

FINAL DRAINAGE PLAN AND REPORT

16140 OLD DENVER ROAD

PART OF THE NW1/4 SEC. 26, T.11S., R.67W., 6th P.M.

EL PASO COUNTY

February 3, 2017

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January 5, 2018

Revised
October 23, 2019

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Prepared for

All About Outdoor Storage

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ATTN: *Gilbert LaFarge*

SUBJECT: Drainage Plan and Report
All About Outdoor Storage PPR-16-037

Transmitted herewith for your review and approval is the drainage plan and report for All About Outdoor Storage at 16140 Old Denver Road in El Paso County. This report will accompany the change in use request for subject development, as requested in your review letter of January 6, 2017. It has been revised in accordance with our meeting with you and Elizabeth Nijkamp April 17, 2017, subsequent additional surveys performed at your request, and your comments of January 5, 2018, January 28, 2020, and Marcy 12, 2020. This plan will reflect the anticipated ultimate development of the entire site.

Please contact me if I may provide any further information.

Oliver E. Watts, Consulting Engineer, Inc.

BY: 
Oliver E. Watts, President

Encl:

Drainage Report, 7 pages
Computations, 9 pages
FEMA Map Panel No. 08041C0286 G
SCS Soils Map and Interpretation Sheet
Backup Information, 6 sheets
Vivid Report, 8 pages
Drainage Plan, Dwg 17-4958-03
Erosion Control Details, Dwg 17-4958-05

1. ENGINEER'S STATEMENT:

The attached drainage plan and report were prepared under my direction and supervision and are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. Said drainage report has been prepared according to the criteria established by the County for drainage reports and said report is in conformity with the applicable master plan of the drainage basin. I accept responsibility for any liability caused by any negligent acts, errors or omissions on my part in preparing this report.

Oliver E. Watts, Consulting Engineer, Inc.

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2. OWNERS / DEVELOPER'S STATEMENT:

I the owner / developer have read and will comply with all of the requirements specified in this drainage report and plan.

All About Outdoor Storage

By: _____
16140 Old Denver Road
P.O. Box 73
Monument, CO 80132-0073

3. EL PASO COUNTY:

Filed in accordance with the requirements of the El Paso Land Development Code, Drainage Criteria Manual Volumes 1 and 2, and the Engineering Criteria Manual, as amended.

Jennifer Irvine, P.E.,
County Engineer / ECM Administrator

date

Conditions:

4. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION:

All About Outdoor Storage is located at 16140 Old Denver Road adjacent to the Southerly City limits for the Town of Monument in Section 26, T.11S., R.67W. of the 6th P.M. in El Paso County. A change in land use from a landscape rock yard to a RV storage use was requested, and this report is a result of the 1st County review letter of January 6, 2017. The effect of this change in use is analyzed.

The site is located on Teachout Creek, and unstudied drainage basin lying south of Dirty Woman Creek. None of the requirements in the Dirty Woman Creek MDBPS affect this site. This and adjacent sites drain westerly to the Union Pacific Railroad right of way and southerly into the Teachout Creek Creek crossing, which immediately discharges into Monument Creek. The drainage outfall from this site remains on private ground east of the railroad right of way.

The front portion of the total property is leased and used by All About Outdoor Storage, and the rear is used for equipment storage by another owner, as shown on the drainage plan. The existing detention pond near the southwest corner was constructed in 1986; however the County files could not be found. There is no history of drainage problems with the existing construction and it does not appear that the outlet works or spillway have discharged since construction.

5. FLOOD PLAIN STATEMENT:

This subdivision is not within the limits of a flood plain or flood hazard area, according to FEMA map panel number 08041C0286 G, dated December 7, 2018, a copy of which is enclosed for reference.

6. METHOD AND CRITERIA:

The method used for all computations is that specified in the City-County Drainage Criteria Manual, using the rational method for areas of the size of the development. Detention computations are based on UD-Detention work sheets, for existing and full spectrum detention conditions. All computations are enclosed for reference and review. The approach is to use as many of the existing facilities as possible, consistent with the referenced meetings with El Paso County personnel.

The soils in the subdivision have been mapped by the local USDA/SCS office, and a soils map and interpretation sheet are enclosed for reference. All soils in this area are of hydrologic group "B" within the affected area.

7. DESCRIPTION OF RUNOFF:

The major change in the development resulting from the proposed change of use is a change in the pavement over the storage site from gravel to a shaved asphalt surface, in order to mitigate dust. The site is totally graded and runoff is westerly to an existing detention pond in the southwest corner adjacent to the D&RG railroad right of way. Existing and proposed runoffs are computed contrasting the two pavement types and the detention pond is analyzed in accordance with its intended use as a full spectrum extended detention basin.

Basin A consists of the total All About Outdoor Storage property and sheet flows to the westerly boundary where the historic runoff of 15.9 cfs / 31.8 cfs (5-year / 100- year runoffs), increases to 22.7 cfs / 49.9 cfs. The historic gravel surface of this site is analyzed to represent total shaved asphaltic pavement, rolled and compacted in place over the entire property, including the entrance roadway. This runoff will sheet flow in the historic manner into the equipment storage portion of the site. No change in grading will be required, nor will drainage structures of any sort be required.

Basis B consists of the majority of the equipment storage portion of the property, and is anticipated to develop in similar manor to Basin A, consisting of a native gravel surface. It now has numerous pieces of

construction equipment in storage but will be configured for vehicle storage similar to that in Basin A. An existing metal building constructed in 1999 will remain in place. The total runoff will sheet flow to the existing detention pond in the southwest corner of the site. The combined historic runoff at the pond site of 19.1 cfs / 41.5 cfs will be increased to 22.4 cfs / 49.6 cfs, based on an anticipated total impervious ratio of 70%. No additional drainage provisions will be required other than normal maintenance of existing facilities.

The existing detention pond was originally constructed in 1986 as a detention basin for peak flow mitigation, along with those of similar structures on the two adjacent northerly lots. No design details are on file. For the required full spectrum pond a water quality capture volume (WQCV) of 0.238 Acre Feet (AF) would be required, along with a 100-year detention of 2.11 AF and other required volumes as shown on the enclosed Stage-storage builder computation sheet. Based on the as-built topography shown on the enclosed drainage plan, the pond extends to a total depth of over four feet to an existing spillway in the northwest corner of the pond. The total storage in the pond to the spillway is 0.155 acre feet, with 0.559 acre feet available to the top of the embankment. There are two 8-inch drains stubbed into the pond, exiting into a 5 foot diameter vertical RCP outlet works, with an 8- inch PVC outlet works, discharging onto the owner's property to the south. As shown on the computation sheet, this vertical outlet works and outfall pipe cannot accommodate the total 100-year runoff. The 8-inch PVC outlet pipe would require replacement by a 27" HDPE to fully contain the 100-year runoff.

The existing pond, however, shows no sign of erosion at the spillway or along the embankment, and there is no sign that the outlet pipe has ever carried runoff. It apparently has functioned adequately since its construction in 1986, giving it a current history of nearly 33 years adequate service. Because of this, an infiltration test was taken by Vivid geotechnical, the results of which are enclosed. The anticipated infiltration values are incorporated into the design sheets.

In order to contain the required WQCV and provide a micro pool, the pond invert is lowered one foot and enlarged to the point that the WQCV level roughly corresponds to below top of the 60" riser. The WQCV is at a depth of 1.48 feet, or elevation 82.33. The pond above this level is further enlarged to contain the 100-year detention and a controlled inlet is constructed by drainage swales into a trickle channel and then into a concrete lined forebay. The 60" RPC outlet is replaced by a CDOT Type C modified inlet. Several of these were installed in the latest I-25 improvement project. The inflow hydrographs were computed and routed through the pond as shown on the enclosed UD-Detention work sheets. The 100 year outflow is reduced to 26.3 cfs at a depth of 3.23 feet above pond bottom, or elevation 82.30. Just above that level, a spillway is provided in the form of a trapezoidal channel with 4:1 slopes to pass the complete 100-year inflow as required, in case the outlet is plugged.

The outfall of the 27" RCP outlet pipe is within a small triangular portion of the boundary of this parcel as shown on the drainage plan. A channel runs southerly from there through a dense willow patch and outside the railroad right of way to the Teachout Creek channel that crosses the railroad into Monument Creek as shown on the enclosed FEMA map. Computations sheets are enclosed showing that the channel is stable through the willow thicket and needs no improvement.

Access ramps are to be provided as shown on the drainage plan to provide County required construction vehicular access to the pond for maintenance.

Basin "C" consists of an area adjacent to the D&RG right of way that was constructed to provide a dike routing the runoff into the pond, and is a range land type cover. The runoff is 0.1cfs /0.5cfs into the right of way

8. FOUR STEP PROCESS

The following process has been followed to minimize adverse impacts of urbanization

A. Employ Reduction Practiced: The scope of the development has been minimized consistent with zoning requirements to present the minimum footprint in providing a commercial development of the type proposed by the owner. The pavements chosen create a minimum of runoff consistent with the requirement amount of protection. The undisturbed portions are to be landscaped to increase the pervious percent.

B. Stabilize Drainageways: The site will be graded to route the runoff over improved installations to provide channel stabilizing in the natural erosive material over the site. Improvements above those shown on the approved plans will be made on an as-needed basis. Discharge from the site will be into a stable channel, being the historic discharge location. An analysis of this channel is included in the computations. There will be no adverse affect on downstream developments as a result of this subdivision

C. Provide Water Quality Capture Volume (WQCV): The above described EDB is to be provided to provide water quality treatment and a reduced rate of discharge from the development as specified by County regulations. Details are shown on the enclosed ED-Detention work sheets, as summarized above. That portion to be graded at this time is below one acre. The WQCV will be released through the orifice plate figuration in the outlet structure.

D. Consider Need for Industrial and Commercial BMP's: This is a commercial RV storage site, so source control problems will be a minimum. During construction of the detention pond and site improvements, standard site specific state of the art BMP's will be employed to minimize and mitigate erosive problems. Grading and erosion control plans will be submitted for approval as required.

9. COST ESTIMATE:

All items are private.

Item No.	Description	Quantity	Unit Cost	Cost
1	Pond Excavation	1708 CY	\$ 5.00	\$ 8,540.00
2	Pond Embankment	186 CY	10.00	1,860.00
3	CDOT type C modified outlet	LS	10,000.00	10,000.00
4	27" HDPE	38 LF	20	760.00
Subtotal Construction Cost				\$ 21,160.00
Engineering		10%		2,116.00
Total Estimated Cost				\$ 23,276.00

9. FEES:

Fees are not applicable

10. SUMMARY

The "All About Outdoor Storage" site is a 12.090 acre commercial RV storage site. The front (east) 7.002 acre portion is now in use for that purpose, and the rear remainder is vacant storage except for the existing detention pond in the Southwest corner. The proposed drainage facilities will adequately convey, detain and outfall runoff from the site to existing sufficient downstream

facilities. These facilities are designed so that the total site may be used for RV storage without further revision to the drainage plan and facilities. Site runoff and storm drain and appurtenances will not adversely affect the downstream and surrounding developments.

The drainage analysis has been prepared in accordance with the current City of Colorado Springs and El Paso County Drainage Criteria Manual. Supporting information and calculations are included in this report.

References

1. City/ County Drainage Criteria Manuel, Volumes 1 and 2, May, 2014
2. El Paso County Engineering Criteria Manual.

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STREET AND STORM SEWER CALCULATIONS

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STREET AND STORM SEWER CALCULATIONS
PROJECT: 16140 OLD DENVER ROAD
BY: O.E. WATTS **DATE: 1-27-17, 1-5-18**

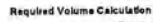
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Project: All About Outdoor Storage, 16140 Old Denver Road, El Paso County, Colorado

Basin ID: Full Spectrum Detention Pond



Optional User Override 1-yr Precipitation	
1.10	inches
1.50	inches
1.75	inches
2.00	inches
2.25	inches
2.50	inches
	inches

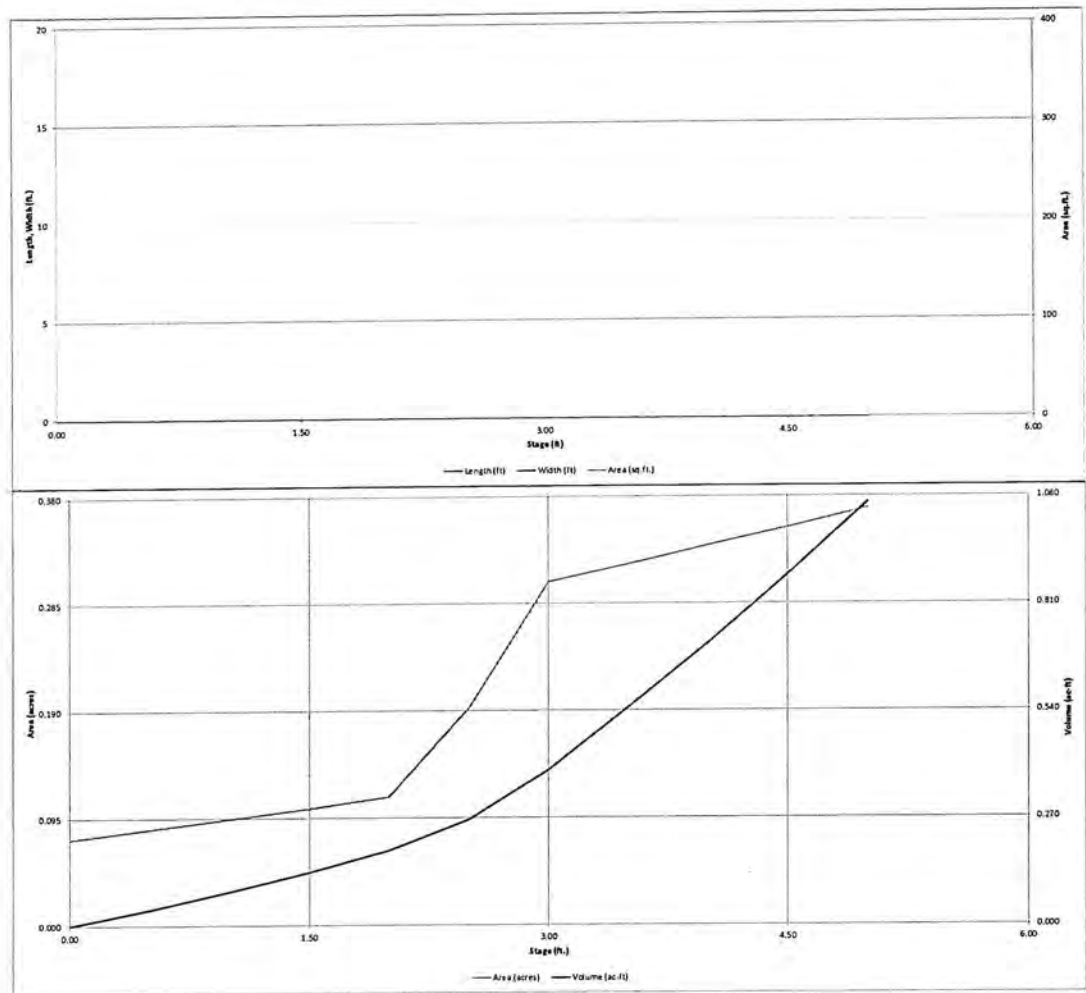
Zone 1 Volume (V _{QVC})	0.155	acre-feet
Zone 2 Volume (E _{URV} - Zone 1)	0.456	acre-feet
Zone 3 Volume (100-year - Zone 2)	0.458	acre-feet
Total Detention Basin Volume	1.049	acre-feet
Initial Surge Volume (SV)	N/A	ft ³
Initial Surge Depth (SD)	N/A	ft
Total Available Detention Depth (H _{det})	4.87	ft
Depth of Trickle Channel (H _{tr})	N/A	ft
Slope of Trickle Channel (S _{tr})	N/A	ft/ft
Slopes of Main Basin Channels (S _{ch})	4.87	H/V
Basin Length-to-Width Ratio (L _{bw})	4.87	

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DETENTION BASIN STAGE-STORAGE TABLE BUILDER

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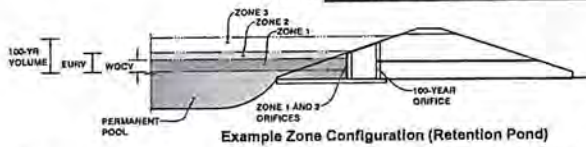
Detention Basin Outlet Structure Design

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Basin ID: full Spectrum Detention Pond

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	Stage (ft)	Zone Volume (ac-ft)	Outlet Type
Zone 1 (WQCV)	1.69	0.155	Filtration Media
Zone 2 (EURV)	3.64	0.436	Orifice Plate
Zone 3 (100-year)	4.97	0.458	Weir&Pipe (Restrict)
		1.049	Total

User Input: Orifice at Underdrain Outlet (typically used to drain WQCV in a Filtration BMP)

Underdrain Orifice Invert Depth = ft (distance below the filtration media surface)
Underdrain Orifice Diameter = 4.00 inches

Calculated Parameters for Underdrain
Underdrain Orifice Area = 0.1 ft²
Underdrain Orifice Centroid = 0.17 feet

User Input: Orifice Plate with one or more orifices or Elliptical Slot Weir (typically used to drain WQCV and/or EURV in a sedimentation BMP)

Invert of Lowest Orifice = 0.10 ft (relative to basin bottom at Stage = 0 ft)
Depth at top of Zone using Orifice Plate = 2.40 ft (relative to basin bottom at Stage = 0 ft)
Orifice Plate: Orifice Vertical Spacing = 3.00 inches
Orifice Plate: Orifice Area per Row = 1.33 sq. inches (diameter = 1-5/16 inches)

Calculated Parameters for Orifice Plate
WQ Orifice Area = N/A ft²
Elliptical Slot Weir Area = N/A ft²
Elliptical Slot Area = N/A ft²

Consider revising to provide a maximum of 3 rows of orifice holes per MHFD recommendation.

User Input: Stage and Total Area of Each Orifice Row (numbered from lowest to highest)

	Row 1 (required)	Row 2 (optional)	Row 3 (optional)	Row 4 (optional)	Row 5 (optional)	Row 6 (optional)	Row 7 (optional)	Row 8 (optional)
Stage of Orifice Centroid (ft)	0.10	0.35	0.60	0.85	1.10	1.35	1.60	1.85
Orifice Area (sq. inches)	1.33	1.33	1.33	1.33	1.33	1.33	1.33	1.33

	Row 9 (optional)	Row 10 (optional)	Row 11 (optional)	Row 12 (optional)	Row 13 (optional)	Row 14 (optional)	Row 15 (optional)	Row 16 (optional)
Stage of Orifice Centroid (ft)	2.10							
Orifice Area (sq. inches)	1.33							

User Input: Vertical Orifice (Circular or Rectangular)

Invert of Vertical Orifice = Not Selected ft (relative to basin bottom at Stage = 0 ft)
Depth at top of Zone using Vertical Orifice = Not Selected ft (relative to basin bottom at Stage = 0 ft)
Vertical Orifice Diameter = Not Selected inches

Calculated Parameters for Vertical Orifice
Vertical Orifice Area = Not Selected ft²
Vertical Orifice Centroid = Not Selected feet

User Input: Overflow Weir (Dropbox) and Grate (Flat or Sloped)

Overflow Weir Front Edge Height, H_o = 2.77 ft (relative to basin bottom at Stage = 0 ft)
Overflow Weir Front Edge Length = 3.92 feet
Overflow Weir Slope = 0.00 H:V (enter zero for flat grate)
Horiz. Length of Weir Sides = 3.92 feet
Overflow Grate Open Area % = 85% % grate open area/total area
Debris Clogging % = 0% %

Calculated Parameters for Overflow Weir
Height of Grate Upper Edge, H_g = 2.77 feet
Over Flow Weir Slope Length = 3.92 feet
Grate Open Area / 100-yr Orifice Area = N/A should be ≥ 4
Overflow Grate Open Area w/o Debris = 13.06 ft²
Overflow Grate Open Area w/ Debris = 13.06 ft²

User Input: Outlet Pipe w/ Flow Restriction Plate (Circular Orifice, Restrictor Plate, or Rectangular Orifice)

Depth to Invert of Outlet Pipe = 2.77 ft (distance below basin bottom at Stage = 0 ft)
Outlet Pipe Diameter = 27.00 inches
Restrictor Plate Height Above Pipe Invert = Not Selected inches

Calculated Parameters for Outlet Pipe w/ Flow Restriction Plate
Outlet Orifice Area = Not Selected ft²
Outlet Orifice Centroid = Not Selected feet
Half-Central Angle of Restrictor Plate on Pipe = Not Selected radians

User Input: Emergency Spillway (Rectangular or Trapezoidal)

Spillway Invert Stage = 5.00 ft (relative to basin bottom at Stage = 0 ft)
Spillway Crest Length = 57.00 feet
Spillway End Slopes = 4.00 H:V
Freeboard above Max Water Surface = 2.50 feet

Calculated Parameters for Spillway
Spillway Design Flow Depth = 0.30 feet
Stage at Top of Freeboard = 7.80 feet
Basin Area at Top of Freeboard = 0.37 acres

Routed Hydrograph Results

	WQCV	EURV	2 Year	5 Year	10 Year	25 Year	50 Year	100 Year	500 Year
Design Storm Return Period	0.53	1.07	1.19	1.50	1.75	2.00	2.25	2.52	0.00
One-Hour Rainfall Depth (in)	0.155	0.591	0.474	0.650	0.887	1.253	1.505	1.836	0.000
OPTIONAL Override Runoff Volume (acre-ft)									
Inflow Hydrograph Volume (acre-ft)	0.154	0.590	0.474	0.650	0.886	1.252	1.504	1.835	#N/A
Predevelopment Unit Peak Flow, q (cfs/acre)	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.02	0.19	0.63	0.87	1.17	0.00
Predevelopment Peak Q (cfs)	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.2	2.2	7.2	10.0	13.5	0.0
Peak Inflow Q (cfs)	2.5	9.4	7.5	10.3	14.0	19.7	23.6	28.8	#N/A
Peak Outflow Q (cfs)	0.2	5.0	2.7	6.0	10.1	16.3	21.1	26.3	#N/A
Ratio Peak Outflow to Predevelopment Q	N/A	N/A	N/A	26.4	4.7	2.2	2.1	1.9	N/A
Structure Controlling Flow	Plate	Overflow Grate 1	Overflow Grate 1	Overflow Grate 1	Overflow Grate 1	Overflow Grate 1	Overflow Grate 1	Overflow Grate 1	N/A
Max Velocity through Grate 1 (fps)	N/A	-0.04	-0.04	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	N/A
Max Velocity through Grate 2 (fps)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Time to Drain 97% of Inflow Volume (hours)	>120	30	33	29	25	20	19	17	N/A
Time to Drain 99% of Inflow Volume (hours)	>120	>120	>120	>120	40	35	33	30	N/A
Maximum Ponding Depth (ft)	1.46	2.91	2.86	2.93	3.01	3.10	3.17	3.23	N/A
Area at Maximum Ponding Depth (acres)	0.10	0.28	0.27	0.29	0.30	0.31	0.31	0.31	N/A
Maximum Volume Stored (acre-ft)	0.130	0.364	0.347	0.369	0.390	0.421	0.439	0.461	N/A

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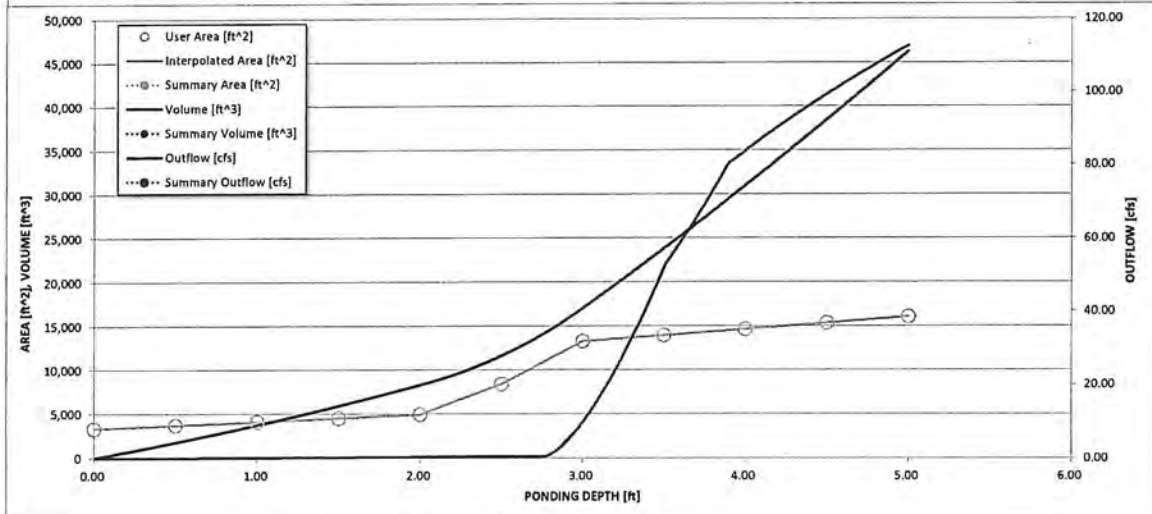
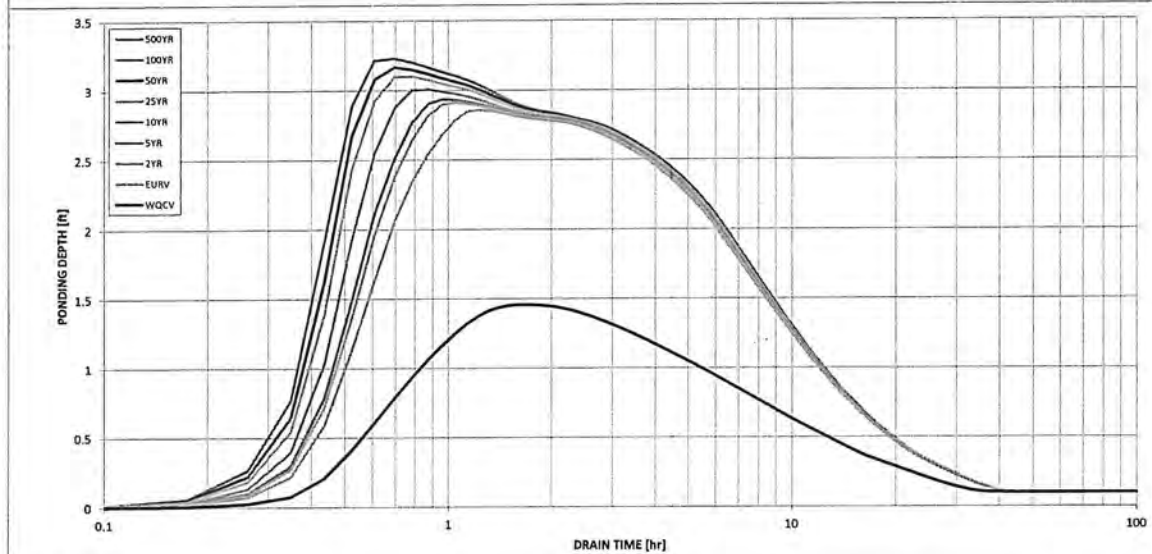
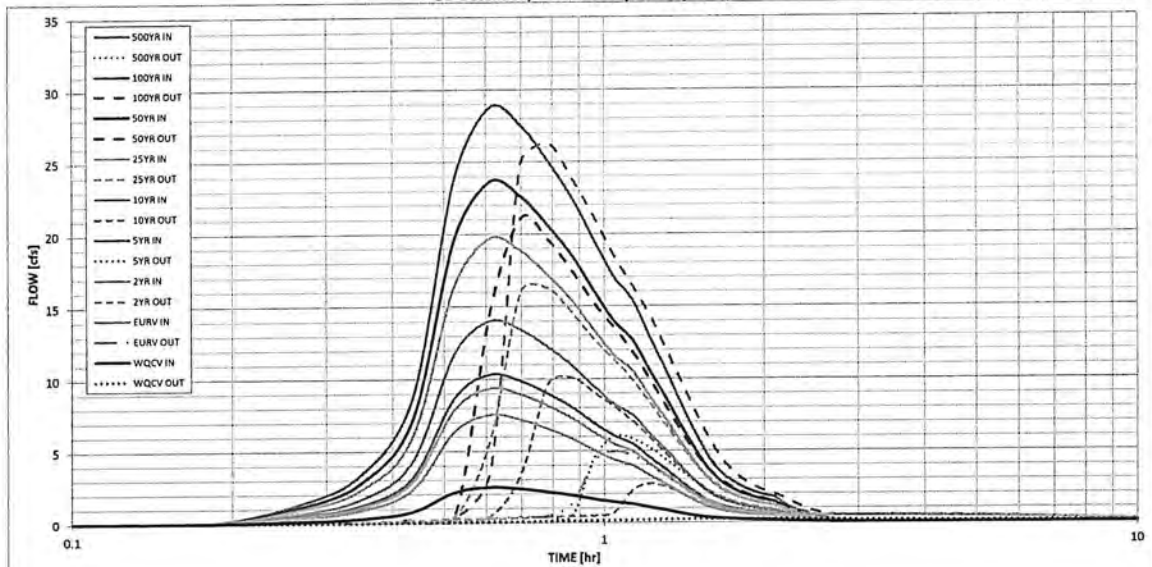
Revise design to meet release time criteria for the WQCV

Revise design to release at or below predevelopment Q

87.30 Max WQ

Detention Basin Outlet Structure Design

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S-A-V-D Chart Axis Override	X-axis	Left Y-Axis	Right Y-Axis
minimum bound			
maximum bound			

Detention Basin Outlet Structure Design

Outflow Hydrograph Workbook Filename:

Storm Inflow Hydrographs

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The user can override the calculated inflow hydrographs from this workbook with inflow hydrographs developed in a separate program.

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HISTORIC POND

DETAILS

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EXISTING ROAD STORAGE CURVE

	WSE	X-SF	V-CF	INFILTRATION CFS
Left	6781.78	-0-	0	-0-
	82	2283.3	251.7	0.084
	83	5169.6	3726.4	0.190
1/2	84	6266.5	5718.1	0.230
1/2	85	7271.9	6769.2	0.267
Top	6786	8518.2	7895.0	0.312

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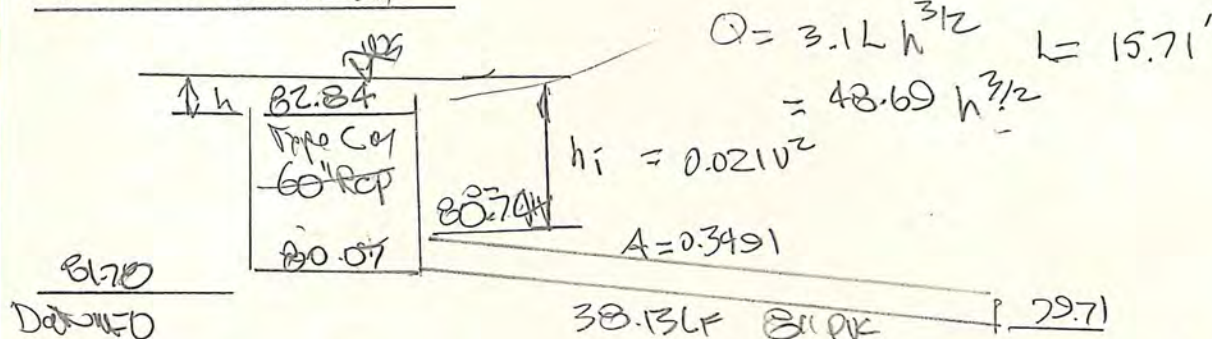
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$$INF = 48.3 \text{ CM/AR}$$

$$\div 30.48006 = 1.5846 \text{ "/AR}$$

$$= 0.00036682 \text{ FT/SEC}$$

OUTLET CAPACITY



Stage	WSE	h	Q	h	V	Q	Q out CFS
0	81.78	0	0	0	0	0	0.08
0.22	82	0	0	0	0	0	0.173
1.06	82.84	0	0	0	0	0	3.31
1.22	83.0	0.16	3.12	2.26	10.37	3.62	4.58
2.22	84.0	1.16	60.83	3.26	12.45	4.35	5.24
3.22	85.0	2.16	194.6	4.26	14.24	4.97	5.84
4.22	86.0	3.16	273.5	5.26	15.82	5.52	

CURVE No Sep 1 87

Prop A+B

$$A = 11.55 \text{ AC}$$

$$L = 100 + 65 + 380 = 1130'$$

$$H = 30'$$

$$S = 2.69\%$$

$$16.80 \text{ ACC } 2008$$

$$+ 466 \text{ ACC } 4008$$

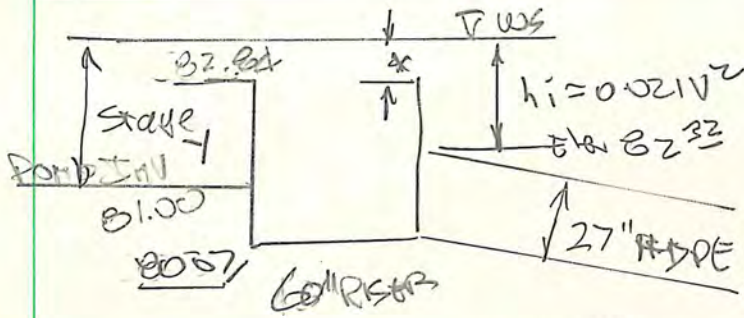
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PROPOSED POND
OTHER CAPACITY

Q=0

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$$* Q = 3.1 L h^{3/2} \quad L = 12^{57}$$

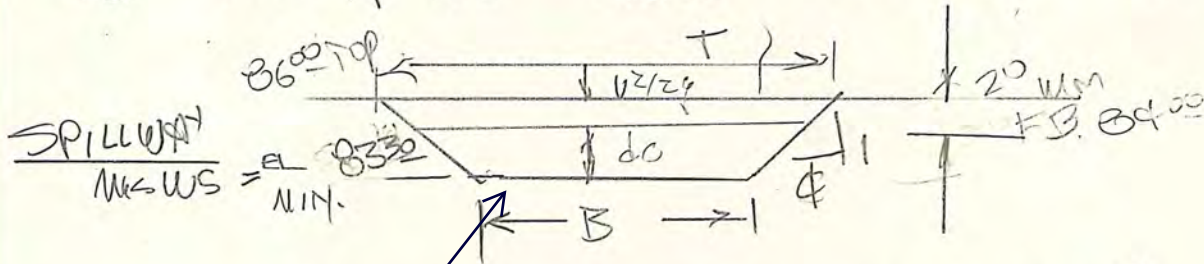
$$= 38.567 h^{3/2}$$

$$\text{Type C: } Q = 29.9535 h^{0.5}$$

Use $Q_{\text{sum}} + \text{Inlet} + \text{Freight}$

National Brand
43-381 50 SHEETS EYE EASE® 5 SQUARES
43-382 100 SHEETS EYE EASE® 5 SQUARES
43-389 200 SHEETS EYE EASE® 5 SQUARES

Type C Q	STAGE T	WS Elev	Type C h	Type C Q	27" RCP hi	27" RCP V	Q
0	0.00	81.00 Inp	0	0	0	0	0
0	1.84						
12.0	2.00	83.00	0.16	2.49	0.68	5.69	22.63
24.3	2.50	83.50	0.66	20.89	1.18	7.50	29.80
32.3	3.00	84.00	1.16	40.68	1.68	8.94	35.56
38.6	3.50	84.50	1.66	83.34	2.18	10.19	40.51
44.0	4.00	85.00	2.16	123.70	2.68	11.30	44.92
48.9	4.50	85.50	2.66	169.05	3.18	12.30	48.93
53.2	5.00	86.00 Top	3.16	218.89	3.68	13.24	52.63



$$Q_{\text{sum}} = 29.8 \text{ cfs} \quad (Q_{\text{sum}} \text{ In}) \quad FR = 1 @ dc = \frac{V}{\sqrt{g y}}$$

$$dc + \frac{V^2}{2g} = 0.07 \quad y = A/T$$

$$V @ dc = 0.07$$

$$A = 29.8$$

$$A = B d$$

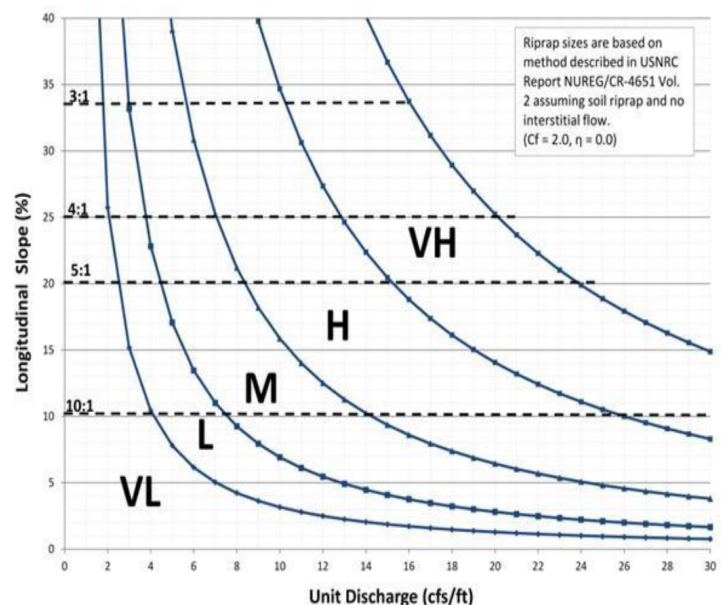
$$C d$$

$$20.00$$

$$25.00$$

Provide the erosion protection calculation for the spillway. See table to the right taken from the City DCM for spillway protection. Include in the resubmittal

Figure 13-12d. Riprap Types for Emergency Spillway Protection



Worksheet for Irregular Section - 1

Project Description		
Flow Element:	Irregular Section	
Friction Method:	Manning Formula	
Solve For:	Normal Depth	

Input Data		
Channel Slope:	0.02400	ft/ft
Discharge:	26.30	ft³/s

Options		
Current Roughness Weighted Methd	ImprovedLotters	
Open Channel Weighted Roughnes	ImprovedLotters	
Closed Channel Weighted Roughne	Hortons	

Results		
Roughness Coefficient:	0.100	
Water Surface Elevation:	78.00	ft
Elevation Range:	76.69 to 78.82 ft	
Flow Area:	16.37	ft²
Wetted Perimeter:	28.08	ft
Top Width:	27.92	ft
Normal Depth:	1.31	ft
Critical Depth:	0.87	ft
Critical Slope:	0.19411	ft/ft
Velocity:	1.61	ft/s
Velocity Head:	0.04	ft
Specific Energy:	1.35	ft
Froude Number:	0.37	
Flow Type:	Subcritical	

Segment Roughness		
Start Station	End Station	Roughness Coefficient
(-0+22, 78.82)	(0+32, 78.42)	0.100

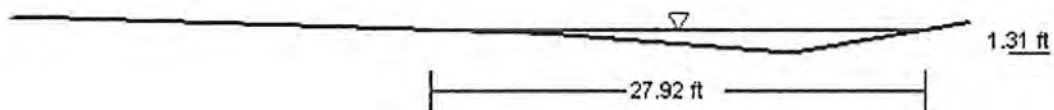
Section Geometry	
Station	Elevation
-0+22	78.82
0+08	77.78

Worksheet for Irregular Section - 1

Station	Elevation
0+22	76.69
0+32	78.42

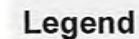
**17-4958 All About Outdoor Storage, 0+56.18 Outrill Channel
Cross Section for Irregular Section - 1**

Project Description		
Flow Element:	Irregular Section	
Friction Method:	Manning Formula	
Solve For:	Normal Depth	
Section Data		
Roughness Coefficient:	0.100	
Channel Slope:	0.02400	ft/ft
Normal Depth:	1.31	ft
Elevation Range:	76.69 to 78.82 ft	
Discharge:	26.30	ft³/s

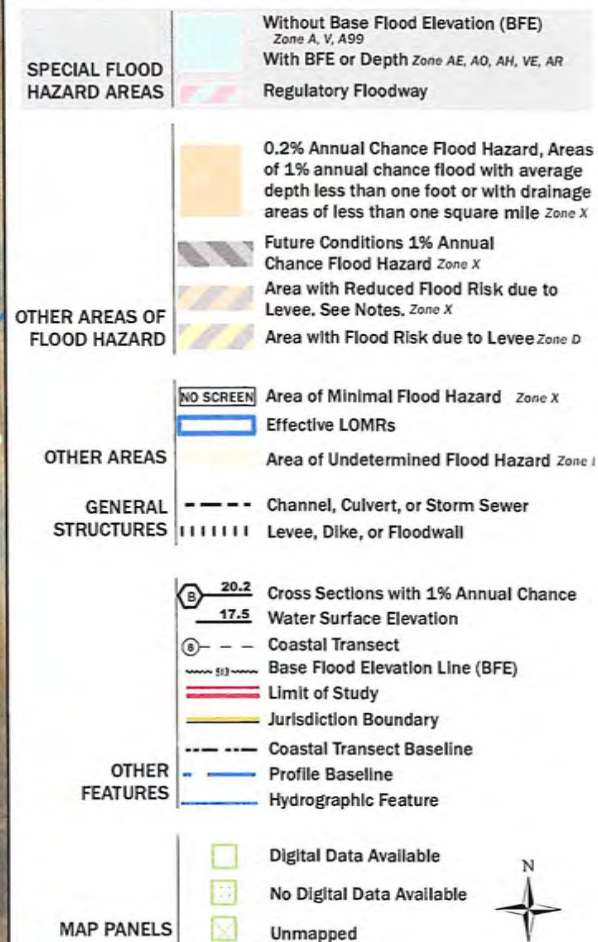



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39°4'11.55"N



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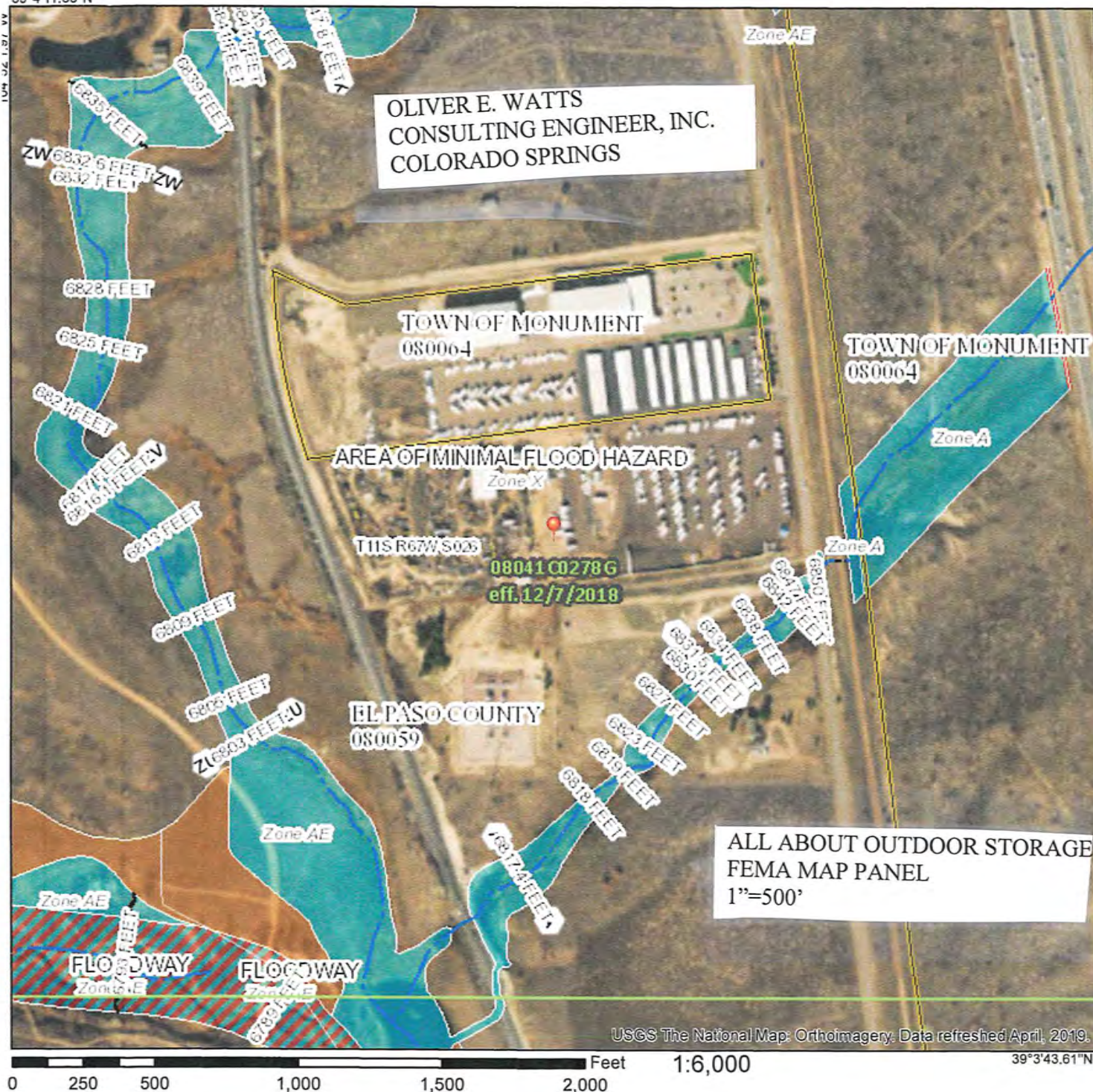


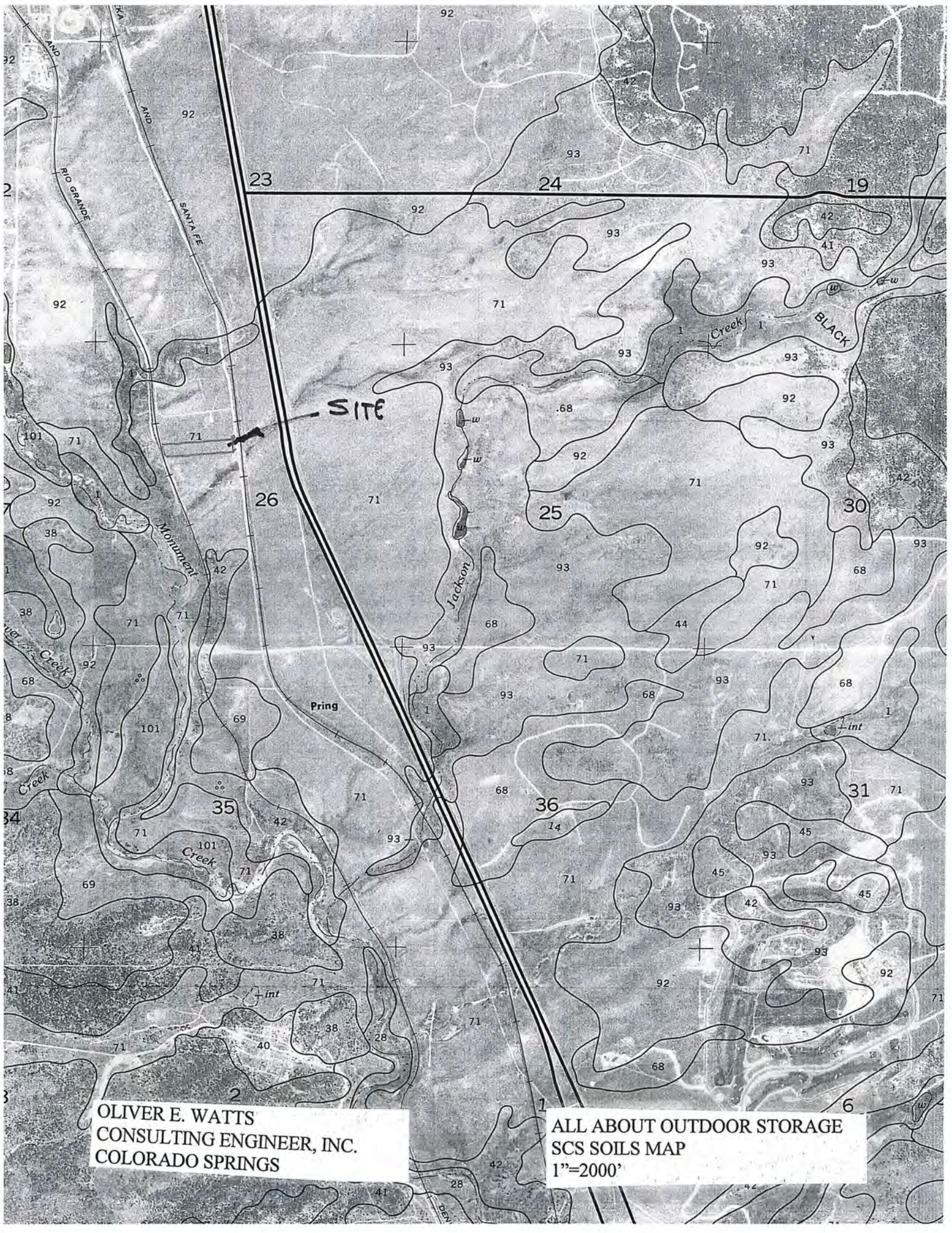
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ALL ABOUT OUTDOOR STORAGE
SCS SOILS MAP
1"=2000'

TABLE 16.--SOIL AND WATER FEATURES--Continued

Soil name and map symbol	Hydro-logic group	Flooding			Bedrock		Potential frost action
		Frequency	Duration	Months	Depth	Hardness	
Manvel: 50-----	C	None-----	---	---	In >60	---	High.
Manzanola: 51, 52, 53-----	C	None to rare	---	---	>60	---	Moderate.
Midway: 54-----	D	None-----	---	---	10-20	Rippable	Moderate.
Nederland: 55-----	B	None-----	---	---	>60	---	Moderate.
Nelson: 156: Nelson part----	B	None-----	---	---	20-40	Rippable	Low.
Tassel part----	D	None-----	---	---	10-20	Rippable	Low.
Neville: 57-----	B	None-----	---	---	>60	---	High.
158: Neville part----	B	None-----	---	---	>60	---	High.
Rednun part----	C	None-----	---	---	>60	---	Moderate.
Nunn: 59-----	C	None-----	---	---	>60	---	Moderate.
Olney: 60, 61-----	B	None-----	---	---	>60	---	Moderate.
162: Olney part----	B	None-----	---	---	>60	---	Moderate.
Vona part----	B	None-----	---	---	>60	---	Moderate.
Paunsaugunt: 163: Paunsaugunt part-----	D	None-----	---	---	10-20	Hard	Moderate.
Rock outcrop part-----	D	---	---	---	---	---	---
Penrose: 164: Penrose part----	D	None-----	---	---	10-20	Rippable	Low.
Manvel part----	C	None-----	---	---	>60	---	High.
Perrypark: 65-----	B	None-----	---	---	>60	---	Moderate.
Peyton: 66, 67-----	B	None-----	---	---	>60	---	Moderate.
168, 169: Peyton part----	B	None-----	---	---	>60	---	Moderate.
Pring part----	B	None-----	---	---	>60	---	Moderate.
Pits, gravel: 70-----	A	---	---	---	---	---	---
Pring: 71, 72-----	 B	None-----	---	---	>60	---	Moderate.
Razor: 73, 74-----	C	None-----	---	---	20-40	Rippable	Moderate.

See footnote at end of table.

Table 6-6. Runoff Coefficients for Rational Method
(Source: UDFCD 2001)

Land Use or Surface Characteristics	Percent Impervious	Runoff Coefficients											
		2-year		5-year		10-year		25-year		50-year		100-year	
		HSG A&B	HSG C&D	HSG A&B	HSG C&D	HSG A&B	HSG C&D	HSG A&B	HSG C&D	HSG A&B	HSG C&D	HSG A&B	HSG C&D
Business													
Commercial Areas	95	0.79	0.80	0.81	0.82	0.83	0.84	0.85	0.87	0.87	0.88	0.88	0.89
Neighborhood Areas	70	0.45	0.49	0.49	0.53	0.53	0.57	0.58	0.62	0.60	0.65	0.62	0.68
Residential													
1/8 Acre or less	65	0.41	0.45	0.45	0.49	0.49	0.54	0.54	0.59	0.57	0.62	0.59	0.65
1/4 Acre	40	0.23	0.28	0.30	0.35	0.36	0.42	0.42	0.50	0.46	0.54	0.50	0.58
1/3 Acre	30	0.18	0.22	0.25	0.30	0.32	0.38	0.39	0.47	0.43	0.52	0.47	0.57
1/2 Acre	25	0.15	0.20	0.22	0.28	0.30	0.36	0.37	0.46	0.41	0.51	0.46	0.56
1 Acre	20	0.12	0.17	0.20	0.26	0.27	0.34	0.35	0.44	0.40	0.50	0.44	0.55
Industrial													
Light Areas	80	0.57	0.60	0.59	0.63	0.63	0.66	0.66	0.70	0.68	0.72	0.70	0.74
Heavy Areas	90	0.71	0.73	0.73	0.75	0.75	0.77	0.78	0.80	0.80	0.82	0.81	0.83
Parks and Cemeteries	7	0.05	0.09	0.12	0.19	0.20	0.29	0.30	0.40	0.34	0.46	0.39	0.52
Playgrounds	13	0.07	0.13	0.16	0.23	0.24	0.31	0.32	0.42	0.37	0.48	0.41	0.54
Railroad Yard Areas	40	0.23	0.28	0.30	0.35	0.36	0.42	0.42	0.50	0.46	0.54	0.50	0.58
Undeveloped Areas													
Historic Flow Analysis-- Greenbelts, Agriculture	2	0.03	0.05	0.09	0.16	0.17	0.26	0.26	0.38	0.31	0.45	0.36	0.51
Pasture/Meadow	0	0.02	0.04	0.08	0.15	0.15	0.25	0.25	0.37	0.30	0.44	0.35	0.50
Forest	0	0.02	0.04	0.08	0.15	0.15	0.25	0.25	0.37	0.30	0.44	0.35	0.50
Exposed Rock	100	0.89	0.89	0.90	0.90	0.92	0.92	0.94	0.94	0.95	0.95	0.96	0.96
Offsite Flow Analysis (when landuse is undefined)	45	0.26	0.31	0.32	0.37	0.38	0.44	0.44	0.51	0.48	0.55	0.51	0.59
Streets													
Paved	100	0.89	0.89	0.90	0.90	0.92	0.92	0.94	0.94	0.95	0.95	0.96	0.96
Gravel	80	0.57	0.60	0.59	0.63	0.63	0.66	0.66	0.70	0.68	0.72	0.70	0.74
Drive and Walks	100	0.89	0.89	0.90	0.90	0.92	0.92	0.94	0.94	0.95	0.95	0.96	0.96
Roofs	90	0.71	0.73	0.73	0.75	0.75	0.77	0.78	0.80	0.80	0.82	0.81	0.83
Lawns	0	0.02	0.04	0.08	0.15	0.15	0.25	0.25	0.37	0.30	0.44	0.35	0.50

3.2 Time of Concentration

One of the basic assumptions underlying the Rational Method is that runoff is a function of the average rainfall rate during the time required for water to flow from the hydraulically most remote part of the drainage area under consideration to the design point. However, in practice, the time of concentration can be an empirical value that results in reasonable and acceptable peak flow calculations.

For urban areas, the time of concentration (t_c) consists of an initial time or overland flow time (t_i) plus the travel time (t_f) in the storm sewer, paved gutter, roadside drainage ditch, or drainage channel. For non-urban areas, the time of concentration consists of an overland flow time (t_i) plus the time of travel in a concentrated form, such as a swale or drainageway. The travel portion (t_f) of the time of concentration can be estimated from the hydraulic properties of the storm sewer, gutter, swale, ditch, or drainageway. Initial time, on the other hand, will vary with surface slope, depression storage, surface cover, antecedent rainfall, and infiltration capacity of the soil, as well as distance of surface flow. The time of concentration is represented by Equation 6-7 for both urban and non-urban areas.

$$t_c = t_i + t_r \quad (\text{Eq. 6-7})$$

Where:

t_c = time of concentration (min)

t_i = overland (initial) flow time (min)

t_r = travel time in the ditch, channel, gutter, storm sewer, etc. (min)

3.2.1 Overland (Initial) Flow Time

The overland flow time, t_i , may be calculated using Equation 6-8.

$$t_i = \frac{0.395(1.1 - C_s)\sqrt{L}}{S^{0.33}} \quad (\text{Eq. 6-8})$$

Where:

t_i = overland (initial) flow time (min)

C_s = runoff coefficient for 5-year frequency (see Table 6-6)

L = length of overland flow (300 ft maximum for non-urban land uses, 100 ft maximum for urban land uses)

S = average basin slope (ft/ft)

Note that in some urban watersheds, the overland flow time may be very small because flows quickly concentrate and channelize.

3.2.2 Travel Time

For catchments with overland and channelized flow, the time of concentration needs to be considered in combination with the travel time, t_r , which is calculated using the hydraulic properties of the swale, ditch, or channel. For preliminary work, the overland travel time, t_r , can be estimated with the help of Figure 6-25 or Equation 6-9 (Guo 1999).

$$V = C_v S_w^{0.5} \quad (\text{Eq. 6-9})$$

Where:

V = velocity (ft/s)

C_v = conveyance coefficient (from Table 6-7)

S_w = watercourse slope (ft/ft)

Table 6-7. Conveyance Coefficient, C_v

Type of Land Surface	C_v
Heavy meadow	2.5
Tillage/field	5
Riprap (not buried)*	6.5
Short pasture and lawns	7
Nearly bare ground	10
Grassed waterway	15
Paved areas and shallow paved swales	20

*For buried riprap, select C_v value based on type of vegetative cover.

The travel time is calculated by dividing the flow distance (in feet) by the velocity calculated using Equation 6-9 and converting units to minutes.

The time of concentration (t_c) is then the sum of the overland flow time (t_i) and the travel time (t_t) per Equation 6-7.

3.2.3 First Design Point Time of Concentration in Urban Catchments

Using this procedure, the time of concentration at the first design point (typically the first inlet in the system) in an urbanized catchment should not exceed the time of concentration calculated using Equation 6-10. The first design point is defined as the point where runoff first enters the storm sewer system.

$$t_c = \frac{L}{180} + 10 \quad (\text{Eq. 6-10})$$

Where:

t_c = maximum time of concentration at the first design point in an urban watershed (min)

L = waterway length (ft)

Equation 6-10 was developed using the rainfall-runoff data collected in the Denver region and, in essence, represents regional “calibration” of the Rational Method. Normally, Equation 6-10 will result in a lesser time of concentration at the first design point and will govern in an urbanized watershed. For subsequent design points, the time of concentration is calculated by accumulating the travel times in downstream drainageway reaches.

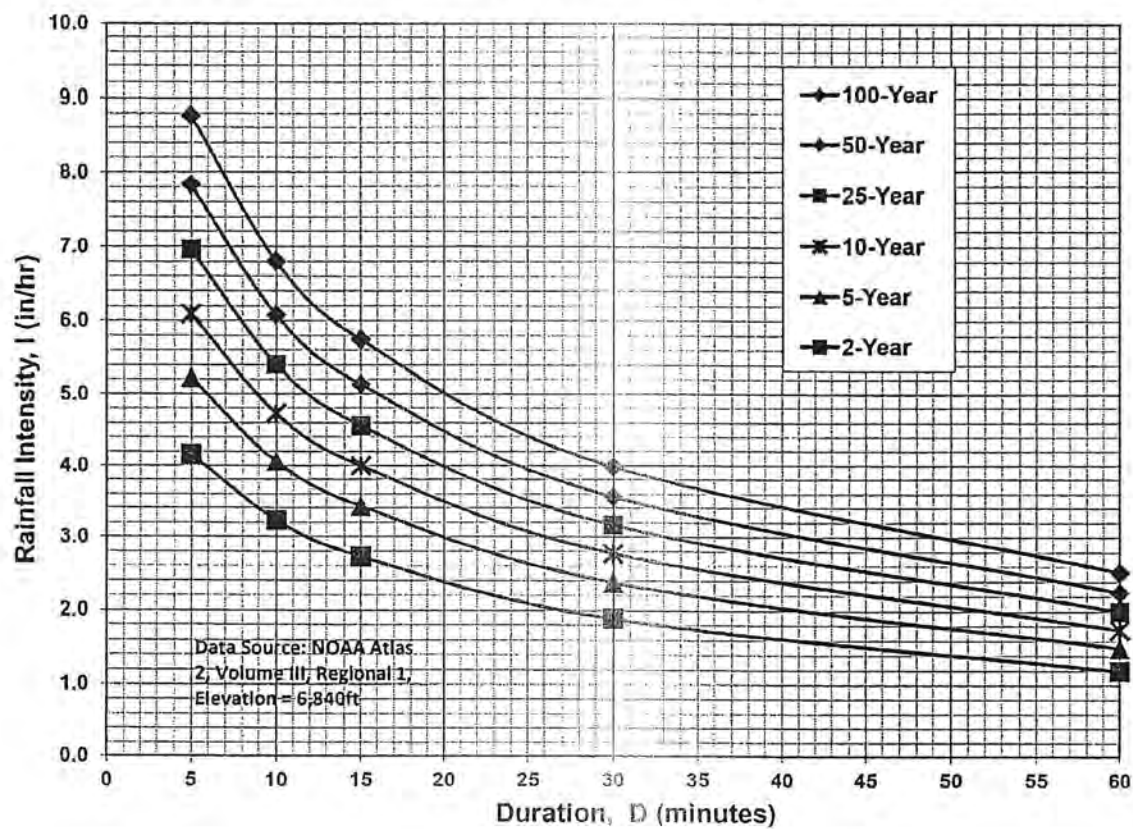
3.2.4 Minimum Time of Concentration

If the calculations result in a t_c of less than 10 minutes for undeveloped conditions, it is recommended that a minimum value of 10 minutes be used. The minimum t_c for urbanized areas is 5 minutes.

3.2.5 Post-Development Time of Concentration

As Equation 6-8 indicates, the time of concentration is a function of the 5-year runoff coefficient for a drainage basin. Typically, higher levels of imperviousness (higher 5-year runoff coefficients) correspond to shorter times of concentration, and lower levels of imperviousness correspond to longer times of

Figure 6-5. Colorado Springs Rainfall Intensity Duration Frequency



IDF Equations

$$I_{100} = -2.52 \ln(D) + 12.735$$

$$I_{50} = -2.25 \ln(D) + 11.375$$

$$I_{25} = -2.00 \ln(D) + 10.111$$

$$I_{10} = -1.75 \ln(D) + 8.847$$

$$I_5 = -1.50 \ln(D) + 7.583$$

$$I_2 = -1.19 \ln(D) + 6.035$$

Note: Values calculated by equations may not precisely duplicate values read from figure.

$$Q = \frac{0.463}{n} D^{8/3} S^{1/2}$$

$$Q = KS^{1/2}$$

DIAMETER -IN.-	AREA -FT ² -	D 8/3 -FT-	K			
			N=0.010	N=0.013	N=0.024	N=0.02
2	0.02182	0.008413	0.3895	---	---	---
4	0.08727	0.053420	2.4733	---	---	---
6	0.19630	0.157500	7.2922	5.609	---	---
8	0.34910	0.339200	15.7050	12.081	---	---
10	0.54540	0.615000	28.4745	21.903	---	---
12	0.78540	1.000000	46.3000	35.615	---	---
15	1.22720	1.813100	83.9465	64.574	---	---
18	1.76710	2.948300	136.5100	105.000	56.88	52.5
21	2.40530	4.447400	205.9100	158.400	85.80	79.2
24	3.14160	6.349600	293.9900	226.140	122.49	113.0
27	3.97610	8.692700	402.4700	309.590	167.70	154.7
30	4.90870	11.512600	533.0300	410.030	222.10	205.0
33	5.93960	14.844100	---	528.680	---	---
36	7.06860	18.720800	866.7700	666.700	361.20	333.3
39	8.29580	23.175100	---	825.400	---	---
42	9.62110	28.238900	---	1005.000	544.80	502.5
48	12.56640	40.317500	---	1436.000	777.80	718.0
54	15.90430	55.195000	---	1966.000	1065.00	983.0
60	19.63500	73.100400	---	2604.000	1410.00	1302.0
66	23.75830	94.254200	---	3357.000	1818.00	1678.0
72	28.27430	118.869400	---	4234.000	2293.00	2117.0
78	33.18310	147.152900	---	5241.000	2839.00	2620.0
84	38.48450	179.306000	---	6386.000	3459.00	3193.0
90	44.17860	215.524500	---	7676.000	4158.00	3838.0
96	50.26550	256.000000	---	9118.000	4939.00	4559.0
108	63.61730	350.466600	---	12480.000	6761.00	6140.0
120	78.53980	464.158900	---	16530.000	8954.00	8265.0

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Subject: Double-Ring Infiltration Test Results

Project: Proposed Detention Pond Facility, All About Outdoor Storage, 16140 Old Denver Road,
Monument, Colorado

Project No: D19-2-189

Dear Kelly:

Vivid Engineering Group, Inc. (VIVID) has performed a double-ring infiltration test in general accordance with ASTM D3385 for the proposed detention pond facility located at 16140 Old Denver Road, Monument, Colorado.

Our services consisted of performing a double-ring infiltration test within the existing detention pond area that is planned for expansion. This effort also included advancing a geotechnical boring to check for lateral drainage during the infiltration test, and obtaining a subgrade sample for soil gradation analysis testing. This letter transmits our results.

FIELD INVESTIGATION

On April 9, 2019, a test pit was excavated within the existing detention pond area by All About Outdoor Storage personnel to a depth of approximately 1.5 feet below the ground surface. This is the approximate depth of the bottom of the proposed detention pond. The double-ring infiltration test was performed on April 9, 2019 within the excavated test location. Photographs depicting the test pit area are presented in Appendix C to letter.

At the completion of the double-ring infiltration test, a boring (boring B-1) was performed within the test pit for the purpose of checking for lateral drainage that may have occurred during the test. The boring was advanced to a depth of approximately 5.5 feet below the existing ground surface using a 3-inch diameter hand auger. A bulk sample was taken of the cuttings from the boring.

Appendix A to this letter includes a boring log describing the subsurface conditions encountered in the profile boring.

SUBGRADE CONDITIONS

From the ground surface down, the general subsurface profile encountered in the boring consisted of olive-yellow poorly graded sand. Neither bedrock nor groundwater were encountered in the profile boring. The boring log in Appendix A should be reviewed for a more detailed description of the subsurface conditions encountered.

LABORATORY TESTING

A sample of the subgrade materials were taken from the profile boring. Geotechnical laboratory testing was conducted and included soil gradation. The poorly graded sand materials were judged to be non-plastic and have only 4 percent fines (percent passing the No. 200 sieve). This type of clean sand material generally exhibits high permeability. Results of the geotechnical laboratory testing are presented in Appendix B.

DOUBLE-RING INFILTRATION TESTING

The average infiltration rate obtained at the test location was approximately **48.3 cm/hour**. Water was not observed moving laterally around the test location, based on the hand excavation of a shallow bore hole adjacent the double-ring infiltrometer test location.

The double-ring infiltration test results are indicative of the granular (sand) soil encountered on the site.

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 and opinions are based on a limited number of observations and data. Data or conclusions presented herein apply to the specific test pit and test locations only. It is likely that subsurface conditions will vary somewhat beyond the locations investigated. 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.

CLOSING

We appreciate this opportunity to serve you, and we look forward to working with you again. Should you have any questions concerning this report, please contact Bill Barreire at 719.491.2292 or wbarreire@vivideg.com, or Benjamin Moore at 720.461.3692 or bmoore@vivideg.com.

Sincerely,



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Senior Geotechnical Engineer



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ATTACHMENTS:

FIGURE 1 – VICINITY MAP

FIGURE 2 – EXPLORATION LOCATION PLAN

APPENDIX A – LOG OF EXPLORATORY BORING

APPENDIX B – LABORATORY TEST RESULTS


APPENDIX C – SITE PHOTOS

APPENDIX D – IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THIS GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING REPORT

Figures




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	Project No: D19-2-189	VICINITY MAP	Figure 1
	Date: April 23, 2019		
	Drawn by: BM	Proposed Detention Pond Facility All About Outdoor Storage Monument, Colorado	
	Reviewed by:WJB		



LEGEND

 = APPROXIMATE LOCATION OF
DOUBLE-RING INFILTRATION TEST
AND EXPLORATORY PROFILE BORING



Not to Scale. Base image obtained from Google Earth Pro on June 9, 2017.



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EXPLORATION LOCATION PLAN
Proposed Detention Pond Facility All About Outdoor Storage Monument, Colorado

Appendix A
Logs of Exploratory Borings



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BORING NUMBER B-1

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CLIENT	All About Outdoor Storage	PROJECT NAME	Proposed Detention Pond Facility
PROJECT NUMBER	D19-2-189	PROJECT LOCATION	Monument, CO
DATE STARTED	4/9/19	COMPLETED	4/9/19
DRILLING CONTRACTOR	VIVID Engineering Group (Hand Auger)	GROUND ELEVATION	
DRILLING METHOD	3" Hand Auger	HOLE SIZE	3 inches
LOGGED BY	Ben Moore	CHECKED BY	W. Barreire
NOTES			
		GROUND WATER LEVELS:	
		AT TIME OF DRILLING	---
		AT END OF DRILLING	---
		AFTER DRILLING	---

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DEPTH (ft)	SAMPLE TYPE NUMBER	TESTS	GRAPHIC LOG	MATERIAL DESCRIPTION
0.0				
2.5				
5.0	GB	Fines = 4.0%		
5.5				

Bottom of borehole at 5.5 feet.

Appendix B

Geotechnical Laboratory Test Results



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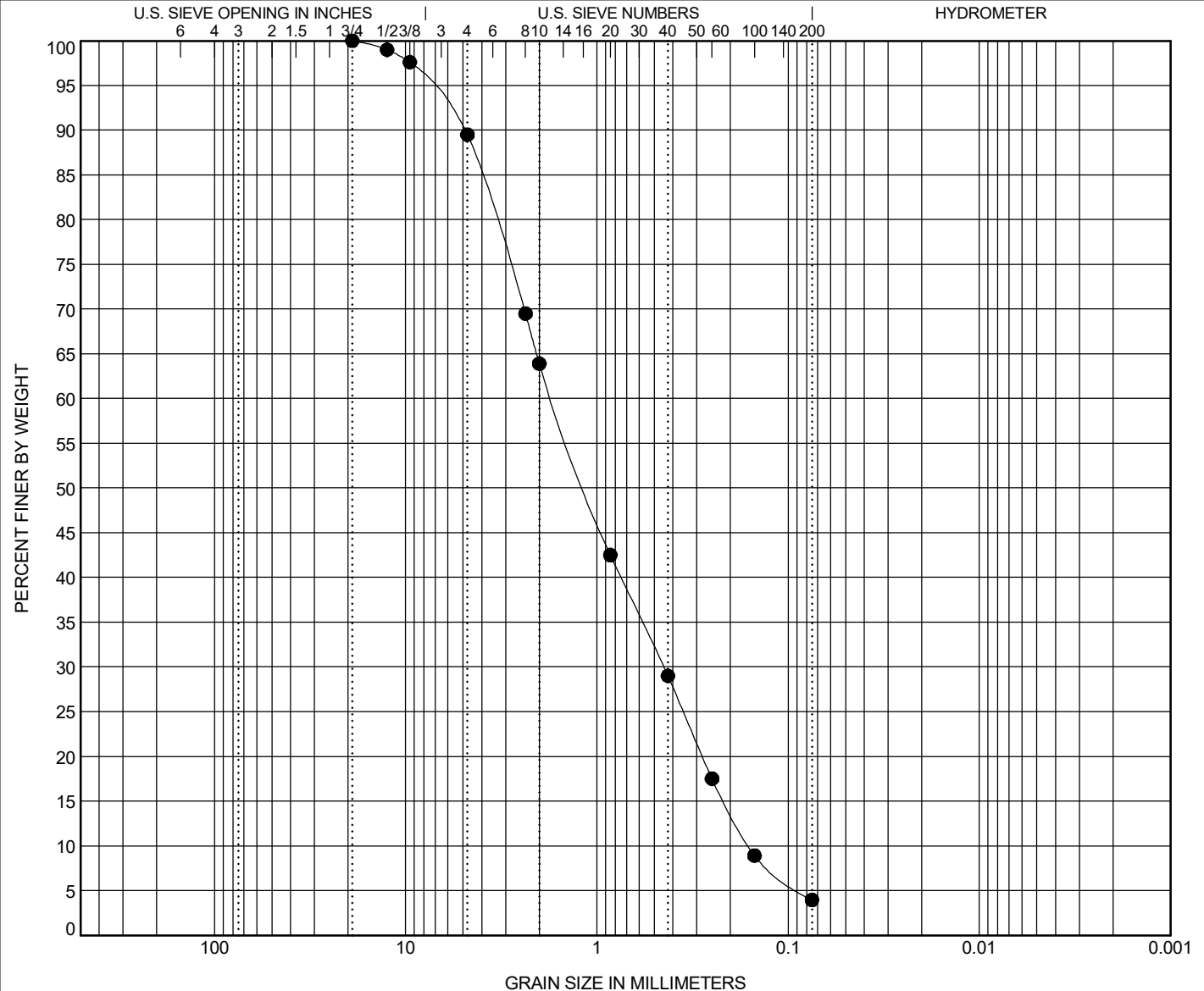
GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION

CLIENT All About Outdoor Storage

PROJECT NAME See B-1

PROJECT NUMBER D19-2-189

PROJECT LOCATION Monument, CO



Appendix C

Site Photos



TEST LOCATION



TEST LOCATION WITH INFILTROMETER



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SITE PHOTOS


Proposed Detention Pond Facility
All About Outdoor Storage
Monument, Colorado

Figure

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INFILTROMETER AND PROFILE BORE HOLE

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	Date: April 23, 2019		
	Drawn by: BM	Proposed Detention Pond Facility All About Outdoor Storage Monument, Colorado	
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Appendix D

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, clients can benefit from a lowered exposure to the subsurface problems 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 below, contact your GBA-member geotechnical engineer. Active involvement in the Geoprofessional Business Association exposes geotechnical engineers to a wide array of risk-confrontation techniques that can be of genuine benefit for everyone involved with a construction project.

Geotechnical-Engineering Services Are Performed for Specific Purposes, Persons, and Projects

Geotechnical engineers structure their services to meet the specific needs 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. *Those who rely on a geotechnical-engineering report prepared for a different client can be seriously misled.* No one except authorized client representatives should rely on this geotechnical-engineering report without first conferring with the geotechnical engineer who prepared it. *And no one – not even you – should apply this report for any purpose or project except the one originally contemplated.*

Read this Report in Full

Costly problems have occurred because those relying on a geotechnical-engineering report did not read it *in its entirety*. Do not rely on an executive summary. Do not read selected elements only. *Read this report in full.*

You Need to Inform Your Geotechnical Engineer about Change

Your geotechnical engineer considered unique, project-specific factors when designing the study behind this report and developing the confirmation-dependent recommendations the report conveys. A few typical factors include:

- the client's goals, objectives, budget, schedule, and risk-management preferences;
- the general nature of the structure involved, its size, configuration, and performance criteria;
- the structure's location and orientation on the site; and
- other planned or existing site improvements, such as retaining walls, access roads, parking lots, and underground utilities.

Typical changes that could erode the reliability of this report include those that affect:

- the site's size or shape;
- the function of the proposed structure, as when it's changed from a parking garage to an office building, or from a light-industrial plant to a refrigerated warehouse;
- the elevation, configuration, location, orientation, or weight of the proposed structure;
- the composition of the design team; or
- project ownership.

As a general rule, *always* inform your geotechnical engineer of project 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.*

This Report May Not Be Reliable

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

- for a different client;
- for a different project;
- 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, that it could be unwise to rely on a geotechnical-engineering report whose reliability may have been 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 your geotechnical engineer has not indicated an "apply-by" date on the report, ask what it should be, and, in general, if you are the least bit uncertain about the continued reliability of this report, contact your geotechnical engineer before applying it.* A minor amount of additional testing or analysis – if any is required at all – could prevent major problems.

Most of the "Findings" Related in This Report Are Professional Opinions

Before construction begins, geotechnical engineers explore a site's subsurface through various sampling and testing procedures. *Geotechnical engineers can observe actual subsurface conditions only at those specific locations where sampling and testing were performed.* The data derived from that sampling and testing were reviewed by your geotechnical engineer, who then applied professional judgment to form opinions about subsurface conditions throughout the site. Actual sitewide-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 from project start to project finish, so the individual can provide 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 judgment and opinion to do so. Your geotechnical engineer can finalize the recommendations *only after observing actual subsurface conditions* revealed 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 full-time 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 on hand quickly 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 observation.

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 informational 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, but they may rely on the factual data relative to the specific times, locations, and depths/elevations referenced. 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. 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 relate any 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 yet obtained your own environmental information, ask your geotechnical consultant for risk-management guidance. As a general rule, *do not rely on an environmental report prepared for a different client, site, or project, or that is more than six months old*.

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, none of the engineer's services were designed, conducted, or intended to prevent uncontrolled 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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