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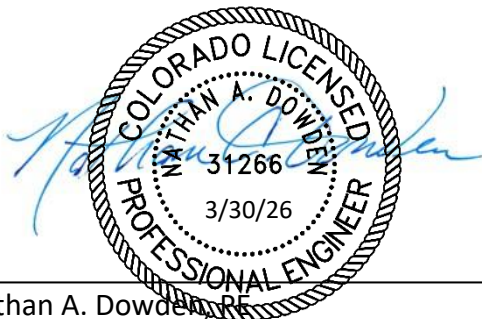
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1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 GENERAL

This report presents the results of a geotechnical investigation performed for the proposed Honor Charter School Development located on Bent Grass Meadows Drive in Peyton, Colorado. An attached Vicinity Map (Figure 1) shows the general location of the project. Our investigation was performed for Waltz Construction and was authorized by Mr. Dominic Chapman.

This Revision 1 includes:

- Clarification of shallow foundation recommendations for precast, tilt-up construction;
- Typical Foundation Drain Detail; and
- Revised pavement recommendations for proposed Fire Access Lanes.

This report includes our recommendations relating to the geotechnical aspects of project design and construction. The conclusions and recommendations stated in this report are based upon the subsurface conditions found at the locations of our exploratory borings at the time our exploration was performed. They are also subject to the provisions stated in the report section titled **Additional Services & Limitations**. Our findings, conclusions, and recommendations should not be extrapolated to other areas or used for other projects without our prior review. Furthermore, they should not be used if the site has been altered, or if a prolonged period has elapsed since the date of the report, without VIVID's prior review to determine if they remain valid.

1.2 PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Based on the information provided, we understand that the project consists of the future development of a 2-story, approximately 40,000 square foot school building and associated paved parking areas, drive aisles, and playground/outdoor areas on a vacant 8.98-acre parcel (#53010000038) located along Bent Grass Meadows Drive in Peyton, Colorado. Other site activities are anticipated to include site grading and utility installation. We understand that no below-grade construction or retaining walls are planned for this site.

We have not been provided with the proposed grading plan at the time of preparation of this report. We anticipate, in general, planned additional overlot grading cuts and fills to achieve finish site grades will be minimal (i.e. approximately 1 to 3 feet or less). This does not include deeper excavations that will be required for foundations, utilities, etc., that will likely range from approximately 3 to 10 feet in depth unless deep foundation elements (i.e. drilled piers) are required.

No structural loads were provided at the time this report was written. We assume lateral loads on the building structure foundations will not be significant, and the building will not be subject to large live loads or dynamic loads. **If the type of construction, planned grading, finished floor elevations, building locations or actual building loads vary significantly from those assumed above, VIVID should be notified to revise our recommendations, if required.**

1.3 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of our investigation was to explore and evaluate subsurface conditions within or near the new building footprint, based upon the conditions found, develop recommendations relating to the geotechnical aspects of project design and construction. Our conclusions and recommendations in this report are based upon analysis of the data from our field exploration, laboratory tests, and our experience with similar soil and geologic conditions in the area.

VIVID's scope of services included:

- A visual reconnaissance to observe surface and geologic conditions at the project site and locating the exploratory borings;
- Notification of the Colorado 811 one-call center and a private locator to identify underground utility lines at the boring locations prior to our drilling;
- The drilling of 10 exploratory borings across the site including 3 within or near the building footprint and 2 within the proposed parking area and drive lanes. Boring locations were selected based upon the proposed site layout and utilities;
- Laboratory testing of selected samples obtained during the field exploration to evaluate relevant physical and engineering properties of the soil and bedrock;
- Evaluation and engineering analysis of the field and laboratory data collected to develop our geotechnical conclusions and recommendations; and
- Preparation of this report, which includes a description of the proposed project, a description of the surface and subsurface site conditions found during our investigation, our conclusions and recommendations as to foundation and floor slab design and construction, pavement design, other related geotechnical issues, and appendices which summarize our field and laboratory investigations.

2.0 FIELD EXPLORATION AND LABORATORY TESTING

2.1 FIELD EXPLORATION

A field exploration performed on February 6, 2026, included drilling 10 exploratory borings at the approximate locations indicated on the attached Field Exploration Plans (Figures 2 and 3). The borings were drilled across the site, including 3 borings within or near the proposed building and 2 borings within the proposed parking area and access lanes. Borings were advanced to depths between approximately 14.4 and 34.6 feet below the existing ground surface.

The borings were advanced using a truck-mounted Diedrich D-90 drill rig equipped with 6-inch diameter, continuous-flight, solid-stem auger. Samples were taken with a California-type sampler (2.0-inch I.D./2.5-inch O.D.), a standard penetration (SPT) sampler and by bulk methods. Penetration tests were obtained at the various sample depths.

Appendix A to this report includes logs describing the subsurface conditions. The lines defining boundaries between soil and rock types on the logs are based upon drill behavior and interpolation between samples and are therefore approximate. Transition between soil and rock types may be abrupt or may be gradual.

2.2 GEOTECHNICAL LABORATORY TESTING

Laboratory tests were performed on selected soil and bedrock samples to estimate their relative engineering properties. Tests were performed in general accordance with the following methods of ASTM or other recognized standards-setting bodies, and local practice:

- Description and Identification of Soils (Visual-Manual Procedure)
- Moisture Content and Unit Weight of Soils
- Sieve Analysis
- Atterberg Limits
- Swell/Settlement Test
- R-Value
- Unconfined Compression Test

Results of the geotechnical laboratory tests are presented in the report text, where applicable, and included in Appendix B of this report. Selected test results are also shown on the boring logs in Appendix A.

2.3 ANALYTICAL LABORATORY TESTING

Analytical testing for soil corrosivity was performed on selected samples and included the following tests:

- pH
- Resistivity
- Redox Potential
- Water-soluble Sulfates
- Water-soluble Chlorides

- Sulfides

Results of the analytical laboratory tests are presented in the report text, where applicable, and included in Appendix C of this report.

3.0 SITE CONDITIONS

3.1 SURFACE

The new school is planned to be located on a vacant parcel north of the intersection of Bent Grass Meadows Drive and Sea Oats Drive in Peyton, Colorado. The site is surrounded by residential properties to the north and west, Bent Grass Meadows Drive to the south, and vacant land to the east. At time of our exploration, the ground surface was covered with grasses and weeds, with some small trees in the vicinity. Topographically, the site generally slopes to the southeast, with an approximate difference in elevation of 15 feet across the site. Drainage structures were also present on the south side of the site, and a seasonal pond on the east side of the site, both of which were dry during the time of our investigation. Representative photographs of the site, obtained at the time of our field exploration, are presented in Appendix D to this report. The school is planned to be located in the southwest portion of the parcel.

3.2 GEOLOGY

Prior to drilling, the site geology was evaluated by reviewing available geologic information including the Colorado Geologic Survey (CGS) Falcon Quadrangle Geologic Map, El Paso County, Colorado (Morgan, M.L. and White, J.L., 2012). Mapping indicates the surficial soils in the general area of the project site comprise predominantly alluvium consisting of silt, sand and gravel underlain by sandstone and claystone bedrock of the Dawson Formation. The mapping is generally consistent with what was encountered in our exploratory borings.

3.3 SEISMICITY

Based upon the geologic setting, subsurface soil and bedrock conditions, and low seismic activity in this region, liquefaction is not expected to be a hazard at the site. Based on correlation of blow count data (N-values) from the borings advanced during this evaluation, the subsurface soil and bedrock profiles correspond with Site Class D of the 2015 International Building Code (IBC). The intermediate design acceleration values from IBC are presented below.

Table 1
Design Acceleration for Short Periods

S_s	F_a
0.169	1.6

S_s = The mapped spectral accelerations for short periods (seismicmaps.org, 2025)

F_a = Site coefficient from seismicmaps.org

Table 2
Design Acceleration for 1-Second Period

S₁	F_v
0.058	2.4

S₁ = The mapped spectral accelerations for 1-second period (seismicmaps.org, 2025)

F_v = Site coefficient from seismicmaps.org

3.4 SUBSURFACE

VIVID explored the subsurface conditions by drilling, logging and sampling 3 exploratory borings within or near the proposed building footprint, 2 within the proposed pavement area, and 5 at widely spaced locations within the surrounding site as shown approximately on Figure 2 and Figure 3. The building borings were drilled to depths of approximately 34 to 35 feet and the site and pavement borings were drilled to depths of approximately 14 to 15 feet below the existing ground surface. The general profile encountered in our borings consisted of the following:

Sand

The overburden soils encountered at this site predominately consisted of clayey to silty sand and poorly to well graded sand soils, extending from the ground surface to depths ranging from approximately 7 to 14 feet below the existing ground surface in every boring. The sand soils were generally light to medium brown or light gray in color, slightly moist to wet, and field penetration testing (blow counts) indicated the soils are very loose to medium dense. Swell/consolidation testing performed on samples of the poorly graded sand and silty sand materials exhibited no movement when wetted under loads ranging from 1,000 to 2,000 psf.

Clay

Sandy lean clay was encountered below the sand layer in one boring, P-4, from a depth of 7 to 12 feet below the existing ground surface. The clay soils were dark grayish brown, moist, and very stiff based on field penetration testing.

Bedrock

Weathered to relatively unweathered sandstone and claystone bedrock of the Dawson Formation was encountered in every boring at depths of approximately 7 to 14 feet below the ground surface and extended to the maximum depths explored. The bedrock materials were bluish gray, light grey and brown to tan in color, moist, and field penetration resistance testing (blow counts) indicated the relative density of the bedrock materials ranged from moderately hard to very hard. Swell/consolidation testing performed on samples of the sandstone and claystone materials exhibited swells of between 0.4 and 2.7 percent when wetted under loads of 1,000 or 2,000 psf. One clayey sandstone sample exhibited 0.5 percent compression when wetted under a 1,000 psf load.

The boring logs in Appendix A should be reviewed for more detailed descriptions of the subsurface conditions at each of the boring locations explored.

3.4.1 Groundwater

Groundwater was encountered in six of the borings at depths of 5.5 to 9 feet below the existing ground surface during the time of drilling or after drilling. **Groundwater will be a construction consideration for this project.** Soil and bedrock moisture levels and groundwater levels commonly vary over time and space depending on seasonal precipitation, irrigation practices, land use, and runoff conditions. These conditions and the variations that they create often are not apparent at the time of field investigation. Accordingly, the soil and bedrock moisture and groundwater data in this report pertain only to the locations and times at which exploration was performed. They can be extrapolated to other locations and times only with caution. It should also be noted that VIVID has not performed a hydrologic study to verify the seasonal high-water level.

4.0 CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 GEOTECHNICAL FEASIBILITY OF PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION

Based on the information obtained during our exploration, it is VIVID's opinion that construction of the proposed building and new pavement, as planned, is feasible, provided the recommendations in this report are incorporated into the design and construction of the project. We did not identify geotechnical conditions we believe will preclude construction of the retail buildings as planned.

The main geotechnical issue is the presence of shallow groundwater at the site. The presence of shallow groundwater will likely impact utility trench installation and possibly excavation for building foundations. Additionally, consideration of use of moisture vapor barrier beneath slabs on grade should be evaluated where adhesive-bonding flooring materials are utilized. The contractor should be prepared for dewatering as described in Section 4.2.3 of this report.

Our geotechnical design and construction recommendations for site preparation, foundations, floor systems, and other related construction topics are provided in the following sections.

4.2 CONSTRUCTION CONSIDERATIONS

4.2.1 General

All site preparation and earthwork operations should be performed in accordance with applicable codes, safety regulations and other local, State or Federal guidelines.

4.2.2 Site Preparation and Grading

Initial site work should consist of removing debris, organic material, and other deleterious materials from areas to be filled and areas to be cut. This type of material should be removed for offsite disposal in accordance with local laws and regulations or, if appropriate, stockpiled in proposed landscaped areas for future use. Excavations to remove existing site features must be backfilled and properly compacted. Any loose soil shall be processed, recompact, and tested. Areas to receive fill should be evaluated by the geotechnical engineer prior to the placement of any fill materials.

After performing the required excavations and prior to the placement of any compacted fill and/or structural elements, processing of the subgrade should be performed. This should include scarifying the subgrade to a depth of at least 8 inches and compacting as recommended in Section 4.2.6 of this report. All fill materials should be placed on a horizontal plane and placed in loose lifts not to exceed 8 inches in thickness, unless otherwise accepted by the geotechnical engineer.

4.2.3 Excavation Characteristics

Proposed site grading plans were not provided to us prior to compilation of this report. However, we anticipate localized cuts and fills for general grading will be on the order of about 1 to 3 feet. We anticipate that excavation of the on-site overburden soils can be performed with conventional heavy-duty earthmoving equipment. Excavations penetrating bedrock are not anticipated.

We anticipate that temporary (construction) dewatering techniques will need to be implemented due to the shallow groundwater conditions. Temporary techniques could involve the use of trenches, drains and sumps, as determined by the contractor.

All excavations must comply with applicable local, State and Federal safety regulations, and particularly with the excavation standards of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). Construction site safety, including excavation safety, is the sole responsibility of the Contractor as part of its overall responsibility for the means, methods and sequencing of construction operations. VIVID's recommendations for excavation support are intended for the Client's use in planning the project, and in no way relieve the Contractor of its responsibility to construct, support and maintain safe slopes. Under no circumstances should the following recommendations be interpreted to mean that VIVID is assuming responsibility for either construction site safety or the Contractor's activities.

We believe the soils on this site will classify as Type C materials using OSHA criteria. OSHA requires that unsupported cuts in Type C materials be laid back to ratios no steeper than 1½:1 (horizontal to vertical). In general, we believe that these slope ratios will be temporarily stable under unsaturated conditions. If groundwater seepage were to occur, flatter slopes will be required. Please note that the actual determination of soil type and allowable sloping must be made in the field by an OSHA-qualified "competent person."

4.2.4 Structural Fill

Based upon our subsurface investigation and laboratory testing, the on-site sand soils may be reused as structural fill. Due to the relatively clean and cohesionless nature of the on-site soils, compaction machinery with small footprints like jumping jacks and use of vibration on final upper lifts may prove problematic for compaction. In these cases, large plate compactors and smooth drum rollers without vibration for final lifts may be more efficient.

If imported structural fill is required at this site, it should consist of a non-expansive, non-plastic granular material with a maximum particle size of 2 inches, and between about 5 and 20 percent passing the No. 200 sieve. A sample of any imported fill material should be submitted to our office for approval and testing at least 1 week prior to stockpiling at the site. Specific recommendations in regard to depth of structural fill are presented in the following sections of this report for foundations, floor slabs, etc.

Structural fill should be compacted according to the recommendations in Section 4.2.6 of this report. We recommend that a qualified representative of VIVID visit the site during excavation and during placement of the structural fill to verify the soils exposed in the excavations are consistent with those encountered during our subsurface exploration and that proper foundation subgrade preparation and placement is performed.

4.2.5 Utility Trench Backfill

Backfill material should comprise of on-site soils or imported structural fill and be essentially free of plant matter, organic soil, debris, trash, other deleterious matter, and rock particles larger than 3 inches. However, backfill material in the "pipe zone" (from the trench floor to 1 foot above the top of pipe) should not contain rock particles larger than 1 inch. Strictly observe any requirements specified by the utility

agency for bedding and pipe-zone fill. In general, backfill above the pipe zone in utility trenches should be placed in lifts of 6 to 8 inches, and compacted using power equipment designed for trench work. Backfill in the pipe zone should be placed in lifts of 8-inches or less and compacted with hand-held equipment. Compact trench backfill as recommended in Section 4.2.6 of this report.

Shallow groundwater was encountered during our investigation. The utility installation contractor should be prepared to use trench dewatering techniques during excavation and installation.

4.2.6 Compaction Requirements

Fill materials should be placed in horizontal lifts compatible with the type of compaction equipment being used, moisture conditioned, and compacted in accordance with the following criteria:

Table 3
Compaction Specifications

FILL LOCATION ²	MATERIAL TYPE	PERCENT COMPACTION ¹	MOISTURE CONTENT
Subgrade Preparation	On-site Sand Soil (8 inches Scarified, Moisture Treated, Re-compacted)	95 minimum of ASTM D 1557	± 2 % of optimum
Structural Fill	On-site Sand Soils or Imported Structure Backfill (see Section 4.2.4)	95 minimum of ASTM D 1557	± 2 % of optimum
Pavement Section Aggregate Base Course	Imported CDOT Class 5 or Class 6 ABC	95 minimum of ASTM D 1557	± 2 % of optimum
Exterior Flatwork Subgrade	On-site Sand Soils or Imported CDOT Class I Structure Backfill	95 minimum of ASTM D 1557	± 2 % of optimum
General Site Grading Fill	On-site Sand Soils	95 minimum of ASTM D 1557	± 2 % of optimum
Utility Trenches	(see Section 4.2.5)	95 minimum of ASTM D1557 or D698 ³	± 2 % of optimum

1) In non-structural or landscaped areas, the compaction specification may be reduced to 90 percent.

2) Where two or more "Fill Locations" coincide, the more stringent specification should be used.

3) Proctor type will be dependent on soils type.

Fill should be placed in level lifts not exceeding 8 inches in loose thickness and compacted to the specified percent compaction to produce a firm and unyielding surface. If field density tests indicate the required moisture content or percent compaction has not been obtained, the fill material should be reconditioned as necessary and re-compacted to the required percent compaction before placing any additional material.

4.2.7 Construction in Wet or Cold Weather

During construction, grade the site such that surface water can drain readily away from the building and pavement areas. Promptly pump out or otherwise remove any water that may accumulate in excavations

or on subgrade surfaces and allow these areas to dry before resuming construction. The use of berms, ditches and similar means may be used to prevent stormwater from entering the work area and to convey any water off site efficiently.

If earthwork is performed during the winter months when freezing is a factor, no grading fill, structural fill or other fill should be placed on frosted or frozen ground, nor should frozen material be placed as fill. Frozen ground should be allowed to thaw or be completely removed prior to placement of fill. A good practice is to cover the compacted fill with a “blanket” of loose fill to help prevent the compacted fill from freezing.

If the buildings or other site features are erected during cold weather, foundations, concrete slabs-on-grade, or other concrete elements should not be constructed on frozen soil. Frozen soil should be completely removed from beneath the concrete elements, or thawed, scarified and recompact. The amount of time passing between excavation or subgrade preparation and placing concrete should be minimized during freezing conditions to prevent the prepared soils from freezing. The use of blankets, soil cover or heating as required may be utilized to prevent the subgrade from freezing.

4.2.8 Construction Testing and Observation

Testing and construction observation should take place under the direction of VIVID to support that engineer’s professional opinion as to whether the earthwork does or does not substantially conform to the recommendations in this report. Furthermore, the opinions and conclusions of a geotechnical report are based upon the interpretation of a limited amount of information obtained from the field exploration. It is therefore not uncommon to find that actual site conditions differ somewhat from those indicated in the report. The geotechnical engineer should remain involved throughout the project to evaluate such differing conditions as they appear, and to modify or add to the geotechnical recommendations, as necessary.

4.2.9 Surface Drainage and Landscaping

Positive drainage away from the structures is essential to the performance of foundations and flatwork and should be provided during the life of the structures. Landscape areas within 10 feet of the structures should slope away at a minimum of 8 percent. Areas where pavements or slabs are constructed adjacent to the structures should slope away at a minimum grade of 2 percent. All downspouts from roof drains should be tight-lined to the on-site stormwater system or, at a minimum, cross all backfilled areas such that they discharge all water away from the backfill zone and the structures. Drainage should be created such that water is diverted off the site and away from backfill areas of adjacent buildings. **Landscaping improvements requiring supplemental watering are not recommended adjacent to improved areas including foundations or slabs.**

4.2.10 Permanent Cut and Fill Slopes

If required, permanent cut and fill slopes exposing the materials encountered in our borings are anticipated to be stable at slope ratios as steep as 3:1 (horizontal to vertical) under dry conditions. We believe that slope ratios of 4:1 or flatter are more reliable if subjected to wetting, and present less of a maintenance problem. New slopes should be revegetated as soon as possible after completion to reduce erosion problems.

4.3 SHALLOW FOUNDATIONS

Provided the following recommendations are complied with, the proposed building may be supported on shallow footing foundations. Our subsurface investigation indicates excavation for construction of shallow foundations for the proposed structures will likely expose sand materials comprised predominantly of silty and clayey sand and well to poorly graded sand with silt. Although not encountered in our borings, if existing fill is encountered at bottom of foundation elevation, it must be removed to a depth at which native sand soils are exposed. Structural fill, as described in Section 4.2.4 of this report, should be used as over-excavation backfill, if required. If native sand soils are encountered at bottom of foundation elevation, it should be scarified to a minimum depth of 8 inches, moisture conditioned and compacted as specified in Section 4.2.6 of this report. Anticipated bottom of footing elevations are presented on the boring logs for B-5 through B-7. If bottom of footing elevations vary significantly from what is presented, Vivid should be notified to re-evaluate foundation recommendations.

We recommend conventional spread foundations with the following criteria:

- Foundations bearing upon properly prepared subgrade should be designed for a maximum allowable soil bearing capacity of 2,800 psf. A one-third increase in bearing capacity is allowable for transient loads (e.g. wind loads). All foundations should be proportioned as much as practicable to minimize differential settlement.
- Foundation sizes should be determined by a structural engineer. However, as a minimum, we recommend isolated columns be supported on square pads of at least 24 inches by 24 inches in dimension. Continuous wall footings should be at least 18 inches in width.
- Where precast concrete, tilt-up construction techniques are implemented, precast panels can bear directly upon foundation footings designed by the structural engineer.
- To resist lateral loading, a sliding coefficient of 0.4 may be used between the bottom of the footing and underlying sand soil. In addition, for compacted sand soil adjacent to footings, a passive earth pressure of 375 pounds per cubic foot may be utilized. As a significant amount of movement is required to fully mobilize passive earth pressures, we recommend a minimum factor of safety of 2 be applied.
- Exterior foundations must be protected from frost action. We recommend footings be protected with at least 30 inches of soil cover or that which is required by local building codes, whichever is greater. Foundation components must not be placed on frozen soils.
- If unstable conditions exist below foundation elements, stabilization options can only be determined when the conditions are observed but may include deeper Aggregate base course sections in combination with additional geo-grid placement, structural fill, rock stabilization, or similar options.
- A representative of VIVID should observe all foundation excavations prior to placement of fill and/or concrete. Additionally, the placement and compaction of structural fill should be observed and tested by a representative of our firm.

4.4 FLOOR SLABS

Similar to the recommendations provided for construction of foundations, we recommend slabs bear on at least 8 inches of properly prepared subgrade or structural fill material of the type recommended in

Section 4.2.4 of this report and compacted as recommended in Section 4.2.6. If existing fill is encountered at bottom of floor slab elevation, it should be removed and replaced with properly prepared structural fill. Subgrade preparation as described above for the interior slab shall be applied to exterior flatwork that is constructed adjacent the building structure as well.

The criteria presented below should be observed for design and construction of floor slabs on this site. The construction details should be considered when preparing the project documents.

- For concrete slab-on-grade design purposes, a modulus of subgrade reaction of 200 pounds per cubic inch (pci) can be used for slabs bearing on at least 8 inches of properly prepared subgrade or structural fill. Additional reinforcement can also be used to help resist damage due to differential movement of slabs.
- Floor slabs should be separated from all bearing walls and columns with expansion joints that allow unrestrained vertical movement. At door thresholds only, both interior and exterior slabs can be dowelled into the foundation stem wall to resist movement that can create a trip hazard or impede proper door operation.
- Floor slab control joints should be used to reduce damage due to shrinkage cracking. Control joint spacing is a function of slab thickness, aggregate size, slump and curing conditions. The requirements for concrete slab thickness, joint spacing and reinforcement should be established by the designer based on experience, recognized design guidelines and the intended slab use. Placement and curing conditions will have a strong impact on the final concrete slab integrity.

4.4.1 Capillary Break or Moisture Barrier

A capillary break or moisture barrier should be constructed below slabs at this site. Follow the floor manufacturers requirements for construction and slab moisture testing, as required. If no requirements exist, the following paragraphs provide general guidelines for the construction of such systems.

Construct slabs on grade over a **capillary break** at least 6 inches thick, consisting of gravel or crushed rock meeting the following criteria.

- The largest particle size should not exceed 1 inch,
- No more than 20 percent by weight should pass the No. 4 sieve,
- No more than 5 percent by weight, as placed, should pass the No. 200 sieve, and
- The material should be non-plastic.
- If material meeting these criteria cannot be obtained, please contact VIVID for a revised recommendation.

As an alternative, a **moisture barrier** may be utilized that consists of an impermeable membrane (e.g. 10-mil thick polyethylene) placed over the subgrade materials to reduce migration of moisture vapor through the concrete slabs. Take great care to prevent damage to the barrier during construction. The sheeting used for the barrier should be lapped and properly taped or joined at all seams and all penetrations by walls, pipes, or other objects. To avoid problems with concrete curing in the floor slab, spread a layer of fine sand at least 3 inches thick on the barrier before placing concrete.

4.4.2 Perimeter Drain System

Due to the presence of shallow groundwater, we recommend installation of a foundation perimeter drain connected to a gravity outlet or sump. A typical drain detail is presented in Figure 4.

4.5 EXTERIOR CONCRETE FLATWORK/SLABS-ON-GRADE

The project will include exterior concrete slabs-on-grade for walkways, sidewalks, driveways etc. Subgrade preparation as described above for the interior slab shall be applied to exterior flatwork that is constructed adjacent the building structure as well. Additional techniques are available to reduce the expected long-term movement of the slab, including:

- Removal of any clay soils, and proper scarification, moisture conditioning, and re-compaction of the on-site sand soils or approved import granular fills,
- Avoidance of watering adjacent to slabs, and
- Structural reinforcement of slabs.

4.6 CORROSIVITY AND CONCRETE

4.6.1 Corrosion Potential

Laboratory testing was completed to provide data regarding corrosivity of onsite soils. Our scope of services does not include corrosion engineering and, therefore, a detailed analysis of the corrosion test results is not included. A qualified corrosion engineer should be retained to review the test results and design protective systems that may be required.

Laboratory chloride concentration, sulfate concentration, pH, and electrical resistivity tests were performed on samples of onsite materials obtained during our field investigation. The results of the tests are included in Appendix C to this report and are summarized below in Table 4.

Table 4
Summary of Laboratory Soil Corrosivity Testing

Boring No.	Sample Depth (ft)	Material	Water Soluble Chloride (%)	pH	Redox Potential (mV)	Resistivity (ohm-cm)	Water Soluble Sulfate (%)	Sulfide Content
B-2	0-4	Well-graded SAND with silt	0.001	8.3	100.9	2100	0.002	Trace
B-6	0-4	Clayey SAND	0.001	7.2	114.2	9700	<0.001	Trace

Metal and concrete elements in contact with soil, whether part of a foundation system or part of a supported structure, are subject to degradation due to corrosion or chemical attack. Therefore, buried metal and concrete elements should be designed to resist corrosion and degradation based on accepted practices.

Based on the “10-point” method developed by the American Water Works Association (AWWA) in standard AWWA C105/A21.5, the corrosivity test results indicate the on-site sand soils have low corrosion potential.

4.6.2 Chemical Sulfate Susceptibility and Concrete Type

The degradation of concrete or cement grout can be caused by chemical agents in the soil or groundwater that react with concrete to either dissolve the cement paste or precipitate larger compounds within the concrete, causing cracking and flaking. The concentration of water-soluble sulfates in the soils is a good indicator of the potential for chemical attack of concrete or cement grout. The American Concrete Institute (ACI) in their publication Guide to Durable Concrete (ACI 201.2R-08) provides guidelines for this assessment.

The concentration of water-soluble sulfates measured on the on-site sand materials submitted for testing represents Class 0 exposure of sulfate attack on concrete exposed to the soils per CDOT Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction, 2023, Section 601.04.

4.7 PAVEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

4.7.1 General

Paved parking lots and access/drive lanes are proposed for the site. Our borings indicate the pavement subgrade soils will generally consist of sandy materials. These types of soils are generally considered to provide fair to good support for pavements. Laboratory testing performed from samples obtained from the upper 4 feet of the pavement area borings resulted in a subgrade support value (R-value) of 74. All subgrade preparation, fill, and aggregate base course shall be compacted as recommended in Sections 4.2.2, 4.2.4, and 4.2.6 of this report.

4.7.2 Traffic Values

No traffic estimates were available for our use at the time this report was written. Based on past experience with similar projects, we anticipate areas of the pavement will be subjected to “light” passenger vehicle traffic, while other areas will be subject to heavier delivery trucks, trash trucks, and maintenance vehicles. For our design we have assigned a 20-year, 18-kip Equivalent Single Axle Load (ESAL) of 50,000 for areas of “light duty” vehicle use only, and an ESAL of 125,000 where heavier traffic loads are anticipated.

Where pavements are intended to directly support fire-fighting apparatus, we have provided recommended pavement sections to account for the significant dynamic loads of very heavy fire apparatus and long-term performance and durability of pavements. The proposed fire access lanes, as presented to VIVID via email on 03/17/26, are shown in Figure 5.

If traffic estimates vary significantly from those assumed, we should be contacted to re-evaluate our recommendations. The following pavement sections were designed using the AASHTO design methods for flexible and rigid pavements.

Table 5
Pavement Section Thickness Recommendations

PAVEMENT AREA	PORTLAND CEMENT CONCRETE/ AGGREGATE BASE COURSE (INCHES) ¹	ASPHALT CONCRETE/ AGGREGATE BASE COURSE (INCHES) ¹
Light Duty Use	5 / 6	3 / 6
Heavy Duty Use	6 / 6	3 / 6
Fire Access lanes	6 / 6	4 / 6

1) Overlying a properly prepared subgrade as described in Section 4.7.3.

Concrete pavements should be provided with adequate reinforcement based upon anticipated loads. Asphalt does not perform well where trucks perform tight turn maneuvers, therefore concrete should be considered for these areas. A concrete pad is recommended in front of trash dumpster locations to support the heavy front wheel loads of trash trucks.

4.7.3 Pavement Subgrade Preparation

The prepared subgrade should be proof-rolled with a heavily loaded pneumatic-tired vehicle (such as a fully-loaded dump truck or similar weight equipment) after subgrade preparation and prior to placement of the pavement section and structural fill, if required. Pavement design procedures assume a firm and stable subgrade. Areas that deform under heavy wheel loads are not stable and should be removed to firm material and replaced to achieve a stable subgrade prior to paving. Care should be taken to ensure areas around manholes or other utility protrusions are proof-rolled adequately.

Subgrade soils may be at risk of pumping during construction. This risk is increased if pavements are being constructed during adverse weather conditions (e.g., heavy precipitation). In this event, stabilization options can only be determined when the conditions are observed but may include deeper Aggregate Base Course sections in combination with additional geo-grid placement, structural fill, rock stabilization, or similar options.

4.7.4 Pavement Construction Considerations

Pavement construction must be completed in accordance with El Paso County specifications. The specifications contain requirements for the roadway materials (asphalt concrete, concrete pavement, and aggregate base course) and the construction practices used (compaction and material sampling). Of particular importance are those specifications directed towards embankment construction, subgrade compaction, base course compaction, and utility trench compaction. Prior to pavement construction, the prepared subgrade should be proof-rolled with heavy construction equipment. A fully loaded dump truck or water truck would be acceptable for this purpose. During proof-rolling, particular attention should be directed to the areas immediately adjacent to manholes, valves, catch basins, and other similar surface features. Areas which exhibit excessive deflection during proof-rolling should be over-excavated and stabilized as required. If soil is imported to the subject site for final grading, the soil materials must be of a character similar to those described in this report.



Proper drainage is of paramount importance in enhancing pavement performance. To avoid distress to pavement from wet subgrade soils, we recommend the maintenance of good drainage away from all pavements. Possible water sources include storm runoff, irrigation of landscaping adjacent the pavement and localized groundwater seepage, among others. Landscaping adjacent to the pavements should be avoided. Joints in the pavement or at asphalt/concrete interfaces should be sealed. Any cracks or openings in the finished pavement surface should be sealed and/or repaired as quickly as possible.

5.0 ADDITIONAL SERVICES & LIMITATIONS

5.1 ADDITIONAL SERVICES

Attached to this report is a document by the Geoprofessional Business Association (GBA) that summarizes limitations of geotechnical reports as well as additional services that are required to further confirm subgrade materials are consistent with that encountered at the specific boring locations presented in this report. This document should be read in its entirety before implementing design or construction activities. Examples of other services beyond completion of a geotechnical report are necessary or desirable to complete a project satisfactorily include:

- Review of design plans and specifications to verify that our recommendations were properly interpreted and implemented.
- Attendance at pre-bid and pre-construction meetings to highlight important items and clear up misunderstandings, ambiguities, or conflicts with design plans and specifications.
- Performance of construction observation and testing which allows verification that existing materials at locations beyond our borings are consistent with that presented in our report, construction is compliant with the requirements/recommendations, evaluation of changed conditions.

5.2 LIMITATIONS

This work was performed in a manner consistent with that level of care and skill ordinarily exercised by other members of VIVID's profession practicing in the same locality, under similar conditions and at the date the services are provided. Our conclusions, opinions, and recommendations are based on a limited number of observations and data. It is possible that conditions could vary between or beyond the data evaluated. VIVID makes no other representation, guarantee, or warranty, express or implied, regarding the services, communication (oral or written), report, opinion, or instrument of service provided.

This report may be used only by the Client and the registered design professional in responsible charge and only for the purposes stated for this specific engagement within a reasonable time from its issuance, but in no event later than two (2) years from the date of the report.

The work performed was based on project information provided by Client. If Client does not retain VIVID to review any plans and specifications, including any revisions or modifications to the plans and specifications, VIVID assumes no responsibility for the suitability of our recommendations. In addition, if there are any changes in the field to the plans and specifications, Client must obtain written approval from VIVID's engineer that such changes do not affect our recommendations. Failure to do so will vitiate VIVID's recommendations.

Figures



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VICINITY MAP

Proposed Honor Charter School Development
Bent Grass Meadows Drive
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FIGURE

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 **B-1** Approximate Boring Location



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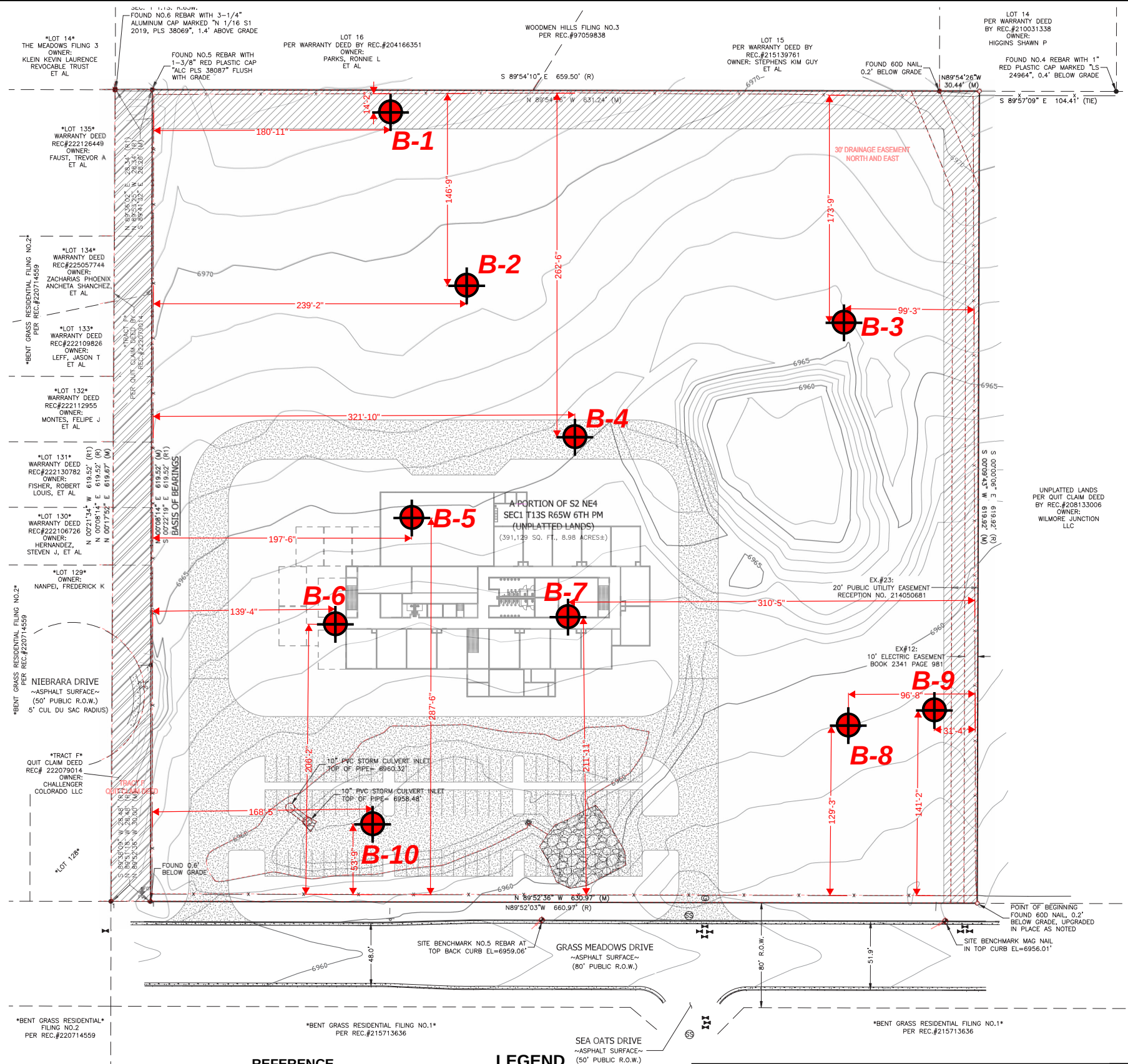
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**FIELD EXPLORATION PLAN
(AERIAL)**

Proposed Honor Charter School Development
Bent Grass Meadows Drive
Peyton, Colorado

FIGURE

2



- LEGEND**
- PLSS MONUMENT FOUND AS NOTED
 - MONUMENT FOUND AS NOTED
 - FOUND NO.4 REBAR WITH 1" ORANGE PLASTIC CAP MARKED "PLS 38141" FLUSH UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED
 - SET NO. 5 REBAR WITH 1-1/4" PURPLE PLASTIC CAP, PLS 38759 FLUSH WITH GRADE
 - ◆ SITE BENCHMARK SET AS NOTED ELEVATIONS NAVD88 SEE NOTE 11
 - (R) RECORD VALUE
 - (R1) RECORD VALUE PER QUIT CLAIM DEED (AKA TRACT F) BY RECEPTION # 222079014. SEE SURVEYORS NOTE #12
 - (M) MEASURED VALUE
 - (C) CALCULATED VALUE
 - * NOT A PART
 - ± MORE OR LESS
 - R.O.W. RIGHT OF WAY
 - EXCEPTED PARCEL AREA (*TRACT F*) SEE SURVEYORS NOTE #13
 - STORM STAND PIPE
 - STORM CULVERT INLET
 - UNDERGROUND FIBER OPTIC SIGN
 - FIBER OPTIC VAULT
 - SANITARY SEWER MANHOLE
 - WATER VALVE
 - FIRE HYDRANT
 - STREET SIGN
 - GAS TEST STATION
 - WOODEN FENCE
 - BARBED-WIRE FENCE
 - RIP RAP/GRAVEL

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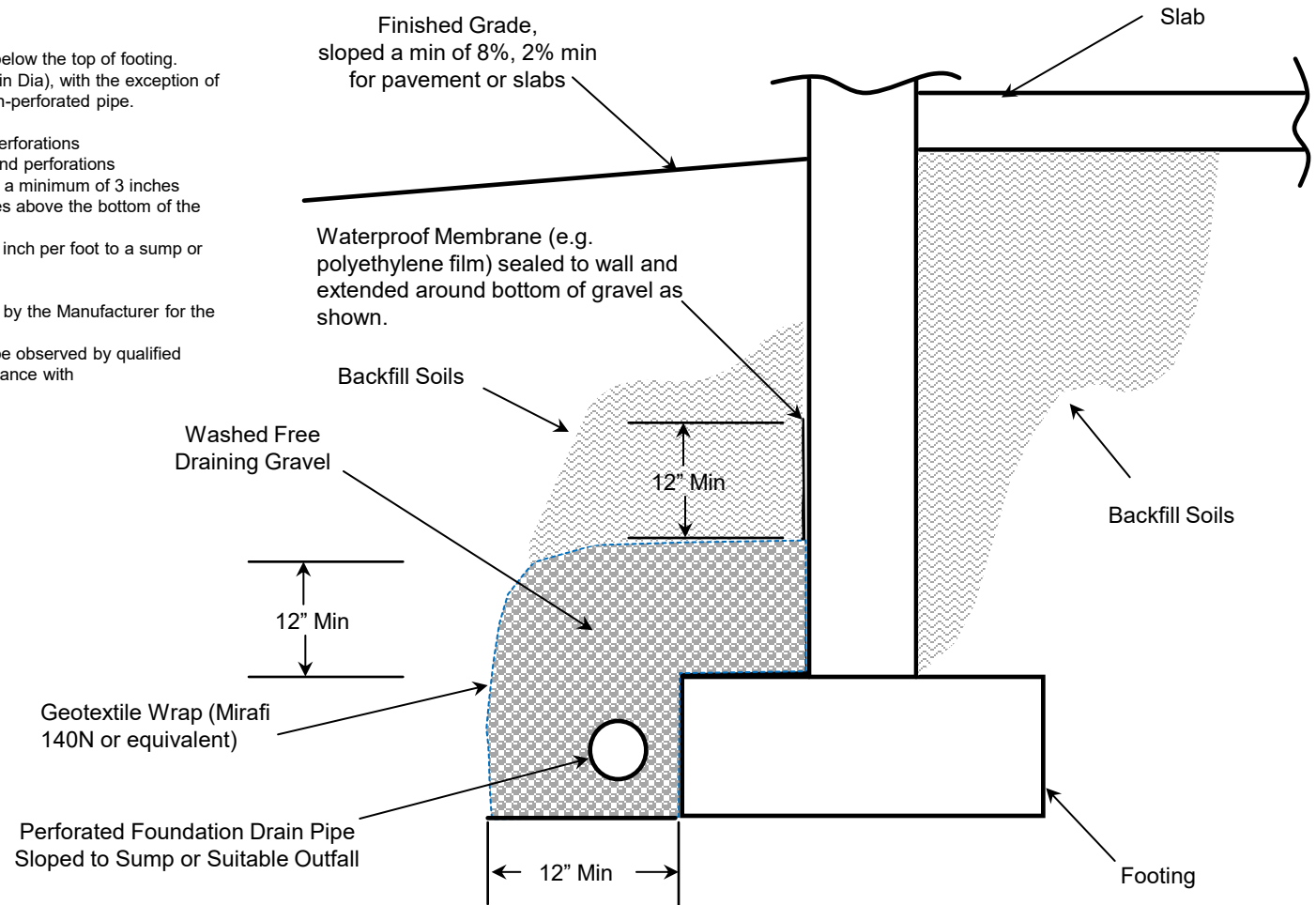


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Project No. D25-2-1113	FIELD EXPLORATION PLAN (CONCEPTUAL)	FIGURE 3
Date: 2/12/2026		
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Notes:

1. The top of the perforated pipe must be at or below the top of footing.
2. All drain pipe shall be perforated plastic (3" Min Dia), with the exception of the discharge portion which shall be solid, non-perforated pipe.
3. Washed free-draining gravel must be sized:
 - at least 2X the width of slotted perforations
 - at least 1.5X the diameter of round perforations
4. The washed free-draining gravel must extend a minimum of 3 inches beneath the pipe and extend at least 12 inches above the bottom of the foundation wall.
5. The drain should be sloped a minimum of 1/8 inch per foot to a sump or suitable outfall.
6. Drain pipe shall have positive fall throughout.
7. All drain components shall be rated/approved by the Manufacturer for the installed depth and application.
8. All drain components, including outfall, shall be observed by qualified personnel prior to backfilling to verify conformance with recommendations.



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Appendix A
Logs of Exploratory Borings



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KEY TO SYMBOLS

CLIENT Waltz Construction

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PROJECT LOCATION Peyton, Colorado

LITHOLOGIC SYMBOLS (Unified Soil Classification System)



CL: USCS Low Plasticity Clay



CLAYSTONE



SANDSTONE



SC: USCS Clayey Sand



SM: USCS Silty Sand



SP: USCS Poorly-graded Sand



SP-SM: USCS Poorly-graded Sand with Silt



SW-SC: USCS Well-graded Sand with Clay



SW-SM: USCS Well-graded Sand with Silt



WEATHERED SANDSTONE

SAMPLER SYMBOLS



Grab Sample



2" I.D. Modified California Sampler (MC)



Standard Penetration Test (SPT)

WELL CONSTRUCTION SYMBOLS



No Backfill (just pipe): 1 pipe group, 1 pipe



Slotted Pipe: 1 pipe group, 1 pipe



Slough at bottom of hole

ABBREVIATIONS

LL - LIQUID LIMIT (%)
PI - PLASTIC INDEX (%)
MC - MOISTURE CONTENT (%)
DD - DRY DENSITY (PCF)
NP - NON PLASTIC
FINES- PERCENT PASSING NO. 200 SIEVE
UCS - UNCONFINED COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH

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

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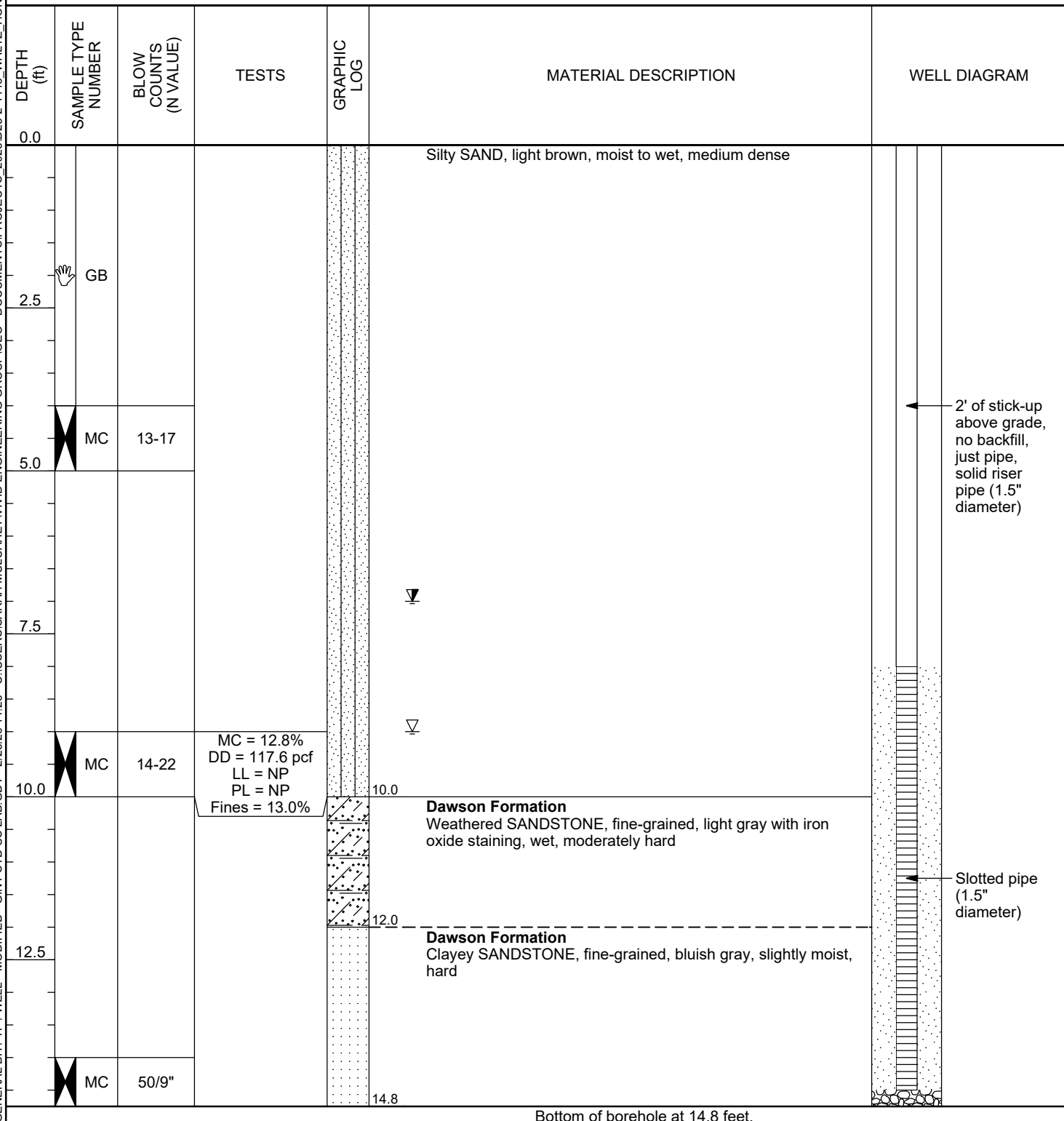


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LOGGED BY <u>S. Mulcahey</u> CHECKED BY <u>M. Ray</u>	<u>▽</u> AT END OF DRILLING <u>---</u>
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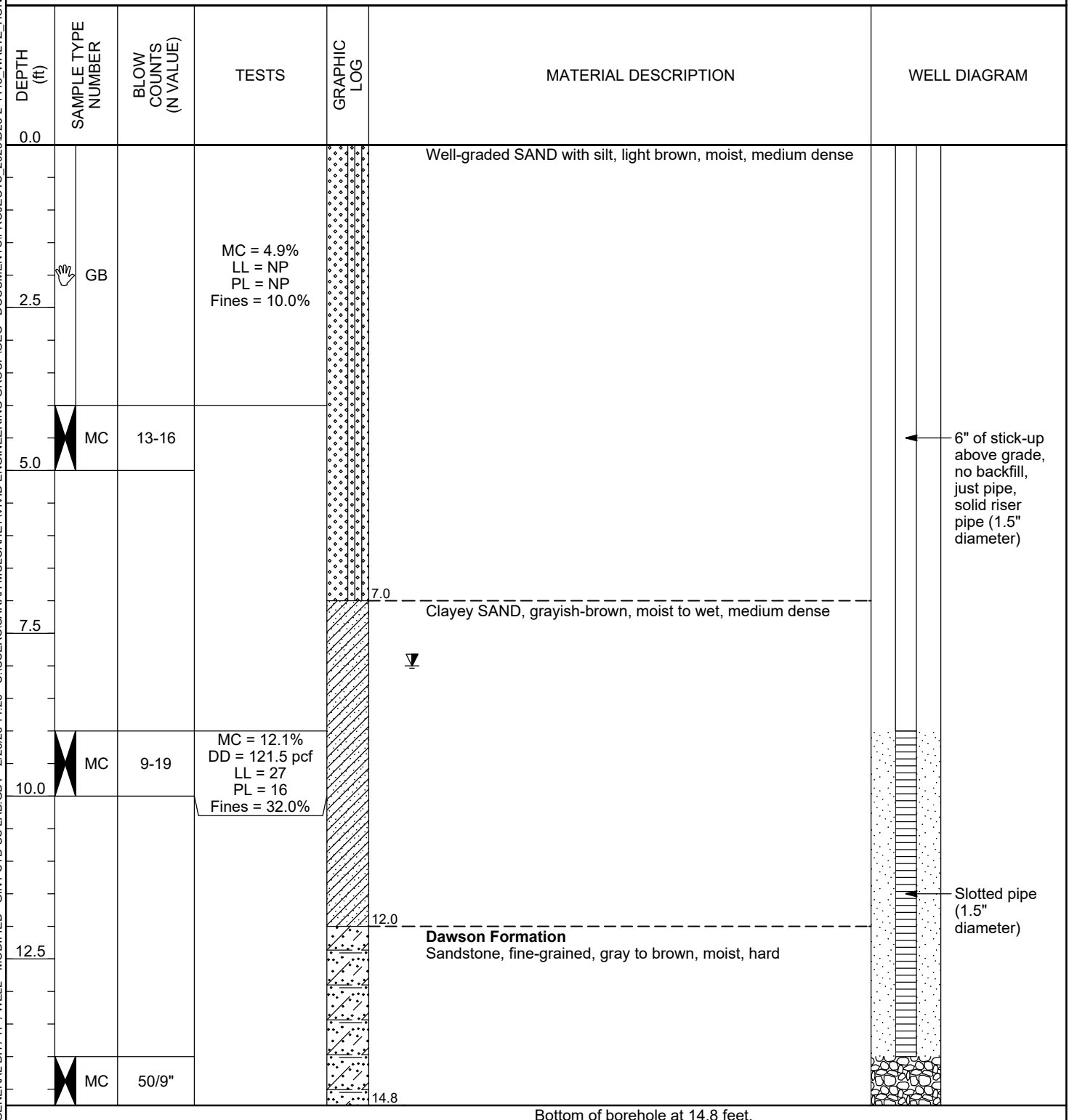


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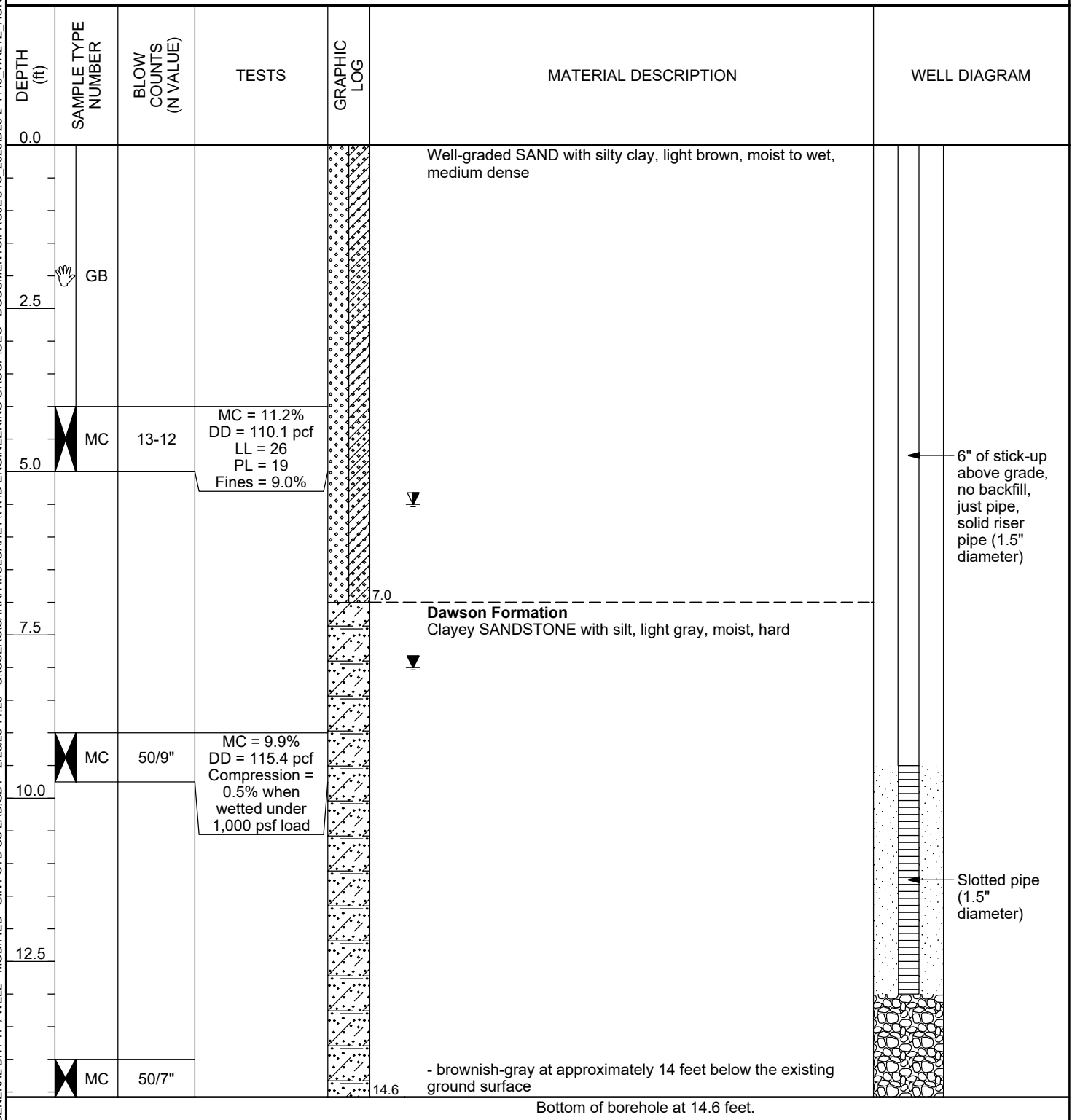


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NOTES _____	AFTER DRILLING <u>5.50 ft</u>





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GROUND ELEVATION **HOLE SIZE** 6 inches

DRILLING CONTRACTOR GDI Drilling, Inc. (Diedrich D-90 Truck)

GROUND WATER LEVELS:

DRILLING METHOD 6" Solid Stem Auger

AT TIME OF DRILLING --- None Encountered

LOGGED BY S. Mulcahey

CHECKED BY M. Ray

AT END OF DRILLING ---

NOTES

AFTER DRILLING ---

Bottom of borehole at 14.8 feet.

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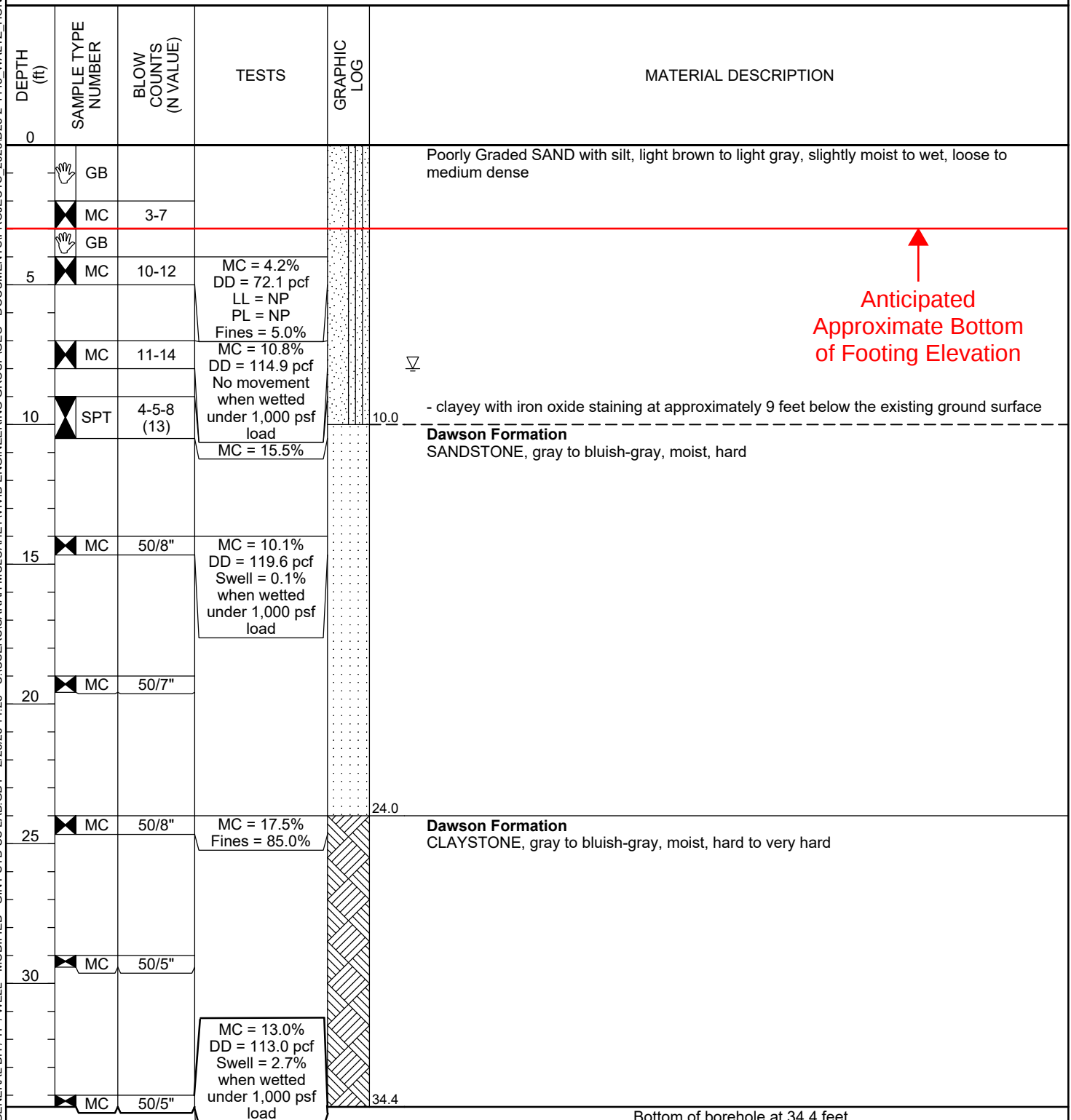


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NOTES			
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		▽ AT TIME OF DRILLING	8.00 ft
		AT END OF DRILLING	---
		AFTER DRILLING	---



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CHECKED BY	M. Ray	AT TIME OF DRILLING	7.00 ft
NOTES		AT END OF DRILLING	---
		AFTER DRILLING	---

DEPTH (ft)	SAMPLE TYPE NUMBER	BLOW COUNTS (N VALUE)	TESTS	GRAPHIC LOG	MATERIAL DESCRIPTION
0					
	GB				Clayey SAND with organics, dark brown to medium brown, very moist, loose
	MC	4-5			Well-graded SAND with clay, medium brown to light brown, moist, loose to medium dense
	GB				- with gravel at approximately 4 feet below the existing ground surface
5	MC	14-16	MC = 7.4% DD = 121.2 pcf LL = 30 PL = 17 Fines = 11.0%		
	MC	15-15	MC = 11.1% DD = 122.5 pcf Fines = 18.0% No movement when wetted under 1,000 psf load		Silty SAND, light brownish-gray, wet, medium dense
10	MC	7-9	MC = 9.8% DD = 122.0 pcf LL = NP PL = NP Fines = 13.0%		
15	MC	50/9"			Dawson Formation SANDSTONE, bluish-gray to light gray with pink grains, moist, hard to very hard
20	MC	50/10"	MC = 14.0% DD = 114.5 pcf Swell = 0.7% when wetted under 2,000 psf load		- with iron oxide staining at approximately 19 feet below the existing ground surface
25	MC	50/5"			- coarse-grained with some silt from approximately 24 to 34 feet below the existing ground surface
30	MC	50/6"			
	MC	50/7"			

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Bottom of borehole at 34.6 feet.

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NOTES _____	AFTER DRILLING <u>---</u>

DEPTH (ft)	SAMPLE TYPE NUMBER	BLOW COUNTS (N VALUE)	TESTS	GRAPHIC LOG	MATERIAL DESCRIPTION
0					
	GB				Well-graded SAND with silt and gravel, medium brown to light brown, slightly moist, loose to medium dense
	MC	3-6	MC = 3.4% DD = 106.3 pcf		
5	GB		LL = NP PL = NP Fines = 5.0%		
	MC	14-15	MC = 4.5% DD = 113.0 pcf		
			LL = NP PL = NP Fines = 6.0%		
	MC	7-11	MC = 18.3% DD = 108.8 pcf Fines = 38.0% No movement when wetted under 2,000 psf load		
10	MC	18-21	MC = 9.6% DD = 121.1 pcf UCS = 679 psf		
			MC = 12.1% DD = 119.9 pcf Swell = 0.9% when wetted under 2,000 psf load		
15	MC	50/7"			
20	MC	50/7"			
25	MC	50/7"			
30	MC	50/5"			
	MC	50/6"			

Anticipated
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- clayey at approximately 29 feet below the existing ground surface

- very coarse and light gray with pink grains at approximately 34 feet below the existing ground surface

Bottom of borehole at 34.5 feet.



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LOGGED BY	S. Mulcahey	GROUND WATER LEVELS:	
CHECKED BY	M. Ray	AT TIME OF DRILLING	--- None Encountered
NOTES		AT END OF DRILLING	---
		AFTER DRILLING	--- None Encountered

DEPTH (ft)	SAMPLE TYPE NUMBER	BLOW COUNTS (N VALUE)	TESTS	GRAPHIC LOG	MATERIAL DESCRIPTION	WELL DIAGRAM
0.0					Well-graded SAND with silt, light brown, moist, medium dense	
2.5	GB		MC = 10.0% DD = 116.3 pcf LL = NP PL = NP Fines = 10.0%			
5.0	MC	13-14				2' of stick-up above grade, no backfill, just pipe, solid riser pipe (1.5" diameter)
7.5					Dawson Formation Weathered Clayey SANDSTONE, light gray, moist, moderately hard	
10.0	MC	20-29	MC = 16.4% DD = 110.4 pcf LL = 36 PL = 18 Swell = 0.4% when wetted under 2,000 psf load			
12.5					Dawson Formation Silty SANDSTONE, light gray to tan, slightly moist, very hard	Slotted pipe (1.5" diameter)
14.4	MC	50/5"				

Bottom of borehole at 14.4 feet.

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PROJECT NUMBER	D25-2-1113	PROJECT LOCATION	Peyton, Colorado
DATE STARTED	2/6/26	COMPLETED	2/6/26
DRILLING CONTRACTOR	GDI Drilling, Inc. (Diedrich D-90 Truck)	GROUND ELEVATION	
DRILLING METHOD	6" Solid Stem Auger	HOLE SIZE	6 inches
LOGGED BY	S. Mulcahey	CHECKED BY	M. Ray
NOTES			
		GROUND WATER LEVELS:	
		AT TIME OF DRILLING	--- None Encountered
		AT END OF DRILLING	---
		AFTER DRILLING	---

DEPTH (ft)	SAMPLE TYPE NUMBER	BLOW COUNTS (N VALUE)	TESTS	GRAPHIC LOG	MATERIAL DESCRIPTION
0.0					
2.5	GB				Well-graded SAND with silt, light brown, very moist, medium dense
5.0	MC	11-12			
7.5					
10.0	MC	11-23	MC = 14.5% DD = 115.8 pcf LL = 30 PL = 16 Fines = 41.0%		Clayey SAND, light grayish-brown, moist, medium dense
12.5					
14.7	MC	50/8"			Dawson Formation CLAYSTONE, grayish-brown with iron oxide, slightly moist, hard
Bottom of borehole at 14.7 feet.					



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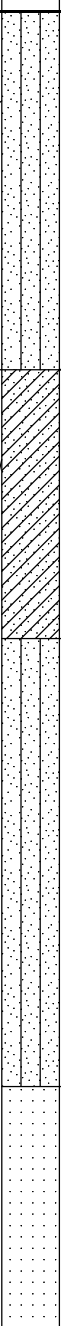
HOLE SIZE 6 inches

GROUND WATER LEVELS:

▽ **AT TIME OF DRILLING** 9.00 ft

AT END OF DRILLING ---

AFTER DRILLING ---

DEPTH (ft)	SAMPLE TYPE NUMBER	BLOW COUNTS (N VALUE)	TESTS	GRAPHIC LOG	MATERIAL DESCRIPTION
0.0	 GB		MC = 6.2% LL = 21 PL = 18 Fines = 13.0%		Silty SAND, light brown, moist, medium dense
	 MC	6-7			
2.5	 GB				
	 MC	9-10	MC = 11.8% DD = 121.7 pcf LL = 24 PL = 16 Fines = 18.0%		4.0 ————— Clayey SAND, light gray, moist, medium dense
5.0					
7.5					
	 MC	14-30			7.0 ————— Silty SAND, light brown, wet, medium dense
10.0					
12.5					12.0 ————— Dawson Formation SANDSTONE, light brown with medium brown and yellow, slightly moist, hard
	 MC	50/9"			
					14.8 ————— Bottom of borehole at 14.8 feet

Appendix B

Geotechnical Laboratory Test Results



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SUMMARY OF LABORATORY RESULTS

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Exploration ID	Approx. Sample Depth (ft)	Sample Description	Passing 3/4" Sieve (%)	Passing #4 Sieve (%)	Passing #200 Sieve (%)	Liquid Limit (LL)	Plastic Limit (PL)	Plasticity Index (PI)	Moisture Content (%)	Dry Density (pcf)
B-1	9.0	SILTY SAND(SM)		91	13	NP	NP	NP	12.8	117.6
B-2	0.0	WELL-GRADED SAND with SILT(SW-SM)		96	10	NP	NP	NP	4.9	
B-2	9.0	CLAYEY SAND(SC)		100	32	27	16	11	12.1	121.5
B-3	4.0	WELL-GRADED SAND with SILTY CLAY(SW-SC)		98	9	26	19	7	11.2	110.1
B-3	9.0								9.9	115.4
B-4	0.0	WELL-GRADED SAND with SILT(SW-SM)		93	12	NP	NP	NP	5.3	
B-4	9.0								14.1	116.8
B-5	4.0	POORLY GRADED SAND with SILT(SP-SM)		99	5	NP	NP	NP	4.2	72.1
B-5	7.0								10.8	114.9
B-5	9.0								15.5	
B-5	14.0								10.1	119.6
B-5	24.0				85				17.5	
B-5	34.0								13.0	113.0
B-6	4.0	WELL-GRADED SAND with CLAY(SW-SC)		97	11	30	17	13	7.4	121.2
B-6	7.0			100	18				11.1	122.5
B-6	9.0	SILTY SAND(SM)		97	13	NP	NP	NP	9.8	122.0
B-6	19.0								14.0	114.5
B-7	2.0	WELL-GRADED SAND with SILT and GRAVEL(SW-SM)	100	85	5	NP	NP	NP	3.4	106.3
B-7	4.0	WELL-GRADED SAND with SILT(SW-SM)		90	6	NP	NP	NP	4.5	113.0
B-7	7.0				38				18.3	108.8
B-7	9.0								9.6	121.1
B-7	14.0								12.1	119.9
B-8	0.0	WELL-GRADED SAND with SILT(SW-SM)		96	10	NP	NP	NP	10.0	116.3
B-8	9.0					36	18	18	16.4	110.4
B-9	9.0	CLAYEY SAND(SC)		100	41	30	16	14	14.5	115.8
B-10	0.0	SILTY SAND(SM)		96	13	21	18	3	6.2	
B-10	4.0	CLAYEY SAND(SC)		98	18	24	16	8	11.8	121.7

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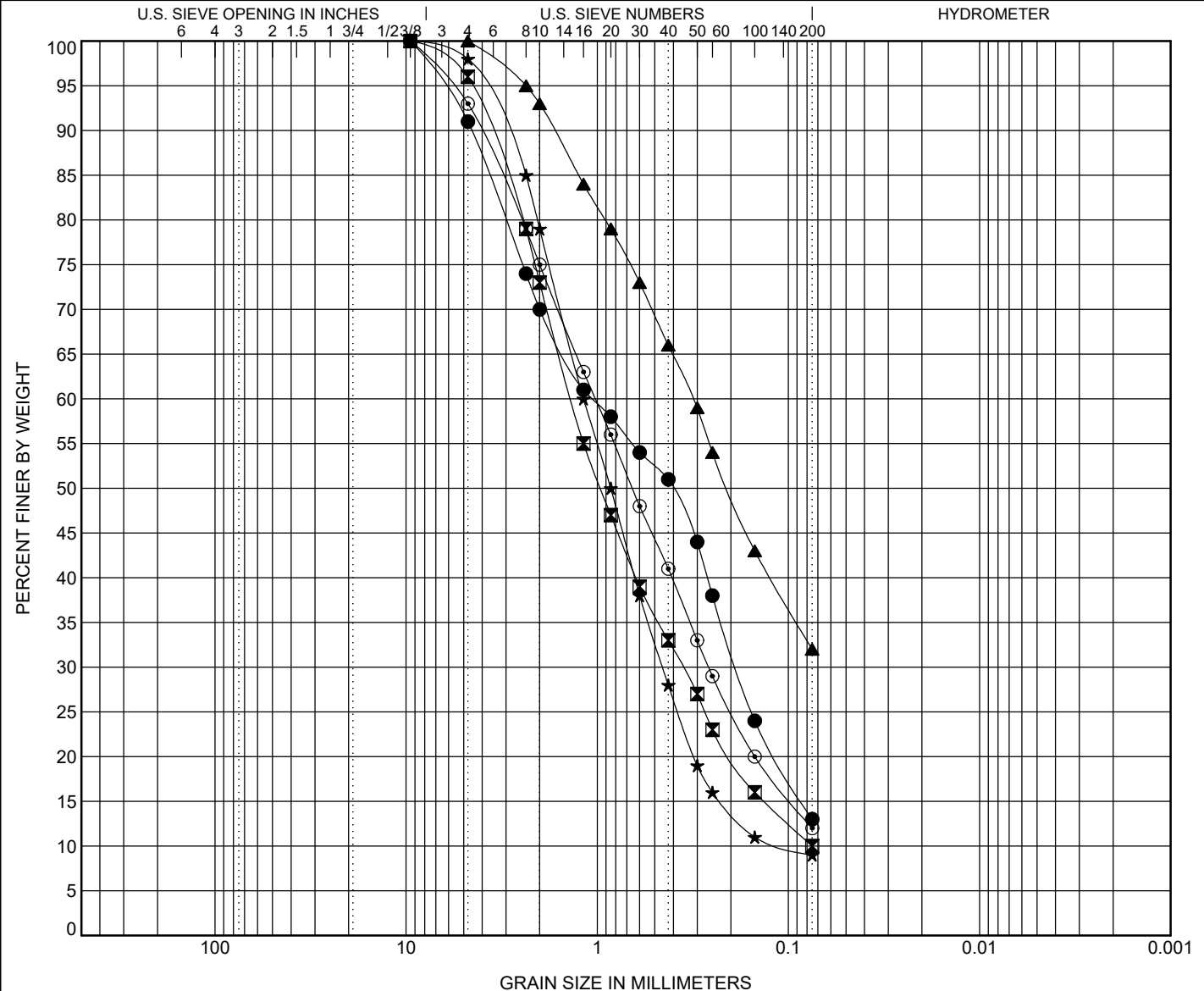
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BOREHOLE	DEPTH	Classification					LL	PL	PI	Cc	Cu
● B-1	9.0	SILTY SAND(SM)					NP	NP	NP		
■ B-2	0.0	WELL-GRADED SAND with SILT(SW-SM)					NP	NP	NP	1.24	18.22
▲ B-2	9.0	CLAYEY SAND(SC)					27	16	11		
★ B-3	4.0	WELL-GRADED SAND with SILTY CLAY(SW-SC)					26	19	7	1.66	11.13
⊙ B-4	0.0	WELL-GRADED SAND with SILT(SW-SM)					NP	NP	NP	1.06	16.26
BOREHOLE	DEPTH	D100	D60	D30	D10	%Gravel	%Sand	%Silt		%Clay	
● B-1	9.0	9.5	1.058	0.187		9.0	78.0	13.0			
■ B-2	0.0	9.5	1.366	0.357	0.075	4.0	86.0	10.0			
▲ B-2	9.0	4.75	0.315			0.0	68.0	32.0			
★ B-3	4.0	9.5	1.18	0.455	0.106	2.0	89.0	9.0			
⊙ B-4	0.0	9.5	1.025	0.262		7.0	81.0	12.0			

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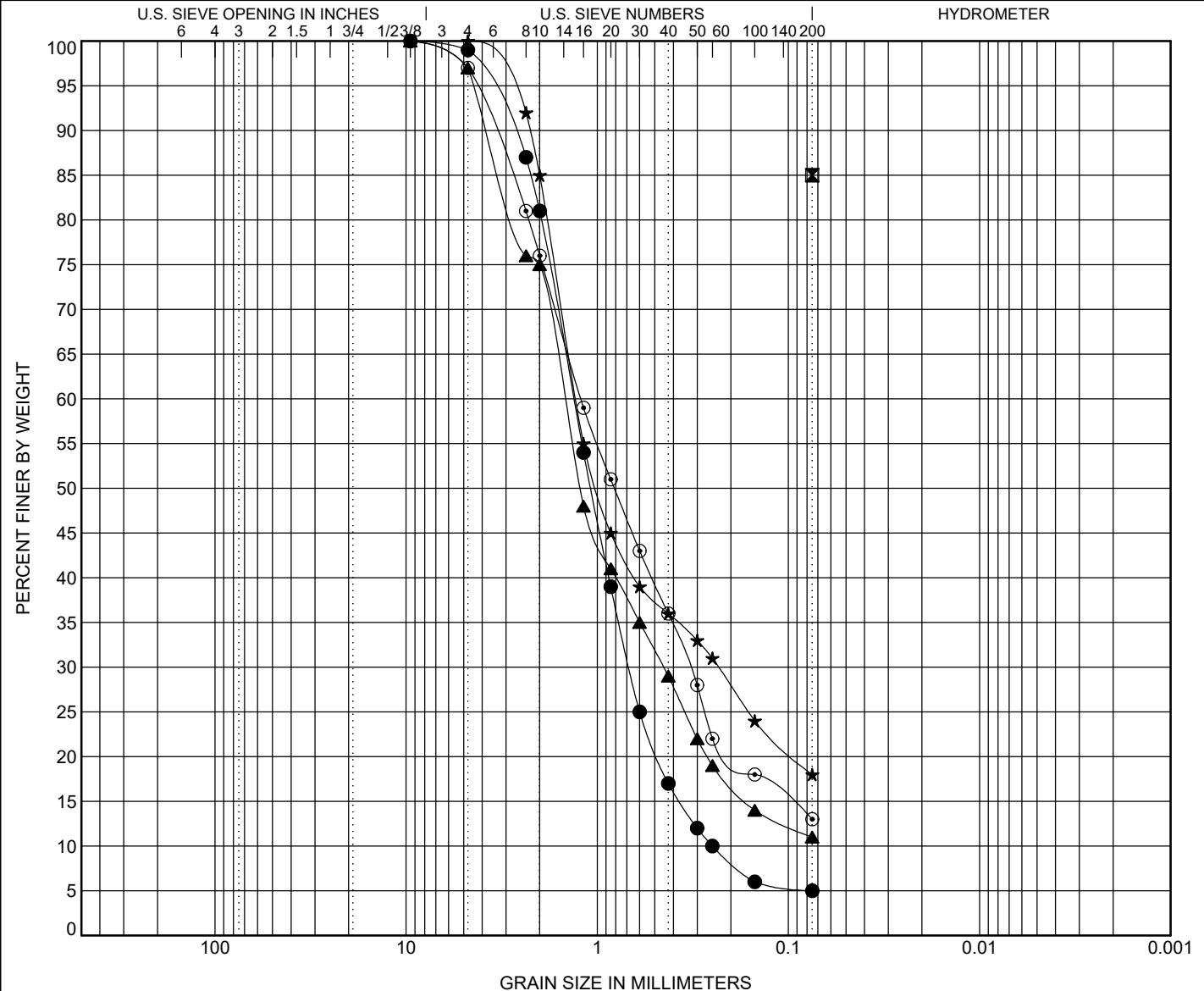
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COBBLES	GRAVEL		SAND			SILT OR CLAY
	coarse	fine	coarse	medium	fine	

BOREHOLE	DEPTH	Classification					LL	PL	PI	Cc	Cu
● B-5	4.0	POORLY GRADED SAND with SILT(SP-SM)					NP	NP	NP	1.39	5.31
☒ B-5	24.0										
▲ B-6	4.0	WELL-GRADED SAND with CLAY(SW-SC)					30	17	13	2.28	25.06
★ B-6	7.0										
◎ B-6	9.0	SILTY SAND(SM)					NP	NP	NP		
BOREHOLE	DEPTH	D100	D60	D30	D10	%Gravel	%Sand	%Silt		%Clay	
● B-5	4.0	9.5	1.327	0.679	0.25	1.0	94.0	5.0			
☒ B-5	24.0	0.075						85.0			
▲ B-6	4.0	9.5	1.492	0.45		3.0	86.0	11.0			
★ B-6	7.0	4.75	1.288	0.232		0.0	82.0	18.0			
◎ B-6	9.0	9.5	1.217	0.327		3.0	84.0	13.0			

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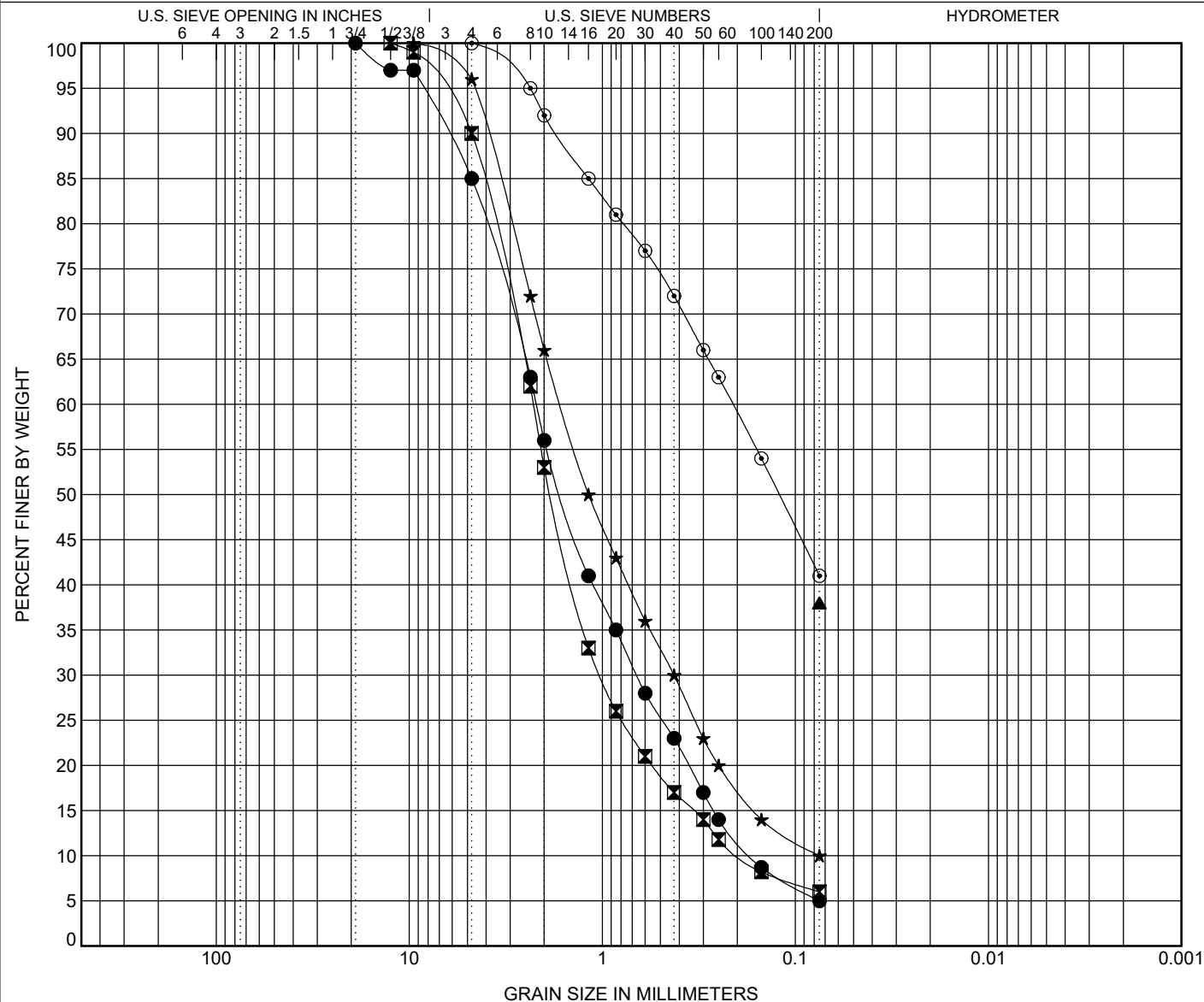
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COBBLES	GRAVEL		SAND			SILT OR CLAY
	coarse	fine	coarse	medium	fine	

BOREHOLE	DEPTH	Classification					LL	PL	PI	Cc	Cu
● B-7	2.0	WELL-GRADED SAND with SILT and GRAVEL(SW-SM)					NP	NP	NP	1.18	12.93
■ B-7	4.0	WELL-GRADED SAND with SILT(SW-SM)					NP	NP	NP	2.39	11.75
▲ B-7	7.0										
★ B-8	0.0	WELL-GRADED SAND with SILT(SW-SM)					NP	NP	NP	1.47	21.88
◎ B-9	9.0	CLAYEY SAND(SC)					30	16	14		
BOREHOLE	DEPTH	D100	D60	D30	D10	%Gravel	%Sand	%Silt		%Clay	
● B-7	2.0	19	2.198	0.663	0.17	15.0	80.0	5.0			
■ B-7	4.0	12.5	2.275	1.025	0.194	10.0	84.0	6.0			
▲ B-7	7.0	0.075						38.0			
★ B-8	0.0	9.5	1.641	0.425	0.075	4.0	86.0	10.0			
◎ B-9	9.0	4.75	0.211			0.0	59.0	41.0			

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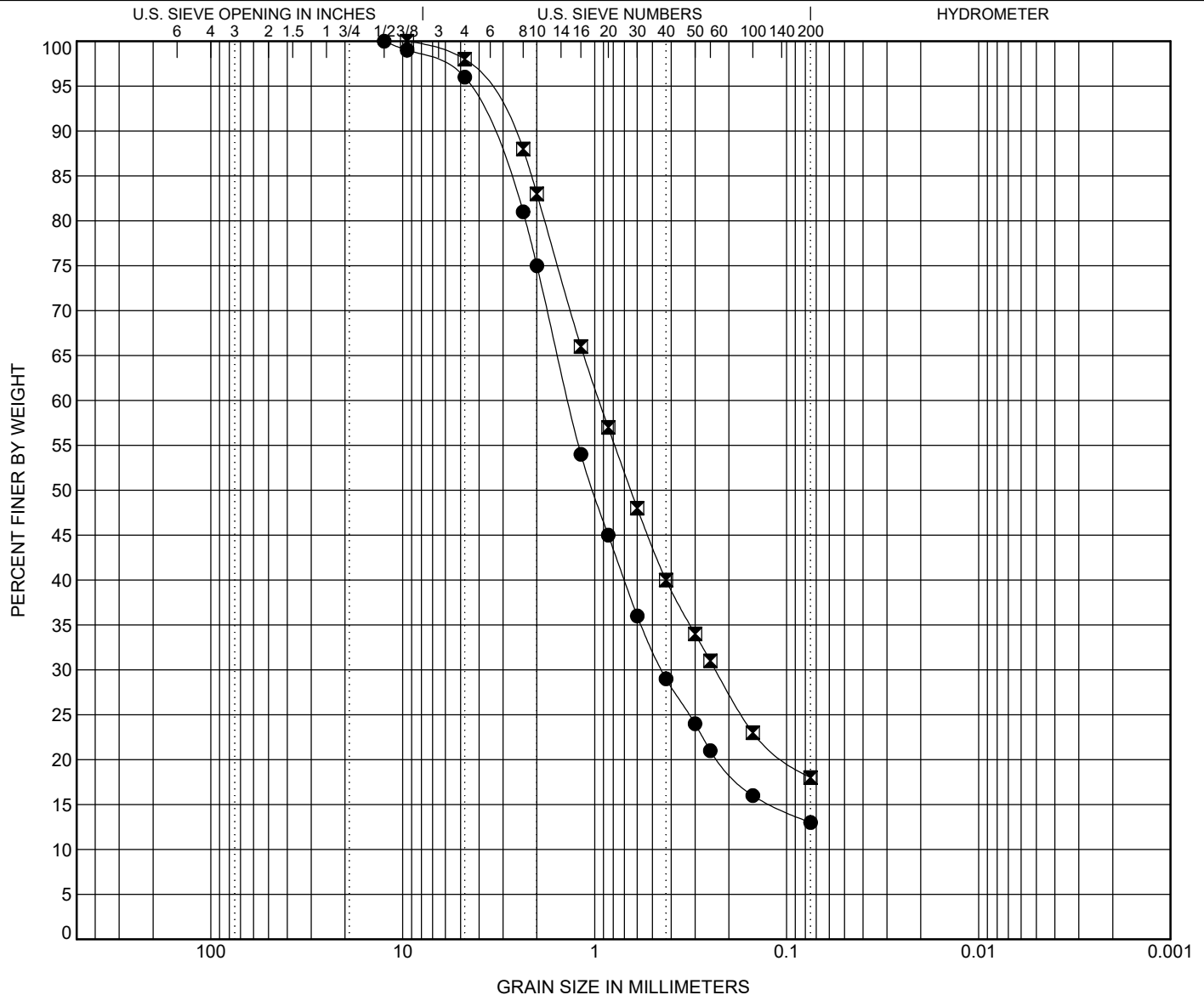
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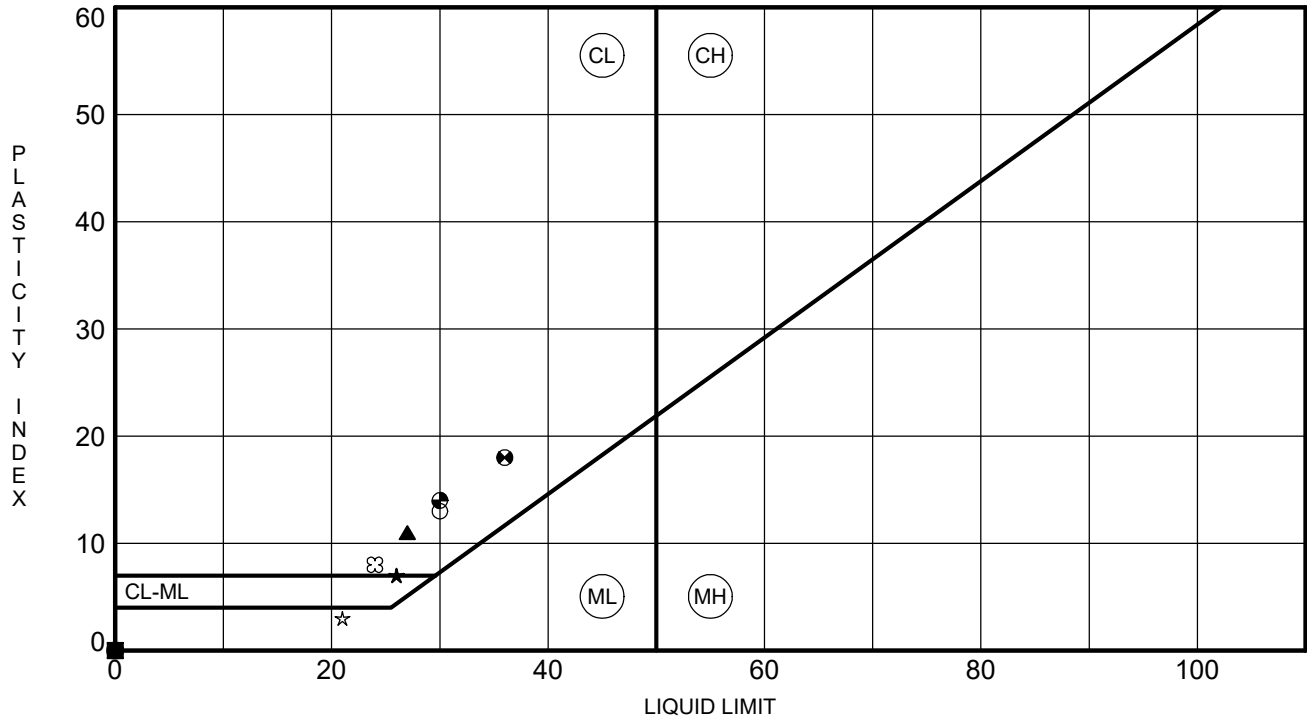
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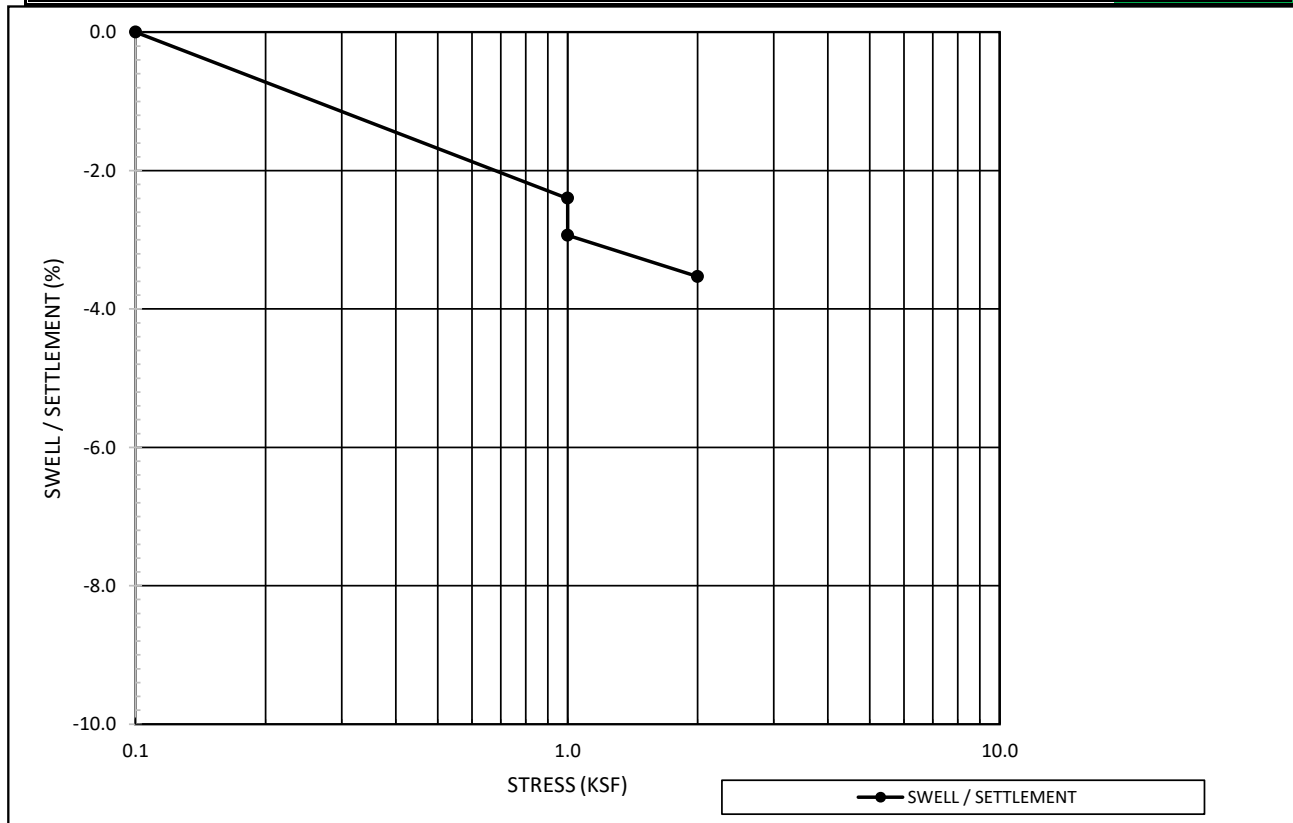
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	BOREHOLE	DEPTH	LL	PL	PI	Fines	Classification
●	B-1	9.0	NP	NP	NP	13	SILTY SAND(SM)
⊠	B-2	0.0	NP	NP	NP	10	WELL-GRADED SAND with SILT(SW-SM)
▲	B-2	9.0	27	16	11	32	CLAYEY SAND(SC)
★	B-3	4.0	26	19	7	9	WELL-GRADED SAND with SILTY CLAY(SW-SC)
⊙	B-4	0.0	NP	NP	NP	12	WELL-GRADED SAND with SILT(SW-SM)
⊕	B-5	4.0	NP	NP	NP	5	POORLY GRADED SAND with SILT(SP-SM)
○	B-6	4.0	30	17	13	11	WELL-GRADED SAND with CLAY(SW-SC)
△	B-6	9.0	NP	NP	NP	13	SILTY SAND(SM)
⊗	B-7	2.0	NP	NP	NP	5	WELL-GRADED SAND with SILT and GRAVEL(SW-SM)
⊕	B-7	4.0	NP	NP	NP	6	WELL-GRADED SAND with SILT(SW-SM)
□	B-8	0.0	NP	NP	NP	10	WELL-GRADED SAND with SILT(SW-SM)
⊗	B-8	9.0	36	18	18		
●	B-9	9.0	30	16	14	41	CLAYEY SAND(SC)
★	B-10	0.0	21	18	3	13	SILTY SAND(SM)
⊗	B-10	4.0	24	16	8	18	CLAYEY SAND(SC)

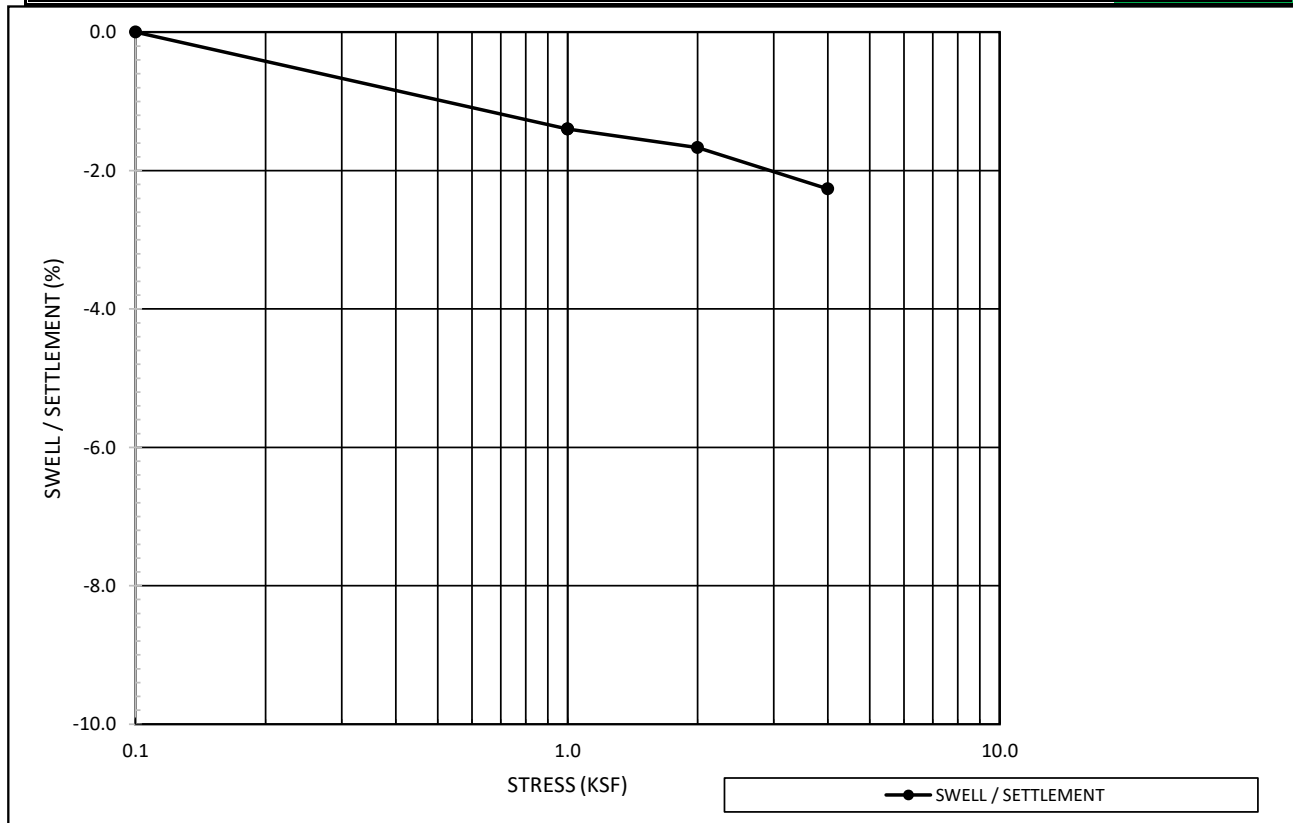
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Project Name:	Proposed Honor Charter School Development	Date	2/20/2026
Project No.:	D25-2-1113		
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Sample Description:	Clayey SANDSTONE, light gray, moist		
Compression @ Wetting Weight:			% -0.5



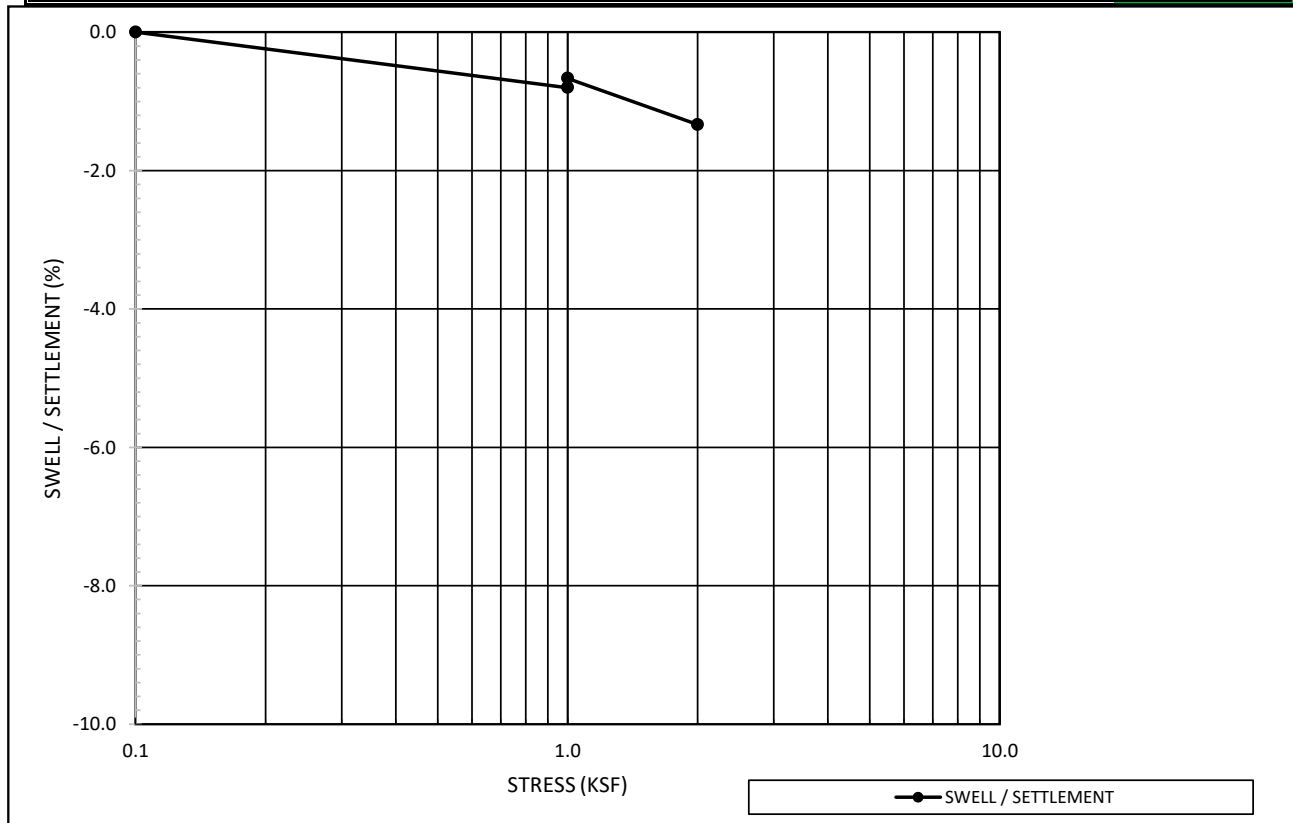
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Moisture Content %	9.9
Dry Density (pcf)	115.4
Post-Swell Condition	
Moisture Content %	14.5

Project Name:	Proposed Honor Charter School Development	Date	2/20/2026
Project No.:	D25-2-1113		
Boring ID.:	B-5	Sample Depth (ft)	7
Sample Description:	Poorly Graded SAND with silt, light gray, moist		
			%
No Movement @ Wetting Weight:			0.0



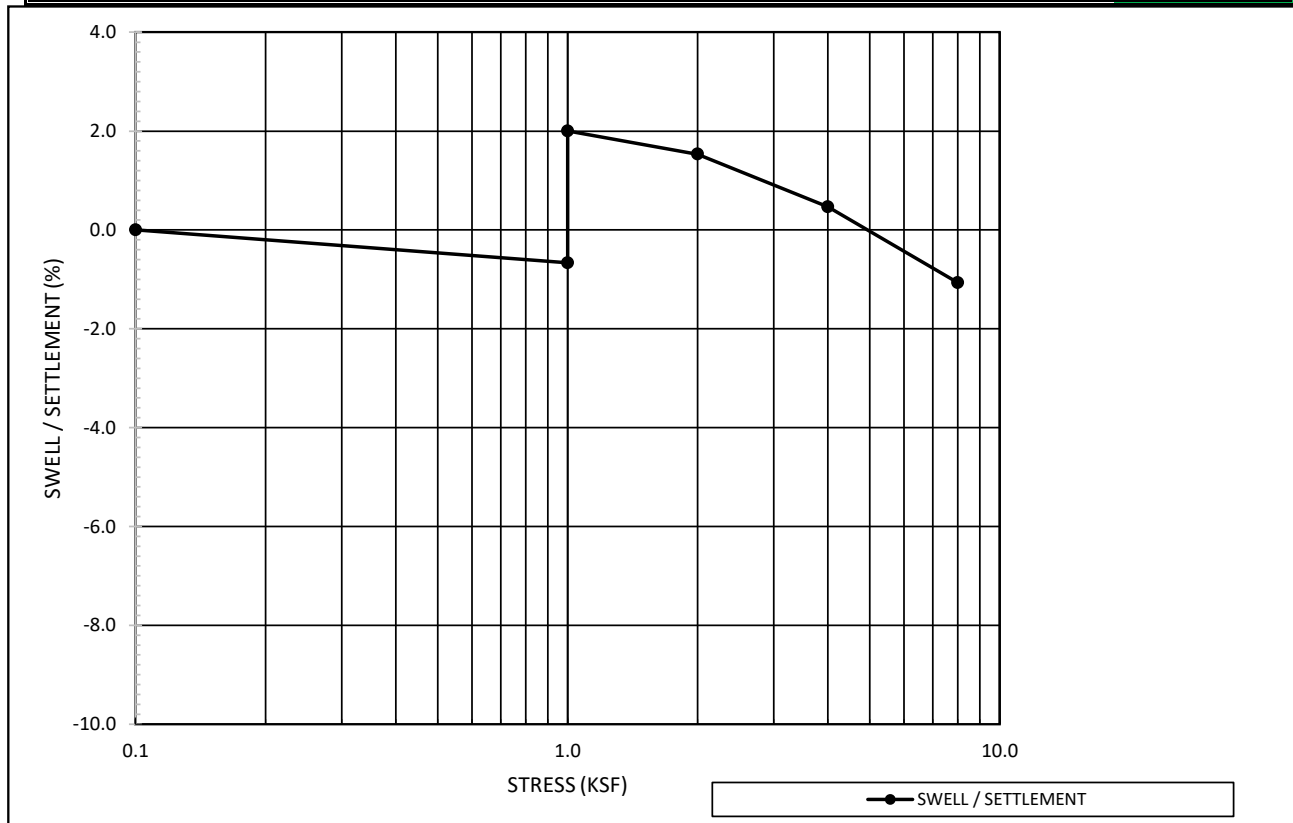
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Dry Density (pcf)	114.9
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Moisture Content %	14.0

Project Name:	Proposed Honor Charter School Development	Date	2/20/2026
Project No.:	D25-2-1113		
Boring ID.:	B-5	Sample Depth (ft)	14
Sample Description:	SANDSTONE, gray, moist		
			
			% Swell @ Wetting Weight: 0.1



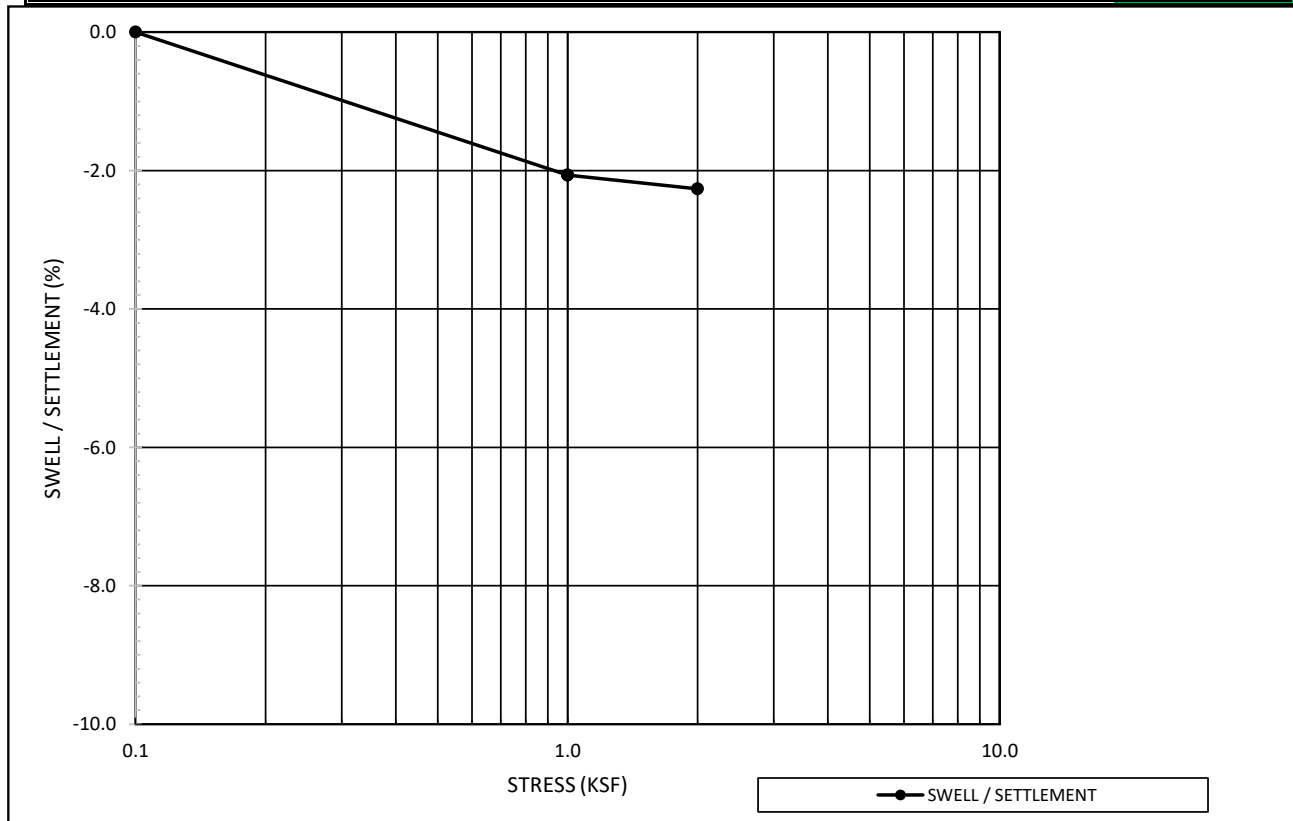
Initial Condition	
Moisture Content %	10.1
Dry Density (pcf)	119.6
Post-Swell Condition	
Moisture Content %	14.5

Project Name:	Proposed Honor Charter School Development	Date	2/20/2026
Project No.:	D25-2-1113		
Boring ID.:	B-5	Sample Depth (ft)	34
Sample Description:	CLAYSTONE, gray, moist		
			
			% Swell @ Wetting Weight: 2.7



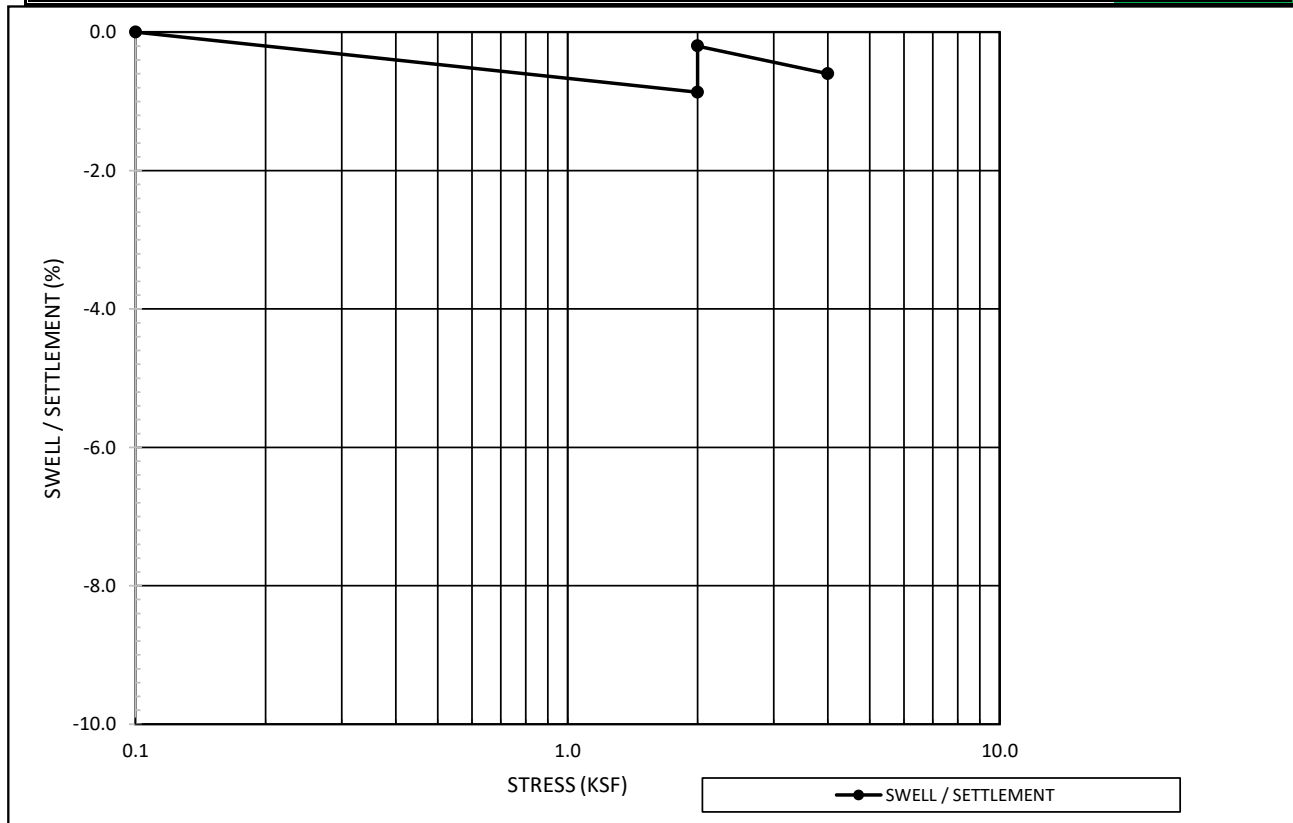
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Dry Density (pcf)	113.0
Post-Swell Condition	
Moisture Content %	18.5

Project Name:	Proposed Honor Charter School Development	Date	2/20/2026
Project No.:	D25-2-1113		
Boring ID.:	B-6	Sample Depth (ft)	7
Sample Description:	Silty SAND, light brownish-gray, wet		
			%
No Movement @ Wetting Weight:			0.0



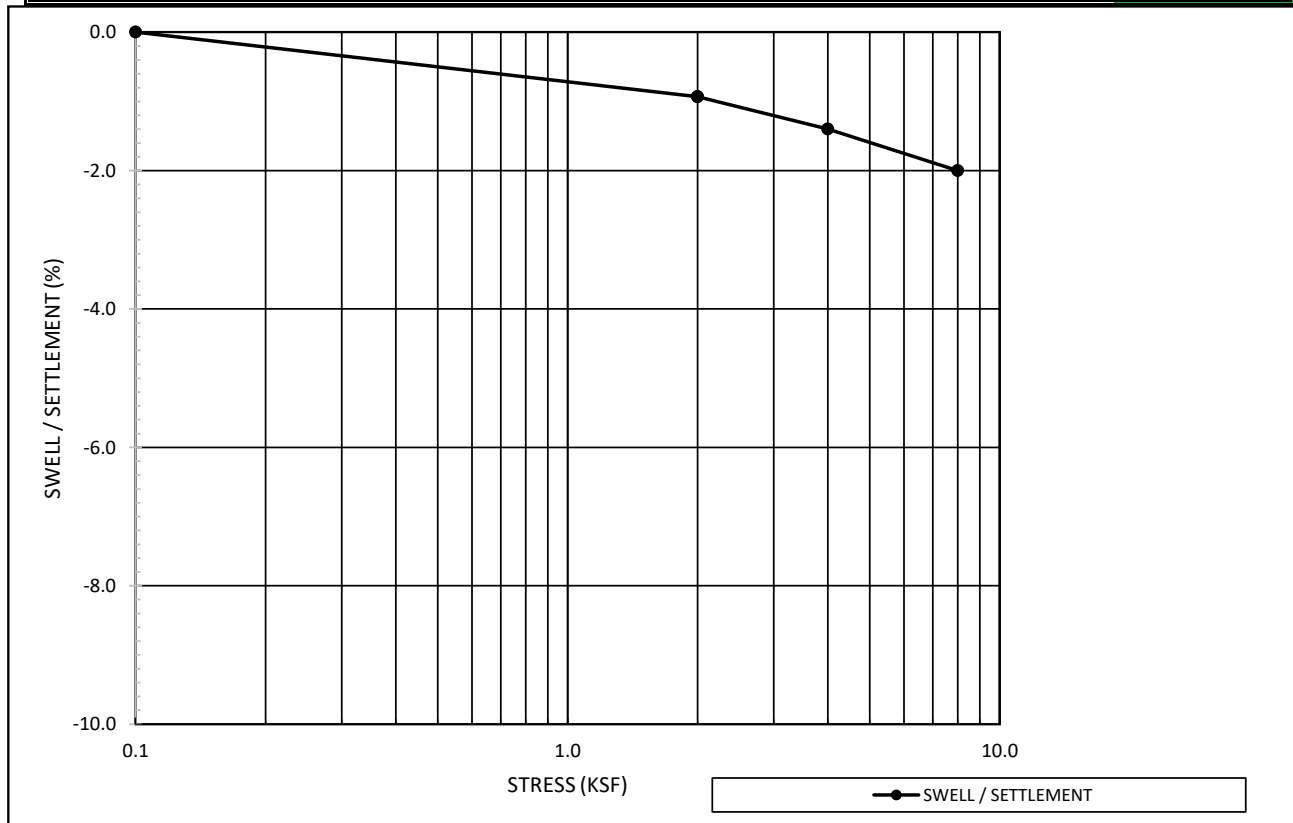
Initial Condition	
Moisture Content %	11.7
Dry Density (pcf)	122.5
Post-Swell Condition	
Moisture Content %	13.1

Project Name:	Proposed Honor Charter School Development	Date	2/20/2026
Project No.:	D25-2-1113		
Boring ID.:	B-6	Sample Depth (ft)	19
Sample Description:	SANDSTONE, light gray, moist		
			
			% Swell @ Wetting Weight: 0.7



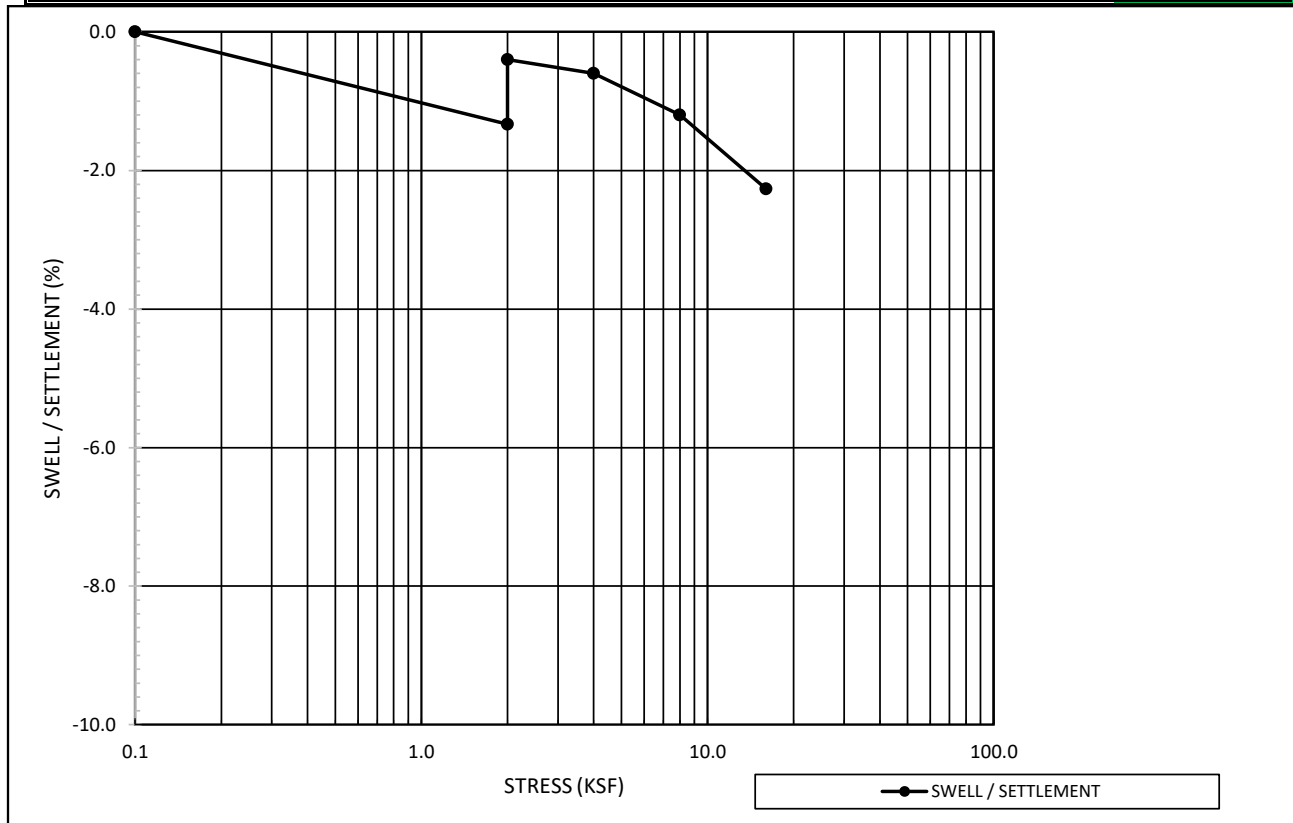
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Dry Density (pcf)	114.5
Post-Swell Condition	
Moisture Content %	17.5

Project Name:	Proposed Honor Charter School Development	Date	2/20/2026
Project No.:	D25-2-1113		
Boring ID.:	B-7	Sample Depth (ft)	7
Sample Description:	Silty SAND, light gray, moist		
			%
No Movement @ Wetting Weight:			0.0



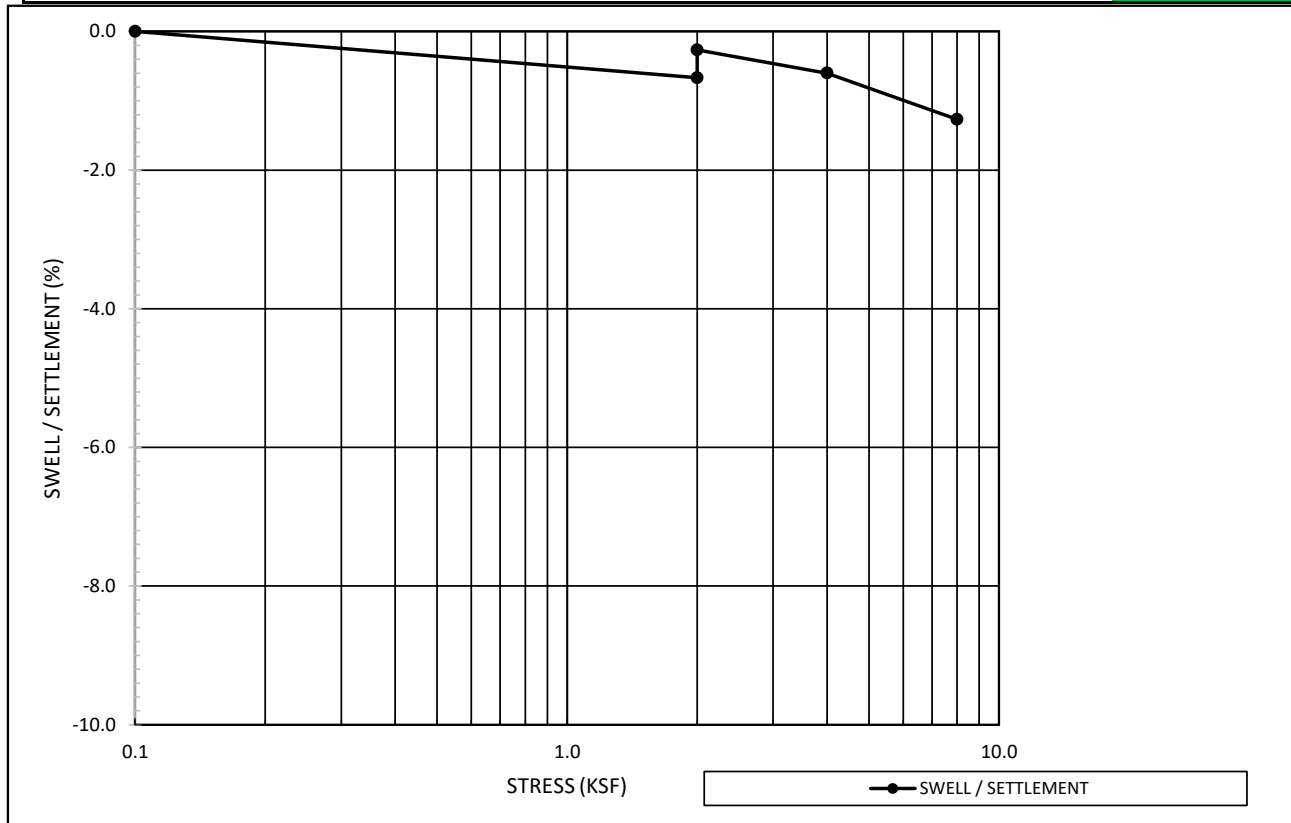
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Dry Density (pcf)	108.8
Post-Swell Condition	
Moisture Content %	20.0

Project Name:	Proposed Honor Charter School Development	Date	2/20/2026
Project No.:	D25-2-1113		
Boring ID.:	B-7	Sample Depth (ft)	14
Sample Description:	Clayey SANDSTONE, gray, moist		
			
			% Swell @ Wetting Weight: 0.9



Initial Condition	
Moisture Content %	12.1
Dry Density (pcf)	119.9
Post-Swell Condition	
Moisture Content %	15.1

Project Name:	Proposed Honor Charter School Development	Date	2/20/2026
Project No.:	D25-2-1113		
Boring ID.:	B-8	Sample Depth (ft)	9
Sample Description:	Weathered Clayey SANDSTONE, light gray, moist		
			
			% Swell @ Wetting Weight: 0.4



Initial Condition	
Moisture Content %	16.4
Dry Density (pcf)	110.4
Post-Swell Condition	
Moisture Content %	18.9

UNCONFINED COMPRESSION TEST ASTM D 2166

PROJECT NAME: Proposed Honor Charter School
PROJECT NO. : D25-2-1113
CLIENT NAME: Waltz Construction

PROJECT ENG.: NAD
DATE RECEIVED: 2/11/2026
DATE TESTED: 2/13/2026
TESTED BY: A Jones
DATA ENTRY: A Jones

BORING NO. : B-4
SAMPLE NO.:
DEPTH, FT. : 9 FT
TEST SPECIMEN NO.:

DESCRIPTION: Sandy Lean CLAY,
dark grayish-brown, moist

INITIAL DATA

Avg. Height, In.: 4.007
Avg. Diameter, In.: 1.933
L/D Ratio: 2.1
Moisture Content, %:
(Sample, After test) 14.1
Dry Density, pcf: 116.8
Assumed Specific Gravity: 2.7
Saturation, %: 86.4
Void Ratio: 0.442

Rate of Strain, %/Minute: 1.0

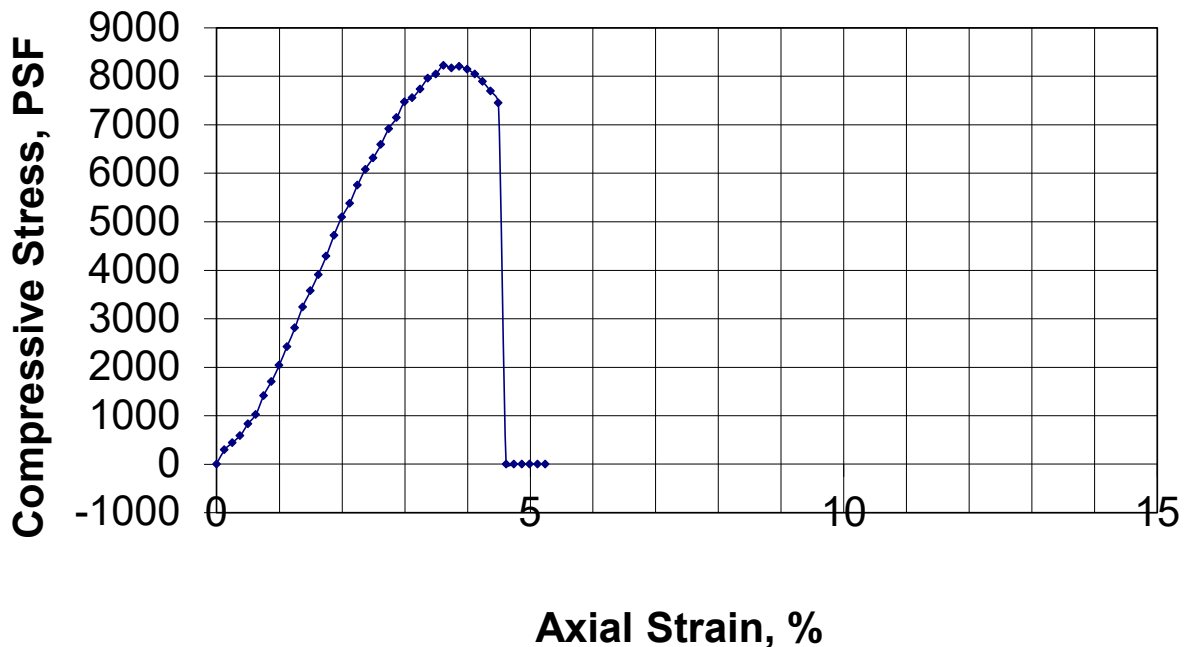
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Shear Strength @ Failure:
Axial Strain @ Failure, %:

PSF	PSI
8226	57
4113	29
3.6	3.6

Photo:



Stress - Strain Curve



UNCONFINED COMPRESSION TEST ASTM D 2166

PROJECT NAME: Proposed Honor Charter School
PROJECT NO. : D25-2-1113
CLIENT NAME: Waltz Construction

PROJECT ENG.: NAD
DATE RECEIVED: 2/11/2026
DATE TESTED: 2/13/2026
TESTED BY: A Jones
DATA ENTRY: A Jones

BORING NO. : B-7
SAMPLE NO.:
DEPTH, FT. : 9 FT
TEST SPECIMEN NO.:

DESCRIPTION: Clayey SANDSTONE, gray, moist

INITIAL DATA

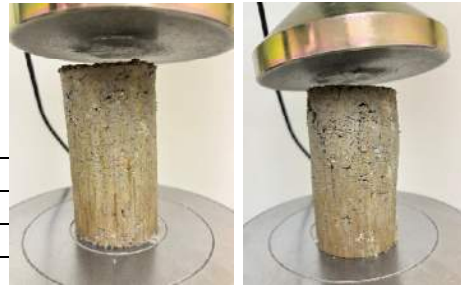
Avg. Height, In.: 3.863
Avg. Diameter, In.: 1.930
L/D Ratio: 2.0
Moisture Content, %:
(Sample, After test) 9.6
Dry Density, pcf: 121.1
Assumed Specific Gravity: 2.7
Saturation, %: 66.3
Void Ratio: 0.391

Rate of Strain, %/Minute: 1.0

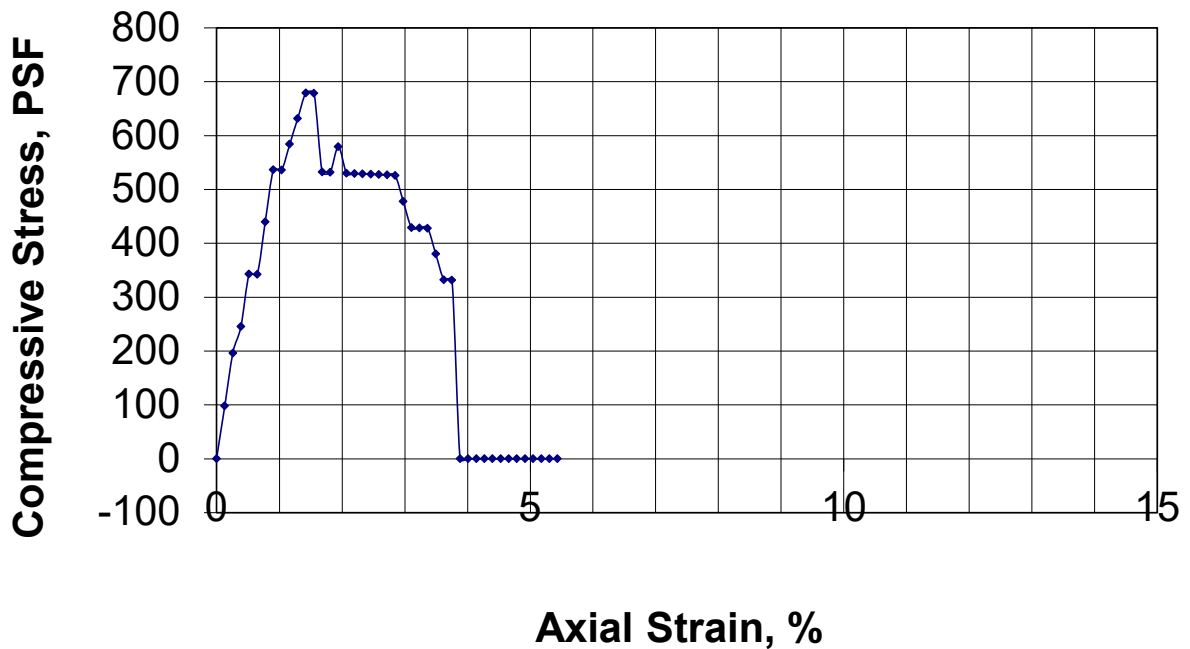
Compressive Strength @ Failure:
Shear Strength @ Failure:
Axial Strain @ Failure, %:

PSF	PSI
679	5
340	2
1.4	1.4

Photo:



Stress - Strain Curve



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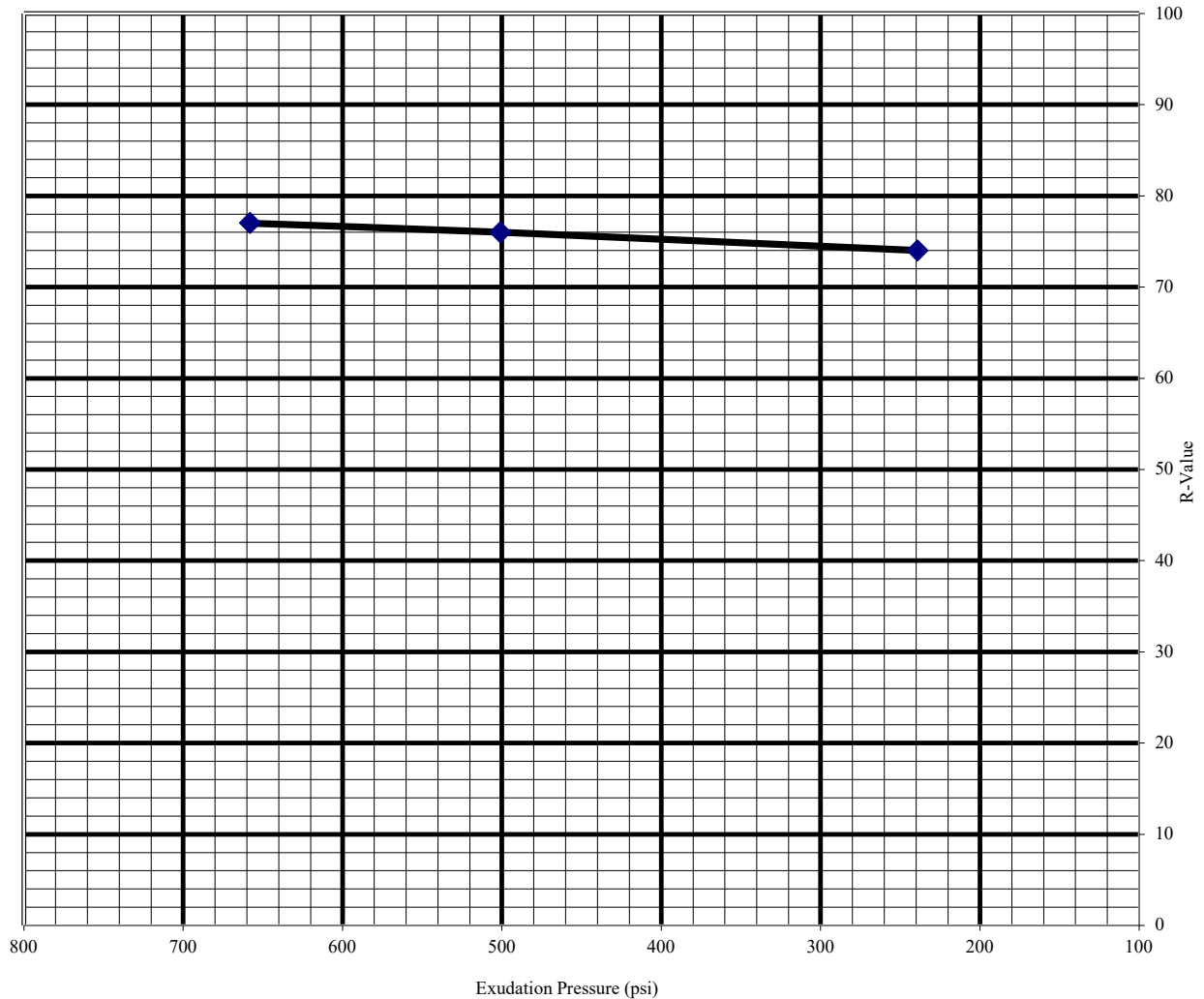
Vivid Engineering Group
R-Value Test Report



Project Number: D25-2-1113
Sample Id: n/a
Location: B-10
Date Sampled: 2/9/2026

Project Name: Proposed Honor Charter School Development
Depth (ft): 0-4'
Sample Description: Silty SAND, light brown
Date Tested: 2/16/2026

R-Value at 300 psi exudation pressure = 74



Test No.	Compact. Press. (psi)	Density (pcf)	Moist. (%)	Horizont. Pressure (psi)'@ 160 psi	Sample Height (in).	Exud. Pressure (psi)	R Value	R Value Correct.
1	350	128.3	7.9	25	2.50	658	77	77
2	350	125.5	8.1	25	2.50	501	76	76
3	350	127.8	9.1	25	2.38	239	75	74

Sampled by: SAM

Tested by: LV

Checked by:

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Appendix C

Analytical Laboratory Test Results

Corrosion Test Results



Project Name: Proposed Honor Charter School Development
Project No. D25-2-1113

Tested By: NB
Date Sampled: 2/6/2026
Date Tested: 3/3/2026

Sample ID: B-2 @ 0-4'

Matrix: Soil

Test	Results	Method
Chloride - Water Soluble	0.001 %	AASHTO T291-91/ASTM D4327
pH	8.3 units	AASHTO T289-91/ASTM G51
Redox Potential	100.9 mv	ASTM D1498
Electrical Resistivity	21000 ohm-cm	AASHTO T288-91/ASTM G57
Sulfate - Water Soluble	0.002 %	CDOT CP-L 2103/ASTM D4327
Sulfide	Trace -	AWWA C105

Sample ID: B-6 @ 0-4'

Matrix: Soil

Test	Results	Method
Chloride - Water Soluble	0.001 %	AASHTO T291-91/ASTM D4327
pH	7.2 units	AASHTO T289-91/ASTM G51
Redox Potential	114.2 mv	ASTM D1498
Electrical Resistivity	9700 ohm-cm	AASHTO T288-91/ASTM G57
Sulfate - Water Soluble	<0.001 %	CDOT CP-L 2103/ASTM D4327
Sulfide	Trace -	AWWA C105

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Appendix D
Site Photographs



SITE CONDITIONS AND DRILLING AT BORING B-2 - LOOKING NORTH



SITE CONDITIONS AND DRILLING AT BORING B-3 - LOOKING EAST



Project No: D25-2-1113
 Date: 2/12/2026
 Drawn by: SAM
 Reviewed by: ND

SITE PHOTOS

Proposed Honor Charter School Development
 Bent Grass Meadows Drive
 Peyton, Colorado

FIGURE

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SITE CONDITIONS AND DRILLING AT BORING B-6 - LOOKING NORTH



SITE CONDITIONS AND DRILLING AT BORING B-9 - LOOKING EAST



Project No: D25-2-1113
 Date: 2/12/2026
 Drawn by: SAM
 Reviewed by: ND

SITE PHOTOS

Proposed Honor Charter School Development
 Bent Grass Meadows Drive
 Peyton, Colorado

FIGURE

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Appendix E

Important Information About This Geotechnical Engineering Report

Important Information about This Geotechnical-Engineering Report

Subsurface problems are a principal cause of construction delays, cost overruns, claims, and disputes.

While you cannot eliminate all such risks, you can manage them. The following information is provided to help.

The Geoprofessional Business Association (GBA) has prepared this advisory to help you – assumedly a client representative – interpret and apply this geotechnical-engineering report as effectively as possible. In that way, you can benefit from a lowered exposure to problems associated with subsurface conditions at project sites and development of them that, for decades, have been a principal cause of construction delays, cost overruns, claims, and disputes. If you have questions or want more information about any of the issues discussed herein, contact your GBA-member geotechnical engineer. Active engagement in GBA exposes geotechnical engineers to a wide array of risk-confrontation techniques that can be of genuine benefit for everyone involved with a construction project.

Understand the Geotechnical-Engineering Services Provided for this Report

Geotechnical-engineering services typically include the planning, collection, interpretation, and analysis of exploratory data from widely spaced borings and/or test pits. Field data are combined with results from laboratory tests of soil and rock samples obtained from field exploration (if applicable), observations made during site reconnaissance, and historical information to form one or more models of the expected subsurface conditions beneath the site. Local geology and alterations of the site surface and subsurface by previous and proposed construction are also important considerations. Geotechnical engineers apply their engineering training, experience, and judgment to adapt the requirements of the prospective project to the subsurface model(s). Estimates are made of the subsurface conditions that will likely be exposed during construction as well as the expected performance of foundations and other structures being planned and/or affected by construction activities.

The culmination of these geotechnical-engineering services is typically a geotechnical-engineering report providing the data obtained, a discussion of the subsurface model(s), the engineering and geologic engineering assessments and analyses made, and the recommendations developed to satisfy the given requirements of the project. These reports may be titled investigations, explorations, studies, assessments, or evaluations. Regardless of the title used, the geotechnical-engineering report is an engineering interpretation of the subsurface conditions within the context of the project and does not represent a close examination, systematic inquiry, or thorough investigation of all site and subsurface conditions.

Geotechnical-Engineering Services are Performed for Specific Purposes, Persons, and Projects, and At Specific Times

Geotechnical engineers structure their services to meet the specific needs, goals, and risk management preferences of their clients. A geotechnical-engineering study conducted for a given civil engineer

will not likely meet the needs of a civil-works constructor or even a different civil engineer. Because each geotechnical-engineering study is unique, each geotechnical-engineering report is unique, prepared *solely* for the client.

Likewise, geotechnical-engineering services are performed for a specific project and purpose. For example, it is unlikely that a geotechnical-engineering study for a refrigerated warehouse will be the same as one prepared for a parking garage; and a few borings drilled during a preliminary study to evaluate site feasibility will not be adequate to develop geotechnical design recommendations for the project.

Do not rely on this report if your geotechnical engineer prepared it:

- for a different client;
- for a different project or purpose;
- for a different site (that may or may not include all or a portion of the original site); or
- before important events occurred at the site or adjacent to it; e.g., man-made events like construction or environmental remediation, or natural events like floods, droughts, earthquakes, or groundwater fluctuations.

Note, too, the reliability of a geotechnical-engineering report can be affected by the passage of time, because of factors like changed subsurface conditions; new or modified codes, standards, or regulations; or new techniques or tools. *If you are the least bit uncertain about the continued reliability of this report, contact your geotechnical engineer before applying the recommendations in it. A minor amount of additional testing or analysis after the passage of time – if any is required at all – could prevent major problems.*

Read this Report in Full

Costly problems have occurred because those relying on a geotechnical-engineering report did not read the report in its entirety. Do not rely on an executive summary. Do not read selective elements only. *Read and refer to the report in full.*

You Need to Inform Your Geotechnical Engineer About Change

Your geotechnical engineer considered unique, project-specific factors when developing the scope of study behind this report and developing the confirmation-dependent recommendations the report conveys. Typical changes that could erode the reliability of this report include those that affect:

- the site's size or shape;
- the elevation, configuration, location, orientation, function or weight of the proposed structure and the desired performance criteria;
- the composition of the design team; or
- project ownership.

As a general rule, *always* inform your geotechnical engineer of project or site changes – even minor ones – and request an assessment of their impact. *The geotechnical engineer who prepared this report cannot accept*

responsibility or liability for problems that arise because the geotechnical engineer was not informed about developments the engineer otherwise would have considered.

Most of the “Findings” Related in This Report Are Professional Opinions

Before construction begins, geotechnical engineers explore a site’s subsurface using various sampling and testing procedures. *Geotechnical engineers can observe actual subsurface conditions only at those specific locations where sampling and testing is performed.* The data derived from that sampling and testing were reviewed by your geotechnical engineer, who then applied professional judgement to form opinions about subsurface conditions throughout the site. Actual site-wide subsurface conditions may differ – maybe significantly – from those indicated in this report. Confront that risk by retaining your geotechnical engineer to serve on the design team through project completion to obtain informed guidance quickly, whenever needed.

This Report’s Recommendations Are Confirmation-Dependent

The recommendations included in this report – including any options or alternatives – are confirmation-dependent. In other words, they are not final, because the geotechnical engineer who developed them relied heavily on judgement and opinion to do so. Your geotechnical engineer can finalize the recommendations *only after observing actual subsurface conditions* exposed during construction. If through observation your geotechnical engineer confirms that the conditions assumed to exist actually do exist, the recommendations can be relied upon, assuming no other changes have occurred. *The geotechnical engineer who prepared this report cannot assume responsibility or liability for confirmation-dependent recommendations if you fail to retain that engineer to perform construction observation.*

This Report Could Be Misinterpreted

Other design professionals’ misinterpretation of geotechnical-engineering reports has resulted in costly problems. Confront that risk by having your geotechnical engineer serve as a continuing member of the design team, to:

- confer with other design-team members;
- help develop specifications;
- review pertinent elements of other design professionals’ plans and specifications; and
- be available whenever geotechnical-engineering guidance is needed.

You should also confront the risk of constructors misinterpreting this report. Do so by retaining your geotechnical engineer to participate in prebid and preconstruction conferences and to perform construction-phase observations.

Give Constructors a Complete Report and Guidance

Some owners and design professionals mistakenly believe they can shift unanticipated-subsurface-conditions liability to constructors by limiting the information they provide for bid preparation. To help prevent the costly, contentious problems this practice has caused, include the complete geotechnical-engineering report, along with any attachments or appendices, with your contract documents, *but be certain to note*

conspicuously that you’ve included the material for information purposes only. To avoid misunderstanding, you may also want to note that “informational purposes” means constructors have no right to rely on the interpretations, opinions, conclusions, or recommendations in the report. Be certain that constructors know they may learn about specific project requirements, including options selected from the report, *only* from the design drawings and specifications. Remind constructors that they may perform their own studies if they want to, and *be sure to allow enough time* to permit them to do so. Only then might you be in a position to give constructors the information available to you, while requiring them to at least share some of the financial responsibilities stemming from unanticipated conditions. Conducting prebid and preconstruction conferences can also be valuable in this respect.

Read Responsibility Provisions Closely

Some client representatives, design professionals, and constructors do not realize that geotechnical engineering is far less exact than other engineering disciplines. This happens in part because soil and rock on project sites are typically heterogeneous and not manufactured materials with well-defined engineering properties like steel and concrete. That lack of understanding has nurtured unrealistic expectations that have resulted in disappointments, delays, cost overruns, claims, and disputes. To confront that risk, geotechnical engineers commonly include explanatory provisions in their reports. Sometimes labeled “limitations,” many of these provisions indicate where geotechnical engineers’ responsibilities begin and end, to help others recognize their own responsibilities and risks. *Read these provisions closely.* Ask questions. Your geotechnical engineer should respond fully and frankly.

Geoenvironmental Concerns Are Not Covered

The personnel, equipment, and techniques used to perform an environmental study – e.g., a “phase-one” or “phase-two” environmental site assessment – differ significantly from those used to perform a geotechnical-engineering study. For that reason, a geotechnical-engineering report does not usually provide environmental findings, conclusions, or recommendations; e.g., about the likelihood of encountering underground storage tanks or regulated contaminants. *Unanticipated subsurface environmental problems have led to project failures.* If you have not obtained your own environmental information about the project site, ask your geotechnical consultant for a recommendation on how to find environmental risk-management guidance.

Obtain Professional Assistance to Deal with Moisture Infiltration and Mold

While your geotechnical engineer may have addressed groundwater, water infiltration, or similar issues in this report, the engineer’s services were not designed, conducted, or intended to prevent migration of moisture – including water vapor – from the soil through building slabs and walls and into the building interior, where it can cause mold growth and material-performance deficiencies. Accordingly, *proper implementation of the geotechnical engineer’s recommendations will not of itself be sufficient to prevent moisture infiltration.* Confront the risk of moisture infiltration by including building-envelope or mold specialists on the design team. *Geotechnical engineers are not building-envelope or mold specialists.*



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