifying local program are exempt from the following sections of this general permit:

Part I.A.3.a.; Part I.A.3.b.; Part I.A.3.c.; Part I.A.3.d.; Part I.A.3.g.; Part I.A.3.i.; Part I.A.3.j.; Part I.A.3.k.

Sites covered by a qualifying local program are subject to the following requirements:

- i. **Local Agency Authority:** This permit does not pre-empt or supersede the authority of local agencies to prohibit, restrict, or control discharges of stormwater to storm drain systems or other water courses within their jurisdiction.
  - ii. **Permit Coverage Termination:** When a site under a Qualifying Local Program is finally stabilized, coverage under this permit is automatically terminated.
  - iii. **Compliance with Qualifying Local Program:** Qualifying Local Program requirements that are equivalent to the requirements of this permit are incorporated by reference. Permittees authorized to discharge under this permit, must comply with the equivalent requirements of the Qualifying Local Program that has jurisdiction over the site as a condition of this permit.
  - iv. **Compliance with Remaining Permit Conditions.** Requirements of this permit that are in addition to or more stringent than the requirements of the Qualifying Local Program apply in addition to the requirements of the Qualifying Local Program.
  - v. **Written Authorization of Coverage:** The division or local municipality may require any permittee within the jurisdiction of a Qualifying Local Program covered under this permit to apply for, and obtain written authorization of coverage under this permit. The permittee must be notified in writing that an application for written authorization of coverage is required.
- i. **Permittee Initiated Permit Actions**  
Permittee initiated permit actions, including but not limited to modifications, contact changes, transfers, reassignments, and terminations, shall be conducted following division guidance and using appropriate division-provided forms.
  - j. **Sale of Residence to Homeowner**  
**Residential construction sites only:** The permittee may remove residential lots from permit coverage once the lot meets the following criteria:
    - i. the residential lot has been sold to the homeowner(s) for private residential use;
    - ii. a certificate of occupancy, or equivalent, is maintained on-site and is available during division inspections;
    - iii. the lot is less than one acre of disturbance;
    - iv. all construction activity conducted on the lot by the permittee is complete;
    - v. the permittee is not responsible for final stabilization of the lot; and
    - vi. the SWMP was modified to indicate the lot is no longer part of the construction activity.

If the residential lot meets the criteria listed above then activities occurring on the lot are no longer considered to be construction activities with a duty to apply and maintain permit coverage. Therefore, the permittee is not required to meet the final stabilization requirements and may terminate permit coverage for the lot.

**k. Permit Expiration and Continuation of Permit Coverage**

Authorization to discharge under this general permit shall expire at midnight on March 31, 2024. While Regulation 61.4 requires a permittee to submit an application for continuing permit coverage 180 days before the permit expires, the division is requiring that permittees desiring continued coverage under this general permit must reapply at least 90 days in advance of this permit expiration. The Division will determine if the permittee may continue to discharge stormwater under the terms of the general permit. An individual permit may be required for any facility not reauthorized to discharge under the reissued general permit.

If this permit is not reissued or replaced prior to the expiration date, it will be administratively continued and remain in force and effect. For permittees that have applied for continued permit coverage, discharges authorized under this permit prior to the expiration date will automatically remain covered by this permit until the earliest of:

- i. An authorization to discharge under a reissued permit, or a replacement of this permit, following the timely and appropriate submittal of a complete application requesting authorization to discharge under the new permit and compliance with the requirements of the new permit; or
- ii. The issuance and effect of a termination issued by the Division; or
- iii. The issuance or denial of an individual permit for the facility's discharges; or
- iv. A formal permit decision by the Division not to reissue this general permit, at which time the Division will identify a reasonable time period for covered dischargers to seek coverage under an alternative general permit or an individual permit. Coverage under this permit will cease when coverage under another permit is granted/authorized; or
- v. The Division has informed the permittee that discharges previously authorized under this permit are no longer covered under this permit.

**B. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS****1. Requirements for Control Measures Used to Meet Effluent Limitations**

The permittee must implement control measures to **minimize** the discharge of pollutants from all potential pollutant sources at the site. Control measures must be installed prior to commencement of activities that may contribute pollutants to stormwater discharges. Control measures must be selected, designed, installed and maintained in accordance with good engineering, hydrologic and pollution control practices. Control measures implemented at the site must be designed to prevent pollution or degradation of state waters.

**a. Stormwater Pollution Prevention**

The permittee must implement structural and/or nonstructural control measures that effectively minimize erosion, sediment transport, and the release of other pollutants related to construction activity.

**i. Control Measures for Erosion and Sediment Control**

Control measures for erosion and sediment control may include, but are not limited to, wattles/sediment control logs, silt fences, earthen dikes, drainage swales, sediment traps, subsurface drains, pipe slope drains, inlet protection, outlet protection, gabions, sediment basins, temporary vegetation, permanent vegetation, mulching, geotextiles, sod stabilization, slope roughening, maintaining existing vegetation, protection of trees, and preservation of mature vegetation. Specific non-structural control measures must meet the requirements listed below.

Specific control measures must meet the requirements listed below.

- (a) Vehicle tracking controls shall either be implemented to minimize vehicle tracking of sediment from disturbed areas, or the areas where vehicle tracking occurs shall meet subsection Part I.B.1.a.i(b);
- (b) Stormwater runoff from all disturbed areas and soil storage areas for which permanent or temporary stabilization is not implemented, must flow to at least one control measure to minimize sediment in the discharge. This may be accomplished through filtering, settling, or straining. The control measure must be selected, designed, installed and adequately sized in accordance with good engineering, hydrologic and pollution control practices. The control measure(s) must contain or filter flows in order to prevent the bypass of flows without treatment and must be appropriate for stormwater runoff from disturbed areas and for the expected flow rate, duration, and flow conditions (i.e., sheet or concentrated flow);
- (c) Outlets that withdraw water from or near the surface shall be installed when discharging from basins and impoundments, unless [infeasible](#).
- (d) Maintain pre-existing vegetation or equivalent control measures for areas within 50 horizontal feet of receiving waters as defined by this permit, unless infeasible.
- (e) Soil compaction must be minimized for areas where infiltration control measures will occur or where [final stabilization](#) will be achieved through vegetative cover.
- (f) Unless infeasible, topsoil shall be preserved for those areas of a site that will utilize vegetative final stabilization.
- (g) Minimize the amount of soil exposed during construction activity, including the disturbance of steep slopes.

ii. Practices for Other Common Pollutants

- (a) Bulk storage, 55 gallons or greater, for petroleum products and other liquid chemicals must have secondary containment, or equivalent protection, in order to contain [spills](#) and to prevent spilled material from entering state waters.
- (b) Control measures designed for concrete washout waste must be implemented. This includes washout waste discharged to the ground as authorized under this permit and washout waste from concrete trucks and masonry operations contained on site. The permittee must ensure the washing activities do not contribute pollutants to stormwater runoff, or receiving waters in accordance Part I.A.1.b.ii. Discharges that may reach groundwater must flow through soil

that has buffering capacity prior to reaching groundwater, as necessary to meet the effluent limits in this permit, including Part I.B.3.a. The concrete washout location shall not be located in an area where shallow groundwater may be present and would result in buffering capacity not being adequate, such as near natural drainages, springs, or wetlands. This permit authorizes discharges to the ground of concrete washout waste.

iii. Stabilization Requirements

The following requirements must be implemented for each site.

- (a) Temporary stabilization must be implemented for earth disturbing activities on any portion of the site where ground disturbing construction activity has permanently ceased, or temporarily ceased for more than 14 calendar days. Temporary stabilization methods may include, but are not limited to, tarps, soil tackifier, and hydroseed. The permittee may exceed the 14-day schedule when either the function of the specific area of the site requires it to remain disturbed, or, physical characteristics of the terrain and climate prevent stabilization. The SWMP must document the constraints necessitating the alternative schedule, provide the alternate stabilization schedule, and identify all locations where the alternative schedule is applicable on the site map.
- (b) Final stabilization must be implemented for all construction sites. Final stabilization is reached when all ground surface disturbing activities at the construction site are complete; and, for all areas of ground surface disturbing activities, either a uniform vegetative cover with an individual plant density of at least 70 percent of pre-disturbance levels is established, or equivalent permanent alternative stabilization methods are implemented. The division may approve alternative final stabilization criteria for specific operations.
- (c) Final stabilization must be designed and installed as a permanent feature. Final stabilization measures for obtaining a vegetative cover or alternative stabilization methods include, but are not limited to, the following as appropriate:
  - (1) Seed mix selection and application methods;
  - (2) Soil preparation and amendments;
  - (3) Soil stabilization methods (e.g., crimped straw, hydro mulch or rolled erosion control products);
  - (4) Appropriate sediment control measures as needed until final stabilization is achieved;
  - (5) Permanent pavement, hardscape, xeriscape, stabilized driving surfaces;
  - (6) Other alternative stabilization practices as applicable;

- (d) The permittee(s) must ensure all temporary control measures are removed from the construction site once final stabilization is achieved, except when the control measure specifications allow the control measure to be left in place (i.e., bio-degradable control measures).

b. Maintenance

The permittee must ensure that all control measures remain in effective operating condition and are protected from activities that would reduce their effectiveness. Control measures must be maintained in accordance with good engineering, hydrologic and pollution control practices. Observations leading to the required maintenance of control measures can be made during a site inspection, or during general observations of site conditions. The necessary repairs or modifications to a [control measure requiring routine maintenance](#), as defined in Part I.E., must be conducted to maintain an effective operating condition. This section is not subject to the requirements in Part I.B.1.c. below.

c. Corrective Actions

The permittee must assess the adequacy of control measures at the site, and the need for changes to those control measures, to ensure continued effective performance. When an [inadequate control measure](#), as defined in Part I.E., is identified (i.e., new or replacement control measures become necessary), the following corrective action requirements apply. The permittee is in noncompliance with the permit until the inadequate control measure is replaced or corrected and returned to effective operating condition in compliance with Part I.B.1. and the general requirements in Part I.B.3. If the inadequate control measure results in noncompliance that meets the conditions of Part II.L., the permittee must also meet the requirements of that section.

- i. The permittee must take all necessary steps to minimize or prevent the discharge of pollutants, until a control measure is implemented and made operational and/or an inadequate control measure is replaced or corrected and returned to effective operating condition. If it is infeasible to install or repair of control measure immediately after discovering the deficiency, the following must be documented and kept on record in accordance with the recordkeeping requirements in Part II.
  - (a) Describe why it is infeasible to initiate the installation or repair immediately; and
  - (b) Provide a schedule for installing or repairing the control measure and returning it to an effective operating condition as soon as possible.
- ii. If applicable, the permittee must remove and properly dispose of any unauthorized release or discharge (e.g., discharge of non-stormwater, spill, or leak not authorized by this permit.) The permittee must also clean up any contaminated surfaces to minimize discharges of the material in subsequent storm events.

2. Discharges to an Impaired Waterbody

a. Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL)

If the permittee's discharge flows to or could reasonably be expected to flow to any water body for which a TMDL has been approved, and stormwater discharges



associated with construction activity were assigned a pollutant-specific Wasteload Allocation (WLA) under the TMDL, the division may:

- i. ensure the WLA is implemented properly through alternative local requirements, such as by a municipal stormwater permit; or
- ii. notify the permittee of the WLA and amend the permittee's certification to add specific effluent limits and other requirements, as appropriate. The permittee may be required to do the following:
  - (a) under the permittee's SWMP, implement specific control measures based on requirements of the WLA, and evaluate whether the requirements are met through implementation of existing stormwater control measures or if additional control measures are necessary. Document the calculations or other evidence demonstrating that the requirements are expected to be met; and
  - (b) if the evaluation shows that additional or modified control measures are necessary, describe the type and schedule for the control measure additions or modifications.
- iii. Discharge monitoring may also be required. The permittee may maintain coverage under the general permit provided they comply with the applicable requirements outlined above. The division reserves the right to require individual or alternate general permit coverage.

### 3. General Requirements

- a. Discharges authorized by this permit shall not cause, have the reasonable potential to cause, or measurably contribute to an exceedance of any applicable water quality standard, including narrative standards for water quality.
- b. The division may require sampling and testing, on a case-by-case basis, in the event that there is reason to suspect that the SWMP is not adequately minimizing pollutants in stormwater or in order to measure the effectiveness of the control measures in removing pollutants in the effluent. Such monitoring may include Whole Effluent Toxicity testing.
- c. The permittee must comply with the lawful requirements of federal agencies, municipalities, counties, drainage districts and other local agencies including applicable requirements in Municipal Stormwater Management Programs developed to comply with CDPS permits. The permittee must comply with local stormwater management requirements, policies and guidelines including those for erosion and sediment control.
- d. All construction site wastes must be properly managed to prevent potential pollution of state waters. This permit does not authorize on-site waste disposal.
- e. This permit does not relieve the permittee of the reporting requirements in 40 CFR 110, 40 CFR 117 or 40 CFR 302. Any discharge of hazardous material must be handled in accordance with the division's Noncompliance Notification Requirements (see Part II.L. of the permit).

**C. STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN (SWMP) REQUIREMENTS****1. SWMP General Requirements**

- a. A SWMP shall be developed for each construction site covered by this permit. The SWMP must be prepared in accordance with good engineering, hydrologic and pollution control practices.
  - i. For public emergency related sites a SWMP shall be created no later than 14 days after the commencement of construction activities.
- b. The permittee must implement the provisions of the SWMP as written and updated, from commencement of construction activity until final stabilization is complete. The division may review the SWMP.
- c. A copy of the SWMP must be retained onsite or be onsite when construction activities are occurring at the site unless the permittee specifies another location and obtains approval from the division.

**2. SWMP Content**

- a. The SWMP, at a minimum, must include the following elements.
  - i. Qualified Stormwater Manager. The SWMP must list individual(s) by title and name who are designated as the site's qualified stormwater manager(s) responsible for implementing the SWMP in its entirety. This role may be filled by more than one individual.
  - ii. Spill Prevention and Response Plan. The SWMP must have a spill prevention and response plan. The plan may incorporate by reference any part of a Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure (SPCC) plan under section 311 of the Clean Water Act (CWA) or a Spill Prevention Plan required by a separate CDPS permit. The relevant sections of any referenced plans must be available as part of the SWMP consistent with Part I.C.4.
  - iii. Materials Handling. The SWMP must describe and locate all control measures implemented at the site to minimize impacts from handling **significant materials** that could contribute pollutants to runoff. These handling procedures can include control measures for pollutants and activities such as, exposed storage of building materials, paints and solvents, landscape materials, fertilizers or chemicals, sanitary waste material, trash and equipment maintenance or fueling procedures.
  - iv. Potential Sources of Pollution. The SWMP must list all potential sources of pollution which may reasonably be expected to affect the quality of stormwater discharges associated with construction activity from the site. This shall include, but is not limited to, the following pollutant sources:
    - (a) disturbed and stored soils;
    - (b) vehicle tracking of sediments;
    - (c) management of contaminated soils;
    - (d) loading and unloading operations;

- (e) outdoor storage activities (erodible building materials, fertilizers, chemicals, etc.);
  - (f) vehicle and equipment maintenance and fueling;
  - (g) significant dust or particulate generating processes (e.g., saw cutting material, including dust);
  - (h) routine maintenance activities involving fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides, detergents, fuels, solvents, oils, etc.;
  - (i) on-site waste management practices (waste piles, liquid wastes, dumpsters);
  - (j) concrete truck/equipment washing, including washing of the concrete truck chute and associated fixtures and equipment;
  - (k) dedicated asphalt, concrete batch plants and masonry mixing stations;
  - (l) non-industrial waste sources such as worker trash and portable toilets.
- v. Implementation of Control Measures. The SWMP must include design specifications that contain information on the implementation of the control measure in accordance with good engineering hydrologic and pollution control practices; including as applicable drawings, dimensions, installation information, materials, implementation processes, control measure-specific inspection expectations, and maintenance requirements.

The SWMP must include a documented use agreement between the permittee and the owner or operator of any control measures located outside of the permitted area, that are utilized by the permittee's construction site for compliance with this permit, but not under the direct control of the permittee. The permittee is responsible for ensuring that all control measures located outside of their permitted area, that are being utilized by the permittee's construction site, are properly maintained and in compliance with all terms and conditions of the permit. The SWMP must include all information required of and relevant to any such control measures located outside the permitted area, including location, installation specifications, design specifications and maintenance requirements.

- vi. Site Description. The SWMP must include a site description which includes, at a minimum, the following:
- (a) the nature of the construction activity at the site;
  - (b) the proposed schedule for the sequence for major construction activities and the planned implementation of control measures for each phase. (e.g.: clearing, grading, utilities, vertical, etc.);
  - (c) estimates of the total acreage of the site, and the acreage expected to be disturbed by clearing, excavation, grading, or any other construction activities;
  - (d) a summary of any existing data used in the development of the construction site plans or SWMP that describe the soil or existing potential for soil erosion;

- (e) a description of the percent of existing vegetative ground cover relative to the entire site and the method for determining the percentage;
  - (f) a description of any allowable non-stormwater discharges at the site, including those being discharged under a division low risk discharge guidance policy;
  - (g) a description of areas receiving discharge from the site. Including a description of the immediate source receiving the discharge. If the stormwater discharge is to a municipal separate storm sewer system, the name of the entity owning that system, the location of the storm sewer discharge, and the ultimate receiving water(s); and
  - (h) a description of all stream crossings located within the construction site boundary.
- vii. Site Map. The SWMP must include a site map which includes, at a minimum, the following:
- (a) construction site boundaries;
  - (b) flow arrows that depict stormwater flow directions on-site and runoff direction;
  - (c) all areas of ground disturbance including areas of borrow and fill;
  - (d) areas used for storage of soil;
  - (e) locations of all waste accumulation areas, including areas for liquid, concrete, masonry, and asphalt;
  - (f) locations of dedicated asphalt, concrete batch plants and masonry mixing stations;
  - (g) locations of all structural control measures;
  - (h) locations of all non-structural control measures;
  - (i) locations of springs, streams, wetlands and other state waters, including areas that require pre-existing vegetation be maintained within 50 feet of a receiving water, where determined feasible in accordance with Part I.B.1.a.i.(d).; and
  - (j) locations of all stream crossings located within the construction site boundary.
- viii. Final Stabilization and Long Term Stormwater Management. The SWMP must describe the practices used to achieve final stabilization of all disturbed areas at the site and any planned practices to control pollutants in stormwater discharges that will occur after construction operations are completed. Including but not limited to, detention/retention ponds, rain gardens, stormwater vaults, etc.
- ix. Inspection Reports. The SWMP must include documented inspection reports in accordance with Part ID.

### 3. SWMP Review and Revisions

Permittees must keep a record of SWMP changes made that includes the date and identification of the changes. The SWMP must be amended when the following occurs:

- a. a change in design, construction, operation, or maintenance of the site requiring implementation of new or revised control measures;
- b. the SWMP proves ineffective in controlling pollutants in stormwater runoff in compliance with the permit conditions;
- c. control measures identified in the SWMP are no longer necessary and are removed; and
- d. corrective actions are taken onsite that result in a change to the SWMP.

For SWMP revisions made prior to or following a change(s) onsite, including revisions to sections addressing site conditions and control measures, a notation must be included in the SWMP that identifies the date of the site change, the control measure removed, or modified, the location(s) of those control measures, and any changes to the control measure(s). The permittee must ensure the site changes are reflected in the SWMP. The permittee is noncompliant with the permit until the SWMP revisions have been made.

#### 4. SWMP Availability

A copy of the SWMP must be provided upon request to the division, EPA, and any local agency with authority for approving sediment and erosion plans, grading plans or stormwater management plans within the time frame specified in the request. If the SWMP is required to be submitted to any of these entities, the submission must include a signed certification in accordance with Part I.A.3.e., certifying that the SWMP is complete and compliant with all terms and conditions of the permit.

All SWMPs required under this permit are considered reports that must be available to the public under Section 308(b) of the CWA and Section 61.5(4) of the CDPS regulations. The permittee must make plans available to members of the public upon request. However, the permittee may claim any portion of a SWMP as confidential in accordance with 40 CFR Part 2.

#### D. SITE INSPECTIONS

Site inspections must be conducted in accordance with the following requirements. The required inspection schedules are a minimum frequency and do not affect the permittee's responsibility to implement control measures in effective operating condition as prescribed in the SWMP. Proper maintenance of control measures may require more frequent inspections. Site inspections shall start within 7 calendar days of the commencement of construction activities on site.

##### 1. Person Responsible for Conducting Inspections

The person(s) inspecting the site may be on the permittee's staff or a third party hired to conduct stormwater inspections under the direction of the permittee(s). The permittee is responsible for ensuring that the inspector is a qualified stormwater manager.

##### 2. Inspection Frequency

Permittees must conduct site inspections in accordance with one of the following minimum frequencies, unless the site meets the requirements of Part ID.3

- a. At least one inspection every 7 calendar days. Or
- b. At least one inspection every 14 calendar days, if post-storm event inspections are conducted within 24 hours after the end of any precipitation or snowmelt event that causes surface erosion. Post-storm inspections may be used to fulfill the 14-day routine inspection requirement.
- c. When site conditions make the schedule required in this section impractical, the permittee may petition the Division to grant an alternate inspection schedule. The alternative inspection schedule may not be implemented prior to written approval by the division and incorporation into the SWMP.

### 3. Inspection Frequency for Discharges to Outstanding Waters

Permittees must conduct site inspections at least once every 7 calendar days for sites that discharge to a water body designated as an Outstanding Water by the Water Quality Control Commission.

### 4. Reduced Inspection Frequency

The permittee may perform site inspections at the following reduced frequencies when one of the following conditions exists:

#### a. Post-Storm Inspections at Temporarily Idle Sites

For permittees choosing to combine 14-day inspections and post-storm-event inspections, if no construction activities will occur following a storm event, post-storm event inspections must be conducted prior to re-commencing construction activities, but no later than 72 hours following the storm event. The delay of any post-storm event inspection must be documented in the inspection record. Routine inspections must still be conducted at least every 14 calendar days.

#### b. Inspections at Completed Sites/Areas

When the site, or portions of a site are awaiting establishment of a vegetative ground cover and final stabilization, the permittee must conduct a thorough inspection of the stormwater management system at least once every 30 days. Post-storm event inspections are not required under this schedule. This reduced inspection schedule is allowed if all of the following criteria are met:

- i. all construction activities resulting in ground disturbance are complete;
- ii. all activities required for final stabilization, in accordance with the SWMP, have been completed, with the exception of the application of seed that has not occurred due to seasonal conditions or the necessity for additional seed application to augment previous efforts; and
- iii. the SWMP has been amended to locate those areas to be inspected in accordance with the reduced schedule allowed for in this paragraph.

#### c. Winter Conditions Inspections Exclusion

Inspections are not required for sites that meet all of the following conditions: construction activities are temporarily halted, snow cover exists over the entire site for an extended period, and melting conditions posing a risk of surface erosion do not exist. This inspection exception is applicable only during the period where melting conditions do not exist, and applies to the routine 7-day, 14-day and monthly inspections, as well as the post-storm-event inspections. When this inspection exclusion is implemented, the following information must be documented in accordance with the requirements in Part II:

- i. dates when snow cover existed;
- ii. date when construction activities ceased; and
- iii. date melting conditions began.

## 5. Inspection Scope

### a. Areas to be Inspected

When conducting a site inspection the following areas, if applicable, must be inspected for evidence of, or the potential for, pollutants leaving the construction site boundaries, entering the stormwater drainage system, or discharging to state waters:

- i. construction site perimeter;
- ii. all disturbed areas;
- iii. designated haul routes;
- iv. material and waste storage areas exposed to precipitation;
- v. locations where stormwater has the potential to discharge offsite; and
- vi. locations where vehicles exit the site.

### b. Inspection Requirements

- i. Visually verify whether all implemented control measures are in effective operational condition and are working as designed in their specifications to minimize pollutant discharges.
- ii. Determine if there are new potential sources of pollutants.
- iii. Assess the adequacy of control measures at the site to identify areas requiring new or modified control measures to minimize pollutant discharges.
- iv. Identify all areas of non-compliance with the permit requirements and, if necessary, implement corrective action in accordance with Part IB.1.c.

### c. Inspection Reports

The permittee must keep a record of all inspections conducted for each permitted site. Inspection reports must identify any incidents of noncompliance with the terms and conditions of this permit. Inspection records must be retained in accordance with Part II.O. and signed in accordance with Part I.A.3.f. At a minimum, the inspection report must include:

- i. the inspection date;



- ii. name(s) and title(s) of personnel conducting the inspection;
- iii. weather conditions at the time of inspection;
- iv. phase of construction at the time of inspection;
- v. estimated acreage of disturbance at the time of inspection
- vi. location(s) of discharges of sediment or other pollutants from the site;
- vii. location(s) of control measures needing maintenance;
- viii. location(s) and identification of inadequate control measures;
- ix. location(s) and identification of additional control measures are needed that were not in place at the time of inspection;
- x. description of the minimum inspection frequency (either in accordance with Part I.D.2., I.D.3. or I.D.4.) utilized when conducting each inspection.
- xi. deviations from the minimum inspection schedule as required in Part I.D.2.;
- xii. after adequate corrective action(s) and maintenance have been taken, or where a report does not identify any incidents requiring corrective action or maintenance, the report shall contain a statement as required in Part I.A.3.f.

## E. DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this permit:

- (1) Bypass - the intentional diversion of waste streams from any portion of a treatment facility in accordance with 40 CFR 122.41(m)(1)(i) and Regulation 61.2(12).
- (2) Common Plan of Development or Sale - A contiguous area where multiple separate and distinct construction activities may be taking place at different times on different schedules, but remain related. The Division has determined that "contiguous" means construction activities located in close proximity to each other (within ¼ mile). Construction activities are considered to be "related" if they share the same development plan, builder or contractor, equipment, storage areas, etc. "Common plan of development or sale" includes construction activities that are associated with the construction of field wide oil and gas permits for facilities that are related.
- (3) Construction Activity - Ground surface disturbing and associated activities (land disturbance), which include, but are not limited to, clearing, grading, excavation, demolition, installation of new or improved haul roads and access roads, staging areas, stockpiling of fill materials, and borrow areas. Construction does not include routine maintenance to maintain the original line and grade, hydraulic capacity, or original purpose of the facility. Activities to conduct repairs that are not part of routine maintenance or for replacement are construction activities and are not routine maintenance. Repaving activities where underlying and/or surrounding soil is exposed as part of the repaving operation are considered construction activities. Construction activity is from initial ground breaking to final stabilization regardless of ownership of the construction activities.
- (4) Control Measure - Any best management practice or other method used to prevent or reduce the discharge of pollutants to state waters. Control measures include, but are not limited to, best management practices. Control measures can include other methods such as the installation, operation, and maintenance of structural controls and treatment devices.

- (5) Control Measure Requiring Routine Maintenance - Any control measure that is still operating in accordance with its design and the requirements of this permit, but requires maintenance to prevent a breach of the control measure. See also inadequate control measure.
- (6) Dedicated Asphalt, Concrete Batch Plants and Masonry Mixing Stations - are batch plants or mixing stations located on, or within  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile of, a construction site and that provide materials only to that specific construction site.
- (7) Final Stabilization - The condition reached when all ground surface disturbing activities at the site have been completed, and for all areas of ground surface disturbing activities where a uniform vegetative cover has been established with an individual plant density of at least 70 percent of pre-disturbance levels, or equivalent permanent, physical erosion reduction methods have been employed.
- (8) Good Engineering, Hydrologic and Pollution Control Practices: are methods, procedures, and practices that:
  - a. Are based on basic scientific fact(s).
  - b. Reflect best industry practices and standards.
  - c. Are appropriate for the conditions and pollutant sources.
  - d. Provide appropriate solutions to meet the associated permit requirements, including practice based effluent limits.
- (9) Inadequate Control Measure - Any control measure that is not designed or implemented in accordance with the requirements of the permit and/or any control measure that is not implemented to operate in accordance with its design. See also Control Measure Requiring Routine Maintenance.
- (10) Infeasible - Not technologically possible, or not economically practicable and achievable in light of best industry practices.
- (11) Minimize - reduce or eliminate to the extent achievable using control measures that are technologically available and economically practicable and achievable in light of best industry practice.
- (12) Municipality - A city, town, county, district, association, or other public body created by, or under, State law and having jurisdiction over disposal of sewage, industrial wastes, or other wastes, or a designated and approved management agency under section 208 of CWA (1987).
- (13) Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) - A conveyance or system of conveyances (including roads with drainage systems, municipal streets, catch basins, curbs, gutters, ditches, man-made channels, or storm drains):
  - a) owned or operated by a State, city, town, county, district, association, or other public body (created by or pursuant to State law) having jurisdiction over disposal of sewage, industrial wastes, stormwater, or other wastes, including special districts under State law such as a sewer district, flood control district or drainage district, or similar entity, or a designated and approved management agency under section 208 of the CWA that discharges to state waters;
    - i. designed or used for collecting or conveying stormwater;
    - ii. are not a combined sewer; and
    - iii. are not part of a Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTW). See 5 CCR 1002-61.2(62).
- (14) Municipal Stormwater Management Program - A stormwater program operated by a municipality, typically to meet the requirements of the municipalities MS4 discharge certification.

- (15) Operator - The party that has operational control over day-to-day activities at a project site which are necessary to ensure compliance with the permit. This party is authorized to direct individuals at a site to carry out activities required by the permit. (e.g. the general contractor)
- (16) Owner - The party that has overall control of the activities and that has funded the implementation of the construction plans and specifications. This is the party with ownership of, a long term lease of, or easements on the property on which the construction activity is occurring (e.g., the developer).
- (17) Permittee(s) - The owner and operator named in the discharge certification issued under this permit for the construction site specified in the certification.
- (18) Point Source - Any discernible, confined, and discrete conveyance, including, but not limited to, any pipe, ditch, channel, tunnel, conduit, well, discrete fissure, container, rolling stock, concentrated animal feeding operation, or vessel or other floating craft, from which pollutants are or may be discharged. Point source does not include irrigation return flow. See 5 CCR 102-61.2(75).
- (19) Pollutant - Dredged spoil, dirt, slurry, solid waste, incinerator residue, sewage, sewage sludge, garbage, trash, chemical waste, biological nutrient, biological material, radioactive material, heat, wrecked or discarded equipment, rock, sand, or any industrial, municipal or agricultural waste. See 5 CCR 1002-61.2(76).
- (20) Presentation of credentials - a government issued form of identification, if in person; or (ii) providing name, position and purpose of inspection if request to enter is made via telephone, email or other form of electronic communication. A Permittee's non-response to a request to enter upon presentation of credentials constitutes a denial to such request, and may result in violation of the Permit.
- (21) Process Water - Any water which, during manufacturing or processing, comes into contact with or results from the production of any raw material, intermediate product, finished product, by product or waste product.
- (22) Public Emergency Related Site - a project initiated in response to an unanticipated emergency (e.g., mud slides, earthquake, extreme flooding conditions, disruption in essential public services), for which the related work requires immediate authorization to avoid imminent endangerment to human health or the environment, or to reestablish essential public services.
- (23) Qualified Stormwater Manager - An individual knowledgeable in the principles and practices of erosion and sediment control and pollution prevention, and with the skills to assess conditions at construction sites that could impact stormwater quality and to assess the effectiveness of stormwater controls implemented to meet the requirements of this permit.
- (24) Qualifying Local Program - A municipal program for stormwater discharges associated with small construction activity that was formally approved by the division as a qualifying local program.
- (25) Receiving Water - Any classified or unclassified surface water segment (including tributaries) in the State of Colorado into which stormwater associated with construction activities discharges. This definition includes all water courses, even if they are usually dry, such as borrow ditches, arroyos, and other unnamed waterways.
- (26) Severe Property Damage - substantial physical damage to property, damage to the treatment facilities which causes them to become inoperable, or substantial and permanent loss of natural resources which can reasonably be expected to occur in the absence of a bypass. Severe property damage does not mean economic loss caused by delays in production. See 40 CFR 122.41(m)(1)(ii).

- (27) Significant Materials - Include, but not limited to, raw materials; fuels; materials such as solvents, detergents, and plastic pellets; finished materials such as metallic products; raw materials used in food processing or production; hazardous substances designated under section 101(14) of CERCLA; any chemical the permittee is required to report under section 313 of Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA); fertilizers; pesticides; and waste products such as ashes, slag and sludge that have the potential to be released with stormwater discharges.
- (28) Small Construction Activity - The discharge of stormwater from construction activities that result in land disturbance of equal to, or greater than, one acre and less than five acres. Small construction activity also includes the disturbance of less than one acre of total land area that is part of a larger common plan of development or sale, if the larger common plan ultimately disturbs equal to, or greater than, one acre and less than five acres.
- (29) Spill - An unintentional release of solid or liquid material which may pollute state waters.
- (30) State Waters - means any and all surface and subsurface waters which are contained in or flow in or through this state, but does not include waters in sewage systems, waters in treatment works of disposal systems, waters in potable water distribution systems, and all water withdrawn for use until use and treatment have been completed.
- (31) Steep Slopes: where a local government, or industry technical manual (e.g., stormwater BMP manual) has defined what is to be considered a "steep slope", this permit's definition automatically adopts that definition. Where no such definition exists, steep slopes are automatically defined as those that are 3:1 or greater.
- (32) Stormwater - Precipitation runoff, snow melt runoff, and surface runoff and drainage. See 5 CCR 1002-61.2(103).
- (33) Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) -The sum of the individual wasteload allocations (WLA) for point sources and load allocations (LA) for nonpoint sources and natural background. For the purposes of this permit, a TMDL is a calculation of the maximum amount of a pollutant that a waterbody can receive and still meet water quality standards, and an allocation of that amount to the pollutant's sources. A TMDL includes WLAs, LAs, and must include a margin of safety (MOS), and account for seasonal variations. See section 303(d) of the CWA and 40 C.F.R. 130.2 and 130.7.
- (34) Upset - an exceptional incident in which there is unintentional and temporary noncompliance with permit effluent limitations because of factors beyond the reasonable control of the permittee. An upset does not include noncompliance to the extent caused by operational error, improperly designed treatment facilities, inadequate treatment facilities, lack of preventative maintenance, or careless or improper operation in accordance with 40 CFR 122.41(n) and Regulation 61.2(114).

## F. MONITORING

The division may require sampling and testing, on a case-by-case basis. If the division requires sampling and testing, the division will send a notification to the permittee. Reporting procedures for any monitoring data collected will be included in the notification.

If monitoring is required, the following applies:

1. the thirty (30) day average must be determined by the arithmetic mean of all samples collected during a thirty (30) consecutive-day period; and
2. a grab sample, for monitoring requirements, is a single "dip and take" sample.

**G. Oil and Gas Construction**

Stormwater discharges associated with construction activities directly related to oil and gas exploration, production, processing, and treatment operations or transmission facilities are regulated under the Colorado Discharge Permit System Regulations (5 CCR 1002-61), and require coverage under this permit in accordance with that regulation. However, references in this permit to specific authority under the CWA do not apply to stormwater discharges associated with these oil and gas related construction activities, to the extent that the references are limited by the federal Energy Policy Act of 2005.

**Part II: Standard Permit Conditions**

**A. DUTY TO COMPLY**

The permittee must comply with all conditions of this permit. Any permit noncompliance constitutes a violation of the Water Quality Control Act and is grounds for:

- a. enforcement action;
- b. permit termination, revocation and reissuance, or modification; or
- c. denial of a permit renewal application.

**B. DUTY TO REAPPLY**

If the permittee wishes to continue an activity regulated by this permit after the expiration date of this permit, the permittee must apply for and obtain authorization as required by Part I.A.3.k. of the permit.

**C. NEED TO HALT OR REDUCE ACTIVITY NOT A DEFENSE**

It shall not be a defense for a permittee in an enforcement action that it would have been necessary to halt or reduce the permitted activity in order to maintain compliance with the conditions of this permit.

**D. DUTY TO MITIGATE**

A permittee must take all reasonable steps to minimize or prevent any discharge in violation of this permit which has a reasonable likelihood of adversely affecting human health or the environment.

**E. PROPER OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE**

A permittee must at all times properly operate and maintain all facilities and systems of treatment and control (and related appurtenances) that are installed or used by the permittee to achieve compliance with the conditions of this permit. Proper operation and maintenance also includes adequate laboratory controls and appropriate quality assurance procedures. This provision requires the operation of backup or auxiliary facilities or similar systems which are installed by the permittee only when the operation is necessary to achieve compliance with the conditions of this permit. This requirement can be met by meeting the requirements for Part I.B., I.C., and I.D. above. See also 40 C.F.R. § 122.41(e).

**F. PERMIT ACTIONS**

This permit may be modified, revoked and reissued, or terminated for cause. The permittee request for a permit modification, revocation and reissuance, or termination, or a notification of planned changes or anticipated noncompliance does not stay any permit condition. Any request for modification, revocation, reissuance, or termination under this permit must comply with all terms and conditions of Regulation 61.8(8).

**G. PROPERTY RIGHTS**

In accordance with 40 CFR 122.41(g) and 5 CCR 1002-61, 61.8(9):

1. The issuance of a permit does not convey any property or water rights in either real or personal property, or stream flows or any exclusive privilege.

2. The issuance of a permit does not authorize any injury to person or property or any invasion of personal rights, nor does it authorize the infringement of federal, state, or local laws or regulations.
3. Except for any toxic effluent standard or prohibition imposed under Section 307 of the Federal act or any standard for sewage sludge use or disposal under Section 405(d) of the Federal act, compliance with a permit during its term constitutes compliance, for purposes of enforcement, with Sections 301, 302, 306, 318, 403, and 405(a) and (b) of the Federal act. However, a permit may be modified, revoked and reissued, or terminated during its term for cause as set forth in Section 61.8(8) of the Colorado Discharge Permit System Regulations.

**H. DUTY TO PROVIDE INFORMATION**

The permittee shall furnish to the division, within a reasonable time, any information which the division may request to determine whether cause exists for modifying, revoking and reissuing, or terminating this permit, or to determine compliance with this permit. The permittee shall also furnish to the division, upon request, copies of records required to be kept by this permit in accordance with 40 CFR 122.41(h) and/or Regulation 61.8(3)(q).

**I. INSPECTION AND ENTRY**

The permittee shall allow the division and the authorized representative, upon the presentation of credentials as required by law, to allow for inspections to be conducted in accordance with 40 CFR 122.41(i), Regulation 61.8(3), and Regulation 61.8(4):

1. to enter upon the permittee's premises where a regulated facility or activity is located or in which any records are required to be kept under the terms and conditions of this permit;
2. at reasonable times to have access to and copy any records required to be kept under the terms and conditions of this permit;
3. at reasonable times, inspect any monitoring equipment or monitoring method required in the permit; and
4. to enter upon the permittee's premises in a reasonable manner and at a reasonable time to inspect or investigate, any actual, suspected, or potential source of water pollution, or any violation of the Colorado Water Quality Control Act. The investigation may include: sampling of any discharges, stormwater or process water, taking of photographs, interviewing site staff on alleged violations and other matters related to the permit, and assessing any and all facilities or areas within the site that may affect discharges, the permit, or an alleged violation.

The permittee shall provide access to the division or other authorized representatives upon presentation of proper credentials. A permittee's non-response to a request to enter upon presentation of credentials constitutes a denial of such request, and may result in a violation of the permit.

**J. MONITORING AND RECORDS**

1. Samples and measurements taken for the purpose of monitoring must be representative of the volume and nature of the monitored activity.



2. The permittee must retain records of all monitoring information, including all calibration and maintenance records and all original strip chart recordings for continuous monitoring instrumentation, copies of all reports required by this permit, and records of all data used to complete the application for this permit, for a period of at least three years from the date the permit expires or the date the permittee's authorization is terminated. This period may be extended by request of the division at any time.
3. Records of monitoring information must include:
  - a. The date, exact place, and time of sampling or measurements;
  - b. The individual(s) who performed the sampling or measurements;
  - c. The date(s) analyses were performed
  - d. The individual(s) who performed the analyses;
  - e. The analytical techniques or methods used; and
  - f. The results of such analyses.
4. Monitoring must be conducted according to test procedures approved under 40 CFR Part 136, unless other test procedures have been specified in the permit.

#### K. SIGNATORY REQUIREMENTS

##### 1. Authorization to Sign:

All documents required to be submitted to the division by the permit must be signed in accordance with the following criteria:

- a. For a corporation: By a responsible corporate officer. For the purpose of this subsection, a responsible corporate officer means:
  - i. a president, secretary, treasurer, or vice president of the corporation in charge of a principal business function, or any other person who performs similar policy- or decision-making functions for the corporation, or
  - ii. the manager of one or more manufacturing, production, or operating facilities, provided, the manager is authorized to make management decisions which govern the operation of the regulated facility including having the explicit or implicit duty of making major capital investment recommendations, and initiating and directing other comprehensive measures to assure long term environmental compliance with environmental laws and regulations; the manager can ensure that the necessary systems are established or actions taken to gather complete and accurate information for permit application requirements; and where authority to sign documents has been assigned or delegated to the manager in accordance with corporate procedures.
- b. For a partnership or sole proprietorship: By a general partner or the proprietor, respectively; or
- c. For a municipality, state, federal, or other public agency: By either a principal executive officer or ranking elected official. For purposes of this subsection, a principal executive officer of a federal agency includes
  - i. (i) the chief executive officer of the agency, or

- ii. (ii) a senior executive officer having responsibility for the overall operations of a principal geographic unit of the agency. (e.g., Regional Administrator of EPA)

## 2. Electronic Signatures

For persons signing applications for coverage under this permit electronically, in addition to meeting other applicable requirements stated above, such signatures must meet the same signature, authentication, and identity-proofing standards set forth at 40 CFR § 3.2000(b) for electronic reports (including robust second-factor authentication). Compliance with this requirement can be achieved by submitting the application using the Colorado Environmental Online Service (CEOS) system.

## 3. Change in Authorization to Sign

If an authorization is no longer accurate because a different individual or position has responsibility for the overall operation of the facility, a new authorization must be submitted to the division, prior to the re-authorization, or together with any reports, information, or applications to be signed by an authorized representative.

# L. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

## 1. Planned Changes

The permittee shall give advance notice to the division, in writing, of any planned physical alterations or additions to the permitted facility in accordance with 40 CFR 122.41(l) and Regulation 61.8(5)(a). Notice is required only when:

- a. The alteration or addition to a permitted facility may meet one of the criteria for determining whether a facility is a new source in 40 CFR 122.29(b); or
- b. The alteration or addition could significantly change the nature or increase the quantity of pollutants discharged. This notification applies to pollutants which are subject neither to effluent limitations in the permit, nor to notification requirements under 40 CFR 122.41(a)(1).

## 2. Anticipated Non-Compliance

The permittee shall give advance notice to the division, in writing, of any planned changes in the permitted facility or activity that may result in noncompliance with permit requirements. The timing of notification requirements differs based on the type of non-compliance as described in subparagraphs 5, 6, 7, and 8 below.

## 3. Transfer of Ownership or Control

The permittee shall notify the division, in writing, ten (10) calendar days in advance of a proposed transfer of the permit. This permit is not transferable to any person except after notice is given to the division.

- a. Where a facility wants to change the name of the permittee, the original permittee (the first owner or operators) must submit a Notice of Termination.
- b. The new owner or operator must submit an application. See also signature requirements in Part II.K, above.
- c. A permit may be automatically transferred to a new permittee if:
  - i. The current permittee notifies the Division in writing 30 calendar days in advance of the proposed transfer date; and
  - ii. The notice includes a written agreement between the existing and new permittee(s) containing a specific date for transfer of permit responsibility, coverage and liability between them; and
  - iii. The division does not notify the existing permittee and the proposed new permittee of its intent to modify, or revoke and reissue the permit.
  - iv. Fee requirements of the Colorado Discharge Permit System Regulations, Section 61.15, have been met.

#### 4. Monitoring reports

Monitoring results must be reported at the intervals specified in this permit per the requirements of 40 CFR 122.41(l)(4).

#### 5. Compliance Schedules

Reports of compliance or noncompliance with, or any progress reports on, interim and final requirements contained in any compliance schedule in the permit, shall be submitted on the date listed in the compliance schedule section. The fourteen (14) calendar day provision in Regulation 61.8(4)(n)(i) has been incorporated into the due date.

#### 6. Twenty-four hour reporting

In addition to the reports required elsewhere in this permit, the permittee shall report the following circumstances orally within twenty-four (24) hours from the time the permittee becomes aware of the circumstances, and shall mail to the division a written report containing the information requested within five (5) working days after becoming aware of the following circumstances:

- a. Circumstances leading to any noncompliance which may endanger health or the environment regardless of the cause of the incident;
- b. Circumstances leading to any unanticipated bypass which exceeds any effluent limitations in the permit;
- c. Circumstances leading to any upset which causes an exceedance of any effluent limitation in the permit;

- d. Daily maximum violations for any of the pollutants limited by Part I of this permit. This includes any toxic pollutant or hazardous substance or any pollutant specifically identified as the method to control any toxic pollutant or hazardous substance.
- e. The division may waive the written report required under subparagraph 6 of this section if the oral report has been received within 24 hours.

7. Other non-compliance

A permittee must report all instances of noncompliance at the time monitoring reports are due. If no monitoring reports are required, these reports are due at least annually in accordance with Regulation 61.8(4)(p). The annual report must contain all instances of non-compliance required under either subparagraph 5 or subparagraph 6 of this subsection.

8. Other information

Where a permittee becomes aware that it failed to submit any relevant facts in a permit application, or submitted incorrect information in a permit application, or in any report to the Permitting Authority, it has a duty to promptly submit such facts or information.

**M. BYPASS**

1. Bypass not exceeding limitations

The permittees may allow any bypass to occur which does not cause effluent limitations to be exceeded, but only if it also is for essential maintenance to assure efficient operation. These bypasses are not subject to the provisions of Part II.M.2 of this permit. See 40 CFR 122.41(m)(2).

2. Notice of bypass

- a. Anticipated bypass. If the permittee knows in advance of the need for a bypass, the permittee must submit prior notice, if possible at least ten days before the date of the bypass. See 40 CFR §122.41(m)(3)(i) and/or Regulation 61.9(5)(c).
- b. Unanticipated bypass. The permittee must submit notice of an unanticipated bypass in accordance with Part II.L.6. See 40 CFR §122.41(m)(3)(ii) .

3. Prohibition of Bypass

Bypasses are prohibited and the division may take enforcement action against the permittee for bypass, unless:

- i. the bypass is unavoidable to prevent loss of life, personal injury, or severe property damage;

- ii. There were no feasible alternatives to the bypass, such as the use of auxiliary treatment facilities, retention of untreated wastes, or maintenance during normal periods of equipment downtime. This condition is not satisfied if adequate backup equipment should have been installed in the exercise of reasonable engineering judgment to prevent a bypass which occurred during normal periods of equipment downtime or preventive maintenance; and
- iii. proper notices were submitted to the division.

**N. UPSET**

**1. Effect of an upset**

An upset constitutes an affirmative defense to an action brought for noncompliance with permit effluent limitations if the requirements of Part II.N.2. of this permit are met. No determination made during administrative review of claims that noncompliance was caused by upset, and before an action for noncompliance, is final administrative action subject to judicial review in accordance with Regulation 61.8(3)(j).

**2. Conditions necessary for demonstration of an Upset**

A permittee who wishes to establish the affirmative defense of upset shall demonstrate through properly signed contemporaneous operating logs, or other relevant evidence that

- a. an upset occurred and the permittee can identify the specific cause(s) of the upset;
- b. the permitted facility was at the time being properly operated and maintained; and
- c. the permittee submitted proper notice of the upset as required in Part II.L.6. (24-hour notice); and
- d. the permittee complied with any remedial measure necessary to minimize or prevent any discharge or sludge use or disposal in violation of this permit which has a reasonable likelihood of adversely affecting human health or the environment. In addition to the demonstration required above, a permittee who wishes to establish the affirmative defense of upset for a violation of effluent limitations based upon water quality standards shall also demonstrate through monitoring, modeling or other methods that the relevant standards were achieved in the receiving water.

**3. Burden of Proof**

In any enforcement proceeding, the permittee seeking to establish the occurrence of an upset has the burden of proof.

**O. RETENTION OF RECORDS**

**1. Post-Expiration or Termination Retention**

Copies of documentation required by this permit, including records of all data used to complete the application for permit coverage to be covered by this permit, must be

retained for at least three years from the date that permit coverage expires or is terminated. This period may be extended by request of EPA at any time.

**2. On-site Retention**

The permittee must retain an electronic version or hardcopy of the SWMP at the construction site from the date of the initiation of construction activities to the date of expiration or inactivation of permit coverage; unless another location, specified by the permittee, is approved by the division.

**P. REOPENER CLAUSE**

**1. Procedures for modification or revocation**

Permit modification or revocation of this permit or coverage under this permit will be conducted according to Regulation 61.8(8).

**2. Water quality protection**

If there is evidence indicating that the stormwater discharges authorized by this permit cause, have the reasonable potential to cause or contribute to an excursion above any applicable water quality standard, the permittee may be required to obtain an individual permit, or the permit may be modified to include different limitations and/or requirements.

**Q. SEVERABILITY**

The provisions of this permit are severable. If any provisions or the application of any provision of this permit to any circumstances, is held invalid, the application of such provision to other circumstances and the application of the remainder of this permit shall not be affected.

**R. NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

**1. Notification to Parties**

All notification requirements, excluding information submitted using the CEOS portal, shall be directed as follows:

**a. Oral Notifications, during normal business hours shall be to:**

Clean Water Compliance Section  
Water Quality Control Division  
Telephone: (303) 692-3500

**b. Written notification shall be to:**

Clean Water Compliance Section  
Water Quality Control Division  
Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment  
WQCD-WQP-B2  
4300 Cherry Creek Drive South  
Denver, CO 80246-1530

**S. RESPONSIBILITIES****1. Reduction, Loss, or Failure of Treatment Facility**

The permittee has the duty to halt or reduce any activity if necessary to maintain compliance with the effluent limitations of the permit. It shall not be a defense for a permittee in an enforcement action that it would be necessary to halt or reduce the permitted activity in order to maintain compliance with the conditions of this permit.

**T. Oil and Hazardous Substance Liability**

Nothing in this permit shall be construed to preclude the institution of any legal action or relieve the permittee from any responsibilities, liabilities, or penalties to which the permittee is or may be subject to under Section 311 (Oil and Hazardous Substance Liability) of the CWA.

**U. Emergency Powers**

Nothing in this permit shall be construed to prevent or limit application of any emergency power of the division.

**V. Confidentiality**

Any information relating to any secret process, method of manufacture or production, or sales or marketing data which has been declared confidential by the permittee, and which may be acquired, ascertained, or discovered, whether in any sampling investigation, emergency investigation, or otherwise, shall not be publicly disclosed by any member, officer, or employee of the Water Quality Control Commission or the division, but shall be kept confidential. Any person seeking to invoke the protection of of this section shall bear the burden of proving its applicability. This section shall never be interpreted as preventing full disclosure of effluent data.

**W. Fees**

The permittee is required to submit payment of an annual fee as set forth in the 2016 amendments to the Water Quality Control Act. Section 25-8-502 (1.1) (b), and the Colorado Discharge Permit System Regulations 5 CCR 1002-61, Section 61.15 as amended. Failure to submit the required fee when due and payable is a violation of the permit and will result in enforcement action pursuant to Section 25-8-601 et. seq., C.R.S.1973 as amended.

**X. Duration of Permit**

The duration of a permit shall be for a fixed term and shall not exceed five (5) years. If the permittee desires to continue to discharge, a permit renewal application shall be submitted at least ninety (90) calendar days before this permit expires. Filing of a timely and complete application shall cause the expired permit to continue in force to the effective date of the new permit. The permit's duration may be extended only through administrative extensions and not through interim modifications. If the permittee anticipates there will be no discharge after the expiration date of this permit, the division should be promptly notified so that it can terminate the permit in accordance with Part I.A.3.i.

**Y. Section 307 Toxics**

If a toxic effluent standard or prohibition, including any applicable schedule of compliance specified, is established by regulation pursuant to Section 307 of the Federal Act for a toxic pollutant which is present in the permittee's discharge and such standard or prohibition is more stringent than any limitation upon such pollutant in the discharge permit, the division

shall institute proceedings to modify or revoke and reissue the permit to conform to the toxic effluent standard or prohibition



## APPENDIX C – FEMA FIRM MAP



# National Flood Hazard Layer FIRMette



104°43'9"W 38°43'45"N



## Legend

SEE FIS REPORT FOR DETAILED LEGEND AND INDEX MAP FOR FIRM PANEL LAYOUT

SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREAS		Without Base Flood Elevation (BFE) Zone A, V, A99
		With BFE or Depth Zone AE, AO, AH, VE, AR
		Regulatory Floodway
OTHER AREAS OF FLOOD HAZARD		0.2% Annual Chance Flood Hazard, Areas of 1% annual chance flood with average depth less than one foot or with drainage areas of less than one square mile Zone X
		Future Conditions 1% Annual Chance Flood Hazard Zone X
		Area with Reduced Flood Risk due to Levee. See Notes. Zone X
		Area with Flood Risk due to Levee Zone D
OTHER AREAS		NO SCREEN Area of Minimal Flood Hazard Zone X
		Effective LOMRs
		Area of Undetermined Flood Hazard Zone D
GENERAL STRUCTURES		Channel, Culvert, or Storm Sewer
		Levee, Dike, or Floodwall
OTHER FEATURES		20.2 Cross Sections with 1% Annual Chance Water Surface Elevation
		17.5 Coastal Transect
		Base Flood Elevation Line (BFE)
		Limit of Study
		Jurisdiction Boundary
		Coastal Transect Baseline
		Profile Baseline
MAP PANELS		Digital Data Available
		No Digital Data Available
		Unmapped



The pin displayed on the map is an approximate point selected by the user and does not represent an authoritative property location.

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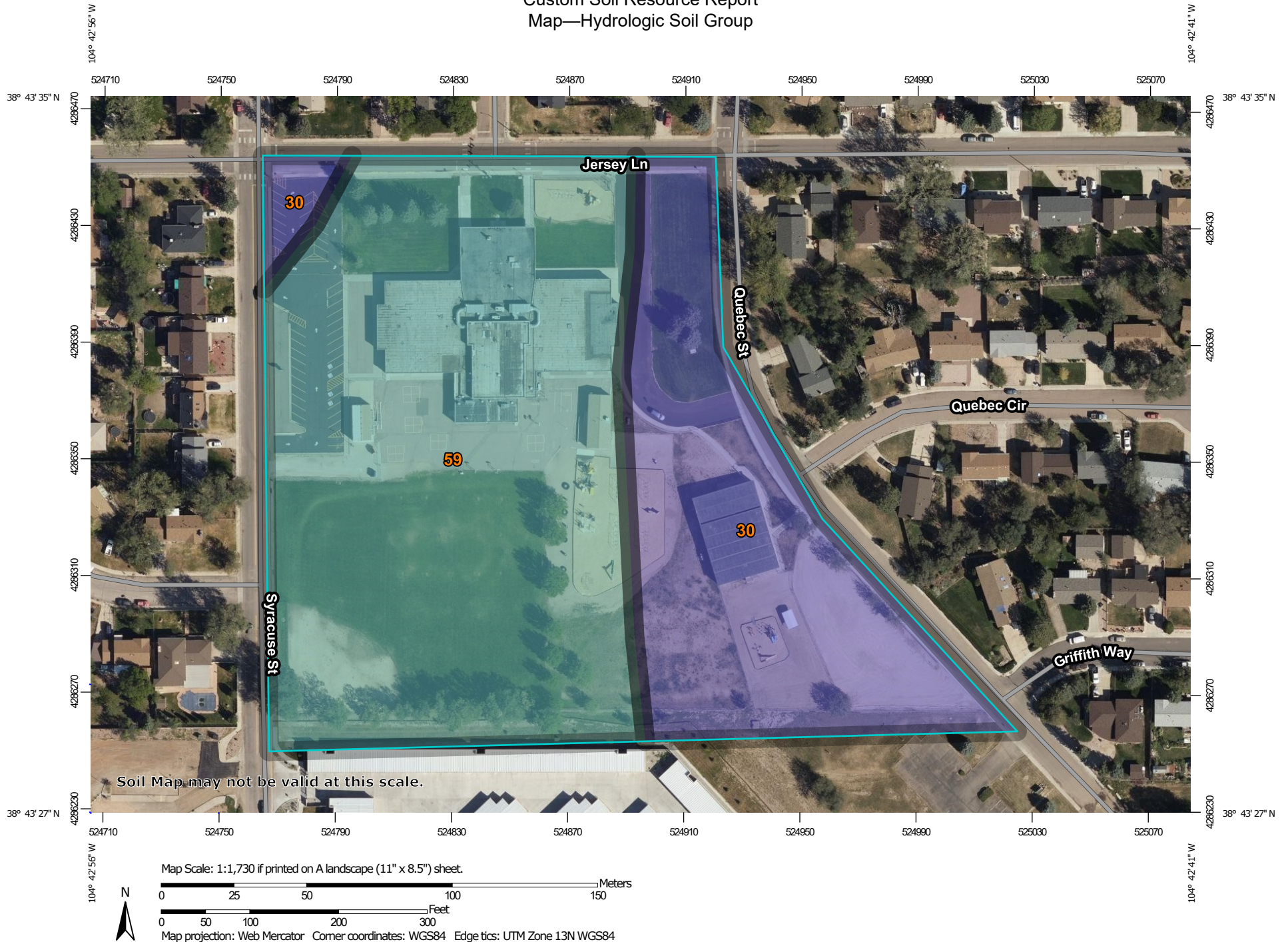
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## APPENDIX D – Soils Information



# Custom Soil Resource Report Map—Hydrologic Soil Group



## Custom Soil Resource Report

### MAP LEGEND

#### Area of Interest (AOI)

 Area of Interest (AOI)

#### Soils

##### Soil Rating Polygons





 A  
 A/D  
 B  
 B/D  
 C  
 C/D  
 D  
 Not rated or not available

##### Soil Rating Lines


 A  
 A/D  
 B  
 B/D  
 C  
 C/D  
 D  
 Not rated or not available

##### Soil Rating Points






 A  
 A/D  
 B  
 B/D

 C  
 C/D  
 D  
 Not rated or not available

#### Water Features

 Streams and Canals

#### Transportation

 Rails  
 Interstate Highways  
 US Routes  
 Major Roads  
 Local Roads

#### Background

 Aerial Photography

### MAP INFORMATION

The soil surveys that comprise your AOI were mapped at 1:24,000.

Warning: Soil Map may not be valid at this scale.

Enlargement of maps beyond the scale of mapping can cause misunderstanding of the detail of mapping and accuracy of soil line placement. The maps do not show the small areas of contrasting soils that could have been shown at a more detailed scale.

Please rely on the bar scale on each map sheet for map measurements.

Source of Map: Natural Resources Conservation Service  
Web Soil Survey URL:  
Coordinate System: Web Mercator (EPSG:3857)

Maps from the Web Soil Survey are based on the Web Mercator projection, which preserves direction and shape but distorts distance and area. A projection that preserves area, such as the Albers equal-area conic projection, should be used if more accurate calculations of distance or area are required.

This product is generated from the USDA-NRCS certified data as of the version date(s) listed below.

Soil Survey Area: El Paso County Area, Colorado  
Survey Area Data: Version 18, Jun 5, 2020

Soil map units are labeled (as space allows) for map scales 1:50,000 or larger.

Date(s) aerial images were photographed: Aug 14, 2018—Sep 23, 2018

The orthophoto or other base map on which the soil lines were compiled and digitized probably differs from the background imagery displayed on these maps. As a result, some minor shifting of map unit boundaries may be evident.

**Table—Hydrologic Soil Group**

Map unit symbol	Map unit name	Rating	Acres in AOI	Percent of AOI
30	Fort Collins loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes	B	3.2	34.6%
59	Nunn clay loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes	C	6.1	65.4%
<b>Totals for Area of Interest</b>			<b>9.4</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**Rating Options—Hydrologic Soil Group**

*Aggregation Method:* Dominant Condition

*Component Percent Cutoff:* None Specified

*Tie-break Rule:* Higher

## APPENDIX E – IDENTIFICATION OF POLLUTANT SOURCES

## Outdoor Storage of Materials Log

[illegible]



# Vehicle Equipment Maintenance and Fueling Log

[illegible]

## Routine Maintenance Log

[illegible]

## Onsite Waste Management Log

[illegible]

## Non-Industrial Waste Sources Log

[illegible]

### Additional Pollutant Sources Log

[illegible]

## APPENDIX F – LAND DISTURBANCE / CONTROL MEASURE / STABILIZATION LOG

## Land Disturbance / Control Measure / Stabilization Log

[illegible]

## APPENDIX G – SPILL PREVENTION AND RESPONSE PLAN AND REPORTING INFORMATION



# Spill Prevention and Response Plan

(Sample Plan – This plan has been produced to assist the General Contractor. This plan shall be revised and updated as needed by the contractor to fit the specific needs of the construction site and may need to be updated to reflect different type of materials and chemicals).

## General Spill Control Practices

Any hazardous or potentially hazardous material that is brought onto the construction site shall be handled properly to reduce the potential for stormwater pollution. In an effort to minimize the potential for a spill of petroleum product or hazardous materials to come in contact with stormwater, the following steps shall be implemented:

- ☐ Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) information shall be kept on site for any and all applicable materials.
- ☐ A spill control and containment kit shall be provided on the construction site
- ☐ All materials with hazardous properties (such as pesticides, petroleum products, fertilizers, detergents, construction chemicals, acids, paints, paint solvents, additives for soil stabilization, concrete, curing compounds and additives, etc.) shall be stored in a secure location, under cover and in appropriate, tightly sealed containers when not in use.
- ☐ The minimum practical quantity of all such materials shall be kept on the job site and scheduled for delivery as close to time of use as practical.
- ☐ All products shall be stored in and used from the original container with the original product label and used in strict compliance with the instructions on the product label.
- ☐ All of the product in a container shall be used before the container is disposed of. All such containers shall be triple rinsed, with water prior to disposal. The rinse water used in these containers shall be disposed of in a manner in compliance with State and Federal regulations and shall not be allowed to mix with stormwater discharges. The disposal of excess or used products shall be in strict compliance with instructions on the product label.
- ☐ If utilized, temporary onsite fuel tanks for construction vehicles shall meet all state and federal regulations. Tanks shall have approved spill containment with the capacity required by the applicable regulations. The tanks shall be in sound condition free of rust or other damage which might compromise containment. All tanks in excess of 50 gallons shall be provided with secondary containment (i.e. containment external to and separate from primary containment). Secondary containment shall be constructed of materials of sufficient thickness, density and composition so as not to be structurally weakened as a result of contact with the fuel stored and capable of containing discharged fuel for a period of time equal to or longer than the maximum anticipated time sufficient to allow recovery of discharged fuel. The operator / qualified stormwater manager should familiarize themselves with and follow local and state requirements.

## Spill Response Plan

In the event of an accidental spill, immediate action shall be undertaken by the Operator to contain and remove the spilled material.

- ☐ All hazardous materials, including contaminated soil, shall be disposed of by the Operator in the manner specified by federal, state and local regulations and by the manufacturer of such products.
- ☐ Spilled materials shall be cleaned-up by following the procedures outlined by the MSDS.
- ☐ As soon as possible, the spill shall be reported to the appropriate agencies as required by law. As required under the provisions of the Clean Water Act, any spill or discharge entering waters of the United States shall be properly reported. Any spills of petroleum products or hazardous materials in excess of Reportable Quantities as defined by EPA or the state or local agency regulations, shall be immediately reported to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) spill reporting lines.
  - ☐ CDPHE Environmental Release and Incident Reporting Line (877) 518-5608.
  - ☐ National Response Center - (800) 424-8802
- ☐ The Operator shall prepare a written record of any spill and associated clean-up activities of petroleum products or hazardous materials in excess of 1 gallon or reportable quantities, whichever is less. At a minimum, the following shall be documented: Nature of spill, quantity of spill, date/time spill occurred, agency notification if necessary, clean-up procedures used, daily monitoring (for the following 7 days), photographs, and interview(s) with any witnesses of the event.



## Environmental Spill Reporting

*24–Hour Emergency and Incident Reporting Line  
Office of Emergency Preparedness & Response*

1-877-518-5608

*Updated: June, 2018*

# Reporting chemical spills and releases in Colorado

## General

For all hazardous substance incidents, local emergency response agencies must be notified.

## Releases from fixed facilities

The Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) Title III, requires reporting releases from fixed facilities

Refer to the SARA Title III List of Lists, available from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), for the reportable quantity.

The party that owns the spilled material must immediately notify the following agencies or organizations:

- National Response Center (NRC) 1-800-424-8802;
- Colorado Emergency Planning Committee (CEPC), represented by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) 1-877-518-5608; and
- Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) 1-720-852-6600.

In addition to telephone notification, the responsible party must also send written notification describing the release and associated emergency response to both the CEPC (in this case, CDPHE) and the LEPC.

## Releases from RCRA facilities

Emergency releases from facilities permitted under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) are reportable according to the permit requirements.

The permit often requires reporting to CDPHE, even if the amount of the release is less than a reportable quantity under SARA Title III (6 CCR 1007-3 Part 264).

Permitted facilities and generators and transporters of hazardous waste are required to have and implement a contingency plan that describes the actions facility personnel must take in response to fires, explosions or any unplanned sudden or non-sudden release of hazardous waste or hazardous waste constituents to air, soil, surface or ground water at the facility (6 CCR 1007-3 Sections 261, 262, 263, 264 and 265).

Whenever there is an imminent or actual emergency situation, appropriate state or local agencies, with designated response roles as described in the contingency plan, must be notified immediately.

The National Response Center or government official designated as the regional on-scene coordinator must be notified immediately if it is determined that the facility has had a release, fire or explosion that could threaten human health or the environment outside the facility.

CDPHE and local authorities must be notified when the facility is back in compliance and ready to resume operations. In addition, the facility must send a written report to CDPHE within 15 days of any incident that requires implementation of the contingency plan. The contingency plan should include current contact information for notification and submittal of written reports.

Permitted facilities, generators and transporters that store hazardous waste must notify CDPHE within 24 hours of any release to the environment that is greater than one (1) pound and must submit a written report to CDPHE within 30 days of the release (6 CCR 1007-3).

## Transportation accidents

Transportation accidents that require reporting:

- Result in a spill or release of a hazardous substance in excess of the reportable quantity (40 CFR Part 302.6)
- Cause injury or death or cause estimated property damage exceeding \$50,000.
- Cause an evacuation of the general public lasting one or more hours.

Those that close or shut down one or more major transportation arteries or facilities or result in fire, breakage, spillage, or suspected contamination from radioactive or infectious substances must immediately be reported to the National Response Center.

Refer to the EPA SARA Title III List of Lists for those substances that have reportable quantities.

In addition to the NRC being notified, the local emergency number (9-1-1) must be called and CDPHE should be notified.

Written notification of any transportation accident involving a release of hazardous materials must be provided to the U.S. Department of Transportation within 30 days (49 CFR Part 171.16)

Since hazardous waste is a subset of hazardous materials, transporters who have discharged hazardous waste must notify the NRC and provide a written report to the US Department of Transportation as noted in the above reporting requirements.

The transporter must give immediate notice to the nearest Colorado State Patrol office (8 CCR 1507-8 HMP 5) and the nearest law enforcement agency if the accident or spill involved a vehicle (42-20-113(3) CRS).

Notification and a written report detailing the ultimate disposition of the discharge of hazardous waste must also be provided to CDPHE (6 CCR 1007-2 Section 263.30). This may be a duplicate copy of the US Department of Transportation report

In the event of a spill or discharge of hazardous waste at a transfer facility, the transporter must notify CDPHE within 24 hours if the spill exceeds 55 gallons or if there is a fire or explosion.

Within 15 days of a reportable incident, the transporter must submit a written report of the incident to CDPHE, including the final disposition of the material (6 CCR 1007-2 Section 263.40).

Releases of hazardous waste at a transfer facility may also require notification to the National Response Center and a written report to the U.S. Department of Transportation.

## Releases to water

A release of any chemical, oil, petroleum product, sewage, etc., which may enter waters of the State of Colorado (which include surface water, ground water and dry gullies or storm sewers leading to surface water) must be reported to CDPHE immediately (25-8-601 CRS).

Written notification to CDPHE must follow within five (5) days (5 CCR 1002-61, Section 61.8(5)(d)).

Any accidental discharge to the sanitary sewer system must be reported immediately to the local sewer authority and the affected wastewater treatment plant.

Releases of petroleum products and certain hazardous substances listed under the Federal Clean Water Act (40 CFR Part 116) must be reported to the National Response Center as well as to CDPHE (1-877-518-5608) as required under the Clean Water Act and the Oil Pollution Act.

## Releases to air

Any unpredictable failure of air pollution control or process equipment that results in the violation of emission

control regulations should be reported CDPHE by 10 a.m. of the following working day, followed by a written notice explaining the cause of the occurrence and describing action that has been or is being taken to correct the condition causing the violation and to prevent such excess emissions in the future (5 CCR 1001-2 Common Provisions Regulations Section II.E).

If emergency conditions cause excess emissions at a permitted facility, the owner/operator must provide notice to CDPHE no later than noon of the next working day following the emergency, and follow by written notice within one month of the time when emission limitations were exceeded due to the emergency (5 CCR 1001-5, Regulation 3 Part C, Section VII.C.4).

## Releases from oil and gas wells

All spills or releases of exploration and production wastes or produced fluids which meet the reporting thresholds of the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (COGCC) Rule 906 shall be reported verbally to the COGCC within 24 hours of discovery and on the COGCC Spill/Release Report Form 19 within 72 hours of discovery.

Spills or releases are reportable to the COGCC in the following circumstances:

- 1) the spill or release impacts or threatens to impact any waters of the state, (which include surface water, ground water and dry gullies or storm sewers leading to surface water), a residence or occupied structure, livestock or a public byway;
- 2) a spill or release in which 1 barrel or more is released outside of berms or other secondary containment; or
- 3) any spill or release of 5 barrels or more.

COGCC also requires reportable spills or releases be reported to the surface owner and local government. Whether or not they are reportable, spills or releases of any size must be stopped, cleaned up, and investigated as soon as practicable.

If the spill or release impacts or threatens to impact waters of the state, it must also be reported immediately to CDPHE (25-8-601 CRS).

## Releases from storage tanks

Petroleum releases of 25 gallons or more (or any size that causes a sheen on nearby surface waters) from regulated aboveground and underground fuel storage tanks must be reported to the Division of Oil and Public Safety (303-318-8547) within 24 hours. If the report is made after business hours, please leave a message on the technical assistance line for the Division of Oil and Public Safety, and contact the 24 hour CDPHE Emergency and Incident Reporting Line. This includes spills from fuel dispensers.

Spills or releases of hazardous substances from regulated storage tanks in excess of the reportable quantity (40 CFR Part 302.6) must be reported to the National Response Center and the local fire authority immediately, and to the Division of Oil and Public Safety within 24 hours. (8-20.5-208 CRS and 7 CCR 1101-14 Article 4).

Owners/operators of regulated storage tanks must contain and immediately clean up a spill or overfill of less than 25 gallons of petroleum and a spill or overfill of a hazardous substance that is less than the reportable quantity.

If cleanup cannot be accomplished within 24 hours, the Division of Oil and Public Safety must be notified immediately (7 CCR 1101-14 Article 4-4).

CDPHE should also be notified in the case of hazardous substance releases as cleanup activities may be covered by state solid or hazardous waste requirements (6 CCR 1007-2, 6 CCR 1007-3).

Any release that has or may impact waters of the state (which include surface water, ground water and dry

gullies or storm sewers leading to surface water), no matter how small, must be reported immediately to CDPHE (25-8-601 CRS).

## Releases from pipelines

Releases of five or more gallons of hazardous liquids or carbon dioxide from a pipeline that result in explosion or fire, cause injury or death or cause estimated property damage (including cost of clean-up and recovery, value of lost product and property damage) exceeding \$50,000 must be reported immediately to the US Department of Transportation Office of Pipeline Safety (49 CFR Part 195 Subpart B) and the National Response Center.

Releases of five or more gallons of hazardous liquids or carbon dioxide from interstate pipelines that do not involve explosion or fire, injury or death or property damage exceeding \$50,000 should be reported to the US Department of Transportation Office of Pipeline Safety within 30 days after the incident.

Releases of natural gas from intrastate pipelines that cause injury or death, property damage in excess of \$50,000 (including the cost of lost product), closure of a public road, or evacuation of 50 or more people must be reported immediately to the Colorado Public Utilities Commission, Pipeline Safety Group (4 CCR 723-11-2).

Releases of natural gas or liquefied natural gas (LNG) from interstate pipelines that cause injury or death, property damage in excess of \$50,000 (including the cost of lost product), or results in an emergency shutdown of the facility must be reported immediately to the National Response Center and the US Dept of Transportation Office of Pipeline Safety.

Releases of oil, petroleum products or other hazardous liquids from interstate and intrastate pipelines that have or may enter waters of the State of Colorado (which include surface water, ground water and dry gullies or storm sewers leading to surface water) must be reported to CDPHE immediately (25-8-601 CRS). CDPHE should also be notified of releases to soil, as cleanup activities may be covered by state solid or hazardous waste requirements (6 CCR 1007-2, 6 CCR 1007-3).

## Radiological accidents, incidents, and events

CDPHE must be notified of any condition that has caused or threatens to cause an event, which meets or exceeds the criteria specified in (6 CCR 1007-1) RH 4.51 and RH 4.52 of the State of Colorado *Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Radiation Control*. Reportable events include lost radioactive materials, lost radiation producing machines, over-exposures to persons, contamination events and fires or explosions involving radioactive materials.

Depending upon the severity of the event, notification may be required immediately, within 24 hours, or within 30 days. In most cases, a written follow-up report is also required.

If you are unsure of the proper notification requirement, please contact CDPHE immediately. Telephone event notifications can be made to the CDPHE Radiation Program at any time by calling 1-303-877-9757.

## Notification Numbers

Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment toll-free 24-hour environmental emergency and incident reporting line: (877) 518-5608 (24-hour)

National Response Center  
(800) 424-8802 (24-hour)

State Oil Inspector (Colorado Division of Oil & Public Safety-Above & Underground Storage Tank Regulators)  
(303) 318-8547

## APPENDIX H – STORM EVENT LOG





## APPENDIX I – INSPECTION AND SAMPLING REPORTS

# CONSTRUCTION STORMWATER SITE INSPECTION REPORT

Facility Name		Permittee					
Date of Inspection		Weather Conditions					
Permit Certification #		Disturbed Acreage					
Phase of Construction		Inspector Title					
Inspector Name							
Is the above inspector a qualified stormwater manager? (permittee is responsible for ensuring that the inspector is a qualified stormwater manager)			<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;">YES</td> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;">NO</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </table>	YES	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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INSPECTION FREQUENCY					
Check the box that describes the minimum inspection frequency utilized when conducting each inspection					
At least one inspection every 7 calendar days	<input type="checkbox"/>				
At least one inspection every 14 calendar days, with post-storm event inspections conducted within 24 hours after the end of any precipitation or snowmelt event that causes surface erosions	<input type="checkbox"/>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This is this a post-storm event inspection. Event Date: _____</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Reduced inspection frequency - Include site conditions that warrant reduced inspection frequency	<input type="checkbox"/>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Post-storm inspections at temporarily idle sites</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inspections at completed sites/area</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Winter conditions exclusion</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Have there been any deviations from the minimum inspection schedule? If yes, describe below.	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;">YES</td> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;">NO</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </table>	YES	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
YES	NO				
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				

INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS*
i. Visually verify all implemented control measures are in effective operational condition and are working as designed in the specifications
ii. Determine if there are new potential sources of pollutants
iii. Assess the adequacy of control measures at the site to identify areas requiring new or modified control measures to minimize pollutant discharges
iv. Identify all areas of non-compliance with the permit requirements, and if necessary, implement corrective action
*Use the attached <b>Control Measures Requiring Routine Maintenance</b> and <b>Inadequate Control Measures Requiring Corrective Action</b> forms to document results of this assessment that trigger either maintenance or corrective actions

AREAS TO BE INSPECTED			
Is there evidence of, or the potential for, pollutants leaving the construction site boundaries, entering the stormwater drainage system or discharging to state waters at the following locations?			
	NO	YES	If "YES" describe discharge or potential for discharge below. Document related maintenance, inadequate control measures and corrective actions <b>Inadequate Control Measures Requiring Corrective Action</b> form
Construction site perimeter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
All disturbed areas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Designated haul routes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Material and waste storage areas exposed to precipitation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Locations where stormwater has the potential to discharge offsite	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Locations where vehicles exit the site	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Other: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

## CONTROL MEASURES REQUIRING ROUTINE MAINTENANCE

Definition: Any control measure that is still operating in accordance with its design and the requirements of the permit, but requires maintenance to prevent a breach of the control measure. These items are not subject to the corrective action requirements as specified in Part I.B.1.c of the permit.

Are there control measures requiring maintenance?	NO	YES	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	If "YES" document below

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## INADEQUATE CONTROL MEASURES REQUIRING CORRECTIVE ACTION

Definition: Any control measure that is not designed or implemented in accordance with the requirements of the permit and/or any control measure that is not implemented to operate in accordance with its design. This includes control measures that have not been implemented for pollutant sources. If it is infeasible to install or repair the control measure immediately after discovering the deficiency the reason must be documented and a schedule included to return the control measure to effective operating condition as possible.

Are there inadequate control measures requiring corrective action?	NO	YES	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	If "YES" document below

Are there additional control measures needed that were not in place at the time of inspection?	NO	YES	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	If "YES" document below

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## REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

The permittee shall report the following circumstances orally within twenty-four (24) hours from the time the permittee becomes aware of the circumstances, and shall mail to the division a written report containing the information requested within five (5) working days after becoming aware of the following circumstances. The division may waive the written report required if the oral report has been received within 24 hours.

<b>All Noncompliance Requiring 24-Hour Notification per Part II.L.6 of the Permit</b>			
<b>a. Endangerment to Health or the Environment</b> Circumstances leading to any noncompliance which may endanger health or the environment regardless of the cause of the incident (See Part II.L.6.a of the Permit) <i>This category would primarily result from the discharge of pollutants in violation of the permit</i>			
<b>b. Numeric Effluent Limit Violations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Circumstances leading to any unanticipated bypass which exceeds any effluent limitations (See Part II.L.6.b of the Permit)</li> <li>○ Circumstances leading to any upset which causes an exceedance of any effluent limitation (See Part II.L.6.c of the Permit)</li> <li>○ Daily maximum violations (See Part II.L.6.d of the Permit)</li> </ul> <i>Numeric effluent limits are very uncommon in certifications under the COR400000 general permit. This category of noncompliance only applies if numeric effluent limits are included in a permit certification.</i>			

Has there been an incident of noncompliance requiring 24-hour notification?	NO	YES	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	If "YES" document below

Date and Time of Incident	Location	Description of Noncompliance	Description of Corrective Action	Date and Time of 24 Hour Oral Notification	Date of 5 Day Written Notification *

\*Attach copy of 5 day written notification to report. Indicate if written notification was waived, including the name of the division personnel who granted waiver.

After adequate corrective action(s) and maintenance have been taken, or where a report does not identify any incidents requiring corrective action or maintenance, the individual(s) designated as the Qualified Stormwater Manager, shall sign and certify the below statement:

“I verify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, all corrective action and maintenance items identified during the inspection are complete, and the site is currently in compliance with the permit.”

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Qualified Stormwater Manager

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title of Qualified Stormwater Manager

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Qualified Stormwater Manager

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Notes/Comments

## APPENDIX J – SWMP AMENDMENT LOG / CONTROL MEASURE DETAILS

## AMENDMENT LOG

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## APPENDIX K – SOIL BORINGS / TEST (GEOTECH REPORT)

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## **PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF STUDY**

This report presents the results of a geotechnical evaluation performed by GROUND Engineering Consultants, Inc. (GROUND) for Widefield School District 3 in support of design of the proposed addition and improvements to be constructed at the Webster Elementary School facility located at 445 Jersey Lane in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Our study was conducted in general accordance with GROUND's Proposal No. 2105-0977, dated May 12, 2021.

A field exploration program was conducted to obtain information on the subsurface conditions. Material samples obtained during the subsurface exploration were tested in the laboratory to provide data on the engineering characteristics of the on-site soils and bedrock. The results of the field exploration and laboratory testing are presented herein.

This report has been prepared to summarize the data obtained and to present our findings and conclusions based on the proposed developments and the subsurface conditions encountered. Design parameters and a discussion of engineering considerations related to the proposed improvements are included herein. This report should be understood and utilized in its entirety; specific sections of the text, drawings, graphs, tables, and other information contained within this report are intended to be understood in the context of the entire report. This includes the *Closure* section of the report which outlines important limitations on the information contained herein.

This report was prepared for design purposes of Widefield School District 3 based on our understanding of the proposed project at the time of preparation of this report. The data, conclusions, opinions, and geotechnical parameters provided herein should not be construed to be sufficient for other purposes, including the use by contractors, or any other parties for any reason not specifically related to the design of the project. Furthermore, the information provided in this report was based on the exploration and testing methods described below. Deviations between what was reported herein and the actual surface and/or subsurface conditions may exist, and in some cases those deviations may be significant.

A draft version of this report was submitted to the Client on July 22, 2021. Following a meeting and subsequent correspondence from the Client, we understand an alternative (higher-risk) option is desired for the proposed building addition. This option is discussed

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in further detail in the *Foundation/Floor Systems Overview* section of this report. We understand the Client plans to construct a fill prism thickness of 5 feet below the slab + underslab gravel layer with local additional thicknesses of fill (deeper) as necessary where existing man-made fill materials are encountered at greater depths.

## **PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION**

Based on provided information, we understand an entrance canopy, building addition, and asphalt pavements are planned. A freestanding entrance canopy is planned for the north side of the school. The addition is planned for the southern side of the school. A new asphalt paved parking area is planned for the southeastern portion of the facility and an improved/replaced asphalt paved parking area is planned for the area west of the school. New playground area pavements/surfacing are also planned.

Based on a preliminary site grading plan provided by the Project Team, we understand a proposed finish floor elevation (FFE) of approximately 5,665 feet is planned for the proposed addition. Based on correspondence with the Project Team, we understand the proposed FFE is roughly equal in elevation to the FFE of the existing building. Based on the provided site survey data, we assume minimal material cuts and material fills ranging up to approximately 3 feet are planned to facilitate the anticipated building grade. Loading information was also unavailable at the time of this report preparation but is anticipated to be relatively light to moderate. The project site is shown in Figure 1. If proposed construction, including the anticipated site grading, structural loading, and proposed building/improvement locations, differs from those described above, or changes subsequently, GROUND should be notified to re-evaluate the information in this report.

***Performance Expectations*** Based on discussions with the Client, we understand that post-construction, building foundation and floor movements on the order of 1 to 1½ inches are acceptable to, and anticipated by the owner, as are the resultant distress and maintenance measures. Similarly, we understand that movements of somewhat greater magnitude (1½ to 3 inches) are acceptable and anticipated for flatwork and ancillary structures, although movement estimates closer to 1 to 1½ inches may be preferable near the buildings. Assuming that traffic speeds will be relatively low, still greater movements (2+ inches locally) are acceptable and anticipated for the parking area and driveway pavements, as well as for flatwork that is not adjacent to the building. GROUND will be

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available to discuss the risks and remedial approaches outlined in this report, as well as other potential approaches, upon request if post-construction movements of these magnitudes are not acceptable and anticipated.

## **SITE CONDITIONS**

At the time of our exploration, the project site generally consisted of the main school building within the north-central portion of the facility. A modular-type preschool building was located west of Quebec Street near its intersection with Quebec Circle. Grass areas/fields were associated with portions of the project site. Existing paved parking areas and asphalt-surface areas



were associated with the areas west and south of the building. Playground areas were associated with the areas located northeast and southeast of the main school building. A drop-off loop was associated with the area west of the main school building. Buried utilities were associated with the project site.

The topography across the project site was generally gently sloped to the southwest with slopes ranging up to approximately 4 percent. Greater slopes were associated locally with existing improvements. The facility is bordered by Quebec Street to the east, Jersey Lane to the north, Syracuse Street to the west, and by existing developments to the south.

Based on our subsurface exploration program, man-made fill was observed in some of the test holes. We assume these man-made fill materials are associated with the existing building and associated improvements/utilities.

## **GEOLOGIC SETTING**

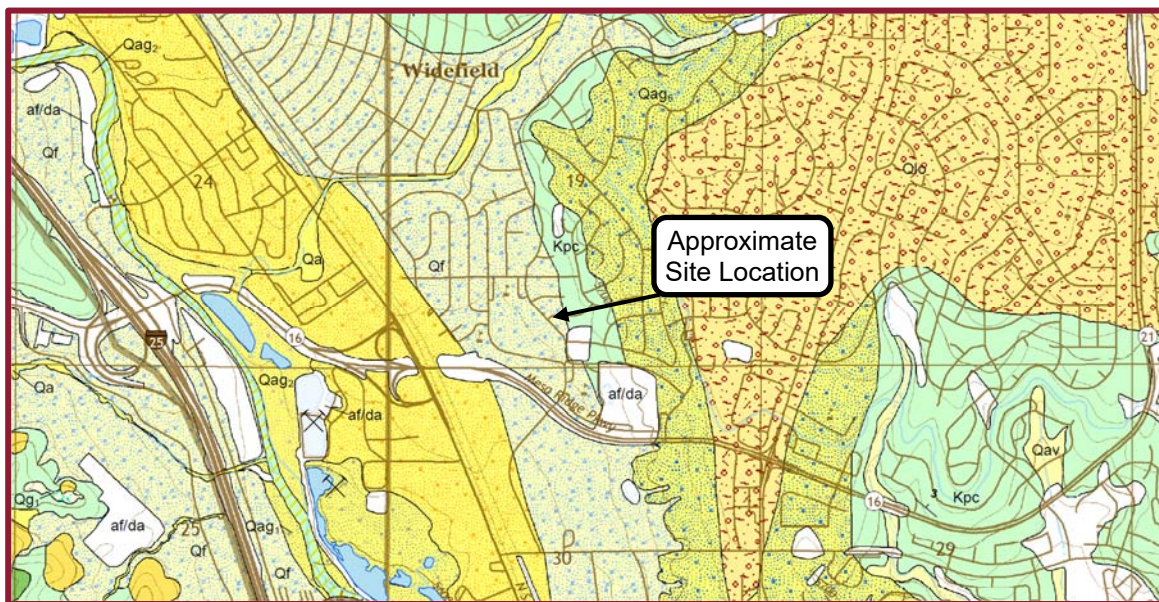
The site lies within a geological structural depression within the Great Plains called the Denver Basin. The Denver Basin is located east of the Rocky Mountain Front Range and covers a large part of northeastern Colorado, southeastern Wyoming, and the southwestern panhandle of Nebraska. During the Paleocene and Eocene Epochs (approximately 65 to 50 million years ago), while uplifting of the Rocky Mountains was



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underway, streams began depositing sediments derived from the Rocky Mountains within the Denver Basin, and across the Great Plains.

According to available geologic maps (White, Lindsey, Morgan, and Mahan (2017)<sup>1</sup>), the surficial deposits are mapped as late to middle Holocene alluvial-fan deposits (**Qf**). These materials are underlain in turn by the Upper Cretaceous Pierre Shale (**Kpc**). The alluvial-fan deposits are described to generally consist of clay, gravel, and sand deposited as episodic mudflows. The Pierre Shale is generally described to consist of clayey to silty shales with iron and limestone concretions and thin bentonite beds.



## **GEOLOGIC HAZARDS**

Chapter 7 (Planning, Development, and Building), Article 4 (Site Development Standards), Part 5 (Geological Hazard Study and Mitigation) of the City of Colorado Springs City Code - 2020 (Code) discusses several potential regional geologic hazards associated with planning and development. The field and office studies performed as part of our geotechnical subsurface exploration program and geologic evaluation included exploratory test holes, targeted lab testing, and a review of available geologic maps, national databases, and other resources. Based on the Colorado Springs and Vicinity

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<sup>1</sup> White, J., Lindsey, K., Morgan, M., Mahan, S., 2017, *Geologic Map of the Fountain Quadrangle, El Paso County, Colorado*: Colorado Geological Survey Open-File Report OF 17-05, scale 1:24,000

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Natural Hazard Explorer map, the project site is depicted to be associated with high shrink swell capacity soils. Per Section 7.4.503 (Exemptions and Waivers) of the Code, as the project site lies east of I-25 and does not exhibit any of the characteristics discussed in (Items 1 thru 4), it is GROUND's opinion that a more formal geologic hazard study is not required.

**Expansive Soils** Swelling clayey soils and bedrock change volume in response to changes in moisture content that can occur seasonally, or in response to changes in land use, including development. Expansion potentials vary with moisture contents, density, and details of the clay chemistry and mineralogy. The swell potential in any particular area can vary markedly both laterally and vertically due to the complex interbedding of the site soil and bedrock materials. Moisture changes also occur erratically, resulting in conditions that cannot always be predicted. As stated, the Colorado Springs and Vicinity Natural Hazard Explorer map depicts the project site to be associated with high shrink swell capacity soils.

The shallow earth materials underlying the site include clayey man-made fills and clay. The plasticity of the shallow site soils ranged from low to highly plastic. A relatively low potential for heave (approximately 0.5 percent) was measured against a surcharge load of approximately 200 psf during swell testing of selected samples (see Table 1 and Appendix A).

**Collapsible Soils** Hydro-consolidation consists of a significant volume loss due to restructuring of the constituent grains of the soil to a more compact arrangement upon wetting. Based on the Colorado Map of Potential Evaporite Dissolution and Evaporite Karst Subsidence Hazards prepared by the Colorado Geological Survey (White, 2012<sup>2</sup>), the project site is not depicted to be located in an area that is considered to be susceptible to collapse. As stated, the Colorado Springs and Vicinity Natural Hazard Explorer map depicts the project site to be associated with high shrink swell capacity soils.

The tested shallow earth materials obtained at the site exhibited consolidations ranging from approximately 0.1 to 0.8 percent when measured against various surcharge pressures. The index parameters for some of the tested on site soils fell into the range

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<sup>2</sup> White, Johnathan, 2012, *Colorado Map of Potential Evaporite Dissolution and Evaporite Karst Subsidence Hazards*, Colorado Geological Survey.



typically associated with collapsible soils (per Naval Facilities Engineering Command, 1986). The likelihood of encountering potentially significant collapsible soils on the subject site is considered low to moderate.

## **SUBSURFACE EXPLORATION**

The subsurface exploration for the project was conducted on June 21, 2021. A total of nine (9) test holes were drilled with a buggy-mounted, continuous flight power auger rig to evaluate the subsurface conditions as well as to retrieve soil and bedrock samples for laboratory testing and analysis. Four (4) test holes were drilled within the proposed approximate building addition footprint limits, one (1) test hole was drilled within/adjacent to the proposed freestanding entrance canopy footprint, two (2) test holes were drilled within the proposed paved parking areas, and the remaining two (2) test holes were drilled within proposed material borrow areas. A representative of GROUND directed the subsurface exploration, logged the test holes in the field, and prepared the soil and bedrock samples for transport to our laboratory.

Samples of the subsurface materials were retrieved with a 2-inch I.D. modified California liner sampler and a 1 $\frac{3}{8}$ -inch I.D. standard penetration test sampler. The sampler was driven into the substrata with blows from a 140-pound hammer falling 30 inches. This procedure is similar to the Standard Penetration Test described by ASTM Method D1586. Penetration resistance values, when properly evaluated, indicate the relative density or consistency of soils. Depths at which the samples were obtained and associated penetration resistance values are shown on the test hole logs.

GROUND utilized the Client-provided site plan indicating existing features, Google Map imagery and a hand-held GPS to approximately locate the test holes. The approximate locations of the test holes are shown in Figure 1. Logs of the exploratory test holes are presented in Figure 2 and Appendix A. Explanatory notes and a legend are provided in Figure 3. The elevations of the test holes were estimated from Client provided survey information.

## **LABORATORY TESTING**

Samples retrieved from our test holes were examined and visually classified in the laboratory by the project engineer. Laboratory testing of soil and bedrock samples

obtained from the subject site included standard property tests, such as natural moisture contents, dry unit weights, grain size analyses, swell-consolidation testing, unconfined compressive strength, and liquid and plastic limits. Water-soluble sulfate and corrosivity tests were completed on selected samples of the soils. Laboratory tests were performed in general accordance with applicable ASTM and AASHTO protocols. Results of the laboratory testing program are summarized in Tables 1 and 2 and Appendix A.

## **SUBSURFACE CONDITIONS**

The subsurface conditions encountered in the test holes generally consisted of topsoil<sup>3</sup> (approximately 3 to 12 inches thick), asphalt (approximately 2 to 4 inches thick), or pea gravel (approximately 2 inches thick). These materials were underlain by man-made fill materials (extending to depths ranging from approximately 1½ to 8½ feet below existing grades) and/or interbedded clay and sand (extending to depths of approximately 16 to 30 feet below existing grades). These materials were underlain by shale bedrock. The foundation test holes were drilled to depths ranging from approximately 27 to 40 feet below existing grades and the pavement/borrow test holes were drilled to depths ranging from approximately 5 to 10 feet below existing grades.

It should be noted that coarse gravel, cobbles, and boulders are not well represented in samples obtained from small diameter test holes. At this site, therefore, it should be anticipated that gravels and cobbles, and possible boulders, may be present in the man-made fill and native soils, even where not included in the general descriptions of the site soil types below.

Man-made fill was encountered in some of the test holes at the time of drilling. Delineation of the complete lateral and vertical extents of any fills at the site, or their compositions, however, was beyond our present scope of services. If fill soil volumes and compositions at the site are of significance, they should be further evaluated using test pits.

**Man-Made Fill** generally consisted of sand, clay, silt, and gravel, was fine to coarse grained with subordinate fractions of gravel, non-plastic to high plasticity, slightly moist, locally caliche, local organic debris (wood), and light brown to brown to dark gray in color.

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<sup>3</sup> 'Topsoil' as used herein is defined geotechnically. The materials so described may or may not be suitable for landscaping or as a growth medium for such plantings as may be proposed for the project.

**Clay and Sand** were silty, interbedded, fine to medium grained with subordinate fractions of coarse grained sand and trace gravel, low to high plasticity, medium to stiff / loose to medium dense, slightly moist to wet, and light brown to brown to gray in color.

**Sand and Gravel** was silty to clayey, interbedded, fine to coarse grained with gravel and cobbles (interpreted), non-plastic to low plasticity, medium dense to dense, slightly moist to wet, locally iron stained, and light brown to brown to reddish-brown to gray in color.

**Shale Bedrock** generally consisted of siltstone and claystone, was fine grained, medium to high plasticity, very hard and relatively resistant, moist, and gray to black in color.

**Groundwater** was encountered in some of the test holes at depths of ranging from approximately 24 to 27 feet below existing grades during drilling operations. The test holes were backfilled upon drilling completion per Code of Colorado Regulations (2 CCR 402-2). Groundwater levels can be expected to fluctuate, however, in response to annual and longer-term cycles of precipitation, irrigation, surface drainage, nearby rivers and creeks, land use, and the development of transient, perched water conditions. The groundwater observations performed during our exploration must be interpreted carefully as they are short-term and do not constitute a groundwater study. In the event the Client desires additional/repeated groundwater level observations, GROUND should be contacted; additional exploration and fees will be necessary in this regard.

**Swell-Consolidation Testing** of samples of the on-site materials encountered in the project test holes indicated a relatively low potential for swell and consolidation (See Table 1 and Appendix A). Consolidations ranging from approximately 0.1 and 0.8 percent and a swell of approximately 0.5 percent were measured in samples of the shallow site earth materials against various surcharge pressures.

## **ENGINEERING SEISMICITY**

According to the 2018 International Building Code® (Section 1613 Earthquake Loads), "Every structure, and portion thereof, including nonstructural components that are permanently attached to structures and their supports and attachments, shall be designed and constructed to resist the effects of earthquake motions in accordance with Chapters 11, 12, 13, 15, 17, and 18 of ASCE 7, as applicable. The *seismic design category* for a

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structure is permitted to be determined in accordance with Section 1613 (2018 IBC) or ASCE 7.” Exceptions to this are further noted in Section 1613.

Utilizing the USGS's Seismic Design Web Service (<https://earthquake.usgs.gov/ws/designmaps/asce7-16.html>) and site latitude/longitude coordinates of 38.725489°N and 104.714229°W (obtained from Google Earth), respectively, the project area is indicated to possess an  $S_{DS}$  value of 0.202 and an  $S_{D1}$  value of 0.091.

Per 2018 IBC, Section 1613.2.2 Site class definitions, “Based on the site soil properties, the site shall be classified as *Site Class* A, B, C, D, E or F in accordance with Chapter 20 of ASCE 7. Where the soil properties are not known in sufficient detail to determine the site class, Site Class D shall be used unless the building official or geotechnical data determines that Site Class E or F soil is likely to be present at the site”.

Based on the soil conditions encountered in the test holes drilled on the site, our review of applicable geologic maps, as well as our experience within the Project site vicinity, GROUND estimates that a Site Class D according to ASCE 7-16 (Table 20.3-1) could be anticipated for seismic foundation design. This parameter was estimated utilizing the above-referenced table as well as extrapolation of data beyond the deepest depth explored. Actual shear wave velocity testing/analysis and/or exploration to 100 feet was not performed. In the event the Client desires to potentially utilize Site Class C for design, according to ASCE 7, actual downhole seismic shear wave velocity testing and/or exploration to subsurface depths of at least 100 feet, should be performed. In the absence of additional subsurface exploration/analysis, a Site Class D should be utilized for design.

The largest recorded earthquake (estimated magnitude 6.2 to 6.6) in Colorado occurred in November 1882. While the specific location of this earthquake is very uncertain, it is postulated to have occurred in the Front Range near Rocky Mountain National Park. The most recent significant seismic movements associated with the Rock Mountain Arsenal Fault (Commerce City, Colorado) occurred in the 1960s, generating earthquakes up to magnitude 5.5. Since the early 1960s, numerous earthquakes with magnitudes up to approximately 5, with the majority possessing magnitudes of 2 to 4, have been experienced within the State. On March 4, 2019, a 4.5 magnitude earthquake occurred north of Dove Creek, Colorado. Earthquakes with similar magnitudes, and potentially

greater, are anticipated to continue by the USGS, throughout the State. Furthermore, based on the subsurface conditions at the site and the risks associated with this nearest fault, the risk of liquefaction of the site soils is considered low.

## **GEOTECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR DESIGN**

The conclusions and parameters provided in this report were based on the data presented herein, our experience in the general project area with similar structures, and our engineering judgment with regard to the applicability of the data and methods of forecasting future performance. A variety of engineering parameters were considered as indicators of potential future soil movements. Our parameters and conclusions were based on our judgment of “likely movement potentials,” (i.e., the amount of movement likely to be realized if site drainage is generally effective, estimated to a reasonable degree of engineering certainty) as well as our assumptions about the owner’s willingness to accept geotechnical risk. “Maximum possible” movement estimates necessarily will be larger than those presented herein. They also have a significantly lower likelihood of being realized in our opinion, and generally require more expensive measures to address. We encourage Widefield School District 3 upon receipt of this report, to discuss these risks and the geotechnical alternatives with us.

***Depth of Wetting at the Site*** The “depth of wetting” (the depth to which foundation soils will gain moisture and experience volume change over the design-life of a structure) estimated for a given site strongly affects the anticipated performance of structures at that site. Based on the data obtained at this site and our experience with similar geotechnical settings, a ‘depth of wetting’ of 20 feet was used to develop geotechnical parameters for foundation system design. A depth of wetting of 20 feet is equal to or greater than the depth of wetting found at about 72 percent of the sites evaluated in a study by Walsh and others (2009).<sup>4</sup>

‘Depths of wetting’ of 30, 40 or 70 feet or more have been considered (e.g., Chao and others, 2006)<sup>5</sup> and have been encountered locally in the field. Depths of wetting of such

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<sup>4</sup> Walsh, K.D., C.A. Colby, W.N. Houston and S.A. Houston, 2009, *Method for Evaluation of Depth of Wetting in Residential Areas*, Journal of Geotechnical and Geoenvironmental Engineering, American Society of Civil Engineers, Vol. 135, No. 2, pp. 169 – 176.

<sup>5</sup> Chao, K-C, D.D. Overton, and J.D. Miller, 2006, *The Effects of Site Conditions on the Predicted Time Rate of Heave, Unsaturated Soils 2006*, American Society of Civil Engineers, Special Publication No. 147, pp. 2086 – 2097.

magnitudes, however, generally are in unusual geologic conditions or identified forensically in unusual circumstances such as a pipe leak that has remained un-repaired for an extended period. In our experience, such deep 'depths of wetting' are considered only rarely in engineering consulting practice in more typical geologic settings in the Colorado Front Range area.

GROUND considers a 20-foot depth of wetting to be appropriately conservative for the proposed project. However, if the owner prefers that a more conservative (or less conservative) 'depth of wetting' be used to develop geotechnical parameters for design, GROUND should be contacted to revise the criteria provided herein.

**Geotechnical Risk** As stated, a FFE of approximately 5,665 feet is planned for the proposed addition. Based on provided grading information, we assume material fills on the order of approximately 3 feet and relatively minimal material cuts will be necessary to facilitate the proposed building addition grade. Leveling the proposed addition footprint with those fills alone would result in an increased potential for differential movement as the building and other improvements would not be placed on a uniform thickness of fill material. This non-uniform (differential) subsurface condition will result in an increase in the risk of potential differential post-construction movements. Building loading information was unavailable at the time of this report preparation.

Man-made fill materials were also observed in some of the test holes. These fill materials extended to depths ranging from approximately 2 to 5 feet below existing grades (or approximately 3 to 7 feet below the proposed building grade). Additionally, buried utilities were associated with the proposed building addition footprint. Greater thicknesses of existing fill materials may be associated with these existing utilities. It is unknown if these materials were placed in a properly moisture-density treated manner, and in the absence of testing and/or fill placement documentation for the majority of the existing fill, it should be assumed that they were not. Therefore, these man-made fill materials should be removed and replaced in a properly moisture-density treated manner. In undocumented fill soils, there exists a largely unquantifiable risk of volume change of the fill (primarily from consolidation of materials) associated with the presence of unknown materials and voids in the fill. We anticipate that the majority of the existing fill materials may be reused in project fills provided any deleterious or unsuitable materials encountered are removed and the soils are properly placed.

According to our laboratory testing program, a relatively low potential for consolidation and heave is present within the site earth materials. We estimate foundations and floor systems placed directly on the on-site materials could experience movements of approximately 1½ inches or more of post-construction movements.

## **FOUNDATION/FLOOR SYSTEMS OVERVIEW**

### **Drilled Pier Foundation System / Structural Floor System**

For the least potential of post-construction movement, a deep foundation system consisting of straight-shaft drilled piers advanced into the underlying bedrock should be utilized, provided with a structural floor system. This will result in the least risk of movement. Additionally, building entryways and other attached building appurtenances should ideally be founded on piers the same as the main building structure, to reduce the potential of differential movement. Utilizing this option as well as other applicable parameters provided in this report, GROUND anticipates potential post-construction foundation movements of approximately ½-inch.

A structural slab-on-void floor system could also be considered for this project.

### **Intermediate / Proprietary Foundation Systems**

As an alternate foundation system, an intermediate system consisting of helical piers/piles, screw piles, or other similar systems bearing in the underlying sand and gravel or bedrock layers may also be considered for the proposed building addition. These are proprietary foundation systems that are designed by the specialty contractor/supplier who will install them. We suggest contacting the following contractors for information or design, although others may be available, as well:

- **Alpine Site Services, Inc.** (Arvada, Colorado) (303) 420-0048 for 'screw piles.'
- **D&B Engineering Contractors** (Wheat Ridge, Colorado) (303) 423-6834 for 'helical piers.'
- **Foundation Repair of Western Colorado, LLC** (Grand Junction, Colorado) (970) 533-8572 for 'helical piers' and 'push-piers'

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- **Hayward Baker** (Broomfield, Colorado) (303) 469-1136 for 'helical piles', 'micropiles', and other systems.
- **Park Range Construction** (Englewood, Colorado) (303) 395-3234 for 'helical piles' and other systems.
- **Schnabel Foundation Company** (Aurora, Colorado) (303) 696-7268 for 'micropiles' and other systems.

If additional parameters are necessary to support design of these intermediate and proprietary foundations systems, GROUND should be contacted. Additional subsurface exploration and laboratory testing may be necessary in this regard under a separate scope and fee.

Shallow Foundation / Slab-on-Grade Floor System

As an alternate foundation/floor system (but not equal in performance), a shallow foundation/floor system consisting of spread footings and a slab-on-grade floor system may be utilized for the proposed structure provided a uniform fill thickness (fill prism) is constructed beneath and beyond the structure in order to reduce (but not eliminate) the potential for movement (heave/settlement). The fill prism may consist of on-site generated soils or approved import materials placed in a moisture-density treated manner (see the *Project Earthwork* section of this report). Due to the potential for differential movements as a result of planned fills and variable thicknesses of existing man-made fills, a uniform fill prism thickness of at least **7 feet** should be constructed beneath the slab + gravel layer. If footings are constructed approximately 3 feet below the slab + gravel layer, this will result in approximately 5 feet of moisture-density treated material beneath the footings (uniform fill prism thickness + fill platform scarification and moisture-density treatment). The fill prism layer should extend laterally approximately 5 feet beyond the building addition (sides not attached to the existing building) and beneath any building appurtenances including entryways, patios, courtyards, etc. If existing man-made fill materials are present within the building footprint at the base of the fill prism excavation, GROUND should be contacted to reevaluate the parameters provided herein. Utilizing this option as well as other applicable suggestions provided in this report, GROUND anticipates potential movements on the order of approximately 1 inch and differential movements on the order of 1/2 over a distance of 40 feet. Realized movements should be



expected to exceed these estimates in localized areas and may result in structural/aesthetic damage requiring repairs.

If post-construction movements are of a concern to the Owner, GROUND recommends the use of drilled pier foundations and structural floors as shallow foundations and slabs on grade will experience movement.

#### Shallow Foundation / Slab-on-Grade Floor System – Client-requested Alternative

Following the issuance of this report in a draft format, a meeting with the Project Team and Client, and subsequent correspondence, we understand the Client plans to move forward with a relatively higher-risk alternative approach to shallow foundation/slab-on-grade floor system construction. We understand a fill prism thickness of **5 feet** will be constructed beneath the slab + gravel layer. Where existing undocumented man-made fill materials are encountered at greater depths during excavation, they will be removed and replaced locally (resulting in a non-uniform layer of processed earth materials). The fill prism may consist of on-site generated soils or approved import materials placed in a moisture-density treated manner (see the *Project Earthwork* section of this report). This option is associated with a relative increase in the risk of differential and total post-construction movements due to the anticipated non-uniform fill prism that will be constructed. Where fill materials are encountered at greater depths than the planned fill prism (5 feet in thickness), they should be replaced at a higher density (see *Project Earthwork Section* of this report) to reduce (but not eliminate) the increased potential for differential movement. If soft, wet, or unstable conditions are encountered locally within excavated utility trenches, the considerations presented in the *Wet Subgrade Preparation* section of this report should be followed. Utilizing this option as well as other applicable suggestions provided in this report, GROUND anticipates potential movements on the order of approximately 1 to 1½ inches and differential movements on the order of ½ inch over a distance of 20 feet. Greater thicknesses of fill allowed to remain and/or placed are anticipated to be associated with an increased risk of post-construction movements (beyond that indicated above).

### Additional Considerations

Should a structural floor or slab-on-void floor system be selected, exterior flatwork adjacent to the building, particularly at and near building entrances/exits should also be constructed as structural floors/slab-on-void. Hinged slabs are not recommended.

An increase in differential movement (approximately 1-inch) may occur at the connection of the proposed addition and existing structure. Additionally, inadequate site drainage and/or ineffective fill processing (moisture treatment and compaction) will result in an increase in the movement estimates provided. In addition, actual movements may be more or less depending on the subsurface materials present and the overall site drainage after construction is completed, when landscape irrigation commences, and precipitation events occur.

## **FOUNDATION SYSTEM**

### Deep Foundations

***Geotechnical Parameters for Drilled Pier Design*** If proper design and construction as described below is implemented effectively, then post-construction, vertical foundation movements may be taken as approximately ½-inch with similar differential movements over spans of about 40 feet.

Based on the results of the field exploration, laboratory testing, and experience, the design criteria presented below should be observed for a straight-shaft, drilled pier foundation system. In our experience, it can be beneficial to facilitate construction to use as few pier diameters / types as possible.

Note that the minimum dead load and the minimum pier length indicated below were developed to resist the uplift force that the expansive soil / bedrock will exert on the surface of the pier in the zone above the depth of wetting. The minimum length on that basis may or may not be sufficient to provide the necessary axial capacity. The uplift loading also should be used to develop the (minimum) reinforcing steel, as discussed below.

- 1) Drilled piers should bear in ‘comparatively unweathered’ bedrock underlying the site. For design purposes, ‘comparatively un-weathered’ bedrock, as observed in the test holes beneath the proposed building, may be taken to be at and below

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depths ranging from approximately 24 to 30 feet (elevations of approximately 5,634 to 5,638 feet) below existing grades. For bidding purposes, depths may vary.

- 2) Drilled piers should be **at least 18 inches** in diameter and should be designed with a maximum length to diameter ratio of 30 to 1. The actual length to diameter ratios should be determined by the structural engineer.
- 3) Drilled piers should have a minimum length of **30 feet**. The actual drilled pier lengths should be determined by the structural engineer based on loading, etc., with further increases in length possibly required by the conditions encountered during installation at each drilled pier location. Pier length shall be taken as the portion of the pier in contact with native subsurface earth materials based on final construction grades/elevations.
- 4) Drilled piers also should penetrate at least **10 feet** into comparatively unweathered bedrock or 3 drilled pier diameters, whichever is greater.

Based on the minimum length and bedrock penetration, and taking the top of comparatively unweathered bedrock ranging from approximately 24 to 30 feet below existing grades, drilled pier lengths of approximately **34 to 40 feet** are anticipated to meet the geotechnical criteria. Actual drilled pier lengths commonly will be greater due to structural considerations, conditions in the drilled pier holes, actual comparatively unweathered bedrock depths, overlot grading operations, etc.

- 5) Drilled piers bearing in comparatively unweathered bedrock may be designed for an allowable end bearing pressure of **35,000 psf**.

The portion of the drilled pier penetrating comparatively unweathered bedrock may be designed for a skin friction value of **2,625 psf**. 100 percent of the skin friction may be used to resist both compressional loads and uplift. However, skin friction above the depth of wetting indicated in the *Geotechnical Considerations for Design* section of this report, i.e., in the upper 20 feet of the pier, should be ignored for axial load resistance.

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- 6) Estimated settlement of properly constructed drilled piers will be low, on the order of ½-inch, to mobilize skin friction.
- 7) Drilled piers should be designed for a minimum dead load pressure of **5,000 psf** based on drilled pier cross-section area to a) avoid lengthening of the pier to achieve adequate uplift resistance and b) reduce tensile stresses in the pier.

Where minimum dead load cannot be applied, it will be necessary to increase the drilled pier **length** beyond the recommended minimum, even where the minimum bedrock penetration has been achieved or exceeded. This can be accomplished by assuming that skin friction on the extended zone acts to resist uplift.

- 8) Drilled piers should be reinforced as determined by the structural engineer. At a minimum, each drilled pier should be reinforced for its full length to resist the tensile loading created by the uplift force exerted on the pier by the swelling soils and bedrock, and the deficit between the actual dead load applied to a pier and the indicated minimum dead load. The uplift load on a pier may be estimated using an uplift skin friction of **875 psf** acting on the surface area above the depth of wetting (the upper 20 feet of the pier).
- 9) An **4-inch** or thicker continuous void should be provided beneath grade beams, drilled pier caps, and foundation walls to concentrate drilled pier loadings. The void space should be protected from backfill intrusion.
- 10) Penetration of comparatively unweathered bedrock in drilled pier shafts should be roughened artificially to assist the development of peripheral shear between the drilled pier and bedrock. Artificially roughening of drilled pier holes should consist of installing shear rings 3 inches high and 2 inches deep in the portion of each drilled pier penetrating comparatively unweathered bedrock and below a depth of 20 feet. The shear rings should be installed 18 inches on centers.

The specifications should allow a geotechnical engineer to waive the requirement for shear rings depending on the conditions actually encountered in individual drilled pier holes, however.

- 11) Groups of closely spaced drilled piers placed to support concentrated loads will require an appropriate reduction of the estimated capacities. Reduction of axial capacity generally can be avoided by spacing drilled piers at least 3 diameters center to center. At this spacing or greater, no reduction in axial capacities or horizontal soil modulus values is required. Drilled pier groups spaced less than 3 diameters center to center should be studied on an individual basis to determine the appropriate axial capacity reduction(s). The settlement of closely spaced groups of drilled piers should be studied on an individual basis.

Linear arrays of drilled piers, however, must be spaced at least 6 diameters center to center to avoid reductions in lateral capacity when loaded in line with the array (parallel to the line connecting the drilled pier centers). Linear arrays of drilled piers spaced more closely than 6 diameters center to center should be studied to determine the appropriate lateral capacity reductions in that direction.

Refer to Figures 4 and 5 for additional information regarding reductions in lateral and axial capacity for closely spaced piers.

***Drilled Pier Construction*** The following should be considered during the construction of drilled pier foundations.

- 12) The depth of comparatively unweathered bedrock should be determined in the field at each drilled pier location and may differ from other information provided herein.
- 13) Lenses or beds of relatively soft bedrock not suitable for foundation support may be encountered within the comparatively unweathered bedrock section, which may result in lengthening the drilled piers.
- 14) The bedrock beneath the site was very hard and relatively resistant. The pier-drilling contractor should mobilize equipment of sufficient size and operating capability to achieve the design lengths and bedrock penetration. A test pier may be beneficial in order to determine the specific equipment necessary to achieve design lengths.

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If refusal is encountered in these materials, a geotechnical engineer should be retained to evaluate the conditions to establish whether true refusal has been met with adequate drilling equipment.

- 15) Groundwater was encountered in some of the test holes at depths ranging from approximately 24 to 27 feet below existing grade at the time of drilling. Bedrock below the water table may yield significant volumes of water and casing may be required in the drilled pier holes to reduce water infiltration. In the event that casing is seated into the bedrock, the minimum bedrock penetration should be taken from the bottom of the casing.

Seating of the casing in the upper layers of the bedrock may not create positive cutoff of water infiltration. The contractor should be prepared to address this condition.

- 16) In no case should concrete be placed in more than 3 inches of water, unless placed through an approved tremie method. The proposed concrete placement method should be discussed during the pre-construction meeting by the Project Team.
- 17) Where groundwater and unconsolidated soils and/or caving bedrock materials are encountered, the installation procedure of drilled piers can be a concern. Commonly in these conditions, the drilling contractor utilizes casing and slurry during excavation of the drilled pier holes, which may adversely affect the axial and/or lateral capacities of the completed drilled piers. During casing withdrawal, the concrete should have sufficient slump and must be maintained with sufficient head above groundwater levels to displace the water or slurry fully to prevent the creation of voids in the drilled pier.

Because of these considerations, the drilling contractor should submit a written procedure addressing the use of casing, slurry, and concrete placement prior to commencement of drilled pier installation.

- 18) Drilled pier holes should be properly cleaned prior to placement of concrete.
- 19) Concrete utilized in the drilled piers should be a fluid mix with sufficient slump so that it will fill the void between reinforcing steel and the drilled pier hole wall, and

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inhibit soil, water and slurry from contaminating the concrete. The concrete should be designed with a minimum slump of no less than 5 inches.

- 20) Concrete should be placed by an approved method to minimize mix segregation.
- 21) Concrete should be placed in a drilled pier on the same day that it is drilled. Failure to place concrete the day of drilling may result in a requirement for lengthening the drilled pier. The presence of groundwater or caving soils may require that concrete be placed immediately after the pier hole drilling is completed.
- 22) The contractor should take care to prevent enlargement of the excavation at the tops of drilled piers, which could result in “mushrooming” of the drilled pier top. Mushrooming of drilled pier tops can increase uplift pressures on the drilled piers.
- 23) Sonic integrity testing (sonic echo) should be considered to be performed for an appropriate percentage of the drilled piers to assess the effectiveness of the drilled pier construction methods. Additional information on sonic integrity testing can be provided upon request.
- 24) If “L-Pile” or a similar computer program is used for lateral analysis of the piles, recommended geotechnical parameters for input into that program are tabulated below for the same simplified soil / bedrock profile. These include, unit wet weights ( $\gamma'$ ), cohesion ( $c$ ), for the earth materials, as well as values for strain at 50 percent of failure stress ( $\epsilon_{50}$ ) and horizontal soil modulus ( $k$ ). Resistance to lateral loads should be neglected in the upper 3 feet of soils, whether fill or native.

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**ESTIMATED GEOTECHNICAL PARAMETERS FOR LATERAL LOAD ANALYSIS**

Soil / Bedrock Material	Parameter	Recommended Value
Man-Made Fill / Clay and Sand	$\gamma'$	120 pcf
	c	500 psf
	$\varepsilon_{50}$	0.01
	k	300 pci
Sand and Gravel	$\gamma'$	130 pcf
	$\phi$	26 degrees
	k	105 pci
Shale Bedrock	$\gamma'$	135 pcf
	c	4,000 psf
	$\varepsilon_{50}$	0.04
	k	3000 pci

**Shallow Foundations**

The geotechnical parameters indicated below may be used for design of shallow foundations for the proposed structure.

***Geotechnical Parameters for Shallow Foundation Design***

- 1) Footings should bear on a fill prism consisting of properly moisture-conditioned and compacted on-site generated materials or approved import materials, as discussed in the *Foundation/Floor System Overview* section. The fill prism should extend laterally at least 5 feet beyond the perimeter of the building addition (sides not connected to the existing building).

Considerations for fill placement and compaction are provided in the *Project Earthwork* section of this report.

The fill section should be laterally consistent and of uniform thickness to reduce differential, post-construction foundation movements. A differential fill section will tend to increase differential movements.



- 2) Footings bearing on properly moisture-conditioned and compacted site-generated materials or approved import materials may be designed for an allowable soil bearing pressure of 2,000 psf for footings up to 8 feet in width (assuming a maximum load of 140 kips). In the event the footing width is greater than 8 feet we should be notified to reevaluate these parameters.

These values may be increased by  $\frac{1}{3}$  for transient loads such as wind or seismic loading. For larger footings, a lower allowable bearing pressure may be appropriate.

Compression of the bearing soils for the provided allowable bearing pressure is estimated to be  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch, based on an assumption of drained foundation conditions. If foundation soils are subjected to an increase/fluctuation in moisture content, the effective bearing capacity will be reduced and greater post-construction movements than those estimated above may result.

This estimate of foundation movement is from direct compression of the foundation soils.

To reduce differential settlements between footings or along continuous footings, footing loads should be as uniform as possible. Differentially loaded footings will settle differentially.

- 3) Spread footings should have a minimum lateral dimension of 16 or more inches for linear strip footings and 24 inches for isolated pad footings. Actual footing dimensions should be determined by the structural engineer.
- 4) Footings should bear at an elevation 3 or more feet below the lowest adjacent exterior finish grades to have adequate soil cover for frost protection.
- 5) Continuous foundation walls should be reinforced as designed by a structural engineer to span an unsupported length of at least 10 feet.
- 6) Geotechnical parameters for lateral resistance to foundation loads are provided in the *Lateral Earth Pressure* section of this report.

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- 7) Connections of all types must be flexible and/or adjustable to accommodate the anticipated, post-construction movements of the structure.
- 8) The lateral resistance of spread footings will be developed as sliding resistance of the footing bottoms on the foundation materials and by passive soil pressure against the sides of the footings.
- 9) In order to reduce differential settlements between footings along continuous footings, footing loads should be as uniform as possible. Differentially loaded footings will settle differentially. Similarly, differential fill thicknesses beneath footings will result in increased differential settlements.

***Shallow Foundation Construction***

- 10) The contractor should take adequate care when making excavations not to compromise the bearing or lateral support for nearby improvements.
- 11) Care should be taken when excavating the foundations to avoid disturbing the supporting materials particularly in excavating the last few inches.
- 12) Footing excavation bottoms may expose loose, organic or otherwise deleterious materials, including debris. Firm materials may become disturbed by the excavation process. All such unsuitable materials should be excavated and replaced with properly compacted fill or the foundations deepened.
- 13) Foundation-supporting soils may be disturbed or deform excessively under the wheel loads of heavy construction vehicles as the excavations approach footing bearing levels. Construction equipment should be as light as possible to limit development of this condition. The movement of vehicles over proposed foundation areas should be restricted.
- 14) All foundation subgrade should be properly moisture-density treated prior to placement of concrete.
- 15) Fill placed against the sides of the footings should be properly compacted in accordance with the *Project Earthwork* section of this report.

## **FLOOR SYSTEMS**

### **Structural Floor**

A structural floor should be utilized for the proposed building addition as the floor system resulting in the least potential for post-construction floor movement, including differential movement. Entryway floor slabs/systems should ideally be constructed as structural floors.

Structural floors should be supported on grade beams and straight-shaft drilled piers in the same manner as the building structure. Requirements for the number and position of additional piers to support the floors will depend upon the span, design load, and structural design, and should be developed by the Structural Engineer. Geotechnical information for design and installation of drilled piers are provided in the *Foundation System* section of this report.

Structural floors should be constructed to span above a well-ventilated crawl space permitting utility lines to be installed above the swelling materials. The crawl space should be adequately sized to allow access to and maintenance of utility piping. Piping connections through floors, grade beams, or foundation walls should allow for differential movement between the piping and the structural element through which the piping is penetrating.

A vapor barrier meeting ASTM E-1745 (Class “A”) should be considered for installation below all structurally supported floors and if utilized, should be properly attached/sealed to foundation walls/drilled piers above the void material. The sheet material should not be attached to horizontal surfaces such that condensate might drain to wood or corrodible metal surfaces.

Use of polyethylene (“poly”) sheeting as a vapor barrier is not suggested. Polyethylene (“poly”) sheeting (even if 15 mils in thickness which polyethylene sheeting commonly is not) does not meet the ASTM E-1745 criteria and is not suggested for use as vapor barrier material. It can be easily torn and/or punctured, does not possess the necessary tensile strength, gets brittle, tends to decompose over time, and has a relatively high permeance.

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New buildings generally lack ventilation due primarily to systematic efforts to construct air-tight, energy-efficient structures. Therefore, areas such as crawl spaces beneath structural floors are typically areas of elevated humidity which never completely dry. This condition can be aggravated in some locations by shallow groundwater or a perched groundwater condition, which can result in saturated soils within several feet of the finished building pad grade. Persistently warm, humid conditions in the presence of cellulose, which is found in many typical construction materials, creates an ideal environment for the growth of molds, fungi and mildew. Published data suggest links between molds and illnesses. Therefore, crawl spaces beneath structural floors should be provided with adequate, active ventilation systems or other active mechanisms such as specially designed HVAC systems to reduce the potential for mold, fungus and mildew growth. Crawl spaces should be inspected periodically so that remedial measures can be taken in a timely manner, should mold, fungus or mildew be present and require removal.

The Owner must be willing to accept the risks of potential mold, fungus and mildew growth when electing to utilize a structural floor system. Additionally, the contractor is solely responsible for the means and methods during construction including adequate ventilation, and any observation or testing performed during construction does not relieve the contractor of that responsibility.

All plumbing lines should be carefully tested before operation. Where utility lines enter through the floor, positive bond breaks should be provided. Utility lines can be displaced by soils and bedrock movements, which are not reflected in the building. Design and installation of associated fixtures should accommodate this potential differential movement, which could be on the order of 8 inches.

**Slab-on-Void Floor**

Based on GROUND's experience with similar projects, as an alternate structural floor system, the proposed floor could be constructed as a structural slab-on-void form in lieu of a structural floor system over a ventilated crawl space. Typically, commercial cardboard void is utilized which is intended to degrade overtime. In the event a structural slab-on-void form is utilized, a minimum void form thickness of **4 inches** should be used. The void form should be able to accommodate 4 inches of soil movement following complete vertical compression. Greater void thickness will accommodate increased heave

movement and should be considered. The Client/Owner should be aware that to our knowledge, there is no floor system that will provide the same tolerance for floor movements as would be provided by a structural floor system placed over a well-ventilated crawl space.

Please note that by utilizing a structural floor spanning above a crawl space, as indicated previously, this would permit utility lines to be installed (hung) above the swelling soils and bedrock. GROUND would anticipate that utilities placed in soil trenches beneath a structural slab-on-void may be subjected to these expansive materials. Piping connections through the floor should allow for differential movement between the piping and floor system (flexible). All plumbing lines should be carefully tested before operation. Where utility lines enter through the floor, positive bond breaks should be provided. Utility lines can be displaced by soil and bedrock movements, which are not reflected in the building. Design and installation of associated fixtures should accommodate this potential differential movement. Previously, we stated that entryway floor slabs should also be constructed as structural floors. In the event this is not to be the case, again, the Client/Owner should be aware that these elements may also be subjected to expansive materials and may experience significant structural movements.

#### Slab-on-Grade Floors

##### ***Geotechnical Parameters for Slab-on-Grade Floors***

- 1) Prior to placement of lightly loaded slabs, construction of a uniform fill prism, as discussed in the *Foundation/Floor System Overview* section, should be performed below the bottom of the slab + gravel layer. The fill section should extend at full depth at least 5 feet laterally beyond the building perimeter (sides not connected to the existing building).
- 2) An allowable subgrade vertical modulus (K) of 75 pci may be utilized for lightly loaded slabs supported by the on-site materials or approved import materials. This value is for a 1-foot x 1-foot plate; it should be adjusted for slab dimension.
- 3) The prepared surface on which the slabs will be cast should be observed by the Geotechnical Engineer prior to placement of reinforcement. Exposed loose, soft, or otherwise unsuitable materials should be excavated and replaced with properly

compacted fill, placed in accordance with the *Project Earthwork* section of this report. All slab subgrade should be properly moisture-density treated prior to placement of concrete.

- 4) Slabs should be separated from all bearing walls and columns with slip joints, which allow unrestrained vertical movement.
- 5) Joints should be observed periodically, particularly during the first several years after construction. Slab movement can cause previously free-slipping joints to bind. Measures should be taken to assure that slab isolation is maintained in order to reduce the likelihood of damage to walls and other interior improvements.
- 6) Interior partitions (if applicable) resting on floor/concrete slabs should be provided with slip joints so that if the slabs move, the movement cannot be transmitted to the upper structure. This detail is also important for wallboards and door frames. A slip joint, which will allow at least 2 or more inches of vertical movement, is recommended. If slip joints are placed at the tops of walls, in the event that the slabs move, it is likely that the wall will show signs of distress, especially where the slabs meet the exterior wall.
- 7) Concrete slabs-on-grade should be placed on properly prepared subgrade. They should also be constructed and cured according to applicable standards and be provided with properly designed and constructed control joints. The design and construction of such joints should account for cracking as a result of shrinkage, tension, and loading; curling; as well as proposed slab use. Joint layout based on the slab design may require more frequent, additional, or deeper joints, and should also be based on the ultimate use and configuration of the slabs. Areas where slabs consist of interior corners or curves (at column blockouts or around corners) or where slabs have high length to width ratios, high degree of slopes, thickness transitions, high traffic loads, or other unique features should be carefully considered. The improper placement or construction of control joints will increase the potential for slab cracking. ACI, AASHTO, and other industry groups provide many guidelines for proper design and construction of concrete slabs-on-grade and the associated jointing.

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- 8) Slabs should be adequately reinforced. Structural considerations for slab thickness, jointing, and steel reinforcement in floor slabs should be developed by the Structural Engineer. Placement of slab reinforcement continuously through the control joint alignments will tend to increase the effective size of concrete panels and reduce the effectiveness of control joints.
- 9) All plumbing lines should be carefully tested before operation. Where plumbing lines enter through the floor, a positive bond break should be provided. Flexible connections allowing 2 or more inches of vertical movement should be provided for slab-bearing mechanical equipment.
- 10) Moisture can be introduced into a slab subgrade during construction and additional moisture will be released from the slab concrete as it cures. Placement of a properly compacted layer of free-draining gravel, 4 or more inches in thickness, beneath the slabs should be performed. This layer will help distribute floor slab loadings, ease construction, reduce capillary moisture rise, and aid in drainage. The free-draining gravel should contain less than 5 percent material passing the No. 200 Sieve, more than 50 percent retained on the No. 4 Sieve, and a maximum particle size of 2 inches.
- 11) A vapor barrier beneath a building floor slab is beneficial with regard to reducing sub-slab moisture vapor transmission through the floor slab and into the building, but can retard downward drainage of construction moisture. Elevated vapor fluxes can be detrimental to the adhesion and performance of many floor coverings and can also contribute to other moisture-induced concerns. Thus, an effective sub-slab vapor barrier is a published industry requirement for most slab-on-ground construction (i.e. IBC, ASTM), regardless of project location, soil conditions, and water table depth.

Per ACI 302.2R-15, a vapor barrier is recommended under concrete slabs-on-ground when they will receive (or could receive in the future) moisture-sensitive floor coverings, coatings, adhesives, underlayments, and/or stored goods. Moreover, ACI recommends a vapor barrier for any building which will be humidity or climate controlled, including exposed slabs (such as industrial warehouse). ACI 302 provides further guidance on the location of the vapor barrier beneath the slab.

However, when slabs are placed directly on the vapor barrier, considerations and steps may be needed to help reduce uneven drying/shrinkage concerns and potential slab curl.

Therefore, the owner, architect, and/or contractor should weigh many considerations when designing and implementing the sub-slab vapor barrier system, including building use and operating conditions, flooring products, sub-base (gravel layer) type, size, and thickness, expected construction traffic, etc.

When a vapor barrier is used, it should consist of a minimum 15-mil thickness, extruded polyolefin plastic (no recycled content or woven materials), maintain a permeance less than 0.01 perms per ASTM E96 or ASTM E1249 before and after mandatory conditioning testing, and comply with ASTM E1745-17 (Class "A"). Vapor barriers should be installed in accordance with ASTM E1643-18 and the manufacturer's guidelines. (Note that Polyethylene ("poly") sheeting (even if 15 mils in thickness which polyethylene sheeting commonly is not) does not meet the ASTM E1745 criteria and generally should not be used as a vapor barrier material.)

Slab movements are directly related to the increases in moisture contents to the underlying soils after construction is completed. The precautions and parameters itemized above will not prevent the movement of floor slabs if the underlying materials are subjected to moisture fluctuations. However, these steps will reduce the damage if such movement occurs.

## **MECHANICAL ROOMS/MECHANICAL PADS/TRASH ENCLOSURES**

Often, slab-bearing mechanical rooms/mechanical equipment/trash enclosures are incorporated into projects. Our experience indicates these are located as partially below-grade or adjacent to the exterior of a structure. These elements should be founded on the same type of foundation systems as the main structure. Furthermore, mechanical connections must allow for potential differential movements.

## **WATER-SOLUBLE SULFATES**

The concentrations of water-soluble sulfates measured in selected samples retrieved from the test holes ranged from less than the detectable limit to approximately 0.04 percent



(See Table 2). Such concentrations of water-soluble sulfates represent a negligible environment for sulfate attack on concrete exposed to these materials. Degrees of attack are based on the scale of 'negligible,' 'moderate,' 'severe' and 'very severe' as described in the "Design and Control of Concrete Mixtures," published by the Portland Cement Association (PCA). The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) utilizes a corresponding scale with 4 classes of severity of sulfate exposure (Class 0 to Class 3) as described in the published table below.

**REQUIREMENTS TO PROTECT AGAINST DAMAGE TO  
CONCRETE BY SULFATE ATTACK FROM EXTERNAL SOURCES OF SULFATE**

<b>Severity of Sulfate Exposure</b>	<b>Water-Soluble Sulfate (SO<sub>4</sub>) In Dry Soil (%)</b>	<b>Sulfate (SO<sub>4</sub>) In Water (ppm)</b>	<b>Water Cementitious Ratio (maximum)</b>	<b>Cementitious Material Requirements</b>
Class 0	0.00 to 0.10	0 to 150	0.45	Class 0
Class 1	0.11 to 0.20	151 to 1500	0.45	Class 1
Class 2	0.21 to 2.00	1501 to 10,000	0.45	Class 2
Class 3	2.01 or greater	10,001 or greater	0.40	Class 3

Based on these data, GROUND makes no suggestions for use of a special, sulfate-resistant cement in project concrete.

### **SOIL CORROSIVITY**

The degree of risk for corrosion of metals in soils commonly is considered to be in two categories: corrosion in undisturbed soils and corrosion in disturbed soils. The potential for corrosion in undisturbed soil is generally low, regardless of soil types and conditions, because it is limited by the amount of oxygen that is available to create an electrolytic cell. In disturbed soils, the potential for corrosion typically is higher, but is strongly affected by soil chemistry and other factors.

A preliminary corrosivity analysis was performed to provide a general assessment of the potential for corrosion of ferrous metals installed in contact with earth materials at the site, based on the conditions existing at the time of GROUND's evaluation. Soil chemistry and physical property data including pH, reduction-oxidation (redox) potential, and sulfides content were obtained. Test results are summarized on Table 2.

**pH** Where pH is less than 4.0, soil serves as an electrolyte; the pH range of about 6.5 to 7.5 indicates soil conditions that are optimum for sulfate reduction. In the pH range above 8.5, soils are generally high in dissolved salts, yielding a low soil resistivity (AWWA, 2010). Testing indicated pH values ranging from approximately 8.3 to 10.3.

**Reduction-Oxidation** testing indicated negative potentials: approximately -185 to -67 millivolts. Such low potentials typically create a more corrosive environment.

**Sulfide Reactivity** testing for the presence of sulfides indicated 'trace' and 'positive' results. The presence of sulfides in the site soils also suggests a more corrosive environment.

**Soil Resistivity** In order to assess the "worst case" for mitigation planning, samples of materials retrieved from the test holes were tested for resistivity in the laboratory, after being saturated with water, rather than in the field. Resistivity also varies inversely with temperature. Therefore, the laboratory measurements were made at a controlled temperature.

Measurements of electrical resistivity indicated values ranging from approximately 1,571 to 8,078 ohm-centimeters in samples of the site earth materials.

**Corrosivity Assessment** The American Water Works Association (AWWA, 2010<sup>6</sup>) has developed a point system scale used to predict corrosivity. The scale is intended for protection of ductile iron pipe but is valuable for project steel selection. When the scale equals 10 points or higher, protective measures for ductile iron pipe are suggested. The AWWA scale (Table A.1 Soil-test Evaluation) is presented on the following page. The soil characteristics refer to the conditions at and above pipe installation depth.

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<sup>6</sup> American Water Works Association ANSI/AWWA C105/A21.5-05 Standard.

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**Table A.1 Soil-Test Evaluation**

<i>Soil Characteristics</i>	<i>Values</i>	<i>Points</i>
<b>Resistivity</b> ( $\Omega$ -cm)	< 1,500 .....	10
	$\geq$ 1,500 – 1,800 .....	8
	> 1,800 – 2,100 .....	5
	> 2,100 – 2,500 .....	2
	> 2,500 – 3,000 .....	1
	> 3,000 .....	0
<b>pH</b>	0 – 2 .....	5
	2 – 4 .....	3
	4 – 6½ .....	0
	6½ – 7½ .....	0*
	7½ – 8½ .....	0
	> 8½ .....	3
<b>Redox Potential</b> (mV)	> 100 .....	0
	50 – 100 .....	3½
	0 – 50 .....	4
	< 0 .....	5
<b>Sulfides</b>	Positive .....	3½
	Trace .....	2
	Negative .....	0
<b>Moisture</b>	Poor drainage (continuous wet) .....	2
	Fair drainage (generally moist) .....	1
	Good drainage (generally dry) .....	0

\* If sulfides are present and low or negative redox-potentials results are obtained, add 3 points for this range.

The redox potential of a soil is significant, because the most common sulfate-reducing bacteria can only live in anaerobic conditions. A negative redox potential indicates anaerobic conditions in which sulfate reducers thrive. A positive sulfide reaction reveals a potential problem caused by sulfate-reducing bacteria. Anaerobic conditions are regarded as potentially corrosive.

Based on a maximum possible score of 25½ using the AWWA method, the value of 10 for the use of corrosion protection, and scores of approximately 10 to 16½ in the tested on-site materials, the soil appears to comprise a potentially corrosive environment for buried metals.

If additional information are needed regarding soil corrosivity, the American Water Works Association or a Corrosion Engineer should be contacted. It should be noted, however,

that changes to the site conditions during construction, such as the import of other soils, or the intended or unintended introduction of off-site water, may significantly alter corrosion potential.

## **LATERAL EARTH PRESSURES**

Structures which are laterally supported and can be expected to undergo only a limited amount of deflection should be designed for “at-rest” lateral earth pressures. The cantilevered retaining structures will be designed to deflect sufficiently to mobilize the full active earth pressure condition, and may be designed for “active” lateral earth pressures. “Passive” earth pressures may be applied in front of the structural embedment to resist driving forces.

The at-rest, active, and passive earth pressures in terms of equivalent fluid unit weight for the on-site backfill and CDOT Class 1 structure backfill are summarized on the table below. Base friction may be combined with passive earth pressure if the foundation is in a drained condition. The values for the on-site material in the upper 10 feet provided in the table below were approximated utilizing a unit weight of 120 pcf and a phi angle of 21 degrees.

**LATERAL EARTH PRESSURES (EQUIVALENT FLUID UNIT WEIGHTS)**

<b>Material Type</b>	<b>Water Condition</b>	<b>At-Rest (pcf)</b>	<b>Active (pcf)</b>	<b>Passive (pcf)</b>	<b>Friction Coefficient</b>
On-Site Backfill	Drained	77	57	214	0.26
Structure Backfill (CDOT Class 1)	Drained	55	35	400	0.45

If the selected on-site soil meets the criteria for CDOT Class 1 structure backfill, the lateral earth pressures for CDOT Class 1 structure backfill as shown on the above table may be used. To realize the lower equivalent fluid unit weight, the selected structure backfill should be placed behind the wall to a minimum distance equal to the retained wall height.

The lateral earth pressures indicated above are for a horizontal upper backfill slope. The additional loading of an upward sloping backfill as well as loads from traffic, stockpiled materials, etc., should be included in the wall/shoring design. GROUND can provide the

adjusted lateral earth pressures when the additional loading conditions and site grading are clearly defined.

## **PROJECT EARTHWORK**

**The following information is for private improvements; public roadways or utilities should be constructed in accordance with applicable municipal / agency standards.**

***General Considerations:*** Site grading should be performed as early as possible in the construction sequence to allow settlement of fills and surcharged ground to be realized to the greatest extent prior to subsequent construction. It is GROUND's opinion that any existing man-made fill materials at the site be removed and replaced in a moisture-density treated manner. Where existing man-made fill materials remain in improvement subgrades, additional post-construction movements (beyond the estimates provided herein for improvements bearing on properly moisture-density conditioned subgrade soils) should be anticipated.

Prior to earthwork construction, vegetation and other deleterious materials should be removed and disposed of off-site. Relic underground utilities should be abandoned in accordance with applicable regulations, removed as necessary, and properly capped.

Topsoil present on-site should not be incorporated into ordinary fills. Instead, topsoil should be stockpiled during initial grading operations for placement in areas to be landscaped or for other approved uses.

***Use of Existing Fill Soils:*** Man-made fill was encountered in the test holes during drilling operations. Actual contents and composition of all the man-made fill materials are not known; therefore, some of the excavated man-made fill materials may not be suitable for replacement as backfill. A Geotechnical Engineer should be retained during site excavations to observe the excavated fill materials and provide parameters for its suitability for reuse.

***Use of Existing Native Soils:*** Overburden soils are suitable, in general, for placement as compacted fill. Organic materials should not be incorporated into project fills.

Fragments of rock and cobbles larger than 3 inches in maximum dimension will require special handling and/or placement to be incorporated into project fills. In general, such

materials should be placed as deeply as possible in the project fills. A Geotechnical Engineer should be consulted regarding appropriate guidance for usage of such materials on a case-by-case basis when such materials have been identified during earthwork. Standard recommendations that likely will be generally applicable can be found in Section 203 of the current CDOT Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction.

***Imported Fill Materials:*** If it is necessary to import material to the site, the imported soils should be free of organic material, and other deleterious materials. **Imported material should consist of soils that have less than 50 percent passing the No. 200 Sieve and should have a plasticity index less than 10.** Representative samples of the materials proposed for import should be tested and approved prior to transport to the site.

***Fill Platform Preparation:*** Prior to filling, the top 8 to 12 inches of in-place materials on which fill soils will be placed should be scarified, moisture conditioned and properly compacted in accordance with the parameters below to provide a uniform base for fill placement. *If over-excavation is to be performed, then these parameters for subgrade preparation are for the subgrade below the bottom of the specified over-excavation depth.*

If surfaces to receive fill expose loose, wet, soft or otherwise deleterious material, additional material should be excavated, or other measures taken to establish a firm platform for filling. The surfaces to receive fill must be effectively stable prior to placement of fill.

GROUND's experience within the project area suggests the frost depth to be approximately 3 feet, below ground surface.

***Fill Placement:*** Fill materials should be thoroughly mixed to achieve a uniform moisture content, placed in uniform lifts not exceeding 8 inches in loose thickness, and properly compacted.

Soils that classify as ML, MH, CL or CH in accordance with the USCS classification system (cohesive materials) should be compacted to **98 percent** of the maximum dry density at moisture contents from **1 percent below to 3 percent above the optimum moisture content** as determined by ASTM D698.

Soils that classify as GP, GW, GM, GC, SP, SW, SM, or SC in accordance with the USCS classification system (granular materials) should be compacted to **95 or more percent** of the maximum modified Proctor dry density at moisture contents **within 2 percent of optimum moisture content** as determined by ASTM D1557.

Soils placed below the planned fill prism thickness (5 feet) should be compacted to **98 or more percent** of the maximum modified Proctor dry density at moisture contents **within 2 percent of optimum moisture content**.

No fill materials should be placed, worked, rolled while they are frozen, thawing, or during poor/inclement weather conditions.

Care should be taken with regard to achieving and maintaining proper moisture contents during placement and compaction. Materials that are not properly moisture conditioned may exhibit significant pumping, rutting, and deflection at moisture contents near optimum and above. The contractor should be prepared to handle soils of this type, including the use of chemical stabilization, if necessary.

Compaction areas should be kept separate, and no lift should be covered by another until relative compaction and moisture content within the suggested ranges are obtained.

***Use of Squeegee:*** Relatively uniformly graded fine gravel or coarse sand, i.e., “squeegee,” or similar materials commonly are commonly proposed for backfilling foundation excavations, utility trenches (excluding approved pipe bedding), and other areas where employing compaction equipment is difficult. In general, GROUND does not suggest this procedure for the following reasons:

Although commonly considered “self-compacting,” uniformly graded granular materials require densification after placement, typically by vibration. The equipment to densify these materials is not available on many job-sites.

Even when properly densified, granular materials are permeable and allow water to reach and collect in the lower portions of the excavations backfilled with those materials. This leads to wetting of the underlying soils and resultant potential loss of bearing support as well as increased local heave or settlement.

It is GROUND's opinion that wherever possible, excavations be backfilled with approved, on-site soils placed as properly compacted fill. Where this is not feasible, use of "Controlled Low Strength Material" (CLSM), i.e., a lean, sand-cement slurry ("flowable fill") or a similar material for backfilling should be considered.

Where "squeegee" or similar materials are proposed for use by the contractor, the design team should be notified by means of a Request for Information (RFI), so that the proposed use can be considered on a case-by-case basis. Where "squeegee" meets the project requirements for pipe bedding material, however, it is acceptable for that use.

**Settlements:** Settlements will occur in filled ground, typically on the order of 1 to 2 percent of the fill depth. If fill placement is performed properly and is tightly controlled, in GROUND's experience the majority (on the order of 60 to 80 percent) of that settlement will typically take place during earthwork construction, provided the contractor achieves the compaction levels herein. The remaining potential settlements likely will take several months or longer to be realized, and may be exacerbated if these fills are subjected to changes in moisture content.

**Cut and Filled Slopes:** Permanent site slopes supported by on-site soils up to 10 feet in height may be constructed no steeper than 3:1 (horizontal : vertical). Minor raveling or surficial sloughing should be anticipated on slopes cut at this angle until vegetation is well re-established. Surface drainage should be designed to direct water away from slope faces.

**Wet Subgrade Preparation:** The following subgrade preparation parameters and considerations should be utilized where soft, wet, and unstable subgrade conditions are encountered:

- 1) In areas where apparently stable conditions are found, the subgrade should be proof-rolled.
- 2) Pockets of weak or pumping soils should be excavated and replaced with pre-approved coarse granular fill or road base. The depth of over-excavation will be on the order of 1 to 3 feet or more to provide a stable surface. The use of recycled concrete aggregate may be a cost-effective alternative in this application.



- 3) In cases where placement of coarse aggregate fill does not result in stable conditions, it will be necessary to place a woven geotextile, Mirafi® RS380i or equivalent fabric placed below the coarse aggregate fill.
- 4) The surface of the subgrade should be leveled prior to geosynthetic reinforcement placement. Very weak or pumping soils should be excavated and replaced with granular fill or road base for best performance. The geosynthetic reinforcement should be placed directly on the prepared subgrade. Placement should be performed according to manufacturer's recommendations.
- 5) The geosynthetic rolls should be overlapped in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations.
- 6) Geosynthetic reinforcement will be disturbed under the wheel loads of heavy construction vehicles, especially track type vehicles, therefore no vehicle traffic should be allowed over the geosynthetic reinforcement until 8 or more inches of soil has been placed over.

## **EXCAVATION CONSIDERATIONS**

The test holes for the subsurface exploration were drilled to the depths indicated by means of buggy-mounted, continuous flight auger drilling equipment. Although not obviously encountered at the time of drilling, construction debris (including asphalt, concrete, rebar, etc.) should be anticipated to exist within the man-made fill materials. These materials should also be anticipated to existing within portions of the site associated with proposed demolition operations. The contractor should be prepared to handle these large and potentially awkward materials. The bedrock beneath the site was very hard and relatively resistant. Should drilled piers be utilized, the contractor should be prepared to penetrate these materials. Additionally, caving conditions and groundwater should be anticipated within drilled pier/deep foundation excavations.

Temporary, un-shored excavation slopes up to 10 feet in height be cut no steeper than 1½:1 (horizontal : vertical) in the site soils in the absence of seepage. Sloughing on the slope faces should be anticipated at this angle. Local conditions encountered during construction, such as groundwater seepage and loose sand, will require flatter slopes.

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Stockpiling of materials should not be permitted closer to the tops of temporary slopes than 5 feet or a distance equal to the depth of the excavation, whichever is greater.

Should site constraints prohibit the use of the slope angles, temporary shoring should be used. The shoring should be designed to resist the lateral earth pressure exerted by building, traffic, equipment, and stockpiles.

Groundwater was encountered in some of the test holes at depths of ranging from approximately 24 to 27 feet below existing grades during drilling operations. The test holes were backfilled upon drilling completion per Code of Colorado Regulations (2 CCR 402-2). Groundwater levels can be expected to fluctuate, however, in response to annual and longer-term cycles of precipitation, irrigation, surface drainage, nearby rivers and creeks, land use, and the development of transient, perched water conditions. The groundwater observations performed during our exploration must be interpreted carefully as they are short-term and do not comprise a groundwater study. In the event the Client desires additional/repeated groundwater level observations, GROUND should be contacted; additional exploration and fees will be necessary in this regard.

It is possible that groundwater may be encountered in project excavations at depths both shallower and deeper than those indicated above. The contractor should be prepared to dewater the excavation during construction. Pumps adequate to discharge water and/or well points to draw down the water level may be appropriate methods. Other methods may also be necessary. The dewatering approach should ultimately be determined by the contractor based on their means and methods experience. Dewatering operations may be necessary as both temporary and long-term/permanent installations. If seepage or groundwater is encountered during excavation or at any time during construction, the Geotechnical Engineer and project team should be contacted to evaluate the conditions. The presence of groundwater in these types of situations and associated potential design changes can have an impact to both the financial and schedule components of a project.

Good surface drainage should be provided around temporary excavation slopes to direct surface runoff away from the slope faces. A properly designed drainage swale should be provided at the top of the excavations. In no case should water be allowed to pond at the site. Slopes should also be protected against erosion. Erosion along the slopes will result in sloughing and could lead to a slope failure.

Excavations in which personnel will be working must comply with all OSHA Standards and Regulations. Project excavations and shoring should be observed regularly by the Geotechnical Engineer throughout construction operations. The Contractor's "responsible person" should evaluate the soil exposed in the excavations as part of the Contractor's safety procedures. GROUND has provided the information above solely as a service to the Client, and is not assuming responsibility for construction site safety or the Contractor's activities.

## **UTILITY PIPE INSTALLATION AND BACKFILLING**

**Pipe Support:** The bearing capacity of the site soils appeared adequate, in general, for support of anticipated water lines. The pipe + water are less dense than the soils which will be displaced for installation. Therefore, GROUND anticipates no significant pipe settlements in these materials where properly bedded.

Excavation bottoms may expose soft, loose or otherwise deleterious materials, including debris. Firm materials may be disturbed by the excavation process. All such unsuitable materials should be excavated and replaced with properly compacted fill. Areas allowed to pond water will require excavation and replacement with properly compacted fill. The contractor should take particular care to ensure adequate support near pipe joints which are less tolerant of extensional strains.

Where thrust blocks are needed, the parameters in the *Lateral Earth Pressures* section of this report may be used for design.

**Trench Backfilling:** Some settlement of compacted soil trench backfill materials should be anticipated, even where all the backfill is placed and compacted correctly. Typical settlements are on the order of 1 to 2 percent of fill thickness. However, the need to compact to the lowest portion of the backfill must be balanced against the need to protect the pipe from damage from the compaction process. Some thickness of backfill may need to be placed at compaction levels lower than specified (or smaller compaction equipment used together with thinner lifts) to avoid damaging the pipe. Protecting the pipe in this manner can result in somewhat greater surface settlements. Therefore, although other alternatives may be available, the following options are presented for consideration:

**Controlled Low Strength Material:** Because of these limitations, we suggest backfilling the entire depth of the trench (both bedding and common backfill zones) with “controlled low strength material” (CLSM), i.e., a lean, sand-cement slurry, “flowable fill,” or similar material along all trench alignment reaches with low tolerances for surface settlements.

We suggest that CLSM used as pipe bedding and trench backfill exhibit a 28-day unconfined compressive strength between 50 to 200 psi so that re-excavation is not unusually difficult.

Placement of the CLSM in several lifts or other measures likely will be necessary to avoid ‘floating’ the pipe. Measures also should be taken to maintain pipe alignment during CLSM placement.

**Compacted Soil Backfilling:** Where compacted soil backfilling is employed, using the site soils or similar materials as backfill, the risk of backfill settlements entailed in the selection of this higher risk alternative must be anticipated and accepted by the Client/Owner.

We anticipate that the on-site soils excavated from trenches will be suitable, in general, for use as common trench backfill within the above-described limitations. Backfill soils should be free of vegetation, organic debris and other deleterious materials. Fragments of rock, cobbles, and inert construction debris (e.g., concrete or asphalt) coarser than 3 inches in maximum dimension should not be incorporated into trench backfills.

Soils placed for compaction as trench backfill should be conditioned to a relatively uniform moisture content, placed and compacted in accordance with the *Project Earthwork* section of this report.

***Pipe Bedding:*** Pipe bedding materials, placement and compaction should meet the specifications of the pipe manufacturer and applicable municipal standards. Bedding should be brought up uniformly on both sides of the pipe to reduce differential loadings.

As discussed above, we suggest the use of CLSM or similar material in lieu of granular bedding and compacted soil backfill where the tolerance for surface settlement is low. (Placement of CLSM as bedding to at least 12 inches above the pipe can protect the pipe and assist construction of a well-compacted conventional backfill although possibly at an increased cost relative to the use of conventional bedding.)

If a granular bedding material is specified, it is our opinion that with regard to potential migration of fines into the pipe bedding, design and installation follow ASTM D2321. If the granular bedding does not meet filter criteria for the enclosing soils, then non-woven filter fabric (e.g., Mirafi® 140N, or the equivalent) should be placed around the bedding to reduce migration of fines into the bedding which can result in severe, local surface settlements. Where this protection is not provided, settlements can develop/continue several months or years after completion of the project. In addition, clay or concrete cut-off walls should be installed to interrupt the granular bedding section to reduce the rates and volumes of water transmitted along the sewer alignment which can contribute to migration of fines.

If granular bedding is specified, the contractor should not anticipate that significant volumes of on-site soils will be suitable for that use. Materials proposed for use as pipe bedding should be tested by a geotechnical engineer for suitability prior to use. Imported materials should be tested and approved by a geotechnical engineer prior to transport to the site.

## **SURFACE DRAINAGE**

The site soils are relatively stable with regard to moisture content – volume relationships at their existing moisture contents. Other than the anticipated, post-placement settlement of fills, post-construction soil movement will result primarily from the introduction of water into the soil underlying the proposed structure, hardscaping, and pavements. Based on the site surface and subsurface conditions encountered in this study, we do not anticipate a rise in the local water table sufficient to approach grade beam or floor elevations. Therefore, wetting of the site soils likely will result from infiltrating surface waters (precipitation, irrigation, etc.), and water flowing along constructed pathways such as bedding in utility pipe trenches.

The following drainage measures should be incorporated as part of project design and during construction. The facility should be observed periodically to evaluate the surface drainage and identify areas where drainage is ineffective. Routine maintenance of site drainage should be undertaken throughout the design life of the project. If these measures are not implemented and maintained effectively, the movement estimates provided in this report could be exceeded.

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- 1) Wetting or drying of the foundation excavations and underslab areas should be avoided during and after construction as well as throughout the improvements' design life. Permitting increases/variations in moisture to the adjacent or supporting soils may result in a decrease in bearing capacity and an increase in volume change of the underlying soils, and increased total and/or differential movements.
- 2) Positive surface drainage measures should be provided and maintained to reduce water infiltration into foundation soils.

The ground surface surrounding the exterior of the building should be sloped to drain away from the foundation in all directions. A minimum slope of 12 inches in the first 10 feet should be incorporated in the areas not covered with pavement or concrete slabs, or a minimum 3 percent in the first 10 feet in the areas covered with pavement or concrete slabs. Reducing the slopes to comply with ADA requirements may be necessary by other design professionals but may entail an increased potential for moisture infiltration and subsequent volume change of the underlying soils and resultant distress.

In no case should water be allowed to pond near or adjacent to foundation elements, hardscaping, utility trench alignments, etc.

- 3) Drainage should be established and maintained to direct water away from sidewalks and other hardscaping as well as utility trench alignments. Where the ground surface does not convey water away readily, additional post-construction movements and distress should be anticipated.
- 4) In GROUND's experience, it is common during construction that in areas of partially completed paving or hardscaping, bare soil behind curbs and gutters, and utility trenches, water is allowed to pond after rain or snow-melt events. Wetting of the subgrade can result in loss of subgrade support and increased settlements / increased heave. By the time final grading has been completed, significant volumes of water can already have entered the subgrade, leading to subsequent distress and failures. The contractor should maintain effective site drainage throughout construction so that water is directed into appropriate drainage structures.

- 5) On some sites, slopes may descend toward buildings locally. Such slopes can be created during grading even on comparatively flat sites. In such cases, even where the slopes as described above are implemented effectively, water may flow toward and beneath a structure or other site improvements with resultant additional, post-construction movements. Where the final site configuration includes graded or retained slopes descending toward the improvements, surface drainage swales and/or interceptor drains should be installed between the improvements and the slope.

Where irrigation is applied on or above slopes, drainage structures commonly are needed near the toe-of-slope to prevent on-going or recurrent wet conditions.

- 6) Roof downspouts and drains should discharge well beyond the perimeter of the structure foundations (minimum 10 feet) and backfill zones and be provided with positive conveyance off-site for collected waters.
- 7) Based on our experience with similar facilities, the project may include landscaping/watering near site improvements. Irrigation water – both that applied to landscaped areas and over-spray – is a significant cause of distress to improvements. To reduce the potential for such distress, vegetation requiring watering should be located 10 or more feet from building perimeters, flatwork, or other improvements. Irrigation sprinkler heads should be deployed so that applied water is not introduced near or into foundation/subgrade soils. Landscape irrigation should be limited to the minimum quantities necessary to sustain healthy plant growth.
- 8) Use of drip irrigation systems can be beneficial for reducing over-spray beyond planters. Drip irrigation can also be beneficial for reducing the amounts of water introduced to foundation/subgrade soils, but only if the total volumes of applied water are controlled with regard to limiting that introduction. Controlling rates of moisture increase beneath the foundations, floors, and other improvements should take higher priority than minimizing landscape plant losses.

Where plantings are desired within 10 feet of a building, it is GROUND's opinion that the plants be placed in water-tight planters, constructed either in-ground or above-grade, to reduce moisture infiltration in the surrounding subgrade soils.

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Planters should be provided with positive drainage and landscape underdrains. As an alternative involving a limited increase in risk, the use of water-tight planters may be replaced by local shallow underdrains beneath the planter beds. Colorado Geological Survey – Special Publication 43 provides additional guidelines for landscaping and reducing the amount of water that infiltrates into the ground.

GROUND understands many municipalities require landscaping within 10 feet of building perimeters. Provided that positive, effective surface drainage is initially implemented and maintained throughout the life of the facility and the Owner understands and accepts the risks associated with this requirement, vegetation that requires little to no watering may be located within 10 feet of the building perimeter.

- 9) Inspections must be made by facility representatives to make sure that the landscape irrigation is functioning properly throughout operation and that excess moisture is not applied.
- 10) Plastic membranes should not be used to cover the ground surface adjacent to the building as soil moisture tends to increase beneath these membranes. Perforated “weed barrier” membranes that allow ready evaporation from the underlying soils may be used.

Cobbles or other materials that tend to act as baffles and restrict surface flow should not be used to cover the ground surface near the foundations.

- 11) Maintenance as described herein may include complete removal and replacement of site improvements in order to maintain effective surface drainage.
- 12) Detention ponds commonly are incorporated into drainage design. When a detention pond fills, the rate of release of the water is controlled and water is retained in the pond for a period of time. Where in-ground storm sewers direct surface water to the pond, the granular pipe bedding also can direct shallow groundwater or infiltrating surface water toward the pond. Thus, detention ponds can become locations of enhanced and concentrated infiltration into the subsurface, leading to wetting of foundation soils in the vicinity with consequent heave or settlement. Therefore, unless the pond is clearly down-gradient from the



proposed building and other structures that would be adversely affected by wetting of the subgrade soils, including off-site improvements, the detention pond should be provided with an effective, low permeability liner. In addition, cut-off walls and/or drainage provisions should be provided for the bedding materials surrounding storm sewer lines flowing to the pond.

## **SUBSURFACE DRAINAGE**

As a component of project civil design, properly functioning, subsurface drain systems (underdrains) can be beneficial for collecting and discharging saturated subsurface waters. Underdrains will not collect water infiltrating under unsaturated (vadose) conditions, or moving via capillarity, however. In addition, if not properly constructed and maintained, underdrains can transfer water into foundation soils, rather than remove it. This will tend to induce heave or settlement of the subsurface soils, and may result in distress. Underdrains can, however, provide an added level of protection against relatively severe post-construction movements by draining saturated conditions near individual structures should they arise, and limiting the volume of wetted soil.

Although inclusion of an underdrain system is common on commercial sites like the subject facility, particularly where shallow foundations are used, professional opinion varies regarding the potential benefits relative to the cost. Therefore, the owner and the design team and contractor should assess the net benefit of an underdrain system as a component of overall project drainage.

If, however, below-grade or partially below-grade level(s) are added to the building, then we recommend that an underdrain system be included. Damp-proofing should be applied to the exteriors of below-grade elements. The provision of Tencate MiraFi® G-Series backing (or comparable wall drain provisions) on the exteriors of (some) below-grade elements may be appropriate, depending on the intended use. If a (partially) below-grade level is limited in extent, the underdrain system, etc., may be local to that area

***Geotechnical Parameters for Underdrain Design*** Where an underdrain system is included in project drainage design, it should be designed in accordance with the recommendations below. The actual underdrain layout, outlets, and locations should be developed by a civil engineer. A typical perimeter underdrain detail can be provided upon request.

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An underdrain system should be tested by the contractor after installation and after placement and compaction of the overlying backfill to verify that the system functions properly.

- 1) An underdrain system for a building should consist of perforated, rigid, PVC collection pipe at least 4 inches in diameter, non-perforated, rigid, PVC discharge pipe at least 4 inches in diameter, free-draining gravel, and filter fabric, as well as a waterproof membrane.
- 2) The free-draining gravel should contain less than 5 percent passing the No. 200 Sieve and more than 50 percent retained on the No. 4 Sieve, and have a maximum particle size of 2 inches. Each collection pipe should be surrounded on the sides and top (only) with 6 or more inches of free-draining gravel.
- 3) The gravel surrounding the collection pipe(s) should be wrapped with filter fabric (MiraFi 140N® or the equivalent) to reduce the migration of fines into the drain system.
- 4) The waterproof membrane should underlie the gravel and pipe, and be attached to the foundation grade beam or stem wall.
- 5) The underdrain system should be designed to discharge at least 5 gallons per minute of collected water.
- 6) The high point(s) for the collection pipe flow lines should be below the grade beam or shallow foundation bearing elevation. Multiple high points can be beneficial to reducing the depths to which the system would be installed.

The collection and discharge pipe for the underdrain system should be laid on a slope sufficient for effective drainage, but a minimum of 1 percent. (Flatter gradients may be used but will convey water less efficiently and entail an increased risk of local post-construction movements.)

Pipe gradients also should be designed to accommodate at least 1 inch of differential movement after installation along a 50-foot run.

- 7) Underdrain 'clean-outs' should be provided at intervals of no more than 100 feet to facilitate maintenance of the underdrains. Clean-outs also should be provided at collection and discharge pipe elbows of 60 degrees or more.
- 8) The underdrain discharge pipes should be connected to one or more sumps from which water can be removed by pumping, or to outlet(s) for gravity discharge. We suggest that collected waters be discharged directly into the storm sewer system, if possible.

## **PAVEMENT SECTIONS**

A pavement section is a layered system designed to distribute concentrated traffic loads to the subgrade. Performance of the pavement structure is directly related to the physical properties of the subgrade soils and traffic loadings. The standard care of practice in pavement design describes the flexible pavement section as a "20-year" design pavement; however, most flexible pavements will not remain in satisfactory condition without routine maintenance and rehabilitation procedures performed throughout the life of the pavement. Pavement designs for the private pavements were developed in general accordance with the design guidelines and procedures of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO).

### ***Subgrade Materials***

Based on the results of our field exploration and laboratory testing, the potential pavement subgrade materials classify as A-1-a to A-7-6 materials in accordance with the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) classification system.

Based on our experience at similar sites, a resilient modulus value of 3,562 psi was estimated for the on-site materials. It is important to note that significant decreases in soil support have been observed as the moisture content increases above the optimum. Pavements that are not properly drained may experience a loss of the soil support and subsequent reduction in pavement life.

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***Anticipated Traffic***

Traffic data for the proposed facility was unavailable at the time of our report preparation. Based on our experience with similar projects, equivalent 18-kip daily load application (EDLA) values of 5, 10, and 30 were assumed for general parking areas, drive lanes, and heavy truck traffic areas, respectively. The EDLA values of 5, 10, and 30 were converted to equivalent 18-kip single axle load (ESAL) values of 36,500, 73,000, and 219,000 for a 20-year design life, respectively. If anticipated traffic loadings differ significantly from these assumed values, GROUND should be notified to re-evaluate the pavement sections below

***Pavement Design***

The estimated soil resilient modulus and the ESAL values were used to determine the required design structural number for the project pavements. The required structural number was then used to develop the pavement sections. Pavement designs were based on the DARWin™ computer program that solves the 1993 AASHTO pavement design equations. A reliability level of 85 percent and a terminal serviceability of 2 were utilized for design of the pavement sections. A structural coefficient of 0.44 was used for hot bituminous asphalt and 0.12 was used for aggregate base course. The minimum pavement sections for a 20-year design are tabulated below.

**MINIMUM PAVEMENT SECTIONS**

<b>Location</b>	<b>Flexible Section (inches Asphalt)</b>	<b>Composite Section (inches Asphalt / inches Aggregate Base)</b>	<b>Rigid Section (inches Concrete / inches Aggregate Base)</b>
General Parking Areas	6	4 / 7	6 / 6
Drive Lanes	7	4½ / 8	6½ / 6
Heavy Truck Traffic Areas	8	5 / 10	7 / 6

Pavement areas subjected to high turning stresses or heavy truck traffic should be considered to be provided with rigid pavement consisting of 7 or more inches of Portland cement concrete underlain by 6 inches of properly compacted CDOT Class 5 or 6 Aggregate Base Course. In our experience, asphalt pavements do not tend to perform as well as rigid pavement in areas of high turning stresses or prolonged static loading, and

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additional maintenance costs should be anticipated if either (full depth or composite) of these sections are selected.

We understand new playground area pavements/surfacing are planned for construction. Playground pavements/surfacing are intended primarily for non-vehicular use but are anticipated to support occasional traffic from maintenance vehicles. Assuming only very occasional maintenance vehicle traffic, a full depth flexible section consisting of 4½ inches of asphalt or a composite section consisting of 3 inches of asphalt over 4 inches of aggregate base course could be utilized for the proposed playground area pavement. Distress (cracking, etc.) should be anticipated to be exhibited in these pavement/surfacing areas.

Concrete pavements should consist of a plant mix composed of a mixture of aggregate, Portland cement and appropriate admixtures meeting the requirements of a job-mix formula established by a qualified engineer. Concrete should have a minimum modulus of rupture of third point loading of 650 psi. Normally, concrete with a 28-day compressive strength of 4,000 psi should develop this modulus of rupture value. The concrete should be air-entrained with approximately 6 percent air and should have a minimum cement content of 6 sacks per cubic yard. Maximum allowable slump should be 4 inches.

In areas of repeated turning stresses the concrete pavement joints should be fully tied or doweled. We suggest that civil design consider joint layout in accordance with CDOT's M Standards. Standard plans for placement of ties and dowels, etc., (CDOT M Standards) for concrete pavements can be found at the CDOT website: <https://www.codot.gov/business/designsupport/>

Asphalt pavement should consist of a bituminous plant mix composed of a mixture of aggregate and bituminous material. Asphalt mixture(s) should meet the requirements of a job-mix formula established by a qualified Engineer.

The aggregate base material should meet the criteria of CDOT Class 6 aggregate base course. Base course should be placed in uniform lifts not exceeding 8 inches in loose thickness and compacted to at least 95 percent of the maximum dry density a uniform moisture contents within 2 percent of the optimum as determined by ASTM D1557 / AASHTO T-180, the "modified Proctor."

***Subgrade Preparation*** Remedial earthwork to any depth will not prevent pavement distress on these soils, but will tend to reduce it and improve perceived rideability.

***Remedial Earthwork*** Based on CDOT guidelines, the pavements should be constructed on a section of properly moisture-conditioned and compacted soils to a depth of at least 12 inches. Where undocumented fill soils are present, all of the existing fill soils should be removed and replaced. This section assumes that a) traffic speeds in the parking areas and driveways will be relatively slow, and b) the facility owner will be tolerant of significant total and differential pavement post-construction movements (on the order of several inches) and the associated maintenance costs that are necessary to re-establish effective drainage, replace distressed pavement, etc.

If the owner opts to reduce the fill section beneath the pavements, additional post-construction movements, accelerated pavement distress, and additional maintenance should be anticipated. Similarly, where existing utility lines or other site constraints limit the depth to which remedial earthwork can be accomplished, additional maintenance should be anticipated.

Criteria for placement and compaction of fill are provided in the *Project Earthwork* section of this report.

If performance like project floors is desired, then project pavements should be constructed in a similar manner as project floors.

Subgrade preparation of the selected depth should extend the full width of the pavement from back-of-curb to back-of-curb. The subgrade for any sidewalks and other project hardscaping also should be prepared in the same manner.

Geotechnical criteria for fill placement and compaction are provided in the *Project Earthwork* section of this report. The contractor should be prepared to either dry the subgrade materials or moisten them, as needed, prior to compaction.

***Proof Rolling*** Immediately prior to paving, the subgrade should be proof rolled with a heavily loaded, pneumatic tired vehicle. Areas that show excessive deflection during proof rolling should be excavated and replaced and/or stabilized. Areas allowed to pond prior to paving will require significant re-working prior to proof-rolling. Establishment of a firm

paving platform (as indicated by proof rolling) is an additional requirement beyond proper fill placement and compaction. It is possible for soils to be compacted within the limits indicated in the *Project Earthwork* section of this report and fail proof rolling, particularly in the upper range of moisture content.

### ***Additional Observations***

The collection and diversion of surface drainage away from paved areas is extremely important to the satisfactory performance of the pavements. The subsurface and surface drainage systems should be carefully designed to ensure removal of the water from paved areas and subgrade soils. Allowing surface waters to pond on pavements will cause premature pavement deterioration. Where topography, site constraints, or other factors limit or preclude adequate surface drainage, pavements should be provided with edge drains to reduce loss of subgrade support. The long-term performance of the pavement also can be improved greatly by proper backfilling and compaction behind curbs, gutters, and sidewalks so that ponding is not permitted and water infiltration is reduced.

Landscape irrigation in planters adjacent to pavements and in “island” planters within paved areas should be carefully controlled or differential heave and/or rutting of the nearby pavements will result. Drip irrigation systems are suggested for such planters to reduce over-spray and water infiltration beyond the planters. Enclosing the soil in the planters with plastic liners and providing them with positive drainage also will reduce differential moisture increases in the surrounding subgrade soils. In our experience, infiltration from planters adjacent to pavements is a principal source of moisture increase beneath those pavements. This wetting of the subgrade soils from infiltrating irrigation commonly leads to loss of subgrade support for the pavement with resultant accelerating distress, loss of pavement life and increased maintenance costs. This is particularly the case in the later stages of project construction after landscaping has been emplaced but heavy construction traffic has not ended. Heavy vehicle traffic over wetted subgrade commonly results in rutting and pushing of flexible pavements, and cracking of rigid pavements. In relatively flat areas where design drainage gradients necessarily are small, subgrade settlement can obstruct proper drainage and yield increased infiltration, exaggerated distress, etc. (These considerations apply to project flatwork, as well.)

As noted above, the standard care of practice in pavement design describes the flexible pavement section as a “20-year” design pavement; however, most pavements will not remain in satisfactory condition without routine, preventive maintenance and rehabilitation procedures performed throughout the life of the pavement. Preventive pavement treatments are surface rehabilitation and operations applied to improve or extend the functional life of a pavement. These treatments preserve, rather than improve, the structural capacity of the pavement structure. In the event the existing pavement is not structurally sound, the preventive maintenance will have no long-lasting effect. Therefore, a routine maintenance program to seal cracks, repair distressed areas, and perform thin overlays throughout the life of the pavement is suggested.

A crack sealing and fog seal/chip seal program should be performed on the pavements every 3 to 4 years. After approximately 8 to 10 years, patching, additional crack sealing, and asphalt overlay may be required. Prior to future overlays, it is important that all transverse and longitudinal cracks be sealed with a flexible, rubberized crack sealant in order to reduce the potential for propagation of the crack through the overlay. Traffic volumes that exceed the values utilized by this report will likely necessitate the need of pavement maintenance practices on a schedule of shorter timeframe than that stated above. The greatest benefit of preventive maintenance is achieved by placing the treatments on sound pavements that have little or no distress.

GROUND’s experience indicates that longitudinal cracking is common in asphalt-pavements generally parallel to the interface between the asphalt and concrete structures such as curbs, gutters or drain pans. Distress of this type is likely to occur even where the subgrade has been prepared properly and the asphalt has been compacted properly. The use of thick base course or reinforced concrete pavement can reduce this. Our office should be contacted if these alternates are desired.

The assumed traffic loading does not include excess loading conditions imposed by heavy construction vehicles. Consequently, heavily loaded concrete, lumber, and building material trucks can have a detrimental effect on the pavement. An effective program of regular maintenance should be developed and implemented to seal cracks, repair distressed areas, and perform thin overlays throughout the life of the pavements.

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We understand the exterior of the proposed building and other portions of the site will be provided with concrete flatwork. Like other site improvements, flatwork will experience post-construction movements as soil moisture contents increase after construction and distress likely will result. The following measures will help to reduce damages to these improvements, but will not prevent all movements. Critical flatwork, which may include flatwork at entrances and exits, should be constructed as either a structural floor or a slab-on-grade floor depending upon acceptable movement tolerances in a similar manner to project floors. Such areas should be identified by the owner.

- 1) Remedial earthwork to prepare flatwork subgrades is subject to the same factors discussed in the *Pavement Sections* section of this report, and should be undertaken to the same depth.

Regardless of the depth of subgrade preparation, maintenance, including the removal and replacement of portions of flatwork, should be anticipated for project exterior flatwork; cracking of concrete flatwork will occur. Greater depths of subgrade preparation will tend to reduce the extent and frequency of extra maintenance, however.

- 2) Prior to placement of flatwork, a proof roll should be performed to identify areas that exhibit instability and deflection. The deleterious soils in these areas should be removed and replaced with properly compacted fill. The contractor should take care to achieve and maintain compaction behind curbs to reduce differential sidewalk settlements. Passing a proof roll is an additional requirement to placing and compacting the subgrade fill soils within the specified ranges of moisture content and relative compaction in the *Project Earthwork* section of this report. Subgrade stabilization may be cost-effective in this regard.
- 3) Flatwork should be provided with control joints extending to an effective depth and spaced no more than **10 feet** apart, both ways. Narrow flatwork, such as sidewalks, likely will require more closely spaced joints.
- 4) In no case should exterior flatwork extend to under any portion of the building where there is less than **4 inches** of vertical clearance between the flatwork and any element of the building. Exterior flatwork in contact with brick, rock facades,

or any other element of the building can cause damage to the structure if the flatwork experiences movements.

***Construction and Drainage Between Buildings and Pavements*** Proper design, drainage, construction and maintenance of the areas between individual buildings/structures and parking/driveway areas are critical to the satisfactory performance of the project. Sidewalks, entranceway slabs and roofs, fountains, raised planters and other highly visible improvements commonly are installed within these zones, and distress in or near these improvements is common. Commonly, proper soil preparation in these areas receives little attention during overlot construction because they fall between the building and pavement areas which typically are built with heavy equipment. Subsequent landscaping and hardscape installation often is performed by multiple sub-contractors with light or hand equipment, and necessary over-excavation and soil processing is not performed. Consequently, subgrade soil conditions commonly deviate significantly from specified ranges. Therefore, the contractor should take particular care with regard to proper subgrade preparation in the immediate building exteriors.

***Concrete Scaling*** Climatic conditions in the project area including relatively low humidity, large temperature changes and repeated freeze – thaw cycles, make it likely that project sidewalks and other exterior concrete will experience surficial scaling or spalling. The likelihood of concrete scaling can be increased by poor workmanship during construction, such as ‘over-finishing’ the surfaces. In addition, the use of de-icing salts on exterior concrete flatwork, particularly during the first winter after construction, will increase the likelihood of scaling. Even use of de-icing salts on nearby roadways, from where vehicle traffic can transfer them to newly placed concrete, can be sufficient to induce scaling. Typical quality control / quality assurance tests that are performed during construction for concrete strength, air content, etc., do not provide information with regard to the properties and conditions that give rise to scaling.

We understand that some municipalities require removal and replacement of concrete that exhibits scaling, even if the material was within specification and placed correctly. The contractor should be aware of the local requirements and be prepared to take measures to reduce the potential for scaling and/or replace concrete that scales.

In GROUND's experience, the measures below can be beneficial for reducing the likelihood of concrete scaling. It must be understood, however, that because of the other factors involved, including weather conditions and workmanship, surface damage to concrete can develop, even where all of these measures were followed. Also, the mix design criteria should be coordinated with other project requirements including criteria for sulfate resistance presented in the *Water-Soluble Sulfates* section of this report.

- 1) Maintaining a maximum water/cement ratio of 0.45 by weight for exterior concrete mixes.
- 2) Include Type F fly ash in exterior concrete mixes as 20 percent of the cementitious material.
- 3) Specify a minimum, 28-day, compressive strength of 4,500 psi for all exterior concrete.
- 4) Including 'fibermesh' in the concrete mix also may be beneficial for reducing surficial scaling.
- 5) Cure the concrete effectively at uniform temperature and humidity. This commonly will require fogging, blanketing and/or tenting, depending on the weather conditions. As long as 3 to 4 weeks of curing may be required, and possibly more.
- 6) Avoid placement of concrete during cold weather so that it is not exposed to freeze-thaw cycling before it is fully cured.
- 7) Avoid the use of de-icing salts on given reaches of flatwork through the first winter after construction.

We understand that commonly it may not be practical to implement some of these measures for reducing scaling due to safety considerations, project scheduling, etc. In such cases, additional costs for flatwork maintenance or reconstruction should be incorporated into project budgets.

***Frost and Ice Considerations*** Nearly all soils other than relatively coarse, clean, granular materials are susceptible to loss of density if allowed to become saturated and

exposed to freezing temperatures and repeated freeze – thaw cycling. The formation of ice in the underlying soils can result in heaving of pavements, flatwork, and other hardscaping (“ice jacking”) in sustained cold weather up to 2 inches or more. This heaving can develop relatively rapidly. A portion of this movement typically is recovered when the soils thaw, but due to loss of soil density, some degree of displacement will remain. This can result even where the subgrade soils were prepared properly.

Where hardscape movements are a design concern, e.g., at doorways, replacement of the subgrade soils with 3 or more feet of clean, coarse sand or gravel should be considered or supporting the element on foundations similar to the building and spanning over a void. Detailed guidance in this regard can be provided upon request. It should be noted that where such open graded granular soils are placed, water can infiltrate and accumulate in the subsurface relatively easily, which can lead to increased settlement or heave from factors unrelated to ice formation. Therefore, where a section of open graded granular soils are placed, a local underdrain system should be provided to discharge collected water. GROUND will be available to discuss these concerns upon request.

## **TEMPORARY FIRE TRUCK ACCESS**

Commonly, construction sites are required by local fire departments to provide temporary access for emergency response. It has been GROUND’s experience these access drives are to provide support for trucks weighing up to 90,000 pounds and are typically desired to be gravel/aggregate-surfaced.

Based on our experience, a temporary section consisting of at least 12 inches of material meeting the requirements of CDOT Class 5 or Class 6 Aggregate Base Course or at least 8 inches of CDOT Class 5 or Class 6 Aggregate Base Course over a layer of stabilization geotextile/geofabric, such as Mirafi® RS380i or the equivalent, could be utilized provided the Owner understands that this section is for temporary access during construction only and is not a replacement or an equal alternate to the pavement section(s) that was indicated previously. The aggregate base course placed for this purpose should be compacted to at least 95 percent of the maximum modified Proctor dry density. It should be noted that the aggregate base course sections indicated above are not intended to support fire truck outriggers without cribbing or similar measures.

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It should be understood that with any aggregate surface, shoving and displacement of the granular materials should be expected during repetitive vehicular/equipment loading. Therefore, regular maintenance should be implemented to ensure proper surface and subsurface drainage, repair distressed/damaged areas, and re-establish grades. Application of additional aggregate may be required in this regard. Additionally, the ability of the aggregate temporary access drive to accommodate loads as indicated above is directly related to the quality of the subgrade materials on which the aggregate is placed, not only on the aggregate section. If water infiltrates these areas, additional rutting and other distress, including a reduction in capacity, will result, requiring additional maintenance.

## **CLOSURE**

**Geotechnical Review** The author of this report or a GROUND principal should be retained to review project plans and specifications to evaluate whether they comply with the intent of the measures discussed in this report. The review should be requested in writing.

The geotechnical conclusions and parameters presented in this report are contingent upon observation and testing of project earthwork by representatives of GROUND. If another geotechnical consultant is selected to provide materials testing, then that consultant must assume all responsibility for the geotechnical aspects of the project by concurring in writing with the parameters in this report, or by providing alternative parameters.

**Materials Testing** Widefield School District 3 should consider retaining a geotechnical engineer to perform materials testing during construction. The performance of such testing or lack thereof, however, in no way alleviates the burden of the contractor or subcontractor from constructing in a manner that conforms to applicable project documents and industry standards. The contractor or pertinent subcontractor is ultimately responsible for managing the quality of his work; furthermore, testing by the geotechnical engineer does not preclude the contractor from obtaining or providing whatever services that he deems necessary to complete the project in accordance with applicable documents.

**Limitations** This report has been prepared for Widefield School District 3 as it pertains to design of the proposed building addition and improvements planned at the Webster

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Elementary School facility in Colorado Springs, Colorado as described herein. It should not be assumed to contain sufficient information for other parties or other purposes. The Client has agreed to the terms, conditions, and liability limitations outlined in our proposal between Widefield School District 3 and GROUND. Reliance upon our report is not granted to any other potential owner, contractor, or lender. Requests for third-party reliance should be directed to GROUND in writing; granting reliance by GROUND is not guaranteed.

In addition, GROUND has assumed that project construction will commence by Summer 2022 and end within 1 year of the project commencement date. Any changes in project plans or schedule should be brought to the attention of a geotechnical engineer, in order that the geotechnical conclusions in this report may be re-evaluated and, as necessary, modified.

The geotechnical conclusions and parameters in this report were based on subsurface information from a limited number of exploration points, as shown in *Figure 1*, as well as the means and methods described herein. Subsurface conditions were interpolated between and extrapolated beyond these locations. It is not possible to guarantee the subsurface conditions are as indicated in this report. Actual conditions exposed during construction may differ from those encountered during site exploration. Design modifications may be necessary by the project team; this may result in an increase in project costs and schedule delays. In addition, a contractor who obtains information from this report for development of his scope of work or cost estimates does so solely at his own risk and may find the geotechnical information in this report to be inadequate for his purposes or find the geotechnical conditions described herein to be at variance with his experience in the greater project area. The contractor should obtain the additional geotechnical information that is necessary to develop his workscope and cost estimates with sufficient precision. This includes, but is not limited to, information regarding excavation conditions, earth material usage, current depths to groundwater, etc. Because of the necessarily limited nature of the subsurface exploration performed for this study, the contractor should be allowed to evaluate the site using test pits or other means to obtain additional subsurface information to prepare his bid.

If during construction, surface, soil, bedrock, or groundwater conditions appear to be at variance with those described herein, work should cease and a geotechnical engineer

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should be retained at once, so that our conclusions and design parameters for this site may be re-evaluated in a timely manner and dependent aspects of project design can be modified, as necessary.

The materials present on-site are stable at their natural moisture content, but may change volume or lose bearing capacity or stability with changes in moisture content. Performance of the proposed structure and pavement will depend on implementation of the conclusions and information in this report and on proper maintenance after construction is completed. Because water is a significant cause of volume change in soils and rock, allowing moisture infiltration may result in movements, some of which will exceed estimates provided herein and should therefore be expected by Widefield School District 3

*ALL DEVELOPMENT CONTAINS INHERENT RISKS.* It is important that ALL aspects of this report, as well as the estimated performance (and limitations with any such estimations) of proposed improvements are understood by Widefield School District 3. Utilizing the geotechnical parameters and measures herein for planning, design, and/or construction constitutes understanding and acceptance of the conclusions with regard to risk and other information provided herein, associated improvement performance, as well as the limitations inherent within such estimates. Ensuring correct interpretation of the contents of this report by others is not the responsibility of GROUND. If any information referred to herein is not well understood, it is imperative that Widefield School District 3 contact the author or a GROUND principal immediately. We will be available to meet to discuss the risks and remedial approaches presented in this report, as well as other potential approaches, upon request.

Current applicable codes may contain criteria regarding performance of structures and/or site improvements which may differ from those provided herein. Our office should be contacted regarding any apparent disparity.

GROUND makes no warranties, either expressed or implied, as to the professional data, opinions or conclusions contained herein. Because of numerous considerations that are beyond GROUND's control, the economic or technical performance of the project cannot be guaranteed in any respect.

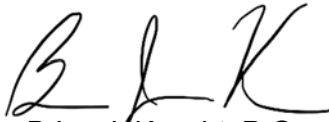
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This document, together with the concepts and conclusions presented herein, as an instrument of service, is intended only for the specific purpose and client for which it was prepared. Re-use of, or improper reliance on this document without written authorization and adaption by GROUND Engineering Consultants, Inc., shall be without liability to GROUND Engineering Consultants, Inc.

GROUND appreciates the opportunity to complete this portion of the project and welcomes the opportunity to provide Widefield School District 3 with a proposal for construction observation and materials testing.

Sincerely,

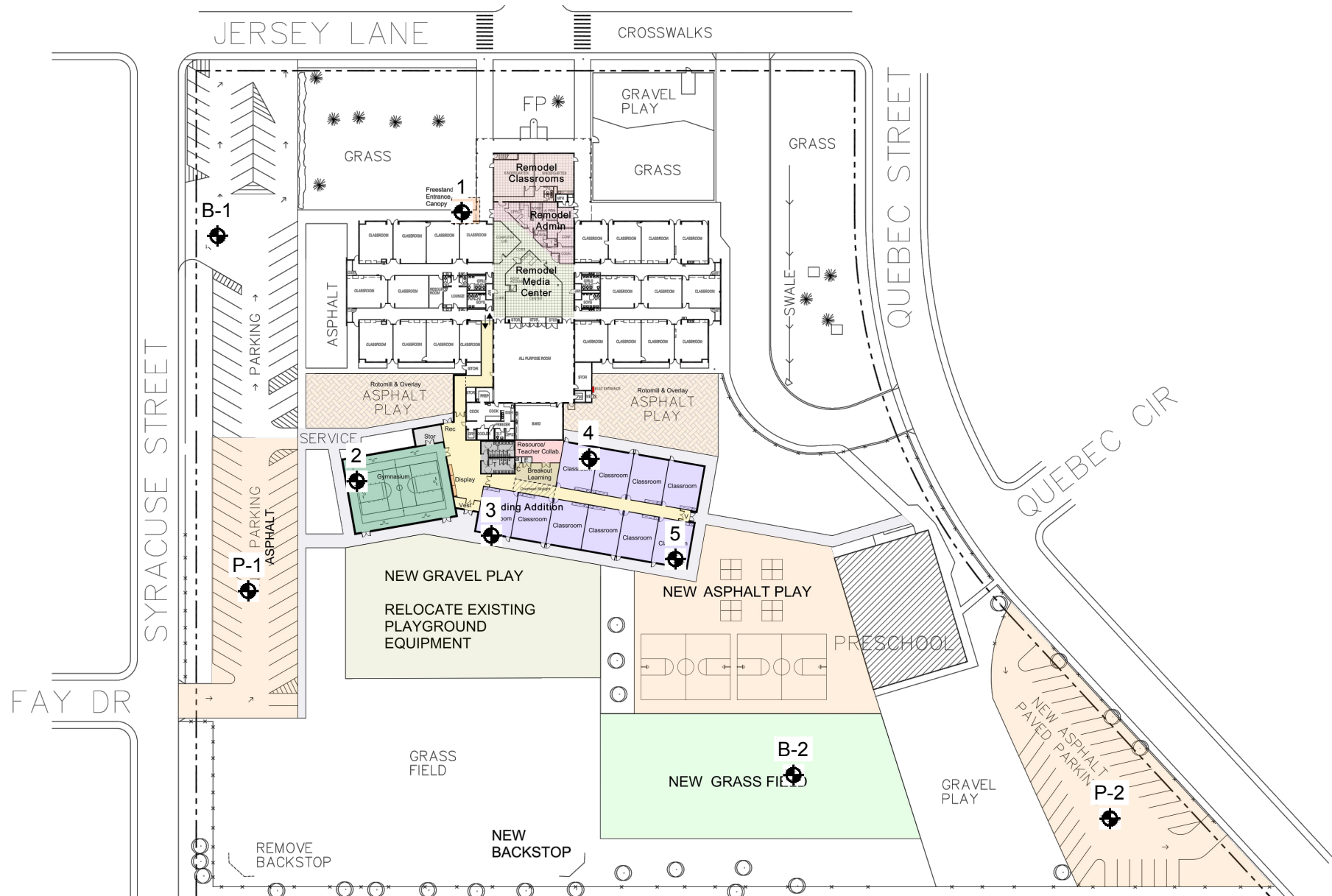
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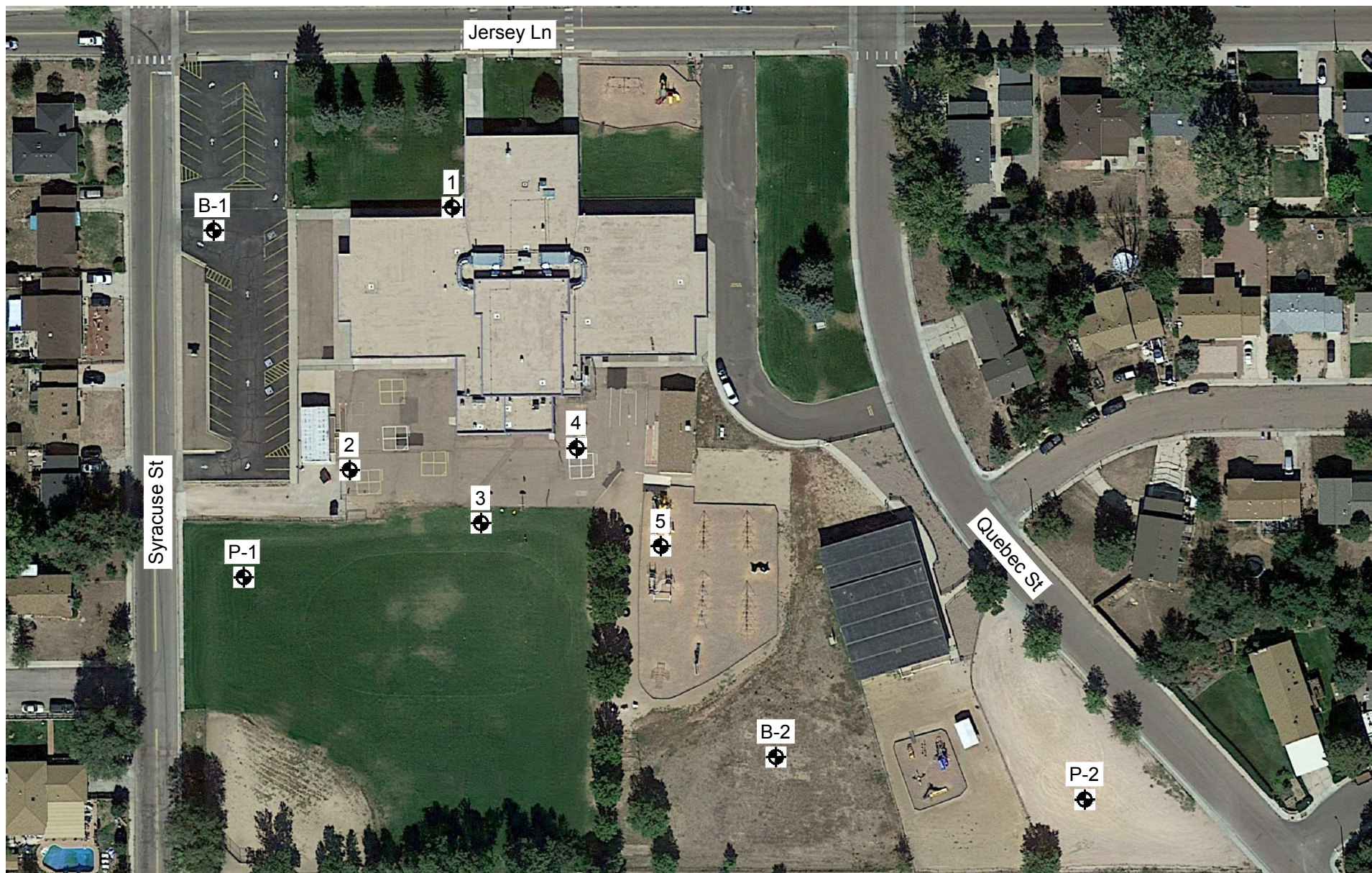


SITE PLAN PROVIDED BY CLIENT

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	FIGURE: 1a
LOCATION OF TEST HOLES	





GOOGLE EARTH AERIAL IMAGE (10/6/2019)

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 ⬤ Indicates test hole number and approximate location.



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FIGURE: 1b

LOCATION OF TEST HOLES

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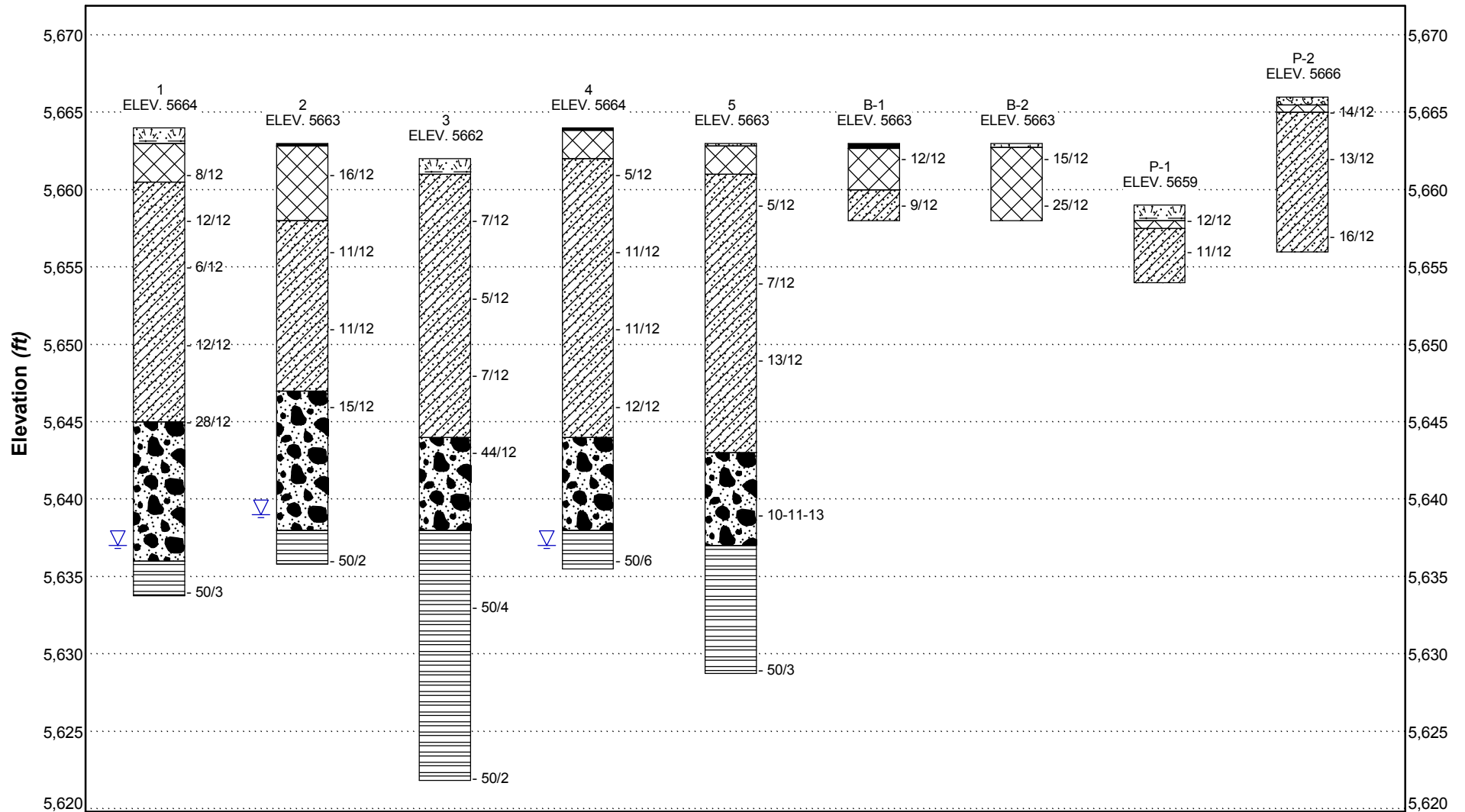


FIGURE: 2



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### MATERIAL SYMBOLS



ASPHALT



PEA GRAVEL



TOPSOIL



ROAD BASE



MAN-MADE FILL



CLAY AND SAND



SAND AND GRAVEL



SHALE BEDROCK

NOTE: See Detailed Logs for Material descriptions.

### SAMPLER SYMBOLS



#### Modified California Liner Sampler

23 / 12 Drive sample blow count indicates 23 blows of a 140 pound hammer falling 30 inches were required to drive the sampler 12 inches.



#### Standard Penetration Test Sampler

20-25-30 Drive sample blow count, indicates 20, 25, and 30 blows of a 140 pound hammer falling 30 inches were required to drive the sampler 18 inches in three 6 inch increments.

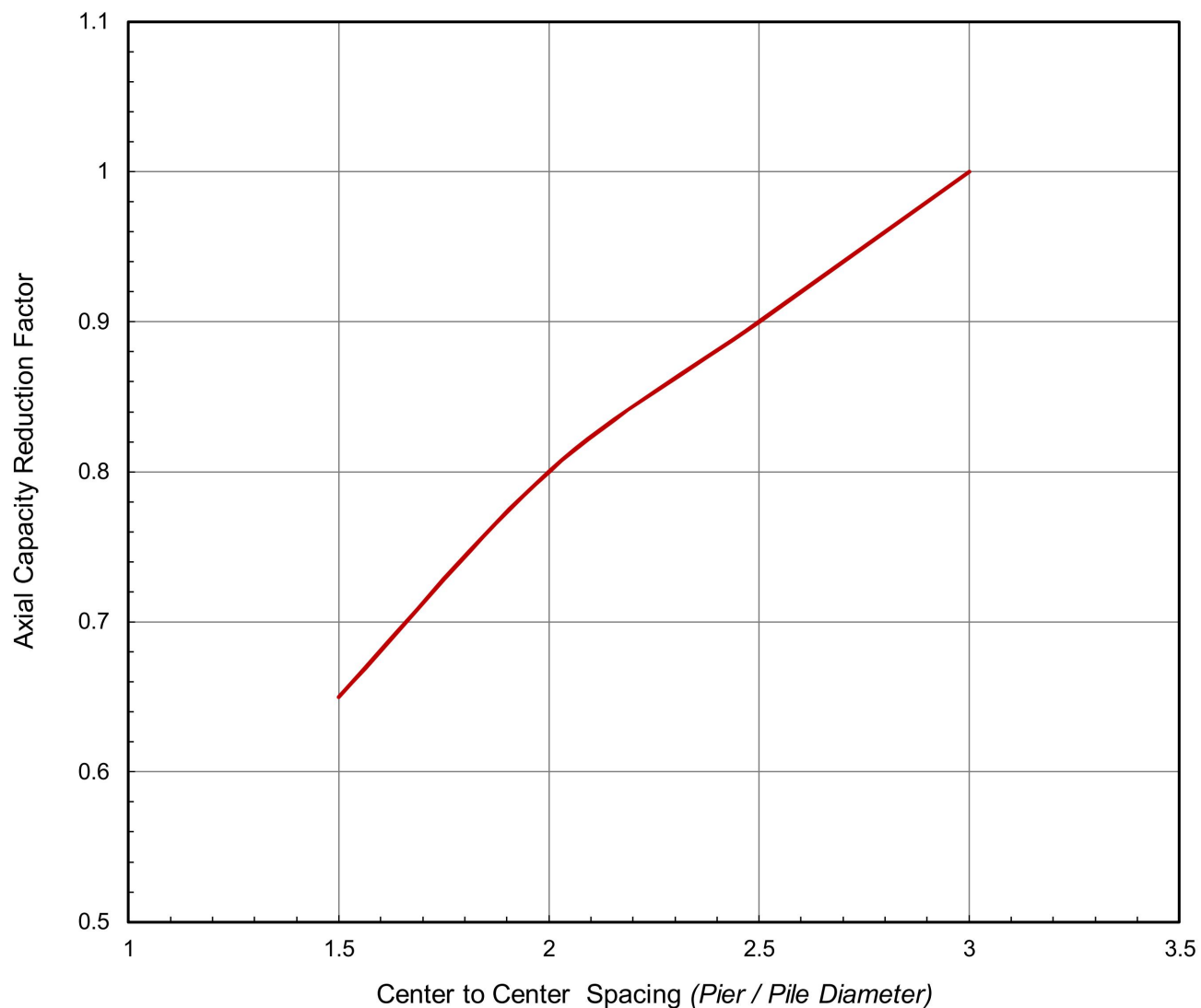
### NOTES

1. Test holes were drilled on 6/21/2021 with 4" solid stem auger.
2. Locations of the test holes were determined approximately by pacing from features shown on the site plan provided.
3. Elevations of test holes were estimated from client provided documents and the logs of test holes are hung to elevation.
4. The test hole locations and elevations should be considered accurate only to the degree implied by the method used.
5. The lines between materials shown on the test hole logs represent the approximate boundaries between material types and the transitions may be gradual.
6. Groundwater level readings shown on the logs were made at the time and under the conditions indicated. Fluctuations in the water level may occur with time.
7. The material descriptions on these logs are for general classification purposes only. See full text of this report for descriptions of the site materials & related information.
8. All test holes were immediately backfilled upon completion of drilling, unless otherwise specified in this report.

### ABBREVIATIONS

- Water Level at Time of Drilling, or as Shown
- Water Level at End of Drilling, or as Shown
- Water Level After 24 Hours, or as Shown

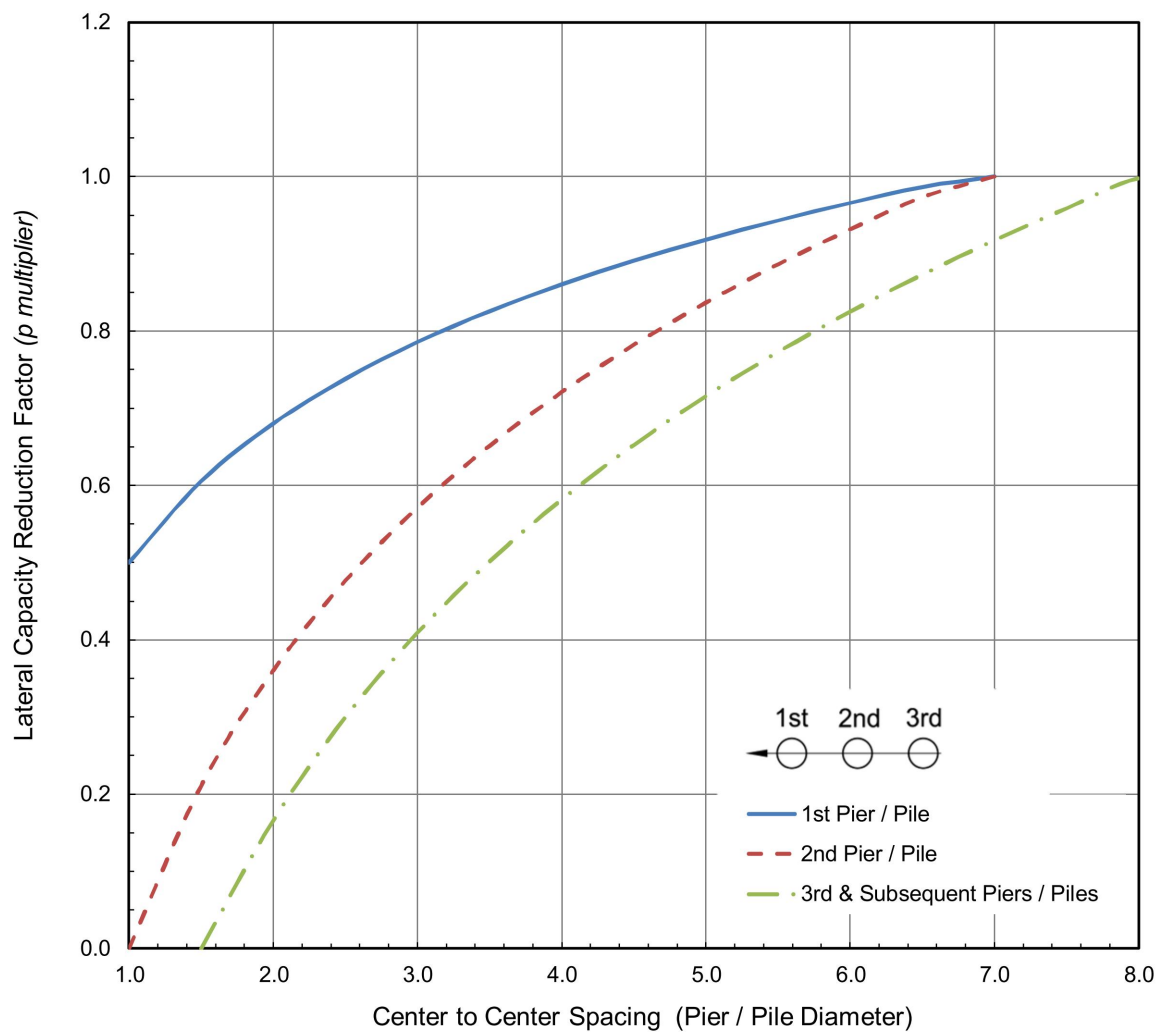
NV No Value  
NP Non-Plastic



**Axial Capacity Reductions as Functions of Closely Spaced Pier / Pile Elements.**

The graph above provides estimated reductions in total axial capacity for closely spaced piers.

Pier / Pile reductions should be interpolated from the graph above.



#### Lateral Capacity Reduction ( $p$ multipliers) as Functions of Closely Spaced Pier / Pile Elements

The "1st" or "lead" pier / pile is the element that leads movement in the direction that the lateral load will cause the piers to deflect, as shown.

For lateral loads oriented perpendicular to the row of piers / piles, use the 1st pier / pile  $p$ -multiplier.

Pier / pile reductions should be interpolated from the graph above.

Figure to be reproduced in color for clarity.



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**TABLE 1: SUMMARY OF LABORATORY TEST RESULTS**

Sample Location		Natural Moisture Content (%)	Natural Dry Density (pcf)	Gradation			Atterberg Limits		Swell/Consolidation		Unconfined Compressive Strength		USCS Equivalent Classification	AASHTO Equivalent Classification (Group Index)	Sample Description
Test Hole No.	Depth (feet)			Gravel (%)	Sand (%)	Fines (%)	Liquid Limit	Plasticity Index	Volume Change (%)	Surcharge Pressure (psf)	(psi)	(ksf)			
1	3	20.6	103.1	1	31	68	33	13	-0.1	350	-	-	s(CL)	A-6 (7)	Sandy CLAY
1	9	19.2	97.3	-	36	64	22	4	-0.8	1,125	-	-	s(CL-ML)	A-4 (0)	Sandy, Silty CLAY
1	19	4.0	SD	50	39	11	NV	NP	-	-	-	-	(GP-GM)s	A-1-a (0)	GRAVEL with Silt and Sand
2	2	5.7	119.4	39	49	12	NV	NP	-	-	-	-	(SP-SM)g	A-1-a (0)	FILL: SAND with Silt and Gravel
2	12	24.8	96.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Sandy, Silty CLAY
3	4	22.8	93.9	-	27	73	37	14	-0.4	500	-	-	(CL)s	A-6 (9)	CLAY with Sand
3	14	13.7	109.0	-	55	45	24	6	-	-	-	-	SC-SM	A-4 (0)	Silty, Clayey SAND
3	19	3.8	SD	30	62	8	NV	NP	-	-	-	-	(SP-SM)g	A-1-b (0)	SAND with Silt and Gravel
3	29	9.3	126.4	-	10	91	53	29	-	-	-	-	CH	A-7-6 (29)	CLAYSTONE Bedrock
4	3	14.4	107.8	2	50	48	24	6	-	-	-	-	SC-SM	A-4 (0)	Silty, Clayey SAND
4	13	26.5	95.1	-	4	96	39	20	-	-	40	5.76	CL	A-6 (20)	CLAY
4	28	12.9	SD	-	6	94	43	16	-	-	-	-	ML	A-7-6 (17)	SILTSTONE Bedrock
5	4	22.8	99.3	-	21	79	31	12	-	-	-	-	(CL)s	A-6 (8)	CLAY with Sand
5	9	24.9	93.5	-	31	69	28	8	-0.4	1,125	-	-	s(CL)	A-4 (4)	Sandy CLAY
5	14	26.3	96.7	-	4	96	63	32	-	-	-	-	CH	A-7-5 (37)	CLAY
P-1	1	11.0	114.0	14	57	29	35	14	0.5	200	-	-	SC	A-2-6 (1)	Clayey SAND
P-2	1	9.2	117.1	8	49	43	26	8	-	-	-	-	SC	A-4 (1)	Clayey SAND
P-2	4	6.8	112.4	1	50	49	23	6	-	-	-	-	SC-SM	A-4 (0)	Silty, Clayey SAND
B-1	1	5.8	SD	23	64	13	28	10	-	-	-	-	(SC)g	A-2-4 (0)	FILL: Clayey SAND with Gravel
B-1	4	24.1	97.5	-	19	81	37	15	-	-	-	-	(CL)s	A-6 (12)	CLAY with Sand
B-2	1	11.2	105.8	6	39	55	47	23	-	-	-	-	s(CL)	A-7-6 (10)	FILL: Sandy CLAY
B-2	4	10.5	115.7	1	25	74	38	14	-	-	-	-	(CL)s	A-6 (10)	FILL: CLAY with Sand

SD = Sample disturbed, NV = No value, NP = Non-plastic

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TABLE 2: SUMMARY OF SOIL CORROSION TEST RESULTS

Sample Location		Water Soluble Sulfates (%)	pH	Redox Potential (mv)	Sulfide Reactivity	Resistivity (ohm-cm)	USCS Equivalent Classification	AASHTO Equivalent Classification (Group Index)	Sample Description
Test Hole No.	Depth (feet)								
2	2	< 0.01	10.3	-185	Positive	3,927	(SP-SM)g	A-1-a (0)	FILL: SAND with Silt and Gravel
5	4	0.02	8.3	- 67	Positive	1,571	(CL)s	A-6 (8)	CLAY with Sand
P-2	1	0.04	9.7	-148	Positive	5,945	SC	A-4 (1)	Clayey SAND
P-2	4	0.03	9.6	-146	Trace	8,078	SC-SM	A-4 (0)	Silty, Clayey SAND

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**Appendix A:**  
**Detailed Test Hole Logs**

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Elevation (ft)	Depth (ft)	Graphic Log	Material Descriptions and Drilling Notes	Sample Type	Blow Count	Natural Moisture Content (%)	Natural Dry Density (pcf)	Gradation			Atterberg Limits		Swell/Consolidation (%) at Surcharge Pressure (psf)	USCS Equivalent Classification
								Gravel %	Sand %	Fines %	Liquid Limit	Plasticity Index		
5664	0		<b>TOPSOIL</b>											
			<b>MAN - MADE FILL:</b> Sand, clay, silt, and gravel, was fine to coarse grained with subordinate fractions of gravel, non-plastic to high plasticity, slightly moist, locally caliche, local organic debris (wood), and light brown to brown to dark gray in color.											
					8/12	20.6	103.1	1	31	68	33	13	-0.1 (350)	s(CL)
5659	5		<b>CLAY and SAND:</b> Silty, interbedded, fine to medium grained with subordinate fractions of coarse grained sand and trace gravel, low to high plasticity, medium to stiff / loose to medium dense, slightly moist to wet, and light brown to brown to gray in color.		12/12									
5654	10				6/12	19.2	97.3		36	64	22	4	-0.8 (1125)	s(CL-ML)
5649	15				12/12									
5644	20		<b>SAND and GRAVEL:</b> Silty to clayey, interbedded, fine to coarse grained with gravel and cobbles (interpreted), non-plastic to low plasticity, medium dense to dense, slightly moist to wet, locally iron stained, and light brown to brown to reddish-brown to gray in color.		28/12	4	SD	50	39	11	NV	NP		(GP-GM)s
5639	25													
5634	30		<b>SHALE BEDROCK:</b> Siltstone and claystone, was fine grained, medium to high plasticity, very hard and relatively resistant, moist, and gray to black in color.											
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Bottom of borehole at Approx. 30.25 feet.

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Elevation (ft)	Depth (ft)	Graphic Log	Material Descriptions and Drilling Notes	Sample Type	Blow Count	Natural Moisture Content (%)	Natural Dry Density (pcf)	Gradation			Atterberg Limits		Swell/Consolidation (%) at Surcharge Pressure (psf)	USCS Equivalent Classification
								Gravel %	Sand %	Fines %	Liquid Limit	Plasticity Index		
5663	0		<b>ASPHALT:</b> Approximately 2 inches of asphalt.											
			<b>MAN - MADE FILL:</b> Sand, clay, silt, and gravel, was fine to coarse grained with subordinate fractions of gravel, non-plastic to high plasticity, slightly moist, locally caliche, local organic debris (wood), and light brown to brown to dark gray in color.		16/12	5.7	119.4	39	49	12	NV	NP		(SP-SM)g
5658	5		<b>CLAY and SAND:</b> Silty, interbedded, fine to medium grained with subordinate fractions of coarse grained sand and trace gravel, low to high plasticity, medium to stiff / loose to medium dense, slightly moist to wet, and light brown to brown to gray in color.		11/12									
5653	10				11/12	24.8	96.1							
5648	15													
5643	20		<b>SAND and GRAVEL:</b> Silty to clayey, interbedded, fine to coarse grained with gravel and cobbles (interpreted), non-plastic to low plasticity, medium dense to dense, slightly moist to wet, locally iron stained, and light brown to brown to reddish-brown to gray in color.		15/12									
5638	25		<b>SHALE BEDROCK:</b> Siltstone and claystone, was fine grained, medium to high plasticity, very hard and relatively resistant, moist, and gray to black in color.											

Bottom of borehole at Approx. 27.17 feet.

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Bottom of borehole at Approx. 40.17 feet.



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Elevation (ft)	Depth (ft)	Graphic Log	Material Descriptions and Drilling Notes	Sample Type	Blow Count	Natural Moisture Content (%)	Natural Dry Density (pcf)	Gradation			Atterberg Limits		Swell/Consolidation (%) at Surcharge Pressure (psf)	USCS Equivalent Classification
								Gravel %	Sand %	Fines %	Liquid Limit	Plasticity Index		
5664	0		<b>ASPHALT:</b> Approximately 2 inches of asphalt.											
			<b>MAN - MADE FILL:</b> Sand, clay, silt, and gravel, was fine to coarse grained with subordinate fractions of gravel, non-plastic to high plasticity, slightly moist, locally caliche, local organic debris (wood), and light brown to brown to dark gray in color.											
5659	5		<b>CLAY and SAND:</b> Silty, interbedded, fine to medium grained with subordinate fractions of coarse grained sand and trace gravel, low to high plasticity, medium to stiff / loose to medium dense, slightly moist to wet, and light brown to brown to gray in color.		5/12	14.4	107.8	2	50	48	24	6		SC-SM
5654	10				11/12									
5649	15				11/12	26.5	95.1		4	96	39	20		CL
5644	20				12/12									
5639	25		<b>SAND and GRAVEL:</b> Silty to clayey, interbedded, fine to coarse grained with gravel and cobbles (interpreted), non-plastic to low plasticity, medium dense to dense, slightly moist to wet, locally iron stained, and light brown to brown to reddish-brown to gray in color.											
			<b>SHALE BEDROCK:</b> Siltstone and claystone, was fine grained, medium to high plasticity, very hard and relatively resistant, moist, and gray to black in color.											
					50/6	12.9	SD		6	94	43	16		ML

Bottom of borehole at Approx. 28.5 feet.

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								Gravel %	Sand %	Fines %	Liquid Limit	Plasticity Index		
5663	0		<b>PEA GRAVEL:</b> Approximately 2 inches of pea gravel.											
			<b>MAN - MADE FILL:</b> Sand, clay, silt, and gravel, was fine to coarse grained with subordinate fractions of gravel, non-plastic to high plasticity, slightly moist, locally caliche, local organic debris (wood), and light brown to brown to dark gray in color.											
5658	5		<b>CLAY and SAND:</b> Silty, interbedded, fine to medium grained with subordinate fractions of coarse grained sand and trace gravel, low to high plasticity, medium to stiff / loose to medium dense, slightly moist to wet, and light brown to brown to gray in color.	⬮	5/12	22.8	99.3		21	79	31	12		(CL)s
5653	10			⬮	7/12	24.9	93.5		31	69	28	8	-0.4 (1125)	s(CL)
5648	15			⬮	13/12	26.3	96.7		4	96	63	32		CH
5643	20													
5638	25		<b>SAND and GRAVEL:</b> Silty to clayey, interbedded, fine to coarse grained with gravel and cobbles (interpreted), non-plastic to low plasticity, medium dense to dense, slightly moist to wet, locally iron stained, and light brown to brown to reddish-brown to gray in color.	⊗	10-11-13									
5633	30		<b>SHALE BEDROCK:</b> Siltstone and claystone, was fine grained, medium to high plasticity, very hard and relatively resistant, moist, and gray to black in color.											
					50/3									

Bottom of borehole at Approx. 34.25 feet.

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Elevation (ft)	Depth (ft)	Graphic Log	Material Descriptions and Drilling Notes	Sample Type	Blow Count	Natural Moisture Content (%)	Natural Dry Density (pcf)	Gradation			Atterberg Limits		Swell/Consolidation (%) at Surcharge Pressure (psf)	USCS Equivalent Classification
								Gravel %	Sand %	Fines %	Liquid Limit	Plasticity Index		
5663	0		<b>ASPHALT:</b> Approximately 4 inches of asphalt.											
			<b>MAN - MADE FILL:</b> Sand, clay, silt, and gravel, was fine to coarse grained with subordinate fractions of gravel, non-plastic to high plasticity, slightly moist, locally caliche, local organic debris (wood), and light brown to brown to dark gray in color.		12/12	5.8	SD	23	64	13	28	10		(SC)g
5658	5		<b>CLAY and SAND:</b> Silty, interbedded, fine to medium grained with subordinate fractions of coarse grained sand and trace gravel, low to high plasticity, medium to stiff / loose to medium dense, slightly moist to wet, and light brown to brown to gray in color.		9/12	24.1	97.5		19	81	37	15		(CL)s

Bottom of borehole at Approx. 5 feet.

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Bottom of borehole at Approx. 5 feet.

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								Gravel %	Sand %	Fines %	Liquid Limit	Plasticity Index		
5659	0		TOPSOIL											
			MAN - MADE FILL: Sand, clay, silt, and gravel, was fine to coarse grained with subordinate fractions of gravel, non-plastic to high plasticity, slightly moist, locally caliche, local organic debris (wood), and light brown to brown to dark gray in color.		12/12	11	114	14	57	29	35	14	0.5 (200)	SC
5654	5				11/12									

CLAY and SAND: Silty, interbedded, fine to medium grained with subordinate fractions of coarse grained sand and trace gravel, low to high plasticity, medium to stiff / loose to medium dense, slightly moist to wet, and light brown to brown to gray in color.

Bottom of borehole at Approx. 5 feet.

CLIENT: Widefield School District 3

PROJECT NAME: Webster Elementary School Addition

JOB NO: 21-8005

PROJECT LOCATION: Colorado Springs, CO

Elevation (ft)	Depth (ft)	Graphic Log	Material Descriptions and Drilling Notes	Sample Type	Blow Count	Natural Moisture Content (%)	Natural Dry Density (pcf)	Gradation			Atterberg Limits		Swell/Consolidation (%) at Surcharge Pressure (psf)	USCS Equivalent Classification
								Gravel %	Sand %	Fines %	Liquid Limit	Plasticity Index		
5666	0		<b>ROAD BASE:</b> Approximately 6 inches of road base.											
			<b>MAN - MADE FILL:</b> Sand, clay, silt, and gravel, was fine to coarse grained with subordinate fractions of gravel, non-plastic to high plasticity, slightly moist, locally caliche, local organic debris (wood), and light brown to brown to dark gray in color.	◆	14/12	9.2	117.1	8	49	43	26	8		SC
5661	5		<b>CLAY and SAND:</b> Silty, interbedded, fine to medium grained with subordinate fractions of coarse grained sand and trace gravel, low to high plasticity, medium to stiff / loose to medium dense, slightly moist to wet, and light brown to brown to gray in color.	◆	13/12	6.8	112.4	1	50	49	23	6		SC-SM
5656	10			◆	16/12									

Bottom of borehole at Approx. 10 feet.