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Geotechnical Subsurface Exploration Report Proposed Brentwood Sanitary Trunk Sewer

Barberton, Summit County, Ohio PSI Project No.: 0142-1896

Dear Mr. Fallon:

Per your request, Professional Service Industries, Inc. (PSI) is pleased to submit this Geotechnical Engineering Services Report for the above referenced project. The results of this exploration, together with our recommendations, are to be found in the accompanying report.

After the plans and specifications are complete, PSI should review the final design and specifications in order to verify that the earthwork and recommendations are properly interpreted and implemented. It is considered imperative that the geotechnical engineer and/or its representative be present during earthwork operations and foundation installations to observe the field conditions with respect to the design assumptions and specifications. PSI will not be held responsible for interpretations and field quality control observations made by others.

Respectfully submitted,

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1 PROJECT INFORMATION

1.1 PROJECT AUTHORIZATION

This report presents the results of a geotechnical subsurface exploration and evaluation conducted for CT Consultants in connection with the proposed Brentwood Sanitary Trunk Sewer along the Van Hyning Run Creek in the City of Barberton, Summit County, Ohio. PSI's services for this project were performed in accordance with PSI Proposal No. 0142-266753, dated January 18, 2019. Authorization to perform this exploration and analysis was in the form of Purchase Order No. 9029-19, signed by Mr. Peter J. Formica, Principal of CT Consultants, Inc. on February 6, 2019.

1.2 PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Project information has been provided Mr. Eric Fallon of CT Consultants, Inc. Based on the provided information, it is understood that the proposed project will involve installation of a new sanitary sewer line along the Van Hyning Run Creek in the City of Barberton, Summit County, Ohio. The total project length of the sewer line will be approximately 6,900 feet. The sewer line will be about 8 to 18 inches in diameter, and the bottom of the sewer line will range from 5 to 35 feet below the existing surface grades. No other information is available at the time of this report submittal.

The geotechnical recommendations presented in this report are based on the available project information, the proposed building location and orientation of the building on the site and the subsurface materials described in this report. If any of the information we have been given or have assumed is incorrect, please contact us so that we may amend the recommendations presented accordingly. PSI will not be responsible for the implementation of its recommendations when it is not notified of changes in the project.

1.3 PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF SERVICES

The purpose of this study was to evaluate the soil and groundwater conditions at the site to provide recommendations, from a geotechnical engineering viewpoint, relative to the design and installation of the proposed Sanitary Trunk Sewer. Our scope for this service included a project site reconnaissance, drilling and sampling nine (9) test borings, completing a laboratory testing program, and submitting an engineering analysis and evaluation of the subsurface materials.

The scope of services did not include an environmental assessment for the presence or absence of wetlands or hazardous or toxic materials in the soil, surface water, groundwater, or air, on or below or around this site. Any statements in this report or on the boring logs regarding odors, colors or unusual or suspicious items or conditions are strictly for the information of the client.

2 SITE AND SUBSURFACE CONDITIONS

2.1 SITE LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION

The proposed Sanitary Trunk Sewer Project, for which this subsurface exploration has been performed, is located along the Van Hyning Creek Run and adjacent to various roadways in Barberton, Ohio. The surface of the site along



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the sewer alignment is covered primarily with topsoil, with some areas covered in pavement or sand and gravel base. Surface drainage was good to fair at the time of the field drilling operations. PSI recommends that any existing utility lines be checked and marked prior to construction activities.

2.2 SUBSURFACE CONDITIONS

The general subsurface conditions at the site were explored with a total of nine (9) test borings. The test borings were drilled to depths of approximately 10 to 30 feet below the existing surface grades. The approximate boring locations are shown on the Boring Location Plan presented in the *Appendix* of this report. The locations for the test borings were selected by PSI and located in the field relative to existing site features and based on site accessibility and the presence of below ground utilities.

The borings were advanced utilizing 3½ inch inside diameter, hollow-stem auger drilling methods. Soil samples were routinely obtained during the drilling process. Selected soil samples were later tested in the laboratory to obtain soil material properties for the foundation, floor slabs and pavement recommendations. Drilling, sampling, and laboratory testing was accomplished in general accordance with ASTM procedures.

The types of subsurface materials encountered in the test borings have been visually classified. The results of the visual classifications, Standard Penetration tests, moisture contents and water level observations are presented on the boring logs in the *Appendix* of this report. Representative samples of the soils were placed in sample jars, and are now stored in the laboratory for further analysis, if requested. Unless notified to the contrary, all samples will be disposed of after 60 days following the date of this report.

The surface of the site at test boring locations B-12 and B-20 was covered with a 13-inch-thick layer of sand and gravel base material. The surface of the site at test boring locations B-13 through B-19 was covered with a 4- to 13-inch-thick layer of topsoil.

Underlying the surface materials encountered at test boring locations B-12, B-18, and B-20, a layer of fill material was encountered. The fill material extended to depths ranging from 2 to 3.5 feet below the existing grade. The fill material consisted primarily of silty sand and lean clay, with varying amounts of gravel and concrete fragments. Additionally, a concrete slab was encountered in test boring B-12 at an approximate depth of 1.5 to 2 feet below the existing grade. The fill material exhibited moisture contents ranging from 9 to 21 percent. The cohesive fill material exhibited a stiff consistency, and the granular fill material exhibited a loose to very dense relative density, based on the Standard Penetration tests.

Underlying the surface and fill materials encountered at the test boring locations, natural soils were encountered at all test boring locations, extending to the terminal depths of 10 to 30 feet below the surface grade at each boring location. The natural soils consisted primarily of silty or clayey sand, clayey gravel, sandy or clayey silt, and sandy lean clay, with varying amounts of organics and rock fragments. The natural soils exhibited moisture contents ranging from 5 to 44 percent. The natural cohesive soils exhibited a soft to hard consistency, and the natural granular soils exhibited a very loose to very dense relative density, based on the Standard Penetration tests.

The subsurface description is of a generalized nature provided to highlight the major strata encountered. The boring logs included in the Appendix should be reviewed for specific information at the individual boring locations. The stratifications shown on the boring logs represent the conditions only at the actual test positions. Variations may



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occur and should be expected between the boring locations. The stratifications represent the approximate boundary between the subsurface materials, and the transition may be gradual or not clearly defined.

2.3 GROUNDWATER LEVEL MEASUREMENTS

Groundwater was encountered in all test borings except B-15, at depths ranging from 2.0 to 14.5 feet below the existing grade during the drilling operations. Note that groundwater levels fluctuate seasonally as a function of rainfall. During a time of year or weather different from the time of drilling, there may be a considerable change in the water table. Furthermore, the water levels in the boreholes often are not representative of the actual groundwater level, because the boreholes remain open for a relatively short time. Therefore, we recommend that the contractor determine the actual groundwater levels at the time of construction to evaluate groundwater impact on the construction procedures.

3 EVALUATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 SANITARY FORCE MAIN EXCAVATION SUPPORT

Based on the information provided by CT Consultants, it appears that the proposed Sanitary Trunk Sewer will bear within the area's natural soil formation. In view of the results of the test boring operations, laboratory test studies, analysis and provided information, consideration should be given to the following factors in the design and installation of the proposed structures.

Based on the provided location of the proposed Sanitary Force Main and as per OSHA excavation regulations, open cut excavation is possible up to a maximum depth of twenty (20) feet. The excavation slopes should follow OSHA guidelines for type 'C' soils. If temporary excavation support is required, the contractor or specialty subcontractor should be responsible to design and install the required system. For the various subsurface formations encountered, the following soil parameters may be adopted for determining lateral earth pressures:

Type of Soil	Unit Weight (pcf)	Effective Strength	Undrained Strength
Clayey Silt/Organic Silt/Fill	120	φ' = 18°, C' = 25 psf	$\phi = 0^{\circ}$, C = 500 psf
Clayey Gravel	120	$\phi' = 30^{\circ}, C' = 0 \text{ psf}$	$\phi = 30^{\circ}, C = 0 \text{ psf}$

The design groundwater depth should be determined based on the actual groundwater conditions encountered in the field during construction.

3.2 SANITARY FORCE MAIN PIPE SUPPORT

For the structural and functional integrity of the utilities, it is imperative that the pipes have adequate foundation, i.e., the subsurface materials should have adequate support capabilities and also be able to provide uniform bedding to the pipe. The bedding may be provided either with shaped bottom and tamped backfill, or by compacted granular bedding with tamped backfill. The granular bedding should meet the specification for Type 2 bedding (i.e., ODOT's Construction and Material Specifications Item #603.04). The bedding shall extend up around the pipe for a depth of



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6 inches or 30 percent of the outside diameter of the pipe, whichever is greater. The remainder of the backfill should be compacted soil. Granular bedding not only provides firm uniform support for the pipe but also stabilizes the trench bottom.

3.3 MANHOLE STRUCTURES

Within the area's overburden soils, freestanding excavations will not be possible for the proposed manhole structures. Therefore, a lateral support system will be required for the manhole excavations. The magnitude of the lateral earth pressures may be calculated utilizing the previously outlined soil parameters.

It is recommended that the maximum soil bearing pressures resulting from the above-discussed loading conditions, as well as the weight of the manhole and other facilities associated with the structure should not exceed 1,000 psf. Based on the recommended bearing pressure, the anticipated settlement will be less than 1.0-inch. It is recommended that suitability of the bearing surfaces be verified by the project's geotechnical engineer.

3.4 BACKFILL OPERATIONS

Any backfill required against the manhole structures and utility trench should consist of freely draining granular materials. The backfill is to be placed on a controlled lift-by-lift basis. Individual fill lifts are to be of maximum 8-inch loose measure thickness, and each individual lift is to be adjusted in moisture content to within plus or minus 2 percent of the optimum moisture content as determined by ASTM D-698. The fill materials are to be systematically compacted, such that an in-place density of at least 98 percent of the maximum laboratory density as determined by the above-referenced ASTM method is achieved.

It must be recognized that, over a time period, the backfill against the manholes will be saturated. Under this circumstance it is possible that the bottom slab for the manhole will be subjected to hydrostatic uplift that should be considered in the design. Uplift may be resisted either by assuring that the dead loads of the proposed structure counter balance the buoyancy forces or by providing a system of pressure relief valves. Lateral pressures acting on the manholes can be defined based on the effective strength parameters recommended in a previous section plus hydrostatic pressure. Specifications should require that the resulting fill materials' densities be verified by test measurements conducted by the geotechnical engineer.

4 CONSTRUCTION CONSIDERATIONS

4.1 GROUNDWATER CONTROL AND DRAINAGE

Groundwater was encountered in all test borings except B-15, at depths ranging from 2.0 to 14.5 feet below the existing grade during the drilling operations. However, groundwater and/or seepage could be encountered during foundation excavation and construction. Accordingly, a gravity drainage system, sump pump or other conventional dewatering procedure, as deemed necessary by the field conditions, should be implemented throughout construction such that the groundwater is controlled and maintained at an elevation of at least 2 feet below the excavation bottom at all times. Every effort should be made to keep the excavations dry if water is encountered.

Water should not be allowed to collect near the foundation or floor slab areas of the building either during or after construction. Undercut or excavated areas should be sloped toward one corner to facilitate removal of any collected



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rainwater, groundwater or surface runoff. Positive site drainage should be provided to reduce infiltration of surface water around the perimeter of the building and beneath the floor slab. Overall site area drainage is to be arranged in a manner such that the possibility of water impounding below slab-on-grade areas and over the structural fill is prevented.

4.2 EXCAVATIONS

In Federal Register, Volume 54, No. 209 (October, 1989), the United States Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) amended its "Construction Standards for Excavations, 29 CFR, Part 1926, Subpart P." This document was issued to better insure the safety of workers entering trenches or excavations. It is mandated by this federal regulation that all excavations, whether they be utility trenches, basement excavations or foundation excavations, be constructed in accordance with the new OSHA guidelines. It is our understanding that these regulations are being strictly enforced. If they are not followed closely, the owner and the contractor could be liable for substantial penalties.

The contractor is solely responsible for designing and constructing stable, temporary excavations and should shore, slope, or bench the sides of the excavations as required to maintain stability of both the excavation sides and bottom. The contractor's "responsible person" as defined in "CFR Part 1926," should evaluate the soil exposed in the excavations as part of the contractor's safety procedures. In no case should slope height, slope inclination, or excavation depth, including utility trench excavation depth, exceed those specified in local, state, and federal safety regulations.

We are providing this information solely as a service to our client. PSI is not assuming responsibility for construction site safety or the contractor's activities; such responsibility is not being implied and should not be inferred. If the excavations are left open and exposed to the elements for a significant length of time, desiccation of the clays may create minute shrinkage cracks which could allow large pieces of clay to collapse or slide into the excavation.

Materials removed from the excavation should not be stockpiled immediately adjacent to the excavation, inasmuch as this load may cause a sudden collapse of the embankment.

4.3 WEATHER CONSIDERATIONS

The soils encountered at this site are known to be sensitive to disturbances caused by construction traffic and to changes in moisture content. During wet weather periods, increases in the moisture content of the soil can cause significant reduction in the soil strength and support capabilities. Care should be exercised during the grading operations at the site. Due to the fine-grained nature of the surficial soils, the traffic of heavy equipment, including heavy compaction equipment, may very well create pumping and a general deterioration of those soils in the presence of water. Therefore, the grading should, if at all possible, be performed during a dry season. A layer of crushed stone may be required to allow the movement of construction traffic over the site during the rainy season. The contractor should maintain positive site drainage and if wet/pumping conditions occur, the contractor will be responsible to over excavate the wet soils and replace them with a properly compacted engineered fill. During wet seasons, limestone stabilization may be required to place engineered fill.



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5 GEOTECHNICAL RISK

The concept of risk is an important aspect of the geotechnical evaluation. The primary reason for this is that the analytical methods used to develop geotechnical recommendations do not comprise an exact science. Site exploration identifies actual subsurface conditions only at those points where samples are taken. A geotechnical report is based on conditions that existed at the time of the subsurface exploration. The analytical tools which geotechnical engineers use are generally empirical and must be used in conjunction with engineering judgment and experience. Therefore, the solutions and recommendations presented in the geotechnical evaluation should not be considered risk-free and, more importantly, are not a guarantee that the interaction between the soils and the proposed structure will perform as planned. The engineering recommendations presented in the preceding sections constitute PSI's professional estimate of those measures that are necessary for the proposed structure to perform according to the proposed design based on the information generated and referenced during this evaluation, and PSI's experience in working with these conditions.

6 REPORT LIMITATIONS

The recommendations submitted are based on the available subsurface information obtained by PSI and design details furnished by Mr. Eric Fallon of CT Consultants, Inc. for the proposed project. If there are any revisions to the plans for the proposed project, or if deviations from the subsurface conditions noted in this report are encountered during construction, PSI should be retained to determine if changes in the recommendations are required. If PSI is not retained to perform these functions, PSI will not be responsible for the impact of those conditions on the geotechnical recommendations for the project.

The Geotechnical Engineer warrants that the findings, recommendations, specifications, or professional advice contained herein, have been presented after being prepared in accordance with generally accepted professional engineering practice in the fields of foundation engineering, soil mechanics and engineering geology. No other warranties are implied or expressed. After the plans and specifications are complete, it is recommended that PSI be provided the opportunity to review the final design and specifications, in order to verify that the earthwork and recommendations are properly interpreted and implemented. At that time, it may be necessary to submit supplementary recommendations. This report has been prepared for the exclusive use of CT Consultants, for the specific application to the proposed Brentwood Sanitary Trunk Sewer Project in the City of Barberton, Summit County, Ohio.

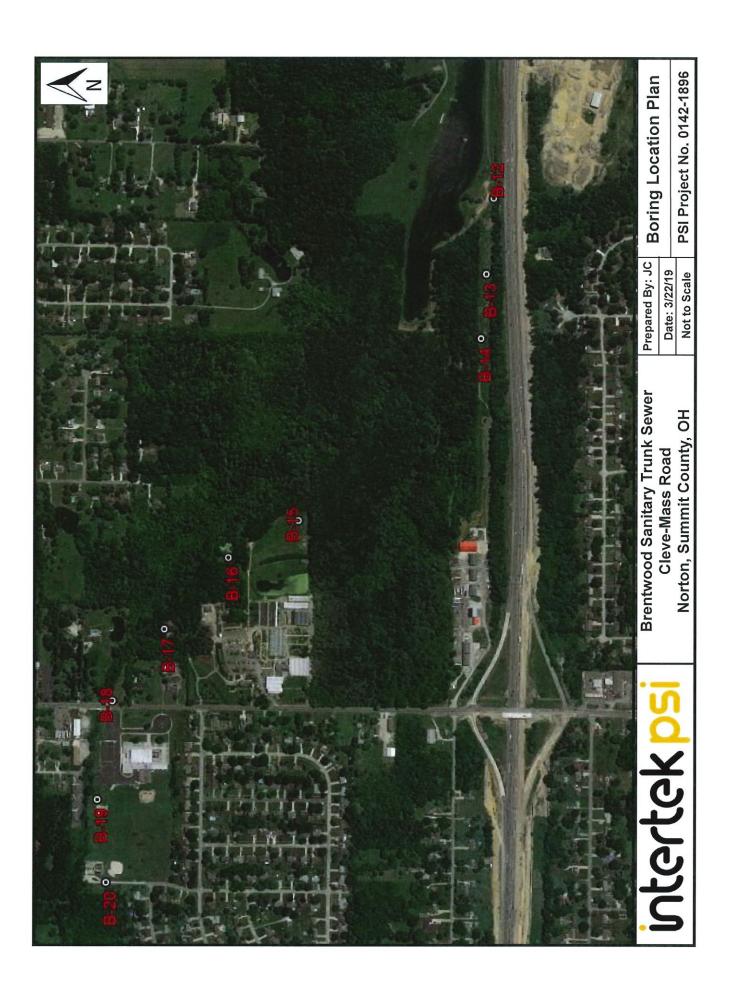
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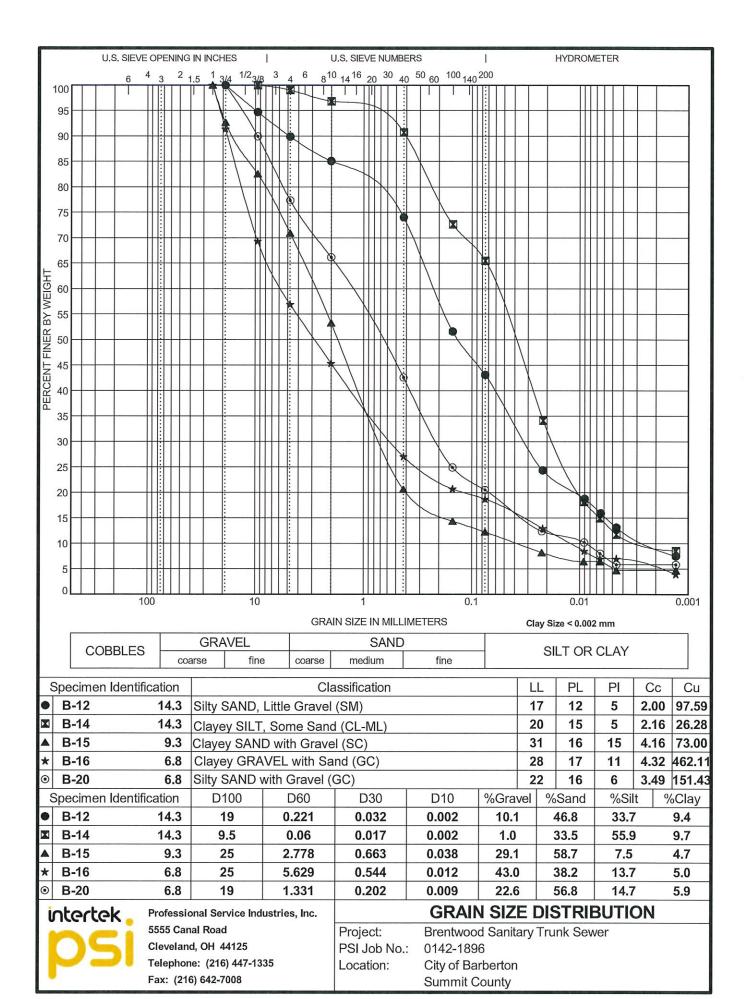
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# **GENERAL NOTES**

#### SAMPLE IDENTIFICATION

The Unified Soil Classification System (USCS), AASHTO 1988 and ASTM designations D2487 and D-2488 are used to identify the encountered materials unless otherwise noted. Coarse-grained soils are defined as having more than 50% of their dry weight retained on a #200 sieve (0.075mm); they are described as: boulders, cobbles, gravel or sand. Fine-grained soils have less than 50% of their dry weight retained on a #200 sieve; they are defined as silts or clay depending on their Atterberg Limit attributes. Major constituents may be added as modifiers and minor constituents may be added according to the relative proportions based on grain size.

# **DRILLING AND SAMPLING SYMBOLS**

SFA: Solid Flight Auger - typically 4" diameter flights, SS: Split-Spoon - 1 3/8" I.D., 2" O.D., except where

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HSA: Hollow Stem Auger - typically 3¼" or 4¼ I.D. ST: Shelby Tube - 3" O.D., except where noted.

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BS: Bulk Sample
M.R.: Mud Rotary - Uses a rotary head with Bentonite

PM: Pressuremeter

or Polymer Slurry CPT-U: Cone Penetrometer Testing with Pore-Pressure

R.C.: Diamond Bit Core Sampler Readings

H.A.: Hand Auger

P.A.: Power Auger - Handheld motorized auger

# SOIL PROPERTY SYMBOLS

N: Standard "N" penetration: Blows per foot of a 140 pound hammer falling 30 inches on a 2-inch O.D. Split-Spoon.

N₆₀: A "N" penetration value corrected to an equivalent 60% hammer energy transfer efficiency (ETR)

Qu: Unconfined compressive strength, TSF

Q_p: Pocket penetrometer value, unconfined compressive strength, TSF

w%: Moisture/water content, %

LL: Liquid Limit, % PL: Plastic Limit, %

PI: Plasticity Index = (LL-PL),%

DD: Dry unit weight, pcf

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# RELATIVE DENSITY OF COARSE-GRAINED SOILS ANGULARITY OF COARSE-GRAINED PARTICLES

Relative Density	N - Blows/foot	<u>Description</u>	<u>Criteria</u>
Very Loose	0 - 4	Angular:	Particles have sharp edges and relatively plane sides with unpolished surfaces
Loose Medium Dense	4 - 10 10 - 30	Subangular:	Particles are similar to angular description, but have rounded edges
Dense Very Dense	30 - 50 50 - 80	Subrounded:	Particles have nearly plane sides, but have
Extremely Dense	80+	Rounded:	well-rounded corners and edges Particles have smoothly curved sides and no edges

#### **GRAIN-SIZE TERMINOLOGY**

# PARTICLE SHAPE

Component	Size Range	<u>Description</u>	Criteria
Boulders:	Over 300 mm (>12 in.)	Flat:	Particles with width/thickness ratio > 3
Cobbles:	75 mm to 300 mm (3 in. to 12 in.)	Elongated:	Particles with length/width ratio > 3
Coarse-Grained Gravel:	19 mm to 75 mm (¾ in. to 3 in.)	Flat & Elongated:	Particles meet criteria for both flat and
Fine-Grained Gravel:	4.75 mm to 19 mm (No.4 to ¾ in.)		elongated
Coarse-Grained Sand:	2 mm to 4.75 mm (No.10 to No.4)		
Medium-Grained Sand:	0.42 mm to 2 mm (No.40 to No.10)	RELATIVE I	PROPORTIONS OF FINES
Fine-Grained Sand:	0.075 mm to 0.42 mm (No. 200 to No.40	Descripti	ve Term % Dry Weight
Silt:	0.002 mm to 0.075 mm		Trace: < 5%
Clay:	<0.002mm to <0.005 mm depending on	agency	With: 5% to 12%
		1	Modifier: >12%



# GENERAL NOTES (Continued)

# **CONSISTENCY OF FINE-GRAINED SOILS**

# **MOISTURE CONDITION DESCRIPTION**

Modifier: >30%

Q _u - TSF	N - Blows/foot	Consistency	Description Criteria
0 - 0.25 0.25 - 0.50 0.50 - 1.00	0 - 2 2 - 4 4 - 8	Very Soft Soft Firm (Medium Stiff)	Dry: Absence of moisture, dusty, dry to the touch Moist: Damp but no visible water Wet: Visible free water, usually soil is below water table
1.00 - 2.00	8 - 15	Stiff	RELATIVE PROPORTIONS OF SAND AND GRAVEL
2.00 - 4.00	15 - 30	Very Stiff	Descriptive Term
4.00 - 8.00	30 - 50	Hard	Trace: < 15%
+00.8	50÷	Very Hard	With: 15% to 30%

# STRUCTURE DESCRIPTION

<b>Description</b>	<u>Criteria</u>	Description	<u>Criteria</u>
Stratified:	Alternating layers of varying material or color with layers at least 1/4-inch (6 mm) thick	n Blocky:	Cohesive soil that can be broken down into small angular lumps which resist further breakdown
Laminated:	Alternating layers of varying material or color with	Lensed:	Inclusion of small pockets of different soils
	layers less than 1/4-inch (6 mm) thick	Layer:	Inclusion greater than 3 inches thick (75 mm)
Fissured:	Breaks along definite planes of fracture with little resistance to fracturing	Seam:	Inclusion 1/8-inch to 3 inches (3 to 75 mm) thick extending through the sample
Slickensided:	Fracture planes appear polished or glossy, sometimes striated	Parting:	Inclusion less than 1/8-inch (3 mm) thick

# **SCALE OF RELATIVE ROCK HARDNESS**

# **ROCK BEDDING THICKNESSES**

**GRAIN-SIZED TERMINOLOGY** 

hammer, may be shaved with a knife.

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Q _U - TSF	Consistency	<u>Description</u>	Criteria
2.5 - 10	Extremely Soft	Thick Bedded	Greater than 3-foot (>1.0 m)
10 - 50	Very Soft		1-foot to 3-foot (0.3 m to 1.0 m)
50 - 250 250 - 525 525 - 1,050	Soft Medium Hard Moderately Hard	Thin Bedded Very Thin Bedded	4-inch to 1-foot (0.1 m to 0.3 m)  1½-inch to 4-inch (30 mm to 100 mm)  ½-inch to 1½-inch (10 mm to 30 mm)
1,050 - 2,600	Hard		1/8-inch to ½-inch (3 mm to 10 mm)
>2,600	Very Hard		1/8-inch or less "paper thin" (<3 mm)

# **ROCK VOIDS**

Voids	Void Diameter	(Typically Sedimentary Rock)			
	<6 mm (<0.25 in)	Component	Size Range		
	6 mm to 50 mm (0.25 in to 2 in)	Very Coarse Grained	>4.76 mm		
U	50 mm to 600 mm (2 in to 24 in)	Coarse Grained	2.0 mm - 4.76 mm		
-	e >600 mm (>24 in)	Medium Grained	0.42 mm - 2.0 mm		
Cave	2000 Hilli (224 III)	Fine Grained	0.075 mm - 0.42 mm		
		Very Fine Grained	<0.075 mm		

# **ROCK QUALITY DESCRIPTION**

#### **DEGREE OF WEATHERING** Rock Mass Description RQD Value Slightly Weathered: Rock generally fresh, joints stained and discoloration 90 -100 Excellent extends into rock up to 25 mm (1 in), open joints may Good 75 - 90 contain clay, core rings under hammer impact. 50 - 75 Fair 25 -50 Poor Weathered: Rock mass is decomposed 50% or less, significant Very Poor Less than 25 portions of the rock show discoloration and weathering effects, cores cannot be broken by hand or scraped by knife. Highly Weathered: Rock mass is more than 50% decomposed, complete discoloration of rock fabric, core may be extremely broken and gives clunk sound when struck by

# **SOIL CLASSIFICATION CHART**

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	GRAVEL AND	CLEAN GRAVELS		GW	WELL-GRADED GRAVELS, GRAVEL - SAND MIXTURES, LITTLE OR NO FINES
	GRAVELLY SOILS	(LITTLE OR NO FINES)		GP	POORLY-GRADED GRAVELS, GRAVEL - SAND MIXTURES, LITTLE OR NO FINES
COARSE GRAINED SOILS	MORE THAN 50% OF COARSE FRACTION RETAINED ON NO. 4 SIEVE	GRAVELS WITH FINES		GM	SILTY GRAVELS, GRAVEL - SAND - SILT MIXTURES
		(APPRECIABLE AMOUNT OF FINES)		GC	CLAYEY GRAVELS, GRAVEL - SAND - CLAY MIXTURES
MORE THAN 50% OF MATERIAL IS	SAND AND	CLEAN SANDS		SW	WELL-GRADED SANDS, GRAVELLY SANDS, LITTLE OR NO FINES
LARGER THAN NO. 200 SIEVE SIZE	SANDY SOILS	(LITTLE OR NO FINES)		SP	POORLY-GRADED SANDS, GRAVELLY SAND, LITTLE OR NO FINES
	MORE THAN 50% OF COARSE FRACTION	SANDS WITH FINES		SM	SILTY SANDS, SAND - SILT MIXTURES
	PASSING ON NO. 4 SIEVE	(APPRECIABLE AMOUNT OF FINES)		SC	CLAYEY SANDS, SAND - CLAY MIXTURES
		LIQUID LIMIT LESS THAN 50		ML	INORGANIC SILTS AND VERY FINE SANDS, ROCK FLOUR, SILTY OR CLAYEY FINE SANDS OR CLAYEY SILTS WITH SLIGHT PLASTICITY
FINE GRAINED SOILS	SILTS AND CLAYS			CL	INORGANIC CLAYS OF LOW TO MEDIUM PLASTICITY, GRAVELLY CLAYS, SANDY CLAYS, SILTY CLAYS, LEAN CLAYS
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MORE THAN 50% OF MATERIAL IS SMALLER THAN NO. 2005 SIEVE		LIQUID LIMIT GREATER THAN 50		МН	INORGANIC SILTS, MICACEOUS OR DIATOMACEOUS FINE SAND OR SILTY SOILS
SIZE	SILTS AND CLAYS			СН	INORGANIC CLAYS OF HIGH PLASTICITY
				ОН	ORGANIC CLAYS OF MEDIUM TO HIGH PLASTICITY, ORGANIC SILTS
HI	HIGHLY ORGANIC SOILS			PT	PEAT, HUMUS, SWAMP SOILS WITH HIGH ORGANIC CONTENTS

