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GEOTECHNICAL & STRUCTURAL  
ASSESSMENT REPORT**

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## **1.0 PROJECT BACKGROUND**

The State of New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (DCA), Division of Disaster Recovery and Mitigation, anticipates receiving approval for grant funding through FEMA's Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) appropriation. This funding is provided through FMA to states and local communities to reduce or eliminate flood risk due to repetitive flood damage to buildings insured by the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The DCA intends to use the funding for the State's Mitigation Assistance Program (MAP) to elevate residential properties located in a floodplain in the Township of Fairfield. The properties are to be elevated at least 3 feet above the base flood elevation (BFE). The DCA hosted a town hall meeting for homeowners in Fairfield, focused on homeowners with properties that experience Repetitive Losses or Severe Repetitive Losses.

In preparation of procuring a Design-Build firm to conduct the effort, the DCA has contracted Matrix New World Engineering, Land Surveying and Landscape Architecture, P.C. (Matrix) to conduct a geotechnical analysis, preliminary structural analysis, and elevation certificate for residences anticipated to be included in the program. It is understood that this document will serve as the basis for the development of a Request for Proposal (RFP) to procure Design-Build firms to do final structural design and perform the elevation of the properties.

## 2.0 PROJECT SCOPE

Matrix has completed a geotechnical and structural assessment and elevation certificate to evaluate the viability of elevating the residential building located at 120 Big Piece Road in Fairfield, New Jersey (Site). Matrix provided geotechnical and structural engineering and land surveying services as a consultant to the DCA. The project location is shown on the attached Site Location Map (Figure 1).

The purpose of the engineering study was to compile comprehensive data regarding the existing building's foundations and overall structural composition and condition at the Site. The information obtained will be further utilized to determine the feasibility and proposed design of raising the existing residence 3 feet above the base flood elevation (BFE) as determined by FEMA. A team of Matrix engineers and surveyors performed the evaluation, consisting of a geotechnical soil inspection, test pits to reveal the existing building foundations, an interior inspection of the building's visible foundation walls and frame, and topographic surveying for the development of a flood elevation certificate. A total of 2 test pits (TP-1 and TP-2) were completed to depths of 44 and 29 inches below ground surface (bgs), respectively, and 2 geotechnical borings (B-1 and B-2) were completed to a depth of 27 feet bgs (see Figure 2).

Matrix's geotechnical characterization of the property is based on an engineering evaluation of the subsurface conditions as indicated by the field exploration data and geotechnical laboratory test results on representative soil samples.

### **3.0 SITE LOCATION & PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The project site is located at 120 Big Piece Road in Fairfield, New Jersey. The property consists of a two-story timber-framed colonial house with an approximately 1,570 square foot footprint. The house is situated atop concrete masonry unit (CMU) foundation walls on cast-in-place concrete foundations. The substructure of the house is comprised of three different crawl space areas and a ground-level garage. The timber frame of the residential structure is covered with a vinyl siding or a decorative stone façade throughout its exterior. The property also contains a timber-framed painted timber deck in the rear of the house.

To assist with the geotechnical and structural evaluation, test pits and geotechnical borings were advanced in areas around the residence to obtain information regarding the soil's structural properties and building's existing foundation. The 2 test pits and 2 borings were located to provide the most useful information about the subsurface conditions. Refer to Figure 2 of this report for a map of the test pit and boring locations.

#### 4.0 GEOLOGIC SETTING

According to the USDA Soil Survey of Essex County, the site is situated atop Pompton – Urban land. The subsurface composition is typically sand and loamy sands from 8 to 60 inches bgs.

According to the 2014 Bedrock Geologic Map of New Jersey, the site is underlain by the Sedimentary and Bedded Volcanic Rocks Towaco Formation. Specifically, the subsurface consists of micaceous, reddish-brown sandstone, siltstone, and silty mudstone in upward-fining sequences. The Bedrock Geologic Map is shown in Figure 3.

From the Surficial Geologic Map of Northern New Jersey, compiled by and edited by Byron D. Stone, Scott D. Stanford, and Ron W. White in 2002, the natural surface material (beyond fill) is suggested to be in the Pine Brook terrace deposit, which contains sand and gravel, moderately to poorly sorted. The Surficial Geology map is shown in Figure 4.

The documented site conditions presented above are consistent with the findings from the subsurface investigation, in which loamy Sands were encountered followed by a layer of cohesive material. Groundwater was encountered in the borings at approximately 6 feet bgs based on soil saturation levels. Bedrock was not encountered during this subsurface program.

## **5.0 SUBSURFACE FIELD PROGRAM**

The subsurface investigation was completed by generally accepted practices in the Geotechnical Engineering field and consisted of the advancement of 2 test pits and 2 Standard Penetration Test (SPT) borings using mud rotary drilling methods. Matrix retained Boring Brothers, Inc., located in Egg Harbor Township, NJ, to complete the subsurface field program.

A Matrix Geotechnical Engineer provided full-time drilling oversight, soil logging, and sample collection. Matrix prepared the field test pit and boring logs, which included sample depths, SPT-N blow counts, soil recovery, and soil descriptions based on the Burmister Soil Classification System followed by the Unified Soil Classification System (USCS) letter symbol. Test pit and soil boring logs are provided in Appendix A. Classification tables and charts used to determine the soil attributes are included in Appendix B.

Upon the completion of the field program, representative samples were subjected to geotechnical laboratory analyses. Laboratory results aided in soil classification and assessing the relevant engineering properties of the stratigraphic layers which were used in developing the revised geotechnical parameters outlined herein. Geotechnical laboratory reports are included in Appendix C.

### **5.1 Test Pits**

On May 14, 2021, Boring Brothers completed a foundation survey which included 2 test pits, TP-1 (Front Yard) and TP-2 (Backyard) were completed to depths of 46 and 48 inches below the ground surface. The test pits were dug using a Bobcat E55 and shovel to prevent any damage to the existing building foundations. The exterior edge of the building footing was exposed at both locations to accurately measure the structure's dimensions, as well as to analyze the conditions of the concrete foundation.

The Matrix Geotechnical Engineer also observed the subsurface soil conditions encountered within the test pits, noting the type and composition of the soils surrounding and beneath the existing footings. All test pits were backfilled with the original soils upon completion of the test pit logs. No test pit samples were collected at the site for further analysis.

### **5.2 SPT Borings**

On May 14, 2021, Boring Brothers advanced 2 geotechnical borings with a Mobile CME 55 track-mounted drill rig using mud rotary drilling techniques.

Split spoon (SS) samples were collected in accordance with *ASTM D-1586, Standard Method for Penetration Test and Split-Barrel Sampling of Soils*. A standard 2-inch outer diameter split spoon, two feet in length, was used to collect the soil samples. An automatic 140-pound hammer having a 30-inch drop was used to drive the split spoon sampler. As a part of boring observation, the SPT blow counts were recorded for the 0- to 6-inch interval, the 6- to 12-inch interval, the 12- to 18-inch interval and the 18- to 24-inch interval. The SPT N-values for design purposes are reported as the sum of the SPT N values observed for the above referenced 6- to 12-inch interval and the 12- to 18-inch interval that the split spoon sampler was driven.

The Matrix Geotechnical Engineer observed the split spoon samples and collected representative samples in sealed containers for further examination. All borings were continuously sampled to 12 feet bgs and at every subsequent 5-foot interval thereafter. The 2 borings were each advanced to a depth of 27 feet bgs. The borings were backfilled with soil cuttings and bentonite hole plug (if necessary) upon completion of the borehole.

### **5.3 Laboratory Testing**

In addition to the field investigation, a laboratory testing program was conducted to determine additional pertinent engineering characteristics of representative samples of on-site soils. The laboratory testing program was performed in general accordance with applicable ASTM standard test methods and included physical/textural testing of representative samples of various strata.

Upon review of the boring logs, Matrix selected representative samples for laboratory testing. Laboratory testing of selected samples was completed by TerraSense, LLC, located in Totowa, New Jersey. The following table presents a summary of the testing program.

The results of the laboratory testing program were utilized to assist in developing geotechnical design parameters and recommendations, and are provided in Appendix C.

**Table 5.3-1: Laboratory Testing Program**

Test	Testing Procedure	Quantity Performed	Sample Locations and Depth Intervals
Water Content	ASTM D2216	4	B-1: 4-6', 15-17' B-12: 15-17', 25-27'
Sieve Analysis	ASTM D422	1	B-1: 4-6'
Atterberg Limits	ASTM D4318	2	B-2: 15-17', 25-27'
Percent Fines	ASTM D1140	1	B-1: 15-17'

**6.0 SUBSURFACE CONDITIONS**

The subsurface conditions beneath the site can be characterized by the following stratigraphy, proceeding from the surface materials downward, unless noted otherwise below. Classification tables and charts used to determine the soil attributes are included in Appendix B.

**Test Pits**

Top of the concrete was uncovered in TP-1(Front Yard) at 38” bgs. The concrete protrudes 3” from the wall and extends 6” deep at this location.

In TP-2 (Backyard) the top of concrete was uncovered at 24” bgs. The concrete protrudes 12” from the wall and extends 5” deep at this location.

**Surface Cover**

The surface cover for boring B-1 and B-2 consisted of grass cover and topsoil, approximately 4 to 6 inches thick.

**Stratum 1: Sand (SP, SM)**

Beneath the surface cover, a soil layer was encountered consisting of brown coarse-to-fine Sand with varying amounts of Silt. This granular layer extended from the bottom of the surface cover to approximately 13.5 feet below the ground surface (bgs) in both borings.

The SPT N-values in this layer ranged from 5 to 24 blows per foot (bpf), with the soil becoming denser with depth. These N-values indicate loose to medium-dense Sand material. The SPT N-values for Stratum 1 are summarized in the tables below.

**Table 6.0-1: Loose SPT N-Values for Stratum 1**

<b>Soil Boring Location</b>	<b>USCS Group Symbol</b>	<b>Depth Below Ground Surface</b>	<b>SPT N-Values</b>
B-1	SP, SM	0-4'	5-10
B-2	SP	0-4'	8-10

**Table 6.0-2: Medium-Dense SPT N-Values for Stratum 1**

Soil Boring Location	USCS Group Symbol	Depth Below Ground Surface	SPT N-Values
B-1	SP, SM	4-13.5'	15-20
B-2	SP	4-13.5'	14-24

**Stratum 2: Silt (ML)**

Beneath the granular material of Stratum 1, a layer of Clayey Silt was encountered that also included varying amounts of fine Sand. This layer was encountered at approximately 13.5 feet bgs and extended to approximately 23.5 feet bgs in both borings.

The SPT N-values in this layer ranged from 9 to 17 bpf, which is indicative of loose to medium Silt. The SPT N-values for Stratum 2 are summarized in the tables below.

**Table 6.0-3: Loose Silt SPT N-Values for Stratum 2**

Soil Boring Location	USCS Group Symbol	Depth Below Ground Surface	SPT N-Values
B-1	ML	13.5-18.5'	9

**Table 6.0-4: Medium Silt SPT N-Values for Stratum 2**

Soil Boring Location	USCS Group Symbol	Depth Below Ground Surface	SPT N-Values
B-1	ML	18.5-23.5'	10
B-2	ML	13.5-23.5'	12-17

**Stratum 3: Clay (CL)**

Beneath the Silt material of Stratum 2, a layer of Clay was encountered that also included significant Silt content and traces of fine Sand (in boring B-2 only). This layer was encountered at approximately 23.5 feet bgs, and both borings were terminated within this layer at 27 feet bgs.

The SPT N-values in this layer ranged from 4 to 5 bpf, which is indicative of medium-soft cohesive material. The SPT N-values for Stratum 3 are summarized in the table below.

**Table 6.0-5: SPT N-Values for Stratum 3**

<b>Soil Boring Location</b>	<b>USCS Group Symbol</b>	<b>Depth Below Ground Surface</b>	<b>SPT N-Values</b>
B-1	CL	23.5-27'	5
B-2	CL	23.5-27'	4

**Groundwater**

Groundwater levels could not be measured during drilling in either boring, due to the use of water and drilling mud to advance the borings. Based on soil saturation levels, the groundwater table lies approximately at 6 feet bgs. Saturated soils were first encountered in B-1 at 6 feet bgs at 8:50AM and in B-2 at 6 feet bgs at 9:40AM. It should be noted that the groundwater levels will vary with temperature, precipitation, and other climatic factors.

## **7.0 GEOTECHNICAL SUBSURFACE PARAMETERS**

The geotechnical design parameters in this report are derived from the field program and are based on accepted geotechnical standards and practices. At the time of the geotechnical assessment, loading conditions and the final proposed grading plans were not available. Therefore, certain assumptions were made for the recommendations provided in this report.

Table 7.0-1 summarizes the recommended geotechnical design parameters for the various soil strata encountered at the Site. The values are based on review and interpretation of the subsurface field program and laboratory test data results.

Table 1806.2 of the 2018 International Building Code provides allowable coefficients of friction to be used in the evaluation of resistance to sliding.

**Table 7.0-1: Geotechnical Design Parameters**

Stratum	Unit Weight	Friction Angle (Φ)	Cohesive Strength, $c_u$	Earth Pressure Coefficient		Net Allowable Foundation Pressure*	Lateral Bearing
				Active	Passive		
	(pcf)	(deg)	(psf)	(Ka)	(Kp)	(psf)	(psf/ft. bgs)
Native Medium-Dense to Dense Granular Soil (SP, SP-SM, SM) [SPT N > 10]	$\gamma = 125$ $\gamma' = 63$	32°	0	0.31	3.26	4,000	200
Native Loose Granular Soil (SP, SP-SM, SM) [SPT N ≤ 10]	$\gamma = 105$ $\gamma' = 43$	30°	0	0.33	3.00	2,500	150
Native Silt (ML) Medium [10 ≤ SPT N ≤ 30]	$\gamma = 115$ $\gamma' = 53$	28°	400	0.36	2.77	2,000*	100
Native Silt (ML) Loose [SPT N < 10]	$\gamma = 90$ $\gamma' = 28$	26°	150	0.39	2.56	1,500*	75
Native Clay Material (CL) Medium-Soft [4 ≤ SPT N ≤ 8]	$\gamma = 100$ $\gamma' = 38$	-	1,000	-	-	1,500*	75

Notations:  $\gamma$  = moist unit weight,  $\gamma'$  = buoyant unit weight, and  $c_u$  = average undrained shear strength.

- + Allowable foundation pressure is contingent upon either replacement of at least two feet of existing fill below the bottom of footing by a Controlled Fill, or upon confirmation that the field density of the existing fill material down to four feet below the bottom of footing meets 95% of the maximum dry density of the existing fill material observed in Modified Proctor Tests.
- \* These values are based on the 2018 International Building Code, New Jersey Edition, and adjusted for field conditions encountered. To increase the allowable foundation pressure above the values recommended in the table given above, further testing of soil will be required. In Cohesive soils, it should be noted that the shallow footing may fail under the settlement criteria before the footing pressure approaches the anticipated allowable bearing capacity. Allowable Foundation Pressure values assume the water table is below the influence depth of the foundation.
- Coefficient of earth pressure at rest may be computed using Jaky’s equation,  $K_o = 1 - \sin \phi'$ .

## **8.0 STRUCTURAL INSPECTION**

The following sections present the results of the structural inspection of the residential building at 120 Big Piece Road in Fairfield, New Jersey. The conclusions presented herein are derived from Matrix's geotechnical and structural investigation of the existing soils and building foundations and framing configurations, along with pertinent survey data as compiled by Matrix's team of land surveyors.

Matrix conducted a subsurface investigation that included both test pits and soil borings to obtain maximum pertinent information regarding the existing site conditions (refer to Section 6.0 of this report). Each test pit performed at the site exposed the exterior portion of the building's foundation wall footings, allowing for measurement of dimensions of the structure and assessment of the construction methods utilized. Two geotechnical borings were also conducted to gain further information regarding the existing soils beneath the site.

In addition to the geotechnical investigation, Matrix also conducted a structural site inspection to observe the existing foundation walls and framing of the building. Matrix's structural engineer was granted access to the residence's garage and crawl spaces to observe the building's foundation structure. Substructure composition was recorded, including beam/girder type, building dimensions, and spacing of structural components. Structural defects, if any, were also noted during the inspection and have been included within Section 8.3.

### **8.1 Existing Building Foundations**

The building at 120 Big Piece Road sits atop three separate crawl space areas and one ground-level garage. The timber frame and subfloor are supported by CMU (8x8x18 block) foundation walls.

The front crawl space of the building, measuring 22'-8" long x 34'-4" wide, encompasses the house's main footprint. The foundation walls in this area consist of approximately 42" high CMU blocks. These walls widen approximately 20" above the crawl space floor, protruding 4" into the crawl space area (the southern wall, adjacent to the garage, does not have this protrusion). The subfloor of the first floor above consists of (2) adjoining nominal 2x8 joists typically spaced 16" on center and running east to west (front to rear of building). The joists are supported by a timber girder consisting of (3) nominal 2x8 members running perpendicular to the joists. The girder is supported at each end by the CMU foundation walls and along its span by three stacked CMU block pedestals. Two 4x4 timber posts were also observed providing further

support for the girder near its midspan. The longest clear span of the girder was measured at 8'-9" long. The floor of the front crawl space is approximately 52" below the first-floor surface above.

Immediately adjacent to the south, a second crawl space area consisting of approximately 18" high CMU foundation walls spans the perimeter of the southeast portion of the building. The tops of the foundation walls appeared to be uniform between the front and southeast crawl spaces, but the floor of the southeast crawls space was approximately 22" higher. An additional CMU wall spans the width of the space (north to south), approximately 6 feet from the rear wall, to provide an extra load-bearing foundation wall for the building. The perimeter walls of this crawl space continue west to encompass the adjacent garage area located in the southwest corner of the building. The first-floor subfloor above the southeast crawl space consists of single nominal 2x8 timber members running north to south (side to side of building). No girder was present in this crawl space; the floor joists are supported at either end by the perimeter CMU foundation walls.

The garage area, located immediately west of the southeast crawl space and south of the front crawl space, consists of a ground-level concrete slab with 18" CMU foundation walls spanning the perimeter. The garage floor is level with the southeast crawl space floor, and the rear wall separating the two areas consists of a timber stud frame (not a foundation wall). Timber stairs lead from the garage level to the adjacent first floor in the rear of the building. There is a second floor above the garage, but the composition of the load-bearing walls could not be observed due to drywall covering frame.

In the rear of the building, east of the front crawl space, a third ground-level crawl space area was observed. This area appeared to be an addition to the original building footprint, as the first floor above was elevated approximately 38" above the original first floor of the building (a small staircase connects the two floors). The CMU foundation walls in the rear crawl space measured approximately 54" high throughout the space, and the concrete floor of the crawl space is approximately 67" below the first-floor surface above. The first-floor subfloor consists of nominal 2x10 timber joists, spaced 16" on center, running east to west (front to rear of building). No girders were observed in this area; the floor joists are supported at either end by the perimeter foundation walls. The west edge of this crawl space shares the rear perimeter foundation wall of the original building. The CMU foundation wall along the shared west edge only extends 18" above the rear crawl space floor (the rest of the wall is the timber stud frame of the building).

Two test pits were completed along the building perimeter to obtain information regarding the existing foundations of the building. Below the foundation walls in the front crawl space area, along the north wall, an approximately 22” wide concrete spread footing was revealed during the test pit excavation program. In the second test pit, located along the north wall of the rear crawl space, an approximately 32” concrete spread footing was observed. Based on our findings within the test pits and from conventional foundation construction, Matrix utilized a 16” wide footing as a minimum value for analysis, but believes the actual footings for the building to likely range from 16” to 24” in width. Prior to raising the house, Matrix recommends that the contractor confirm the foundation size and bearing adequacy with multiple test pits around the building perimeter.

## **8.2 Existing Equipment**

The only machinery observed within any of the three crawl spaces was a sump pit in the southwest corner of the front crawl space, near the entrance opening and along the front wall. Multiple metal and PVC pipes, as well as insulated air ducting, were also seen throughout the crawl space areas, at varying elevations.

Within the ground-level garage, an electrical panel and hot water heater were observed on the south wall. The bottom of the electrical panel was elevated 45” above the garage floor, while the hot water heater was 48” above the garage floor. A boiler was also observed in a closet on the second floor, with its bottom located on the floor surface.

Two exterior air conditioning units were observed in the rear of the building, along the northeast corner of the house. The units were situated atop a timber platform, elevating the units approximately 15” above the adjacent exterior grade.

## **8.3 Site Observations**

Standing water was noted within the front crawl space of the building in all four corners and some depressed areas of the floor at the time of the inspection. It also appeared as though the walls were seeping water into the crawl space at each corner.

PVC piping running near the ground in the front crawl space was being supporting by miscellaneous bricks, stones, and pieces of concrete.

In the southeast crawl space, what appeared to be concrete steps were seen along the north wall, in the northeast corner of the space. These stairs could possibly have been entrance steps to the building in the past. The southeast corner of the first floor, above the crawl space, seems to have been an addition to the original first floor space, splitting the garage area in half.

The rear of the building is elevated approximately 3'-3" above the original building, and both the first and second floors of the rear addition are connected to the original building with stairs. The ceiling of the second floor in this addition is also notably lower than the ceiling of the original building.

In the northeast corner of the building, along the rear wall, the second floor extends further outward than the first floor below, creating a cantilevered overhang.

A stone archway was observed attached to the exterior south wall of the building, extending over the pathway to the backyard. This archway would need to be removed during raising, then replaced after elevation of the house is complete.

#### **8.4 Elevation Requirements**

The FEMA 100-year flood elevation at 120 Big Piece Road is El. +174 (NAVD88). As per the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (DCA), and in accordance with the New Jersey Flood Hazard Area Control Act, the lowest floor of newly elevated buildings must be at least 3 feet above the base flood elevation. Therefore, the new first floor elevation must be at El. +177 or higher to meet the requirements set forth in the program.

The current first-floor elevation at the Site is at El. +170.84, with the adjacent garage floor at El. +168.33. To achieve the elevation requirements, the existing building would need to be raised at least 6.2 feet.

#### **8.5 Recommendations for Building Elevation**

Matrix recommends that the existing foundation system of the residential building at 120 Big Piece Road be kept and extended to achieve the required design flood elevation. The existing crawl space foundation walls are expected to provide sufficient support for the additional height of the newly raised building. Based on loading estimation and analysis for the existing building, Matrix estimates that the anticipated additional

dead load of the required new courses of CMU would remain under an allowable bearing capacity of 2,500 psf for the shallow concrete strip footings at the Site.

In accordance with NFIP requirements, it is required that the existing front crawl space be filled in to match the lowest adjacent exterior grade following raising. The newly raised house will have over 7 feet of space beneath (down to existing finished grade), which is enough vertical height for a ground-floor level. This additional space beneath the raised building can be used for storage at the resident's discretion.

Alternatively, the homeowner may elect to construct a new timber floor above the garage level, at the same elevation of the adjacent first floor, to increase the square footage of the building's habitable space while preserving the garage area for parking and storage. To support the additional loads from a new floor, an additional girder would be required below the new first-floor level, spanning the width of the garage, and a new load-bearing timber wall built above to carry the load from the second floor down to the new girder. The girder should possess sufficient strength to support the combined loading of a newly constructed first floor and the existing second floor, distributed by the new load-bearing wall above. The girder will likely bear directly on the newly raised CMU walls of the garage. The existing foundation system of the building is expected to sufficiently support the additional loading from the raised walls and a new first floor, but footing size must be confirmed around the garage walls prior to construction.

The most feasible method of elevation for the building consists of jacking up the entire residential structure from below using steel beams and jack posts. The building will then sit atop temporary cribbing while the existing CMU and concrete cellar/crawl space walls are heightened with additional courses of masonry block units. Additional vertical reinforcement would need to be installed in ungrouted masonry cells to properly transfer loads through the new heightened wall to the existing wall, and horizontal ladder reinforcement should be installed at a minimum of every other course. Also, the existing CMU block pedestals intermittently supporting the existing building's girder in the front crawl space must be removed and replaced by new concrete or masonry block columns. These new columns will need to include a spread footing beneath to sufficiently support the building loads.

Also, the garage door located in the front of the house will need to be removed prior to raising the house, and the opening replaced with a new timber-framed wall to match the rest of the building. The garage door will then be replaced at the ground level once the house is elevated.

Raising the building may allow for the currently elevated rear portion of the house to be made flush with the original house levels. The CMU walls of the three crawls spaces can be raised uniformly (tops of walls at same elevation), and the stairs removed on the first and second floor to connect the rear addition to the front main floors of the house. The feasibility of this proposed house renovation is to be verified by the contractor prior to raising the house.

Raising of the building should be undertaken with special attention to preserve the existing stone façade covering the timber frame in some areas of the house. If the façade is kept in place during raising, the process is liable to lead to some cracking in the existing façade. Alternatively, the stone cover can be removed prior to raising, then replaced with a similar or more flexible finish after completion of the elevation process. The materials and labor involved in exterior façade restoration of the house have not been included in the scope of this project.

Within the new foundation walls, permanent openings are required to allow floodwater to enter the ground level and equalize the hydrostatic pressure during a flood event. As per the 2018 International Residential Code, New Jersey Edition, the total net area of non-engineered openings must comprise at least 1 square inch for every square foot of enclosed space within the building's ground floor. This equates to approximately 10.9 square feet of total flood openings in the building's new foundation walls. Additionally, a minimum of two openings must be provided for each enclosed area of the new ground floor. These openings must be located no higher than one foot above the adjacent finished exterior grade along the building perimeter. Matrix recommends the use of engineered openings in lieu of non-engineered openings to maximize efficiency and minimize the quantity of openings required.

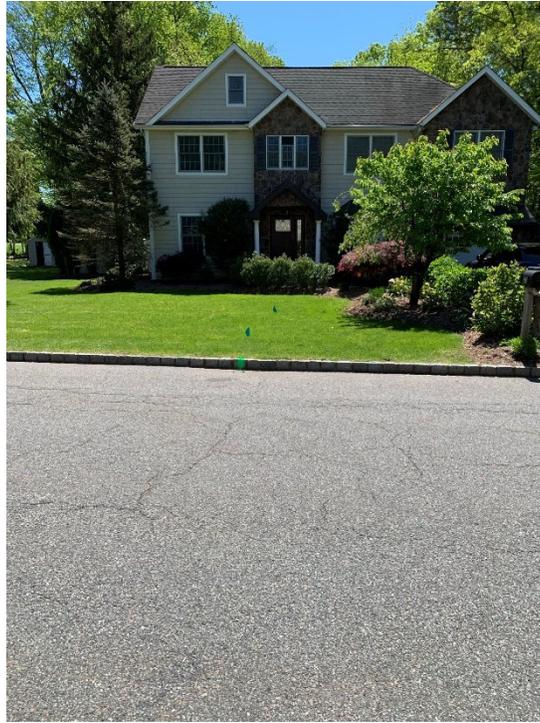
Additionally, any service equipment, whether outside or in the house, such as air conditioning, heat pump compressors, gas meters, electric meters, and hot water heaters, must be elevated 3 feet above the BFE. For interior elements, this may include relocation to an upper floor and thus less usable living space. For this residence, the hot water heater and electrical panel in the garage would require elevating 3 feet above the BFE onto the raised first floor. The 2 exterior air conditioning units would also require elevating 3 feet above the BFE on a new or extended exterior platform.

## **9.0 CLOSURE**

This report has been prepared to assist the State of New Jersey Department of Community Affairs with the structural and geotechnical evaluation of the residential building 120 Big Piece Road in Fairfield, New Jersey. The conclusions and recommendations provided within this report were prepared based on our understanding of the project and through the application of generally accepted engineering practices. No warranties, expressed or implied, are made. Matrix should be notified of any changes to the existing building foundation system or if subsurface conditions differing from those described herein are encountered, so the impact on the geotechnical and/or structural recommendations can be evaluated.

**10.0 REPRESENTATIVE SITE PHOTOS**

**Structural Inspection Photos**



**Photo 1. 120 Big Piece Road (Front of Building)**



**Photo 2. 120 Big Piece Road (Rear of Building – North Side)**



**Photo 3. 120 Big Piece Road (Rear of Building – South Side)**



**Photo 4. Front Crawl Space (Looking Northeast)**



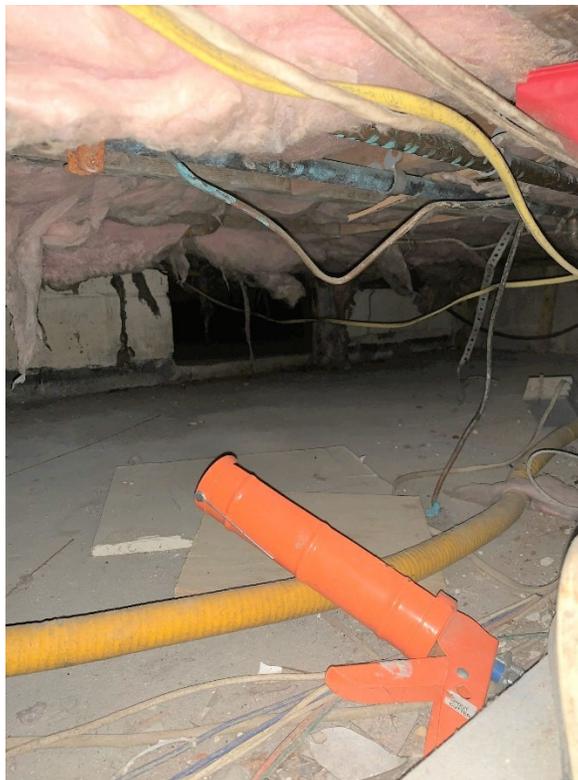
**Photo 5. Sump Pit in Southwest Corner of Front Crawl Space (Looking West)**



**Photo 6. Typical Subfloor Above Front Crawl Space**



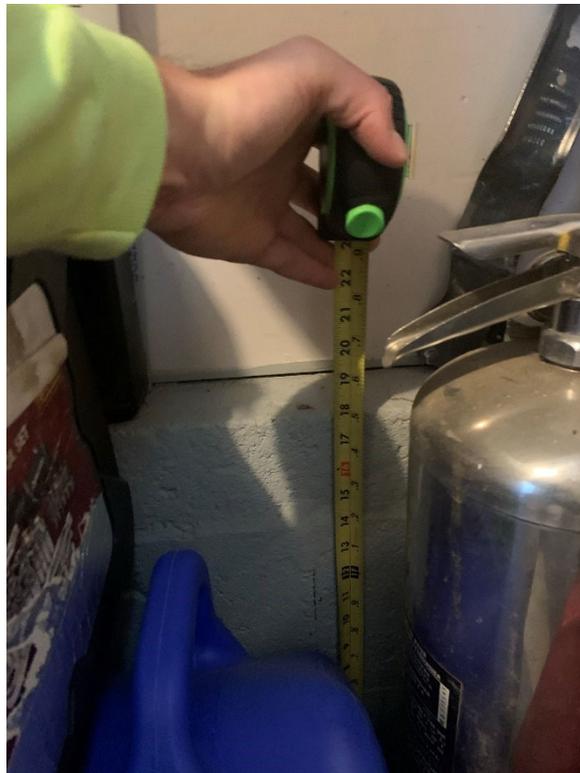
**Photo 7. Standing Water in Northeast Corner of Front Crawl Space (Looking East)**



**Photo 8. Southeast Crawl Space (Looking South)**



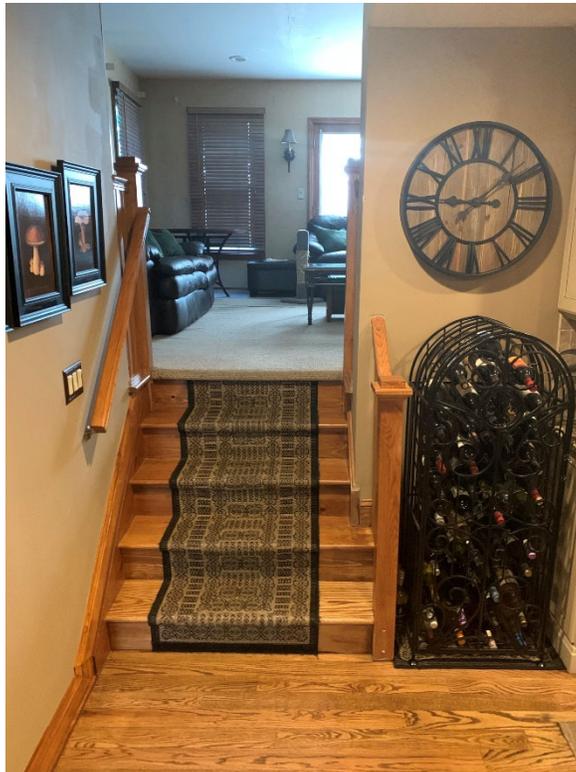
**Photo 9. Concrete Step in Northeast Corner of Southeast Crawl Space (Looking East)**



**Photo 10. CMU Foundation Walls in Garage Area (Typical)**



**Photo 11. Stairs to Second Floor of Rear Addition (Looking Southeast)**



**Photo 12. Stairs to First Floor of Rear Addition (Looking Southeast)**



**Photo 13. Rear Crawl Space (Looking South)**



**Photo 14. West Wall of Rear Crawl Space (Looking Northwest)**

**Test Pit Photos**



**Photo 15. Test Pit TP-1 Location (North Wall of Building – Front Crawl Space)**



**Photo 16. Test Pit TP-1 Foundation Conditions**

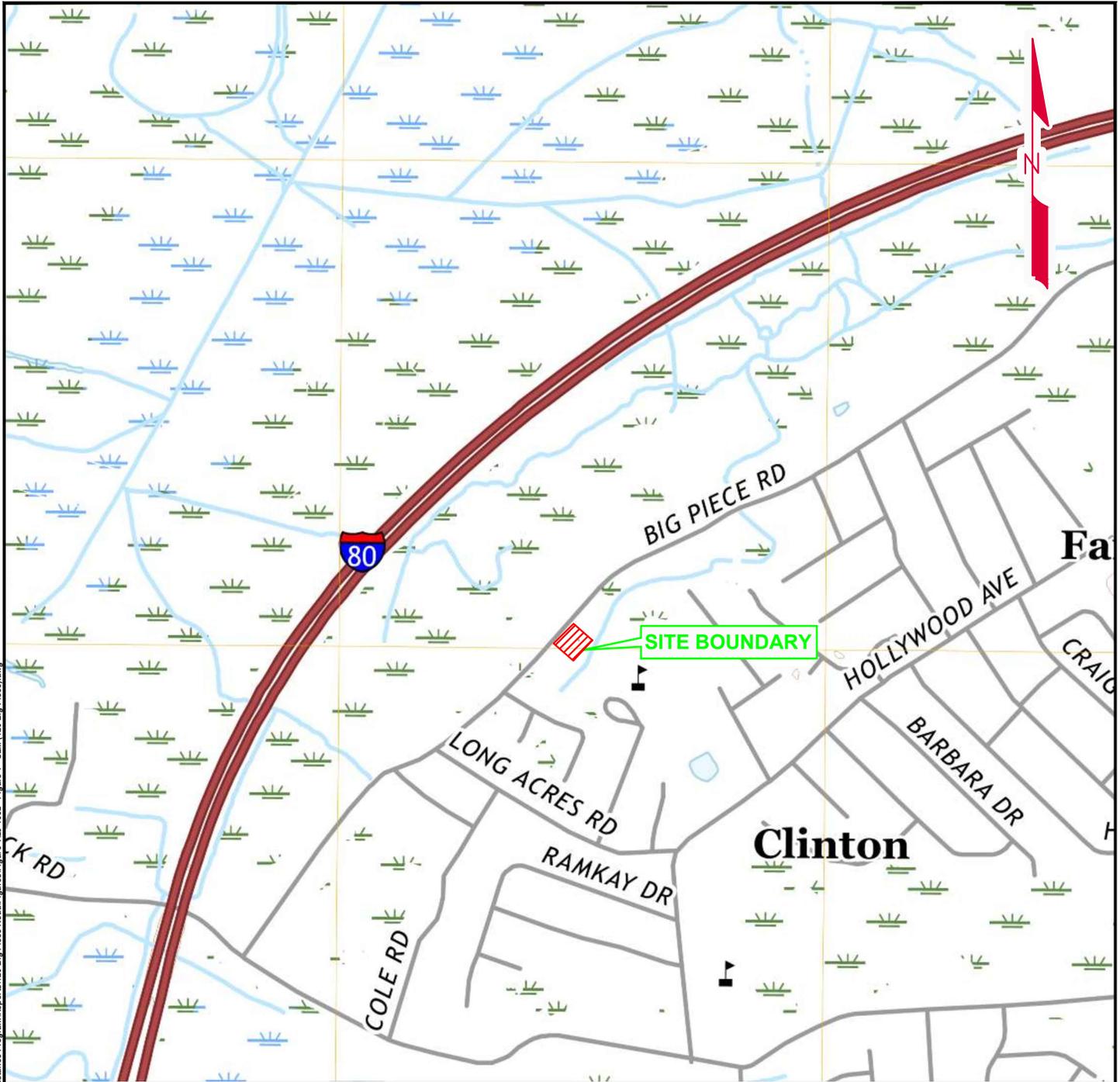


**Photo 17. Test Pit TP-2 Location (North Wall of Rear Addition – Rear Crawl Space)**

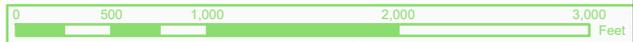


**Photo 18. Test Pit TP-2 Foundation Conditions**

## **FIGURES**



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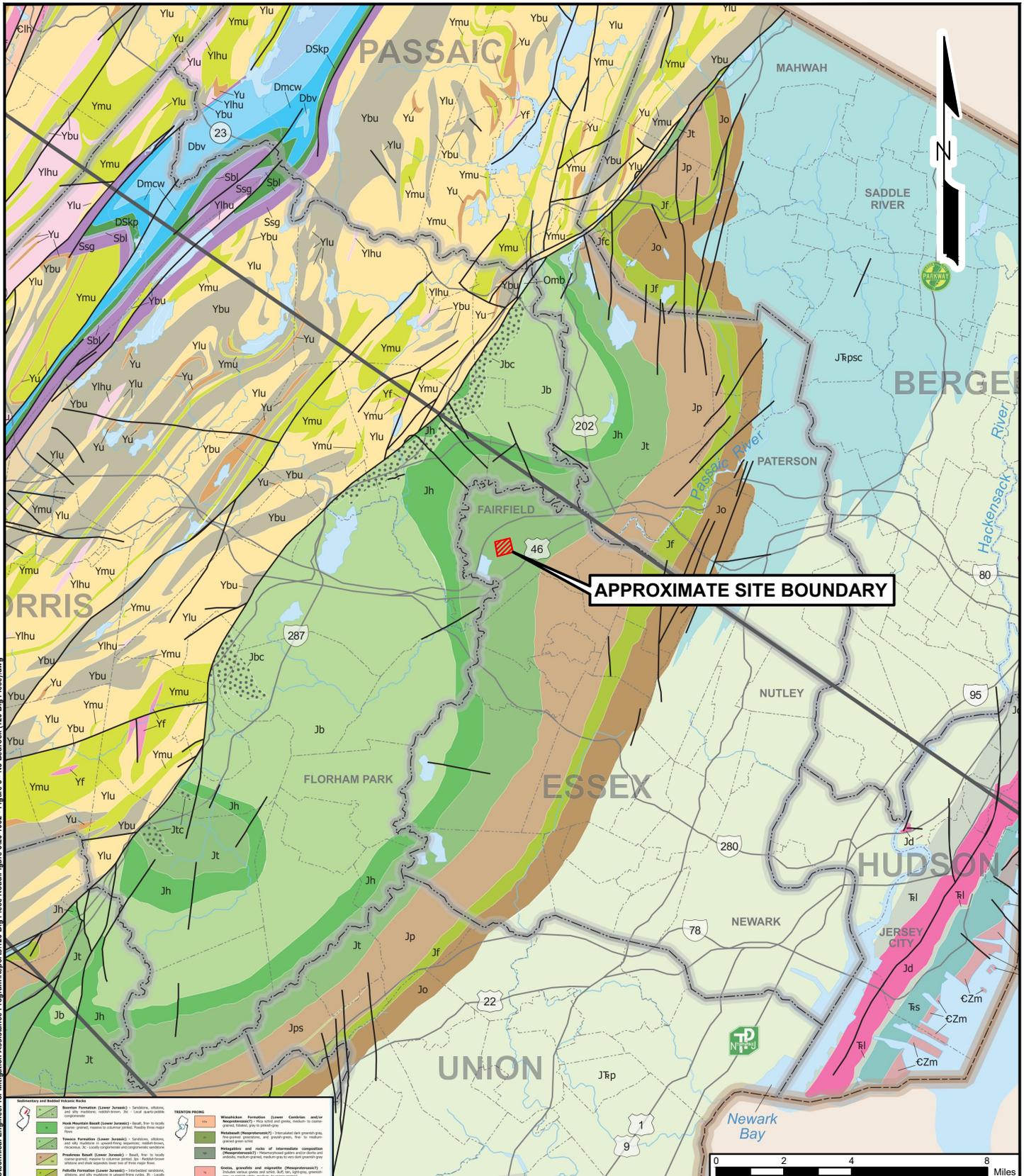
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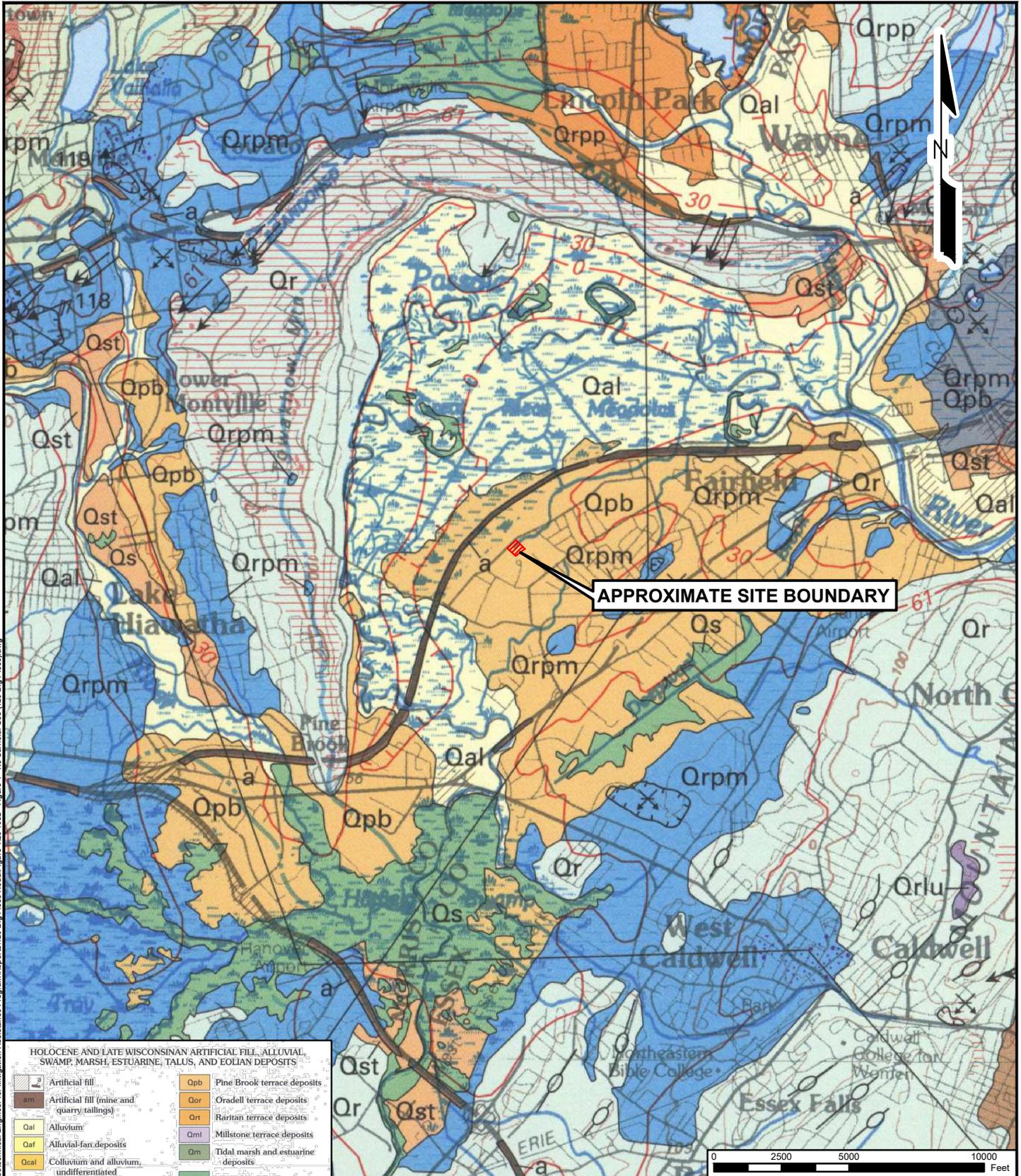
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**APPENDIX A**

**SOIL BORING & TEST PIT LOGS**

## BORING LOG

BORING NO.:     **B-1**    

SHEET     **1**     OF     **1**    

PROJECT NO.:     **20-1052**     PROJECT:     **NJDCA Geotechnical Engineer for Mitigation Assistance Program**     DATE:     **5/14/21**    

PROJECT LOCATION:     **Fairfield, NJ**     BORING LOCATION:     **120 Big Piece Road, Front Yard**    

DRILLING EQUIPMENT:     **CME 55**     ANGLE:     **-90.0**     DIR.:     **-----**     ELEV.:      DATUM:     **NAVD88**    

DRILLING CONTRACTOR:     **Boring Brothers, Inc.**     DRILLER:     **R. Dollar**     INSPECTOR:     **S. Fung**    

CASING and HAMMER				SAMPLER and HAMMER				GROUNDWATER LEVELS			
Type	I.D.	Weight	Drop	Type	I.D.	Weight	Drop	Date	Time	Depth	Casing Depth
Auto		140 lbs	30"	AUTO		140 lbs	30"	5/14/21	8:50 am	6.0	
FJ Steel	4"			SS	1 3/8"						

Depth Feet (Elev.)	CASING		SAMPLE			Graphic Symbol	Description Of Material	Laboratory Tests	
	Blows/ Foot	No.	Type	Depth Feet	Blows/6" (REC. %) [RQD %]				
5 ▼ 10 15 20 25	4" Casing	S-1	SS	0-2	3-2-3-3 (54%)		S-1: Brown fine SAND, trace Silt, moist (SP)	Sieve	
		S-2	SS	2-4	2-4-6-4 (50%)		S-2: Brown fine SAND, little Silt, moist (SM)		
		S-3	SS	4-6	6-7-8-6 (88%)		S-3: Brown fine SAND and Silt, moist (SM) WC: 22.7%, Gravel: 0.1%, Sand: 51.1%, Fines: 48.8%		
		S-4	SS	6-8	7-8-7-6 (100%)		S-4: Brown mf SAND, trace Silt, wet (SP)		
		S-5	SS	8-10	6-8-7-7 (100%)		S-5: Brown mf SAND, trace Silt, wet (SP)		
		S-6	SS	10-12	12-9-11-10 (100%)		S-6: Brown mf SAND, trace Silt, wet (SP)		
		S-7	SS	15-17	4-4-5-5 (54%)		S-7: Gray Clayey SILT, some fine Sand, wet (ML) WC: 21.0%, Fines: 73.1%		Pass No 200
		S-8	SS	20-22	3-4-6-4 (79%)		S-8: Gray Clayey SILT, wet (ML)		
		S-9	SS	25-27	3-2-3-3 (96%)		S-9: Gray CLAY & Silt, wet (CL)		
						Bottom of Borehole @ 27 ft.			

NEWORLD NO GROUT 20-1052 BORING LOGS.GPJ MATRIX EGS.GDT 7/21/21

BORING NO.:     **B-1**

## BORING LOG

BORING NO.: B-2

SHEET 1 OF 1

PROJECT NO.: 20-1052 PROJECT: NJDCA Geotechnical Engineer for Mitigation Assistance Program DATE: 5/14/21

PROJECT LOCATION: Fairfield, NJ BORING LOCATION: 120 Big Piece Road, Side Yard

DRILLING EQUIPMENT: CME 55 ANGLE: -90.0 DIR.: ----- ELEV.:          DATUM: NAVD88

DRILLING CONTRACTOR: Boring Brothers, Inc. DRILLER: R. Dollar INSPECTOR: S. Fung

CASING and HAMMER				SAMPLER and HAMMER				GROUNDWATER LEVELS			
Type	I.D.	Weight	Drop	Type	I.D.	Weight	Drop	Date	Time	Depth	Casing Depth
Auto		140 lbs	30"	AUTO		140 lbs	30"	5/14/21	9:40 am	6.0	
FJ Steel	4"			SS	1 3/8"						

Depth Feet (Elev.)	CASING		SAMPLE			Graphic Symbol	Description Of Material	Laboratory Tests
	Blows/ Foot	No.	Type	Depth Feet	Blows/6" (REC. %) [RQD %]			
5 ▼ 10	4" Casing	S-1	SS	0-2	2-2-6-4 (75%)		S-1: Brown fine SAND, trace Silt, trace Organics, moist (SP)	
		S-2	SS	2-4	3-5-5-5 (50%)		S-2: Brown fine SAND, trace Silt, moist (SP)	
		S-3	SS	4-6	7-6-8-9 (75%)		S-3: Brown-Gray mf SAND, trace Silt, moist (SP)	
		S-4	SS	6-8	8-10-12-10 (100%)		S-4: Brown cf SAND, trace Silt, wet (SP)	
		S-5	SS	8-10	6-8-9-11 (100%)		S-5: Brown cf SAND, trace Silt, wet (SP)	
		S-6	SS	10-12	14-11-13-17 (100%)		S-6: Brown cf SAND, trace Silt, wet (SP)	
15		S-7	SS	15-17	4-5-7-8 (58%)		S-7: Gray Clayey SILT, trace fine Sand, wet (ML) WC: 23.8%, LL: 21, PL: 19, PI: 2	Atterberg Limits
20		S-8	SS	20-22	4-4-13-9 (54%)		S-8: Same as Above, wet (ML)	
25		S-9	SS	25-27	2-2-2-2 (88%)			
		Bottom of Borehole @ 27 ft.						

NEWORLD NO GROUT 20-1052 BORING LOGS.GPJ MATRIX.EGS.GDT 7/21/21

BORING NO.: B-2

**TEST PIT LOG**

TEST PIT NO.: TP-1

SHEET 1 OF 1

PROJECT NO.: 20-1052 PROJECT: NJDCA Geotechnical Engineer for Mitigation Assistance Program DATE: 5/14/2021

PROJECT LOCATION: Fairfield, NJ ELEV.: \_\_\_\_\_ TIME STARTED: 1:30:00 PM

TEST PIT LOCATION: 120 Big Piece Road (Front Yard) DATUM: NAVD88 TIME FINISHED: 2:10:00 PM

CONTRACTOR: Boring Brothers, Inc. GROUNDWATER LEVEL: \_\_\_\_\_

EQUIPMENT: Bobcat E55 OPERATOR: Steve INSPECTOR: A. Bangar

Depth Inches (Elev)	No.	Depth Inches	Graphic Symbol	Description Of Material	Laboratory Tests
		0-12		Topsoil/Mulch surface cover	
		12-44		Brown mf SAND and Silt, some fine Gravel, wet (SM)	
		38-44		Top of concrete encountered at 38" bgs, protrudes 3" from the face of the wall and extends 6" downward.	
				Bottom of Test pit @ 44 in. Test Pit Backfilled.	

TEST PIT INCH 20-1052 TEST PIT LOGS.GPJ MATRIX EGS.GDT 7/9/21

# TEST PIT LOG

TEST PIT NO.: TP-2

SHEET 1 OF 1

PROJECT NO.: 20-1052 PROJECT: NJDCA Geotechnical Engineer for Mitigation Assistance Program DATE: 5/14/2021

PROJECT LOCATION: Fairfield, NJ ELEV.: \_\_\_\_\_ TIME STARTED: 2:10:00 PM

TEST PIT LOCATION: 120 Big Piece Road (Backyard) DATUM: NAVD88 TIME FINISHED: 3:00:00 PM

CONTRACTOR: Boring Brothers, Inc. GROUNDWATER LEVEL: \_\_\_\_\_

EQUIPMENT: Bobcat E55 OPERATOR: Steve INSPECTOR: A. Bangar

Depth Inches (Elev)	No.	Depth Inches	Graphic Symbol	Description Of Material	Laboratory Tests
		0-12		Topsoil/Mulch surface cover	
		12-29		Brown mf SAND and Silt, some fine Gravel, wet (SM)	
		24-29		Top of concrete encountered at 24" bgs, protrudes 12" from the face of the wall and extends 5" downward.	
				Bottom of Test pit @ 29 in. Test Pit Backfilled.	

TEST PIT INCH: 20-1052 TEST PIT LOGS.GPJ MATRIX EGS.GDT 7/9/21

## LOG NOTATION

### Sample Classifications

SS = Split Spoon  
NR = No Recovery  
NX = Rock Core  
SH = Shelby Tube  
REC = Soil Recovery  
RQD = Rock Quality Designation

### Sand Classifications

c = Coarse  
m = Medium  
f = Fine  
\* = Predominant Grain Size

### Soil Properties

WC = Water Content  
PL = Plastic Limit  
LL = Liquid Limit  
PI = Plasticity Index  
OC = Organic Content

# LOG GRAPHICAL LEGEND

	Asphalt
	Concrete
	Fill
	Topsoil
	Well graded Gravel (GW)
	Poorly graded Gravel (GP)
	Clayey Gravel (GC)
	Silty Gravel (GM)
	Well graded Gravel with Clay (GW-GC)
	Well graded Gravel with Silt (GW-GM)
	Poorly graded Gravel with Clay (GP-GC)
	Poorly graded Gravel with Silt (GP-GM)
	Well graded Sand (SW)
	Poorly graded Sand (SP)
	Clayey Sand (SC)
	Silty Sand (SM)
	Well graded Sand with Clay (SW-SC)
	Well graded Sand with Silt (SW-SM)
	Poorly graded Sand with Clay (SP-SC)
	Poorly graded Sand with Silt (SP-SM)
	Lean Clay (CL)
	Silty Clay (CL-ML)
	Silt (ML)
	Organic Silt or Clay (Low Plasticity) (OL)
	Fat Clay (CH)
	Elastic Silt (MH)
	Organic Silt or Clay (High Plasticity) (OH)
	Peat (PT)
	Decomposed Bedrock
	Bedrock

**APPENDIX B**

**SOIL CLASSIFICATION TABLES**

MAJOR DIVISIONS		GROUP SYMBOLS	TYPICAL NAMES	FIELD IDENTIFICATION PROCEDURES (EXCLUDING PARTICLES LARGER THAN 3 IN. AND BASING FRACTIONS ON ESTIMATED WEIGHTS)			INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR DESCRIBING SOILS	LABORATORY CLASSIFICATION CRITERIA				
1	2	3	4	5			6	7				
<b>Coarse-grained Soils</b> More than half of material is larger than No. 200 sieve size. The No. 200 sieve size is about the smallest visible to the naked eye.	<b>Gravels</b> More than half of coarse fraction is larger than No. 4 sieve size. (For visual classification, the 1/4-in. size may be used as equivalent to the No. 4 sieve size.)	Clean Gravels (Little or no fines)	GW	Well-graded gravels, gravel-sand mixture, little or no fines.	Wide range in grain size and substantial amounts of all intermediate particle sizes.			For undisturbed soils add information on stratification, degree of compactness, cementation, moisture condition, and drainage characteristics.	$C_u = \frac{D_{60}}{D_{10}}$ Greater than 4 $C_c = \frac{(D_{30})^2}{D_{10} \times D_{60}}$ Between 1 and 3 Not meeting all gradation requirements for GW			
			GP	Poorly graded gravels or gravel-sand mixture, little or no fines.	Predominantly one size or a range of sizes with some intermediate sizes missing.							
		Gravels with Fines (Appreciable amount of fines)	GM	Silty gravels, gravel and silt mixtures.	Nonplastic fines or fines with low plasticity (for identification procedures see ML below).					Give typical name; indicate approximate percentages of sand and gravel, maximum size; angularity, surface condition, and hardness of the coarse grains; local or geologic name and other pertinent descriptive information; and symbol in parentheses.	Atterberg limits below "A" line or P1 less than 4	Above "A" line with P1 between 4 and 7 are borderline cases requiring use of dual symbols.
			GC	Clayey gravels, gravel and clay mixtures.	Plastic fines (for identification procedures see CL below).							
		Clean Sand (Little or no fines)	SW	Well-graded sands, gravelly sands, little or no fines.	Wide range in grain size and substantial amounts of all intermediate particle sizes.					Example: Silty sand, gravelly; about 20% hard, angular gravel particles 1/2-in. maximum size; rounded and subangular sand grains, coarse to fine; about 15% nonplastic fines with low dry strength; well compacted and moist in place; alluvial sand; (SM).	$C_u = \frac{D_{60}}{D_{10}}$ Greater than 6 $C_c = \frac{(D_{30})^2}{D_{10} \times D_{60}}$ Between 1 and 3	Not meeting all gradation requirements for SW
			SP	Poorly graded sands or gravelly sands, little or no fines.	Predominantly one size or a range of sizes with some intermediate sizes missing.							
	Sands with Fines (Appreciable amount of fines)	SM	Silty sands, sand-silt mixtures.	Nonplastic fines or fines with low plasticity (for identification procedures see ML below).			Identification Procedure on Fraction Smaller than No. 40 Sieve Size. Dry Strength (Crushing Characteristics)    Dilatancy (Reaction to shaking)    Toughness (Consistency near PL)	Atterberg limits above "A" line or P1 less than 4	Limits plotting in hatched zone with P1 between 4 and 7 are borderline cases requiring use of dual symbols.			
		SC	Clayey sands, sand-clay mixtures.	Plastic fines (for identification procedures see CL below).								
	<b>Fine-grained Soils</b> More than half of material is smaller than No. 200 sieve size.	<b>Silts and Clays</b> Liquid limit is less than 50	ML	Inorganic silts and very fine sands, rock flour, silty or clayey fine sands or clayey silts with slight plasticity.	None to slight	Quick to slow	None	For undisturbed soils add information on structure, stratification, consistency in undisturbed and remolded states, moisture and drainage conditions	<b>LIQUID LIMIT PLASTICITY CHART</b> For laboratory classification of fine-grained soils 			
			CL	Inorganic clays of low to medium plasticity, gravelly clays, sandy clays, silty clays, lean clays.	Medium to high	None to very slow	Medium					
<b>Silts and Clays</b> Liquid limit is greater than 50		OL	Organic silts and organic silty clays of low plasticity.	Slight to medium	Slow	Slight	Give typical name; indicate degree and character of plasticity; amount and maximum size of coarse grains; color in wet condition; odor, if any; local or geologic name and other pertinent descriptive information; and symbol in parentheses.					
		MH	Inorganic silts, micaceous or diatomaceous fine sandy or silty soils, elastic silts.	Slight to medium	Slow to none	Slight to medium						
		CH	Inorganic clays of high plasticity, fat clays.	High to very high	None	High						
		OH	Organic clays of medium to high plasticity, organic silts.	Medium to high	None to very slow	Slight to medium						
<b>Highly Organic Soils</b>		Pt	Peat and other highly organic soils.	Readily identified by color, odor, spongy feel and frequently by fibrous texture			Example: Clayey silt, brown; slightly plastic; small percentage of fine sand; numerous vertical root holes; firm and dry in place; loess; (ML)					

1. Boundary classifications: Soils possessing characteristics of two groups are designed by combinations of group symbols. For example GM-GC, well-graded gravel-sand mixture with clay binder.  
 2. All sieve sizes on this chart are U.S. standard.  
 3. Adopted by Corps of Engineers and Bureau of Reclamation, January 1952.

## BURMISTER SOIL IDENTIFICATION METHOD

### BURMISTER SOIL IDENTIFICATION METHOD

#### I. SOIL MATERIAL                      Composition, Gradation, and Plasticity Characteristics

##### a) Soil Components and Soil Fractions

Sieve	3"	1"	3/8"	No. 10	No. 30	No. 60	No. 200	
				2 mm			0.076 mm	0.02 mm
Granular Component	GRAVEL			SAND			SILT	
Fractions	coarse	medium	fine	coarse	medium	fine	coarse	fine
Clay Soil Components							CLAY-SOIL Defined and Named on a Plasticity Basis	

##### b) Identifying Terms for Granular Soils

##### Composition and Proportion Terms for Components

<u>Component</u>	<u>Proportion Terms</u>	<u>Defining Range of Percentages</u>
Principal Components- GRAVEL, SAND, SILT (all Uppercase)		50% or more
Minor Components- Gravel	and	35 to 50%
Sand	some	20 to 35%
Silt	little	10 to 20%
	trace	1 to 10%
<u>Gradation Terms for Granular Soils</u>		<u>ORGANIC SOILS</u>
coarse to fine	all fractions more than 10%	Plasticity Basis, as
coarse to medium	fine less than 10%	
medium to fine	coarse less than 10%	Organic SILT, H. PI
medium	coarse and fine less than 10%	
fine	coarse and medium less than 10%	Organic SILT, L. PI
PLUS or MINUS signs used to indicate upper or lower limits.		

##### c) Identifying Terms for CLAY SOILS. Plasticity Basis for Combined Silt and Clay

##### Components, Expressing the Relative Dominance of Clay

<u>Overall Plasticity</u>	<u>Plasticity Index</u>	<u>Principal Component</u>	<u>Minor Component</u>
Non-Plastic	0	SILT	Silt
Slight	1 to 5	Clayey SILT	Clayey Silt
Low	5 to 10	SILT & CLAY	Silt & Clay
Medium	10 to 20	CLAY & SILT	Clay & Silt
High	20 to 40	Silty CLAY	
Very High	more than 40	CLAY	

Example: Soil 60% coarse to fine Sand, 25% medium to fine Gravel, 15% Clayey Silt and color-brown.

Identification: Br. coarse to fine SAND, some medium to fine Gravel, little Clayey Silt.

- References: 1) D. M. Burmister, "Principles and Techniques of Soil Identification" 29<sup>th</sup> Highway Research Board Proceedings, 1949.
- 2) "Identification and Classification of Soils – An appraisal and Statement of Principles", ASTM Special Technical Publication No. 113, 1951.

## Field Classification of Soil Using the USCS

### Apparent Density of Coarse-Grained Soils

SPT N-Value (corrected)	Apparent Density
0 - 4	Very loose
5 - 10	Loose
11 - 30	Medium Dense
31 - 50	Dense
> 50	Very Dense

### Consistency of Fine-Grained Soils

SPT N-Value (uncorrected)	Consistency	Compressive Strength (ksf)	Results of Manual Manipulation
< 2	Very Soft	< 0.5	Specimen (height = twice the diameter) sags under its own weight; extrudes between fingers when squeezed
3 - 4	Soft	> 0.5 - 1.0	Specimen can be pinched in to between the thumb and forefinger; remolded by light finger pressure
5 - 8	Medium stiff	> 1.0 - 2.0	Can be imprinted easily with fingers; remolded by strong finger pressure
9 - 15	Stiff	> 2.0 - 4.0	Can be imprinted with considerable pressure from fingers or indented by thumbnail
16 - 30	Very stiff	> 4.0 - 8.0	Can be barely imprinted by pressure from the fingers or indented by thumbnail
> 30	Hard	> 8.0	Cannot be imprinted by fingers or difficult to indent by thumbnail

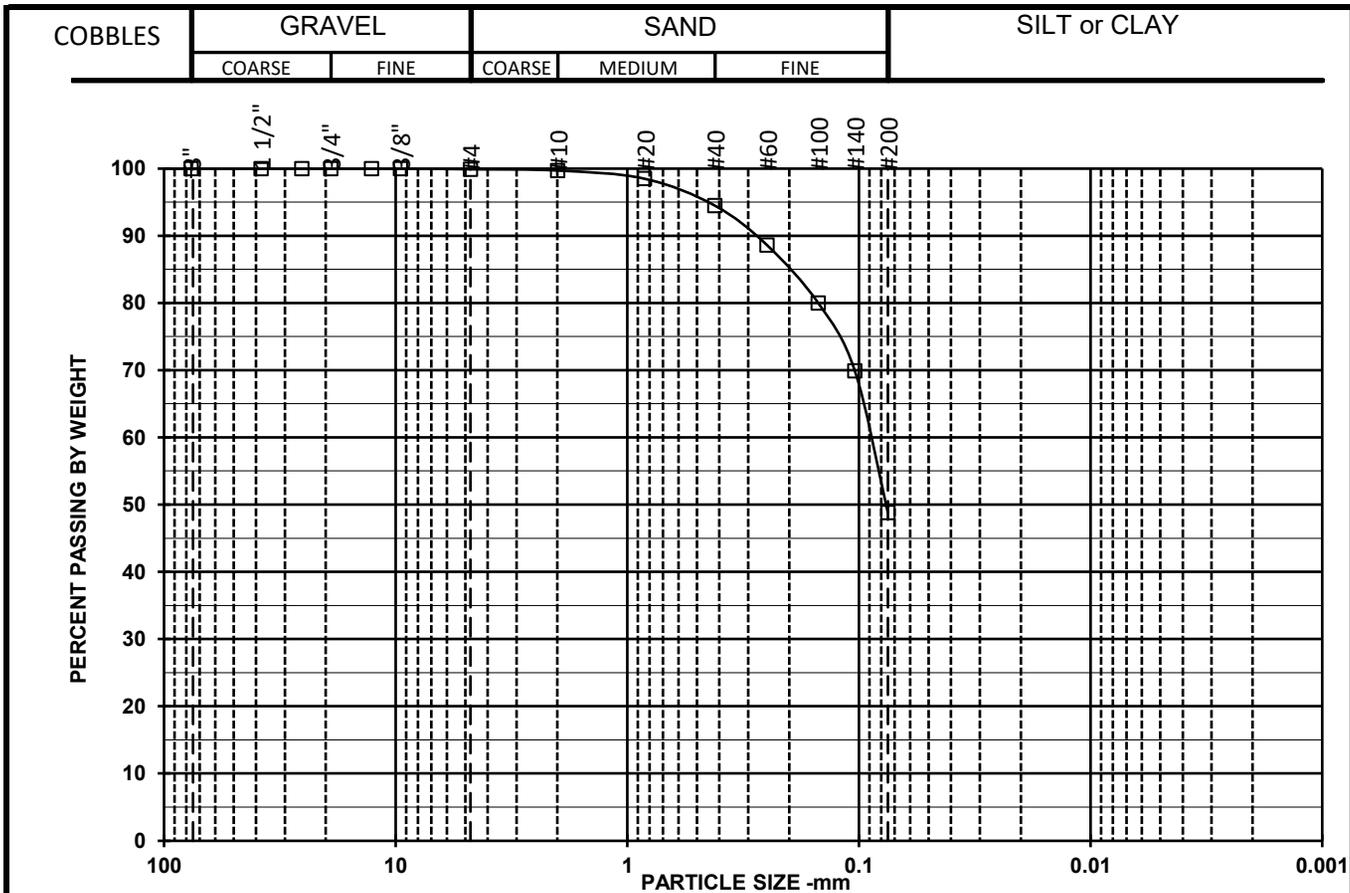
**APPENDIX C**

**GEOTECHNICAL LABORATORY TESTING RESULTS**

**Matrix New World Engineering, P.C. #20-1052-009**  
**NJDCA MAP - 120 Big Piece Road**  
**LABORATORY TESTING DATA SUMMARY**

BORING NO.	SAMPLE NO.	DEPTH (ft)	IDENTIFICATION TESTS						REMARKS
			WATER CONTENT (%)	LIQUID LIMIT (-)	PLASTIC LIMIT (-)	PLAS. INDEX (-)	USCS SYMB. (1)	SIEVE MINUS NO. 200 (%)	
B-1	S-3	4-6	22.7				SM	48.8	
B-1	S-7	15-17	21.0				ML	73.1	
B-2	S-7	15-17	23.8	21	19	2	ML		
B-2	S-9	25-27	28.5	28	19	9	CL		

Note: (1) USCS symbol based on visual observation and Sieve and Atterberg limits reported.



Open Symbols: Sieve analysis by ASTM D6913  
 Filled symbols: Hydrometer analysis by ASTM D7928 corrected for complete sample

Symbol	□	◇	○
Boring	B-1		
Sample	S-3		
Depth	4-6		
% +3"	0		
% Gravel	0.1		
% SAND	51.1		
%C SAND	0.2		
%M SAND	5.2		
%F SAND	45.7		
% FINES	48.8		
D <sub>100</sub> (mm)	9.53		
D <sub>60</sub> (mm)	0.089		
D <sub>30</sub> (mm)			
D <sub>10</sub> (mm)			
Cc			
Cu			

Sieve	Percent Finer Data		
Size/ID #			
6"	100.0		
4"	100.0		
3"	100.0		
1 1/2"	100.0		
1"	100.0		
3/4"	100.0		
1/2"	100.0		
3/8"	100.0		
#4	99.9		
#10	99.7		
#20	98.5		
#40	94.5		
#60	88.6		
#100	80.0		
#140	69.9		
#200	48.8		
5μ m			
2μ m			
1μ m			

SYMBOL	w (%)	LL	PL	PI	USCS	AASHTO	USCS DESCRIPTION AND REMARKS	DATE
□	22.7				SM		Brown, Silty sand	06/29/21
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**APPENDIX D**

**FEMA NFIP ELEVATION CERTIFICATE**

# ELEVATION CERTIFICATE

**Important:** Follow the instructions on pages 1–9.

Copy all pages of this Elevation Certificate and all attachments for (1) community official, (2) insurance agent/company, and (3) building owner.

SECTION A – PROPERTY INFORMATION				FOR INSURANCE COMPANY USE	
A1. Building Owner's Name [REDACTED]				Policy Number:	
A2. Building Street Address (including Apt., Unit, Suite, and/or Bldg. No.) or P.O. Route and Box No. 120 Big Piece Road				Company NAIC Number:	
City Town of Fairfield		State New Jersey		ZIP Code 07004-1210	
A3. Property Description (Lot and Block Numbers, Tax Parcel Number, Legal Description, etc.) Block 5101, Lot 30					
A4. Building Use (e.g., Residential, Non-Residential, Addition, Accessory, etc.) <u>Residential</u>					
A5. Latitude/Longitude: Lat. <u>N40°52'59"</u> Long. <u>W74°19'05"</u> Horizontal Datum: <input type="checkbox"/> NAD 1927 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAD 1983					
A6. Attach at least 2 photographs of the building if the Certificate is being used to obtain flood insurance.					
A7. Building Diagram Number <u>2A</u>					
A8. For a building with a crawlspace or enclosure(s):					
a) Square footage of crawlspace or enclosure(s) <u>1049.00</u> sq ft					
b) Number of permanent flood openings in the crawlspace or enclosure(s) within 1.0 foot above adjacent grade <u>3</u>					
c) Total net area of flood openings in A8.b <u>384.00</u> sq in					
d) Engineered flood openings? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No					
A9. For a building with an attached garage:					
a) Square footage of attached garage <u>264.00</u> sq ft					
b) Number of permanent flood openings in the attached garage within 1.0 foot above adjacent grade <u>0</u>					
c) Total net area of flood openings in A9.b <u>0.00</u> sq in					
d) Engineered flood openings? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No					
SECTION B – FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP (FIRM) INFORMATION					
B1. NFIP Community Name & Community Number Fairfield, Township of			B2. County Name Essex		B3. State New Jersey
B4. Map/Panel Number 34013C0014	B5. Suffix G	B6. FIRM Index Date 04-03-2020	B7. FIRM Panel Effective/ Revised Date 04-03-2020	B8. Flood Zone(s) AE	B9. Base Flood Elevation(s) (Zone AO, use Base Flood Depth) 174 (NAVD88)
B10. Indicate the source of the Base Flood Elevation (BFE) data or base flood depth entered in Item B9: <input type="checkbox"/> FIS Profile <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FIRM <input type="checkbox"/> Community Determined <input type="checkbox"/> Other/Source: _____					
B11. Indicate elevation datum used for BFE in Item B9: <input type="checkbox"/> NGVD 1929 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAVD 1988 <input type="checkbox"/> Other/Source: _____					
B12. Is the building located in a Coastal Barrier Resources System (CBRS) area or Otherwise Protected Area (OPA)? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Designation Date: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> CBRS <input type="checkbox"/> OPA					

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## SECTION C – BUILDING ELEVATION INFORMATION (SURVEY REQUIRED)

C1. Building elevations are based on:     Construction Drawings\*     Building Under Construction\*     Finished Construction  
 \*A new Elevation Certificate will be required when construction of the building is complete.

C2. Elevations – Zones A1–A30, AE, AH, A (with BFE), VE, V1–V30, V (with BFE), AR, AR/A, AR/AE, AR/A1–A30, AR/AH, AR/AO. Complete Items C2.a–h below according to the building diagram specified in Item A7. In Puerto Rico only, enter meters.

Benchmark Utilized: CORS Network NGS Monuments    Vertical Datum: NAVD 1988

Indicate elevation datum used for the elevations in items a) through h) below.

NGVD 1929     NAVD 1988     Other/Source: \_\_\_\_\_

Datum used for building elevations must be the same as that used for the BFE.

Check the measurement used.

- |   |       |  |                                 |
|---|-------|--|---------------------------------|
| a) Top of bottom floor (including basement, crawlspace, or enclosure floor)   | 166.4 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> feet | <input type="checkbox"/> meters |
| b) Top of the next higher floor   | 168.4 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> feet | <input type="checkbox"/> meters |
| c) Bottom of the lowest horizontal structural member (V Zones only)   | N/A   | <input type="checkbox"/> feet            | <input type="checkbox"/> meters |
| d) Attached garage (top of slab)  | 168.3 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> feet | <input type="checkbox"/> meters |
| e) Lowest elevation of machinery or equipment servicing the building<br>(Describe type of equipment and location in Comments) | 172.1 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> feet | <input type="checkbox"/> meters |
| f) Lowest adjacent (finished) grade next to building (LAG)  | 167.9 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> feet | <input type="checkbox"/> meters |
| g) Highest adjacent (finished) grade next to building (HAG)   | 169.9 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> feet | <input type="checkbox"/> meters |
| h) Lowest adjacent grade at lowest elevation of deck or stairs, including structural support                                  | 167.4 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> feet | <input type="checkbox"/> meters |

## SECTION D – SURVEYOR, ENGINEER, OR ARCHITECT CERTIFICATION

This certification is to be signed and sealed by a land surveyor, engineer, or architect authorized by law to certify elevation information. I certify that the information on this Certificate represents my best efforts to interpret the data available. I understand that any false statement may be punishable by fine or imprisonment under 18 U.S. Code, Section 1001.

Were latitude and longitude in Section A provided by a licensed land surveyor?     Yes     No     Check here if attachments.

Certifier's Name Frank J. Barlowski	License Number 24GS03973500	Place Seal Here
Title Professional Land Surveyor		
Company Name Matrix New World Engineering, Land Surveying and Architecture, P.C.		
Address 442 State Route 35, Second Floor		
City Eatontown	State New Jersey	
Signature	Date	Telephone    Ext.

Copy all pages of this Elevation Certificate and all attachments for (1) community official, (2) insurance agent/company, and (3) building owner.

Comments (including type of equipment and location, per C2(e), if applicable)

A8(a): There are 3 separate enclosed areas below the first floor being 778 s.f.(front Elev.=166.4' NAVD88), 272 s.f.(rear of house Elev.=168.5' NAVD88) and 140 s.f.(back of garage Elev.=168.4' NAVD88) totaling 1190 s.f.  
 C2(b): Top of next higher floor, 168.5'(NAVD88) is the floor of the rear enclosed area.  
 The elevation of the first floor = 170.8'(NAVD88)  
 C2(e): The base of electrical panel in garage wall Elev = 172.1'(NAVD88)

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## SECTION E – BUILDING ELEVATION INFORMATION (SURVEY NOT REQUIRED) FOR ZONE AO AND ZONE A (WITHOUT BFE)

For Zones AO and A (without BFE), complete Items E1–E5. If the Certificate is intended to support a LOMA or LOMR-F request, complete Sections A, B, and C. For Items E1–E4, use natural grade, if available. Check the measurement used. In Puerto Rico only, enter meters.

- E1. Provide elevation information for the following and check the appropriate boxes to show whether the elevation is above or below the highest adjacent grade (HAG) and the lowest adjacent grade (LAG).
- a) Top of bottom floor (including basement, crawlspace, or enclosure) is \_\_\_\_\_  feet  meters  above or  below the HAG.
- b) Top of bottom floor (including basement, crawlspace, or enclosure) is \_\_\_\_\_  feet  meters  above or  below the LAG.
- E2. For Building Diagrams 6–9 with permanent flood openings provided in Section A Items 8 and/or 9 (see pages 1–2 of Instructions), the next higher floor (elevation C2.b in the diagrams) of the building is \_\_\_\_\_  feet  meters  above or  below the HAG.
- E3. Attached garage (top of slab) is \_\_\_\_\_  feet  meters  above or  below the HAG.
- E4. Top of platform of machinery and/or equipment servicing the building is \_\_\_\_\_  feet  meters  above or  below the HAG.
- E5. Zone AO only: If no flood depth number is available, is the top of the bottom floor elevated in accordance with the community's floodplain management ordinance?  Yes  No  Unknown. The local official must certify this information in Section G.

## SECTION F – PROPERTY OWNER (OR OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE) CERTIFICATION

The property owner or owner's authorized representative who completes Sections A, B, and E for Zone A (without a FEMA-issued or community-issued BFE) or Zone AO must sign here. The statements in Sections A, B, and E are correct to the best of my knowledge.

Property Owner or Owner's Authorized Representative's Name

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP Code \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Comments

Check here if attachments.

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## SECTION G – COMMUNITY INFORMATION (OPTIONAL)

The local official who is authorized by law or ordinance to administer the community's floodplain management ordinance can complete Sections A, B, C (or E), and G of this Elevation Certificate. Complete the applicable item(s) and sign below. Check the measurement used in Items G8–G10. In Puerto Rico only, enter meters.

- G1.  The information in Section C was taken from other documentation that has been signed and sealed by a licensed surveyor, engineer, or architect who is authorized by law to certify elevation information. (Indicate the source and date of the elevation data in the Comments area below.)
- G2.  A community official completed Section E for a building located in Zone A (without a FEMA-issued or community-issued BFE) or Zone AO.
- G3.  The following information (Items G4–G10) is provided for community floodplain management purposes.

G4. Permit Number	G5. Date Permit Issued	G6. Date Certificate of Compliance/Occupancy Issued
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G7. This permit has been issued for:  New Construction  Substantial Improvement

G8. Elevation of as-built lowest floor (including basement) of the building: \_\_\_\_\_  feet  meters Datum \_\_\_\_\_

G9. BFE or (in Zone AO) depth of flooding at the building site: \_\_\_\_\_  feet  meters Datum \_\_\_\_\_

G10. Community's design flood elevation: \_\_\_\_\_  feet  meters Datum \_\_\_\_\_

Local Official's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Community Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Comments (including type of equipment and location, per C2(e), if applicable)

Check here if attachments.

# BUILDING PHOTOGRAPHS

See Instructions for Item A6.

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If using the Elevation Certificate to obtain NFIP flood insurance, affix at least 2 building photographs below according to the instructions for Item A6. Identify all photographs with date taken; "Front View" and "Rear View"; and, if required, "Right Side View" and "Left Side View." When applicable, photographs must show the foundation with representative examples of the flood openings or vents, as indicated in Section A8. If submitting more photographs than will fit on this page, use the Continuation Page.



Photo One

Photo One Caption Front View

Clear Photo One



Photo Two

Photo Two Caption Rear View

Clear Photo Two

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If submitting more photographs than will fit on the preceding page, affix the additional photographs below. Identify all photographs with: date taken; "Front View" and "Rear View"; and, if required, "Right Side View" and "Left Side View." When applicable, photographs must show the foundation with representative examples of the flood openings or vents, as indicated in Section A8.



Photo Three

Photo Three Caption Right Side View

Clear Photo Three



Photo Four

Photo Four Caption Left Side View

Clear Photo Four