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> Soils Report: Standard Subsurface Investigation Proposed Townhomes 6539 – 44<sup>th</sup> Avenue Southwest Seattle, Washington PN: 7625704390 Doc ID: Biddle.44thAveSW.SR

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### **INTRODUCTION & DESCRIPTION**

This standard subsurface investigation summarizes our site observations, subsurface explorations, and assessment of the site soil to support infiltration for four proposed townhomes (rowhouses) at 6539 – 44<sup>th</sup> Avenue Southwest in Seattle, Washington. The general location of the site is shown on the attached Site Location Map, Figure 1.

Our understanding of the project is based on our conversations with you, our review of the *4*<sup>th</sup> *Ave TH progress* plans by MMuM Studio LLC dated August 21, 2023 and the Topographic & Boundary Survey for 6539 - 44<sup>th</sup> Avenue Southwest by Terrane dated October 26, 2023, our review of the City of Seattle Environmentally Critical Area (ECA) and infiltration feasibility mapping on the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI) GIS web application, our understanding of the City of Seattle Municipal and Zoning Codes, and our previous experience with similar residential projects in the City of Seattle. The parcel is developed as a single-family residence with a detached shed and garage, paved driveway, and associated residential utilities. The single-family residence is proposed to be demolished and replaced with four townhouses (Named Unit A, B, C, and D) with parking spaces, pedestrian sidewalk, and associated residential utilities. The proposed development is shown on the Site & Exploration Plan, Figure 2.

### **PURPOSE AND SCOPE**

The purpose of our services was to evaluate the site conditions as a basis for assessing the feasibility of the subsurface soils to support infiltration of collected stormwater runoff from the proposed impervious surfaces. Specifically, our scope of services for this project included the following:

- 1. Reviewing the available geologic, hydrogeologic, and geotechnical data for the site area;
- 2. Exploring the surface and subsurface conditions by reconnoitering the site and logging the soils in two test pits at the site;
- 3. Completing two small-scale Pilot Infiltration Tests (Small PITs) in the test pits in accordance with the July 2021 *City of Seattle Stormwater Design Manual* (COS SWDM);
- 4. Describing surface and subsurface conditions, including soil type and depth to groundwater;

- 5. Providing our opinion about the feasibility of onsite infiltration of stormwater in accordance with the *July 2021 Seattle Stormwater Manual*, including a design infiltration rate based on the measured infiltration rate recorded in our Small PITs; and,
- 6. Preparing this written *Soils Report* summarizing our site observations and conclusions, and our geotechnical recommendations and design criteria, along with the supporting data.

The above scope of work was summarized in our *Proposal for Geotechnical Engineering Services* dated December 12, 2023. We received authorization from you to proceed on December 14. 2023.

### SITE CONDITIONS

### **Surface Conditions**

The site consists of a single tax parcel at 6539 – 44<sup>th</sup> Avenue Southwest in the West Seattle neighborhood of Seattle, Washington. According to the *Topographic & Boundary Survey* and the SDCI GIS parcel layer, the site is rectangular in shape, measuring about 125 feet wide (east to west) by 50 feet long (north to south) and encompasses about 0.14 acres. The site is bounded by a single-family residence to the north, by townhomes and a single-family residence to the south, by 44<sup>th</sup> Avenue Southwest to the east, and by an alleyway to the west.

Our description of the topography is from the *Topographic & Boundary Survey* for the site. The site grade is slightly sloping down northeast to southwest at about 5 percent with a vertical relief of less than 10 feet. The topographic survey for the site is included on the attached Site Topography Map, Figure 3.

The site vegetation was observed as residential shrubs and landscaping. No areas of bare soil, erosion, ponding, or standing water were observed at the time of our site visit. The existing site configuration and topography are shown on the Site Vicinity Map, Figure 4.

### **Site Soils**

The USDA Natural Resource Conservation Survey (NRCS) Web Soil Survey for the City of Seattle (WA775) maps the site soil as Urban land – Alderwood complex (3056). An excerpt from the NRCS mapping that covers the area of interest is attached as Figure 5.

 <u>Urban land – Alderwood Complex (3056)</u>: Mapped across the site, this soil is derived from the modification of glacial drift and/or glacial outwash over dense glaciomarine deposits and is included in hydrologic soils group A. Type 3056 forms on slopes of 5 to 12 percent and is not for an erosion hazard when exposed.

### **Site Geology**

The *Geologic Map of Seattle – A Progress Report* by K.G. Troost, et al. (2005) maps the site geology as advance outwash deposits (Qva). Mass wastage deposits are mapped near the site, approximately 500 feet to the southeast and 800 feet to the west. No landslides, mass wasting deposit, or alluvial fans are shown within 300 feet of the site by the above referenced geologic map. An excerpt of the above referenced map is attached as Figure 6.

• <u>Mass wastage deposits (Qmw)</u>: Mass wastage deposits are generally composed of nonuniform deposits of loose silts, sands, and gravel with few to no discernible sedimentary



structures, and can contain buried organic material. Stormwater infiltration is not permitted in mass wastage deposits.

• <u>Advance outwash (Qva)</u>: The advance outwash typically consists of a well graded, lightly stratified mixture of sand and gravel that may locally contain silt and clay. The advance outwash was deposited by meltwaters emanating from the advancing Puget lobe of the Cordilleran Ice Sheet during the Vashon Stade of the Fraser Glaciation (about 12,000 to 15,000 years ago). The advance outwash was subsequently overridden by the ice mass; therefore, it is considered over-consolidated and exhibits high strength and low compressibility characteristics when undisturbed. Stormwater infiltration in advance outwash is generally favorable.

### Subsurface Explorations

On December 20, 2023, we visited the site and logged the soil in two test pits to about 6 feet below the existing grade. The test pits were used for small-scale Pilot Infiltration Tests (Small PITs) and excavated to their final depths following the completion of the Small PITs. The test pits were excavated by representatives working for you and over excavated to their final depth by our field representative using a hand auger. Our field representative logged the subsurface conditions encountered in the test pit and obtained representative soil samples. Table 1, below, summarizes the approximate location, elevations, and termination depth of our explorations.

Exploration Number	Functional Location	Surface Elevation <sup>1</sup> (feet)	Termination Depth (feet)	Termination Elevation (feet)		
TP-1/PIT-1	SW portion of site (back yard)	204.5	6.0	198.5		
TP-2/PIT-2	SE portion of site (front yard)	206.0	6.0	200.0		
<b>Notes:</b> <sup>1</sup> Surface elevations from the <i>Topographic &amp; Boundary Survey</i> for 6539 44th Avenue Southwest by Terrane dated October 26, 2023						

 TABLE 1:

 APPROXIMATE LOCATIONS, ELEVATIONS, AND DEPTHS OF EXPLORATIONS

The specific number, locations, and depths of our test pits were selected based on the configuration of the proposed location of the development and were adjusted in the field based on consideration for underground utilities, existing site conditions, site access limitations and encountered stratigraphy. Representative soil samples obtained from the test pits and hand auger over excavation were placed in sealed plastic containers and then taken to our laboratory for further examination and testing as deemed necessary. Soil densities presented on the logs are based on the difficulty of excavation and our experience. The test pits and hand augers were backfilled with the excavated soils and tamped, but not otherwise compacted.

The approximate locations of our subsurface explorations are shown on the attached Site & Exploration Plan, Figure 2. The indicated locations were determined by pacing and measuring from existing features shown on the site plan; as such, the locations should only be considered as accurate as implied by the measurement method. The subsurface explorations excavated as part of this evaluation indicate the conditions at a specific location only, as actual subsurface conditions can vary across the site. Furthermore, the nature and extent of such variation would not become evident until additional explorations are performed or until construction activities have begun.



The soils encountered in each exploration were visually classified in accordance with the Unified Soil Classification System (USCS) and ASTM D2488. The USCS is included in Appendix A as Figure A-1, while the descriptive logs of our test pit and hand auger explorations are included as Figures A-2.

### **Subsurface Conditions**

At both locations explored, we encountered subsurface conditions that were consistent with uncontrolled fill mantling undisturbed advance outwash soils. Table 2 summarizes the approximate thicknesses, depths, and elevations of selected soil layers observed from our explorations.

- *Topsoil*: We observed 0.5 feet of topsoil at both test pit explorations as the upper most soil layer.
- <u>Uncontrolled Fill</u>: Beneath the topsoil layer in both test pits, we encountered about 3 feet of loose to medium dense, brown to reddish brown gravelly silty sand in a moist condition. We interpret this soil layer to be uncontrolled fill.
- <u>Advance outwash</u>: Underlying the uncontrolled fill at test pit TP-1/PIT-1, we observed a medium dense, reddish brown to brown silty sand with variable amounts of gravel in a moist condition to the full depth explored. Underlying the weathered advance outwash at exploration TP-2/PIT-2, we encountered a medium dense, reddish brown sandy silt with some gravel in moist condition to the full depth explored. We interpret these soil layers to be weathered to undisturbed advance outwash deposits.

Exploration Number	Thickness of Topsoil (feet)	Thickness of Uncontrolled Fill (feet)	Depth to Advance Outwash (feet)	Top Elevation of Advance Outwash (feet) <sup>1</sup>	
TP-1/PIT-1	0.5	3.0	3.5	201.0	
TP-2/PIT-2	0.5	3.0	3.5	202.5	
Notes: <sup>1</sup> Surface	Notes: <sup>1</sup> Surface elevations from the Topographic & Boundary Survey for 6539 - 44th Avenue Southwest by Terrane dated				

 TABLE 2:

 APPROXIMATE THICKNESS, DEPTHS, AND ELEVATION OF ENCOUNTERED SOIL TYPES

### **Groundwater Conditions**

October 26, 2023

We did not observe any groundwater seepage in test pits TP-1/PIT-1 and TP-2/PIT-2. We observed spot orange iron oxide staining/discoloration consistent with spot mottling from 1.5 to 3.5 feet at test pit TP-1/PIT-1 and TP-2/PIT-2. Typically, mottling indicative of a seasonal fluctuating groundwater table is a continuous band on all sides of a soil layer(s).

The sandy silt soil layer observed underlying the fill at test pit TP-2/PIT-2 is typically associated with a low saturated hydraulic conductivity and could impede the infiltration of stormwater runoff. Perched groundwater develops when the vertical and/or horizontal infiltration of stormwater runoff is slowed or impeded by a soil with low saturated hydraulic conductivity ( $K_{sat}$ ). Relatively rapid fluctuations of groundwater levels at the site should be anticipated with seasonality and precipitation events.



### Laboratory Testing

Geotechnical laboratory tests were performed on three samples to estimate index and engineering properties of the soils encountered in our test pits/PITs. Laboratory testing included visual soil classification per ASTM D2487 and ASTM D2488, moisture content determinations per ASTM D2216, and grain size analyses per ASTM D6913 standard procedures. We also submitted a sample of the silty sand advance outwash for water quality treatment testing. We will provide an addendum to this report with the results of the testing. The results of the laboratory tests are included in Appendix B and are summarized below in Table 3.

Soil Type	Sample	Gravel Content (percent)	Sand Content (percent)	Silt/Clay Content (percent)	Moisture (percent) <sup>1</sup>		
SM	TP-1/PIT-1, S-3, D: 4ft	26.7	44.9	28.4	23.5		
SM	TP-1/PIT-1, S-4, D: 6ft	6.6	62.0	31.4	18.3		
ML	TP-2/PIT-2, S-3, D: 4ft	7.3	41.2	51.5	20.8		
Note: <sup>1</sup>	Note: <sup>1</sup> Samples collected following completion of the PIT						

 TABLE 3:

 LABORATORY TEST RESULTS FOR ON-SITE SOILS

### **CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

Based on the results of our data review, site reconnaissance, and subsurface explorations, it is our opinion that infiltration of stormwater is feasible at the location of test pit TP/-1PIT-1. The sandy silt soil layer observed at test pit TP-2/PIT-2 is not suitable to support infiltration of stormwater. The uncontrolled fill observed at both test pit TP-1/PIT-1 and TP-2/PIT-2 is not suitable to support infiltration of stormwater. Pertinent conclusions and recommendations for the geotechnical and stormwater management design of the townhomes are provided in the following sections.

### **Infiltration Feasibility**

During the falling head period of TP-1/PIT-1 and TP-2/PIT-2, we measured infiltration rates of 7.0 and 1.5 inches per hour, respectively. Per the 2021 COS SWDM, Vol. 3, Section 3.2 – Table 3.3, the minimum measured infiltration rate for infiltration trenches or drywells is 5 inches per hour for on-site list approach and for meeting flow control, water quality treatment, and on-site performance standards.

### Infiltration Trench and Drywell

Infiltration trenches and drywells are feasible at the location of TP-1/PIT-1 in the silty sand advance outwash encountered at about 3.5 feet below grade. We recommend any infiltration trench or drywell bottom be at the test depth of 4 feet to maintain vertical separation from any impervious layer or groundwater at depths greater than the explored depth of 6 feet. We encountered approximately 3.5 feet of fill at the location of TP-1/PIT-1, and this soil is not suitable to support infiltration of stormwater. We recommend a representative from GeoResources confirm the soil in any proposed infiltration facility is consistent with the soils tested at TP-1/PIT-1.



### Permeable Pavement and Bioretention

The advance outwash silty sand at a depth of 4.0 feet at TP-1/PIT-1 are suitable to support permeable pavement and bioretention. The observed uncontrolled fill mantling the advance outwash silty sand at TP-1/PIT-1 and TP-2/PIT-2 is not suitable for support of permeable pavement or bioretention.

### Small-Scale Pilot Infiltration Test

We performed two in-situ small-scale pilot infiltration tests in accordance with Appendix D-3.3 of the *City of Seattle Stormwater Manual (2021)*. See the attached Figure 2 for the location of the tests. The geometry of the test pits for TP-1/PIT-1 and TP-2/PIT-2 were measured as 4 feet (length) x 3 feet (width) x 4 feet (depth) with an area encompassing about 12 square feet. A pre-soak period of 6 hours was performed prior to a water level depth of at least 12 inches being maintained for the steady state period. During the steady state period, we recorded the cumulative volume and instantaneous flow rate necessary to maintain the water level at the same point for 1 hour. The City of Seattle Pilot Infiltration Test (PIT) Checklist is attached as Appendix C.

### Measured Infiltration Rate

The measured infiltration rate calculated during the **steady state period** for TP-1/PIT-1 and TP-2/PIT-2 was **5.0 and 1.8 inches per hour**, respectively. After the steady state period, we turned off the water and recorded the rate of infiltration every 15 minutes in inches per hour using a measuring rod. Table 4 summarizes the measurements collected during the falling head period of the Small PITs.

Time of Measurement	PIT-1 Depth of Water (inches)	PIT-2 Depth of Water (inches)	PIT-1 Infiltration Rate (in/hr)	PIT-2 Infiltration Rate (in/hr)
16:00	12.0	12.0		
16:10	11.0	11.7	6	1.8
16:20	10.2	11.5	4.8	1.2
16:30	9.4	11.3	4.8	1.2
16:40	8.6	11.1	4.8	1.2
16:50	7.8	10.9	4.8	1.2
17:00	7.0	10.7	4.8	1.2

 TABLE 4:

 FALLING HEAD PERIOD – MEASURED INFILTRATION RATE

During the **falling head period** of TP-1/PIT-1 and TP-2/PIT-2, we measured saturated hydraulic conductivities (K<sub>sat, Measured</sub>) of **5.0 and 1.3 inches per hour**, respectively. See the attached Appendix A for the soil log for the Small PITs and attached Appendix C for the City of Seattle Pilot Infiltration Test (PIT) Checklists.

### Design Infiltration Rate

For determining the design infiltration rate at test pit TP-1/PIT-1, we used the more conservative measured rate calculated from the steady state flow rate. We applied appropriate correction factors to the measured  $K_{sat}$  for site variability (CF<sub>v</sub> of 0.6), testing method (CF<sub>t</sub> of 0.5 for small-scale PIT), and maintenance (CF<sub>m</sub> of 0.9 for siltation biofouling). The correction factor of 0.2,



the minimum correction factor allowed by the City of Seattle, was applied to the measured infiltration rates. The resulting design infiltration rate is **1.0 inches per hour** for TP-1/PIT-1. As mentioned above, infiltration is not recommended at test pit TP-2/PIT-2, because of the high fines in the sandy silt soil. We recommend that any infiltration facility be established in the silty sand advance outwash observed at the location of TP-1/PIT-1.

### Construction Considerations

Appropriate design, construction and maintenance measures will be required to ensure the infiltration rate can be effectively maintained over time. Suspended solids could clog the underlying soil and reduce the infiltration rate. Appropriate temporary erosion and sediment control methods should be included in the project plans and specifications to minimize the potential for fines contamination during construction of the permanent infiltration facility utilized at the site.

To further reduce the potential for fines migration, any infiltration facility should not be connected to the stormwater runoff system until after construction is complete and the site area is landscaped, paved, or otherwise protected. Additional measures may also be taken during construction to minimize the potential of fines contamination of the proposed infiltration system, such as utilizing an alternative storm water management location during construction or leaving the bottom of the permanent systems 1 to 2 feet high, and subsequently excavating to the finished grade once the site soils have been stabilized. All contractors working on the site (builders and subcontractors) should divert sediment laden stormwater away from proposed infiltration facilities during construction and landscaping activities. No concrete trucks should be washed or cleaned, and washout areas should not be within the vicinity of the proposed infiltration facilities. After construction activities have been completed, periodic sweeping of the paved areas will help extend the life of the infiltration facility.

### LIMITATIONS

We have prepared this report for use by Dean Biddle and other members of the design team for use in the design of a portion of this project. The data used in preparing this report and this report should be provided to prospective contractors for their bidding or estimating purposes only. Our report, conclusions and interpretations are based on our subsurface explorations, data from others and limited site reconnaissance, and should not be construed as a warranty of the subsurface conditions.

Variations in subsurface conditions are possible between the explorations and may also occur with time. A contingency for unanticipated conditions should be included in the budget and schedule. Sufficient monitoring, testing and consultation should be provided by our firm during construction to confirm that the conditions encountered are consistent with those indicated by the explorations, to provide recommendations for design changes should the conditions revealed during the work differ from those anticipated, and to evaluate whether earthwork and foundation installation activities comply with contract plans and specifications.

The scope of our services does not include services related to environmental remediation and construction safety precautions. Our recommendations are not intended to direct the contractor's methods, techniques, sequences, or procedures, except as specifically described in our report for consideration in design.

If there are any changes in the loads, grades, locations, configurations or type of facilities to be constructed, the conclusions and recommendations presented in this report may not be fully



applicable. If such changes are made, we should be given the opportunity to review our recommendations and provide written modifications or verifications, as appropriate.



We appreciate the opportunity to be of service to you on this project. Please do not hesitate to call at your convenience with any additional comments or questions.

Respectfully submitted, GeoResources, LLC

> Cooper Crowder, GIT Staff Geologist



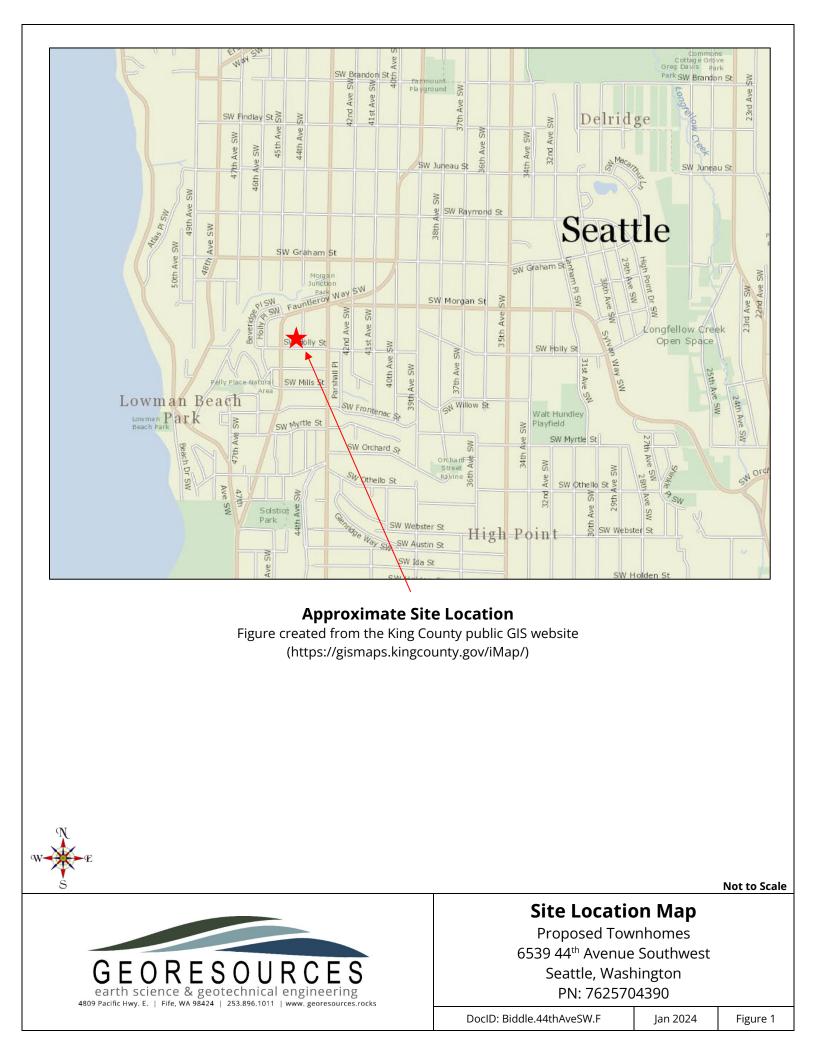
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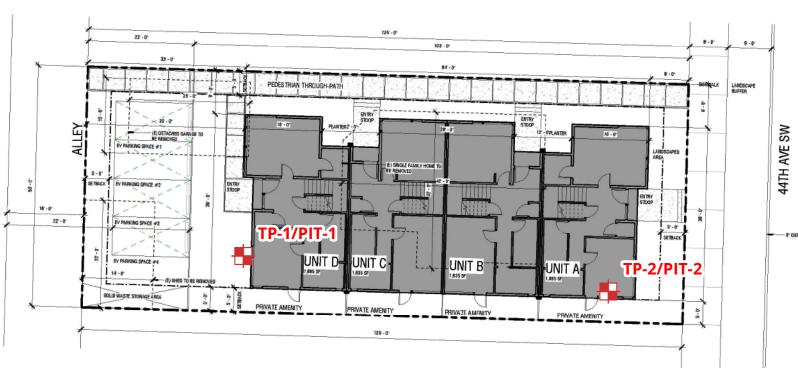


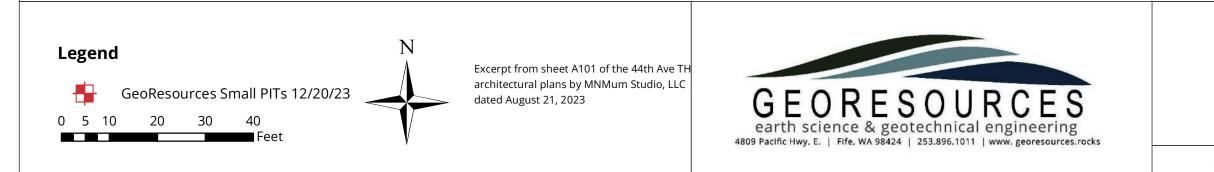
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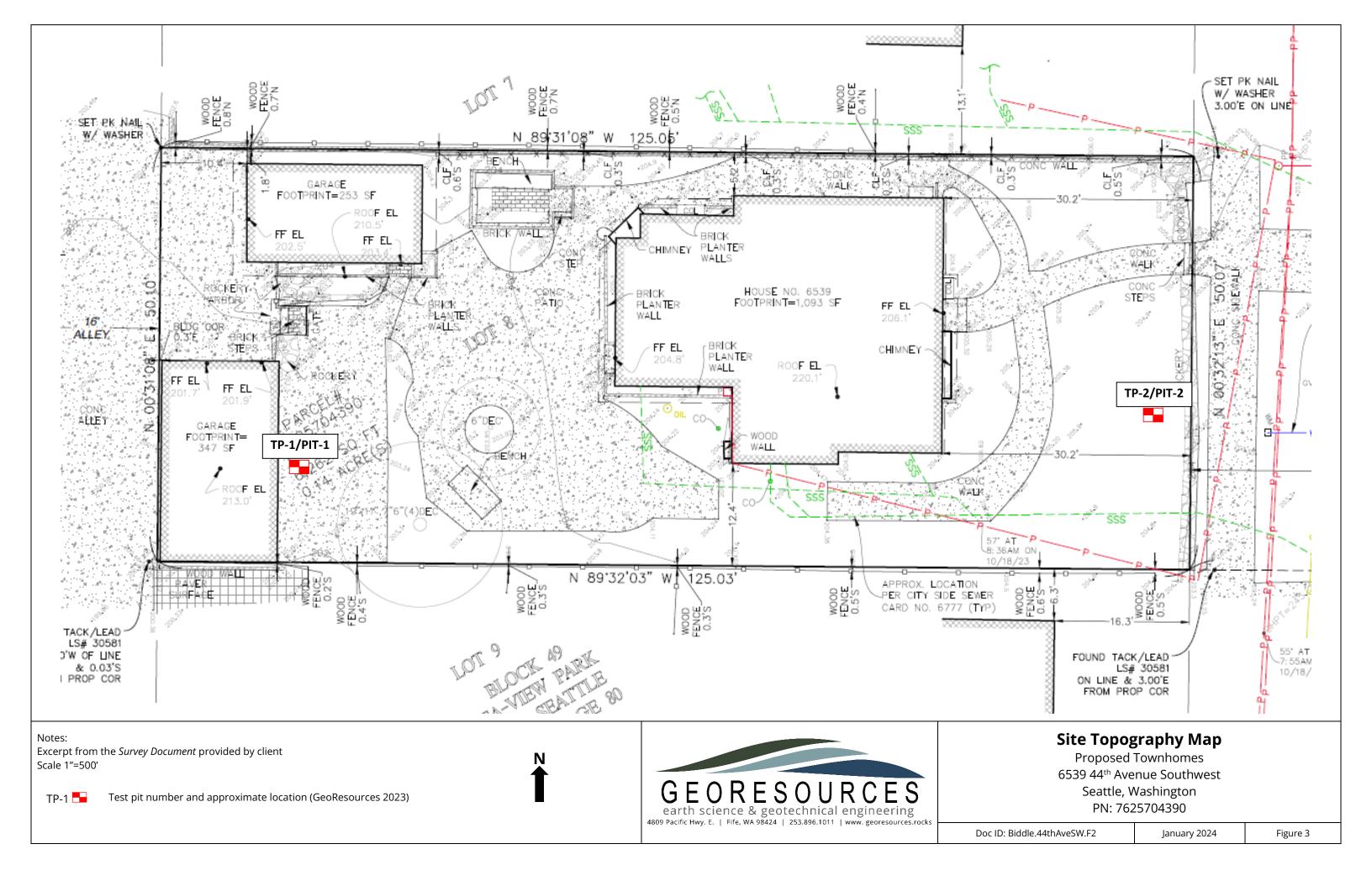
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Figure 2





Approximate Site Location Figure created from the King County public GIS website (https://gismaps.kingcounty.gov/iMap/)



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### **Site Vicinity Map**

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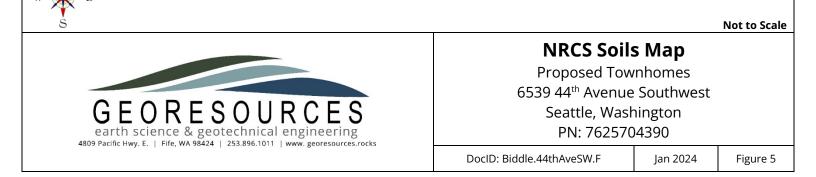
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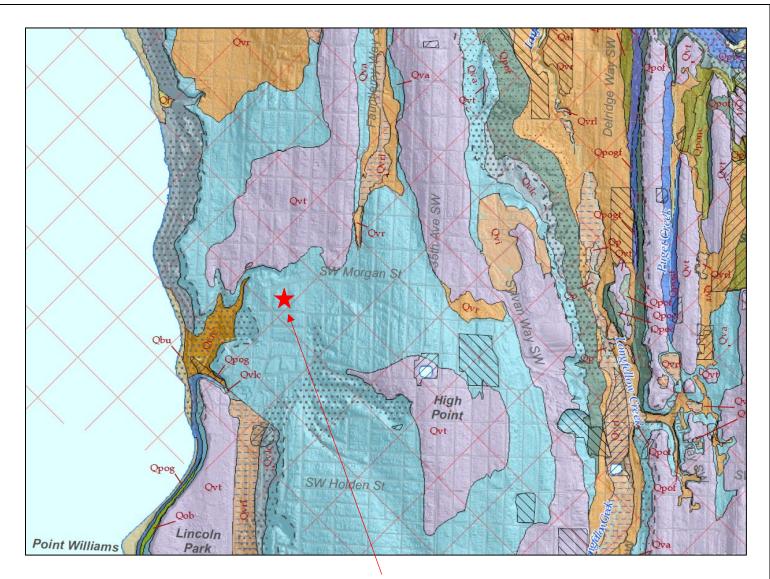


### **Approximate Site Location**

Figure created from the Web Soil Survey (http://websoilsurvey.sc.egov.usda.gov/App/WebSoilSurvey.aspx)

Soil Type	Soil Name	Parent Material	Slopes	Erosion Hazard (road, trail)	Hydrologic Soil Group
3056	Urban land- Alderwood complex	Glacial drift and/or glacial outwash over dense glaciomarine deposits	5 to 12	Not rated	А

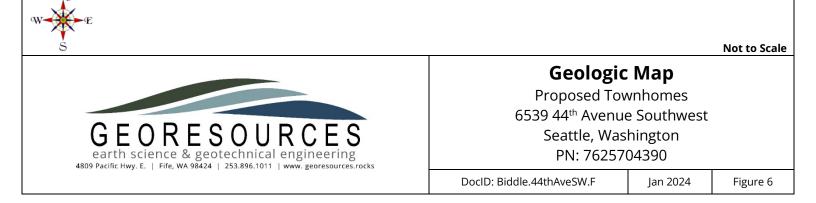




### **Approximate Site Location**

An excerpt from The Geologic Map of Seattle - A Progress Report, Troost, K. G. et al., 2005

Symbol	Geologic Unit		
Qvr	Recessional outwash deposits		
Qvt	Vashon till		
Qva	Advance outwash deposits		



**Appendix A** Subsurface Explorations

M	AJOR DIVISIONS		GROUP SYMBOL	GROUP NAME
	CDAVE	CLEAN	GW	WELL-GRADED GRAVEL, FINE TO COARSE GRAV
COARSE	GRAVEL	GRAVEL	GP	POORLY-GRADED GRAVEL
GRAINED SOILS	More than 50% Of Coarse Fraction	GRAVEL	GM	SILTY GRAVEL
	Retained on No. 4 Sieve	WITH FINES	GC	CLAYEY GRAVEL
	Moro than 50%		SW	WELL-GRADED SAND, FINE TO COARSE SAND
More than 50%		CLEAN SAND	SP	POORLY-GRADED SAND
Retained on No. 200 Sieve		SAND WITH FINES	SM	SILTY SAND
	Passes No. 4 Sieve		SC	CLAYEY SAND
			ML	SILT
FINE GRAINED	SILT AND CLAY	INORGANIC	CL	CLAY
SOILS	Liquid Limit Less than 50	ORGANIC	OL	ORGANIC SILT, ORGANIC CLAY
			МН	SILT OF HIGH PLASTICITY, ELASTIC SILT
More than 50% Passes No. 200 Sieve	SILT AND CLAY	INORGANIC	СН	CLAY OF HIGH PLASTICITY, FAT CLAY
	Liquid Limit 50 or more	ORGANIC	ОН	ORGANIC CLAY, ORGANIC SILT
H	IGHLY ORGANIC SOILS	1	PT	PEAT

### NOTES:

- 1. Field classification is based on visual examination of soil in general accordance with ASTM D2488-90.
- 2. Soil classification using laboratory tests is based on ASTM D6913.
- 3. Description of soil density or consistency are based on interpretation of blow count data, visual appearance of soils, and or test data.

#### SOIL MOISTURE MODIFIERS:

- Dry- Absence of moisture, dry to the touch
- Moist- Damp, but no visible water
- Wet- Visible free water or saturated, usually soil is obtained from below water table



### **Unified Soils Classification System**

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### Test Pit TP-1/PIT-1

Location: Southwest portion of the parcel (back yard) Approximate Elevation: 204.5 feet (*Topographic & Boundary Survey* by Terrane)

			Аррголі	mate Lievation. 204.5 leet ( <i>ropographic &amp; boundary Survey</i> by Terrane)
De	pth	(ft)	Soil Type	Soil Description
0.0	-	0.5	-	Topsoil
0.5	-	3.5	SM	Reddish brown gravelly silty SAND with scattered organics (loose to medium dense, moist) (Uncontrolled Fill)
3.5	-	4.5	SM	Reddish brown gravelly silty SAND (medium dense, moist) (Weathered Advance outwash)
4.5	-	6.0	SM	Brown silty SAND with some to trace gravel (medium dense, moist) (Advance Outwash)
				PIT performed at 4.0 feet below ground surface (BGS).
				PIT over-excavated with hand auger to final depth at 6.0 feet.
				Spot mottling observed from 1.5 to 3.5 feet BGS at time of excavation.
				No caving observed during excavation.
				No groundwater seepage observed at the time of excavation.
				Test Pit TP-2/PIT-2
				Location: Southeast portion of the parcel (front yard)
			Approx	kimate Elevation: 206 feet ( <i>Topographic &amp; Boundary Survey</i> by Terrane)
De	pth	(ft)	Soil Type	Soil Description
0.0	-	0.5	-	Topsoil
0.5	-	3.5	SM	Brown to reddish brown gravelly silty SAND with gravel (loose to medium dense, moist)
0.5		5.5		(Uncontrolled Fill)
3.5	-	6.0	ML	Reddish brown sandy SILT with some gravel (stiff, moist) (Advance outwash)
				PIT performed at 4.0 feet below ground surface (BGS).
				PIT over-excavated with hand auger to final depth at 6.0 feet.
				Spot mottling observed from 1.5 to 3.5 feet BGS at time of excavation.
				No caving observed during excavation.
				No groundwater seepage observed at the time of excavation.

Logged by: CJC

Excavated on: December 20, 2023

### **Test Pit Logs**

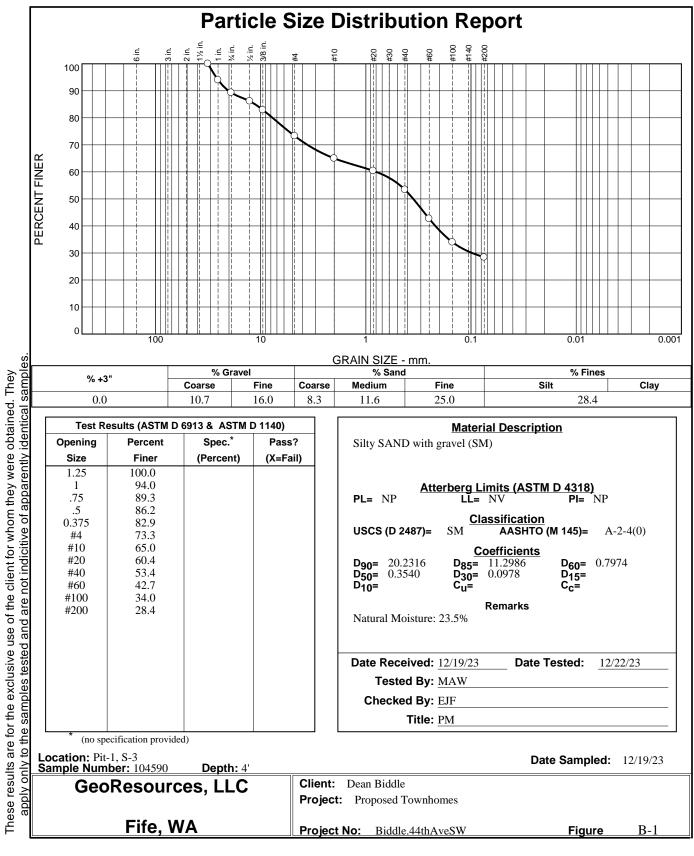
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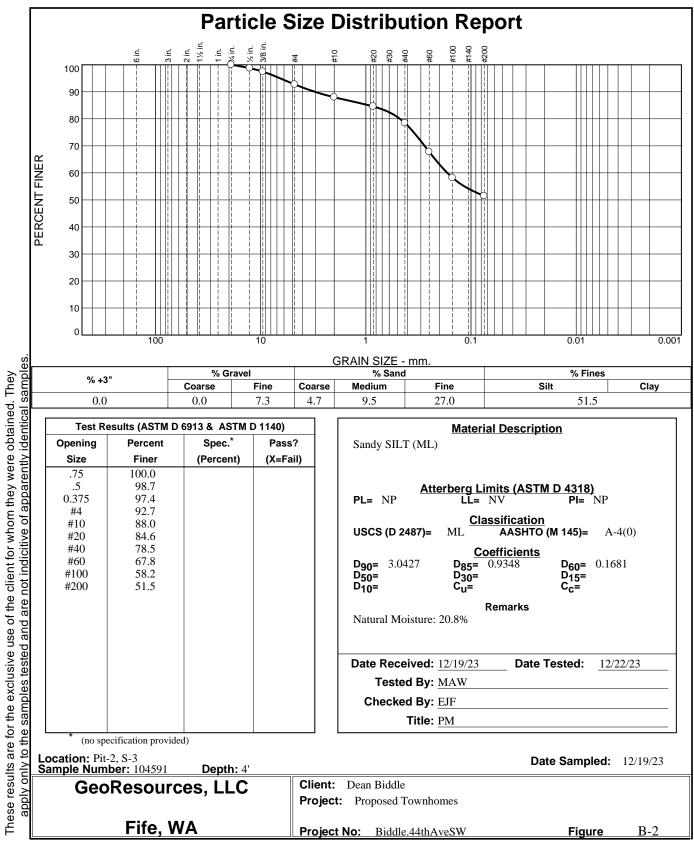
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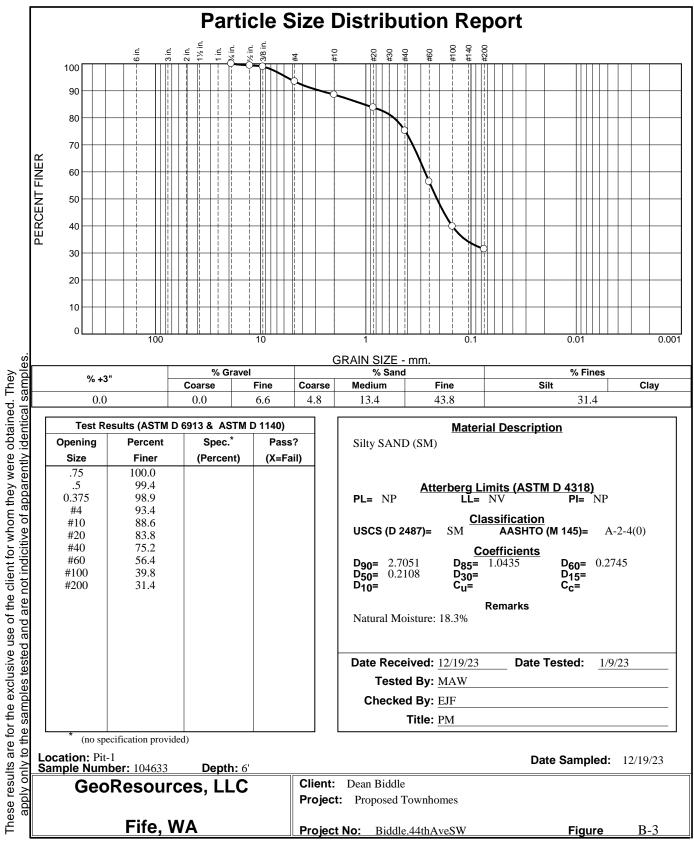
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# Appendix C

City of Seattle Pilot Infiltration Test (PIT) Checklists



## **City of Seattle** Pilot Infiltration Test (PIT) Checklist

## Call before you dig – Utility Locates 811

Project Address:	Date:
Permit Number:	
Other Project Information:	
This Infiltration Test was performed by:	
Company Name:	Primary Contact Name:
Phone Number:	Email Address:
Include site map or drainage control plan, with tes	st locations clearly marked.

Include site map or drainage control plan, with test locations clearly marked.

The intent of this checklist is to provide a summary of stormwater BMP infiltration testing requirements associated with the Pilot Infiltration Test (PIT). All projects and associated plans are also subject to the minimum requirements outlined in the City of Seattle Stormwater Manual and SMC Chapters 22.800 - 22.808, as well as the specific subsurface investigation and infiltration testing requirements outlined in Volume 3, Chapter 3 and Appendix D of the 2021 City of Seattle Stormwater Manual. See also Appendix C for site constraints that preclude infiltration facility feasibility (such as site slope > 8%).

This checklist does not preclude the use of professional judgment to evaluate and manage risk associated with design, construction, and operation of infiltration BMPs. Justification for testing procedures that deviate from the minimum investigation requirements specified in Appendix D shall be documented in a stamped and signed letter from a State of Washington licensed professional (licensed professional engineer, engineering geologist, geologist, or hydrogeologist) who has experience in infiltration and groundwater testing and infiltration facility design.

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(The method of delivery must reduce erosion in the test pit that could cause clogging of the infiltration receptor)

### 16. <u>Testing Procedure:</u>

a. Pre-soak period: Add water to maintain water level at least 12 inches above the bottom of the test pit for at least 6 hours. Record the time and depth of water hourly in the table below.

Time of Measurement (hh:mm)	Depth of Water (inches)

- b. Steady-state period: The steady-state data is used to establish the measured infiltration rate (see step 17)
  - i. Add water to the test pit at a rate that will maintain a depth of 12 inches above the bottom of the test pit for 1 full hour. During this hour, record the time, depth of water, cumulative volume, and instantaneous flow rate every 15-minutes in the table below.
  - ii. Calculate the infiltration rate for each 15-minute interval. First convert the flow rate to in<sup>3</sup>/hr and the test pit bottom area (recorded in step 10) into in<sup>2</sup>. Divide the flow rate by the bottom area and record the result in the table below.

Time of Measurement (hh:mm)	Depth of Water (inches)	Cumulative Volume (gallons)	Flow Rate (gpm)	Infiltration Rate (in/hr)
0:00	12			
0:15	12	9.4	0.6	5
0:30	12	18.8	0.6	5
0:45	12	28.1	0.6	5
1:00	12	38.0	0.6	5

gallon = 231 in<sup>3</sup>, 1 ft<sup>2</sup> = 144 in<sup>2</sup>

- c. **Falling head period**: The falling head data is used to confirm the measured infiltration rate calculated from the steady- state data.
  - i. At the end of the steady-state period, turn off the water and immediately record the time and depth of water in the table below. Record the time and depth of water every 15-minutes for a minimum of 1 hour, or until the pit is empty. (Note: in areas with slow draining soils, a pressure transducer is recommended to improve the accuracy of change in depth readings. In addition, users are encouraged to extend the testing period and use longer intervals to improve accuracy.)
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Time of Measurement (15-minute minimum intervals)	Depth of Water (inches)	Infiltration Rate (in/hr)
16:00	12.0	- 60
16:10	11.0	6
16.20	10.2	4.8
16.30	9.4	4.8
16.40	8.6	4.8
16.50	7.8	4.8
17:00	7.0	4.8

d. Check for high groundwater / immediate groundwater mounding:

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- 2. Is standing water or seepage visible in the excavation hole? (Yes / No)
- 3. If "yes," record depth: ×

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- Calculate "Design Infiltration Rate": The design infiltration rate shall be calculated by applying the appropriate correction factor to the above measured infiltration rate (see the City of Seattle Stormwater Manual, Appendix D, Section D-4).
  - a. Select a correction factor.
  - b. Calculate the Design Infiltration Rate below.

✓ Design infiltration rate =	5 X	0.2	= 1.0	_in/hr
_	Measured infiltration rate (in/hr)	Correction Factor*		

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I certify that I have followed the procedures outlined in this document to determine the infiltration BMP infiltration rate.

#### Infiltration Test performed by:

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Permit Number:	
Other Project Information:	
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