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# Climate Controlled Storage 2495 Wehrle Drive Amherst, New York

# **Geotechnical Engineering Report**

# GGEA 23-1214

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#### 1.0 INTRODUCTION

#### 1.1 SCOPE

This report provides subsurface exploration data and geotechnical recommendations for the proposed construction of a new climate controlled storage facility at 2495 Wehrle Drive in the Town of Amherst, New York. Glynn Group Engineering & Architecture, PLLC (GGEA) has provided the following scope of services:

- Performed a site visit to examine site topography and establish five (5) soil borings within the footprint of proposed structure.
- Cleared utilities with UDig NY through drilling subcontractor.
- Mobilized drilling subcontractor with ATV drill rig and support crew.
- Provided SPT soil sampling at each boring location in accordance with ASTM D1586 "Standard Test Method for Penetration Test and Split-Barrel Sampling of Soils". All borings were advanced to auger refusal on bedrock.
- Provided soil boring logs (prepared by subcontractor), to include SPT data, N values, soil classification, refusal depth and encountered groundwater conditions.
- Prepared a geotechnical report in accordance with the 2020 NYS Building Code to include subsurface design parameters, seismic site class and design category, groundwater conditions, expansive soil analysis, liquefaction analysis, foundation recommendations, slab on grade recommendations, pavement recommendations and construction recommendations.

#### 1.2 CONTRACT

GGEA performed this study in accordance with a written proposal to 416 Homez, Inc. dated August 22, 2023. GGEA received the notice to proceed via signed contract from Vicky Singh Ghotra on September 1, 2023. All services provided by GGEA are subject to the Standard Terms and Conditions included in the geotechnical proposal.

#### 1.3 EXCLUSIONS

The project efforts exercised by GGEA include geotechnical analysis, design recommendations and the preparation of this report. The scope of this report specifically excludes any review of former site use, in particular, environmental or pollution related concerns.



#### 2.0 PROJECT BACKGROUND

#### 2.1 SITE DESCRIPTION AND PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

The project site is located on the south side of Wehrle Drive approximately 1,100 feet west of Transit Road in the Town of Amherst, New York. The property encompasses approximately 8.4 acres and is identified as SBL 81.02-3-20.1. The property is relatively flat and characterized by a northern portion that is covered primarily by field grass and a southern portion that is covered by dense trees and shrubs. Historical aerials identify the site once served as an agricultural field. An existing unnamed paved roadway is located along the western limits of the property directly across from Berkley Road. The proposed construction is to consist of a 73,989 square foot one story climate controlled storage facility with an associated perimeter roadway and parking. A Project Location Plan has been included in Appendix B and a Subsurface Exploration Plan has been included in Appendix C.

#### 2.2 GEOLOGIC SETTING

Geologic Maps of Western New York identify subsurface conditions to be composed of glacial till soils overlying shallow limestone bedrock of the Middle Devonian Onondaga Formation. The overburden soils at the site were deposited during the last glacial advance of the Pleistocene Epoch, referred to as the Wisconsinan Glacial Stage, which ended approximately 12,000 years ago. As the glacier advanced over the Western New York terrain, the ice mass carved, crushed and transported the underlying soil and rock to form glacial till, which typically consists of an unstratified dense matrix of silt, sand, rock and clay deposited beneath the ice. The underlying limestone bedrock was deposited in a warm shallow sea during the Middle Devonian approximately 390 million years ago.

#### 3.0 FIELD EXPLORATION AND ANALYSIS

#### 3.1 METHODOLOGY

The subsurface exploration consisted of five (5) SPT soil borings located throughout the property as identified on the Subsurface Exploration Plan included in Appendix C. GGEA performed a site visit on September 13, 2023 to examine the site topography and establish soil boring locations. GGEA's drilling subcontractor, Earth Dimensions Inc. (EDI), mobilized to the site on October 9, 2023 and completed drilling operations on the same day. Boreholes were backfilled with soil cuttings upon drilling completion.

Soil boring and sampling operations were performed using hollow stem augers to advance through overburden materials in accordance with ASTM D1586 "Standard Test Method for Standard Penetration Test (SPT) and Split-Barrel Sampling of Soils". Resistance values, or blow counts, were recorded for each six-inch advancement of a twenty-four inch long, two inch diameter split spoon sampler. "N" values were calculated by totaling the resistance values for the 6/12 and 12/18 inch intervals. All data recorded during drilling operations can be found on the soil boring logs included in Appendix A.

Retrieved soil samples were logged and visually classified by EDI in accordance with the ASEE System of Definition for Visual Identification of Soils (Burmister Classification System) and ASTM D2488 "Standard Practice for Description and Identification of Soils (Visual – Manual Procedure)". Discrepancies observed between classifications noted on the soil boring logs and those identified in this report are due to the assignment of USCS classifications by GGEA.



#### 3.2 SUBSURFACE CONDITIONS

All borings were advanced to auger refusal, which was encountered on limestone bedrock at depths ranging from 2.2 to 3.5 feet below existing grade. The site soils were found to typically consist of a thin layer of topsoil ranging from 0.4 to 1.5 feet overlying glacial till consisting of sandy silt with gravel (ML), sandy silty clay with gravel (CL-ML) and clayey gravel with sand (GC). Specific subsurface conditions can be found on the soil boring logs included in Appendix A, however representative soil profiles have been summarized follows:

B-1	0.0 - 1.0 ft	Topsoil.
	1.0 – 2.2 ft	Brown, damp, compact to very dense, sandy silt with gravel (ML). N value of 13.
	> 2.2 ft	Limestone bedrock.
B-2	0.0 – 0.5 ft	Topsoil.
	0.5 – 1.0 ft	Dark brown, damp, firm, sandy silty clay with gravel (CL-ML).
	1.0 – 2.2 ft	Light brown, damp, compact to very dense, sandy silt with gravel (ML). N value of 16.
	> 2.2 ft	Limestone bedrock.
B-3	0.0 - 1.0 ft	Topsoil.
	1.0 – 2.5 ft	Light brown, moist, compact to very dense, sandy silt with gravel (ML). N value of 16.
	> 2.5 ft	Limestone bedrock.
B-4	0.0 - 0.4 ft	Topsoil.
	0.4 - 3.0 ft	Brown, damp, dense, clayey gravel with sand (GC). N value of 40.
	> 3.0 ft	Limestone bedrock.

It is GGEA's opinion the extent of this exploration was sufficient to accurately characterize the subsurface conditions and provide information necessary for the preparation of this report. The soil borings portray the subsurface conditions encountered at the soil boring locations at the time of exploration. The stratification lines shown on the soil boring logs are approximate, whereas in-situ the changes between strata may be more gradual.

#### 3.3 GROUNDWATER

Groundwater was not encountered in the augers upon the completion of drilling operations. Recovered soil samples were found to have a relatively low moisture content, with samples typically described as dry to moist. Based on these conditions, it is GGEA's opinion groundwater is not located within the overburden soils. The stabilized groundwater elevation is estimated at some depth within the limestone bedrock.



#### 4.0 GEOTECHNICAL EVALUATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

#### 4.1 BEARING CAPACITY AND FOUNDATIONS

The subsurface conditions at this site are of good structural quality and will provide for the construction of a shallow foundation system consisting of perimeter frost walls supported by continuous strip footings and interior/exterior columns supported by square spread footings. GGEA provides design and construction recommendations for foundations as follows:

- 1. Although native soils were found to typically exhibit a high relative density, due to the relatively shallow and variable depth of bedrock (2.2 to 3.0 feet), GGEA recommends advancing all exterior perimeter foundations to bedrock. Excavations shall be advanced through overburden soils and weathered rock until refusal is encountered using a toothed bucket.
- 2. Per Section 1809.5 of the 2020 NYS Building Code, foundations bearing directly on bedrock are not subject to the locally prescribed frost protection depth of > 3.5 feet below final grade.
- 3. Foundations bearing directly on bedrock should be designed for a net allowable bearing capacity not to exceed 10,000 psf.
- 4. Pinning of foundations to bedrock is not necessary unless pinning is required to resist uplift, to resist lateral forces or if specified by Town Code Enforcement.
- 5. Interior spread footings shall be advanced to a minimum depth of 2.0 feet below existing grade and should be constructed to bear on competent glacial till soil or bedrock. In the event interior foundation subgrade is to be composed of glacial till soil, the soil shall be vibratory compacted and the net allowable bearing capacity shall be limited to 4,000 psf. The net allowable bearing capacity may be increased to 10,000 psf in the event foundations are advanced to bedrock.
- 6. If the storage facility is to consist of a pre-engineered metal building (PEMB), foundation lateral forces should be restrained by one of the following methods:
  - (a) tie rods spanning the building width through the foundation frost walls,
  - (b) hairpins extending from the perimeter column pedestals into the floor slab,
    - or
  - (c) oversizing the foundations to provide friction resistance between the concrete and soil. The coefficient of sliding for mass concrete on clean limestone bedrock is estimated at 0.70 per Chapter 3, Table 1 of NAVFAC 7.2.

#### 4.2 SLAB ON GRADE

The building interior slab on grade should be designed and constructed in accordance with the following recommendations:

1. All slabs should be designed using a recognized standard procedure, such as identified in the text "Designing Floor Slabs on Grade" by Ringo and Anderson (ISBN 0-924659-34-3). The thickness of the concrete slab should be determined based on the intended usage and proposed loading (fork truck dynamic loading and static rack loading).



- 2. Topsoil and poor quality native soils should be removed beneath the footprint of the slab. Based on subsurface conditions encountered at the soil boring locations, excavation to a depth of approximately 1.5 feet is estimated to engage competent subgrade soil.
- 3. Once a competent subgrade elevation is achieved, the exposed subgrade should be compacted thoroughly with a smooth drum vibratory roller to produce a uniform density throughout. In place density testing of the subgrade is not required. The top surface of the subgrade should be pitched to drain to prevent ponding of stormwater.
- 4. After the subgrade is thoroughly compacted, proof roll the exposed subgrade with a fully loaded 10 wheel dump truck weighing at least 30 tons or a smooth drum roller having an effective force of at least 600 pounds per linear inch of roller width. Any area exhibiting weaving, yielding, rutting (>3/4 inch) or boiling should be reworked and compacted to produce an acceptable response *or* over excavated and replaced with Structural Fill. The depth of the undercut and type of Structural Fill will depend on the bearing condition at the base of the undercut, the weather at the time of construction and the soil material encountered. Proof rolling operations should be observed and directed by a qualified geotechnical professional.
- 5. After proof rolling of the prepared subgrade is successfully performed (including overexcavation and replacement of failing areas), Structural Fill should be installed as necessary to achieve the design subgrade elevation. The Structural Fill should be placed in maximum 9 inch lifts and compacted to 95 % modified proctor (ASTM D1557).
- 6. Upon successful installation of Structural Fill to the design subgrade elevation, a granular base composed of Select Structural Fill should be installed and compacted to 95 % modified proctor. The thickness of the granular base layer should be dictated by the slab design (prepared by others), however GGEA recommends a minimum granular base thickness of 8 inches.
- 7. Install subsurface utilities.
- 8. Install the concrete slab as designed. GGEA recommends a modulus of subgrade reaction (k) not to exceed 150 pci for properly prepared subgrade. The installation of a vapor barrier and specification of the concrete finish technique is at the discretion of the architect. Proper joint spacing and reinforcing steel spacing/placement will be critical to the long term performance of slab. The Portland Cement Association (PCA) recommends joint spacing in feet should be two to three times the slab thickness in inches.

Although not required for design, if the granular base is to be used as working surface for an extended period of time prior to concrete placement, the installation of a separation and reinforcement geotextile should be considered between the soil subgrade and granular base. GGEA recommends a woven geotextile such as US Fabrics US 250 (or equivalent). Any granular base that becomes contaminated with soil as a result of repeated construction traffic should be removed and replaced prior to placing concrete.

#### 4.3 EXCAVATION, BACKFILL AND RETAINING WALLS

The native soils encountered within the construction depth of this project are composed primarily of loose topsoil overlying firm cohesive glacial till and compact to dense granular glacial till. Excavation through native soils can be accomplished with easy to moderate effort from standard excavation equipment, increasing in effort with depth. The limestone bedrock is of moderately hard composition and will require significant effort from a large hydraulic breaker (> 4,000 foot pounds) to remove.



Native soils may be repurposed as Structural Fill, pending the soils are stockpiled and blended to create a homogenous material. The blended and stockpiled material must provide a USCS classification that meets the specification for Structural Fill (all soil material with the exception of USCS classifications of CH, MH, OH, OL, ML and CL-ML). Silt (ML) soil provide a potential for frost heave if subjected to water and freezing temperatures and therefore should not be used as Structural Fill where exposed to frost. Successful stockpiling and blending of excavated soils may result in a USCS classification acceptable for use as Structural Fill, however a large portion of the native soils are identified as ML and CL-ML on the boring logs, which is undesirable. Blending of the material with GC soils may yield a USCS classification that is acceptable for Structural Fill when laboratory tested.

The soils encountered at this site should be classified by an OSHA competent person in accordance with 29 CFR, Part 1926, OSHA Subpart P, "Excavations and Trenches" prior to and during excavation. From the testing and exploration program, GGEA estimates the site soils within the construction depth of this project can be classified as Type C under the OSHA classification guidelines. However, this classification may change depending on other site criteria and moisture conditions at the time of construction. An OSHA competent person should judge the potential need for excavation bracing and excavation geometry in the field.

Foundation backfill placed beneath structurally loaded areas (pavement, sidewalk, slab) should consist of properly placed and compacted Select Structural Fill. Foundation backfill placed in non-structural landscaped areas may consist of compacted Common Fill or Structural Fill. Excavated native soils may be repurposed as Common Fill pending they are free of topsoil. Excavated native soils may be repurposed as Structural Fill pending blending and testing as previously discussed.

In place density testing should be performed at a rate of one test per 50 feet of trench or 2,500 square feet of area per lift, at a minimum of one test per day of placement. Specifications regarding Common Fill, Structural Fill and Select Structural Fill are included in Appendix E. Foundation backfill shall be installed in a balanced condition with foundations completely backfilled prior to applying load.

If the project is to include the construction of retaining walls, the retaining walls should be backfilled with Structural Fill or Select Structural Fill compacted to 95% of modified proctor (ASTM D1557) density within 2 % of optimum moisture content. Clean poorly graded drainage stone should be installed directly behind the wall to allow for hydrostatic pressure relief through weeps or drain tile at the base. The drainage stone should be wrapped in a separation and filtration geotextile such as US 120NW or equivalent. The subgrade at the base of the retaining wall should be composed of bedrock and prepared in accordance with the recommendations of Section 4.1 of this report. GGEA provides the following estimated design parameters for native soils and compacted Select Structural Fill:

Native sandy silt with gravel (ML)

moist unit weight = 125 pcf friction angle = 32<sup>0</sup> cohesion = 0 psf Rankine theory at rest pressure coefficient (Ko) = 0.47 active pressure coefficient (Ka) = 0.31 passive pressure coefficient (Kp) = 3.25



2020 NYS Building Code Table 1610.1 Lateral Soil Load at rest pressure = 100 psf/ft of depth active pressure = 45 psf/ft of depth

coefficient of sliding for mass concrete = 0.35

Native clayey gravel with sand (GC)

moist unit weight = 130 pcf

friction angle =  $32^{\circ}$ 

cohesion = 0 psf

Rankine theory

at rest pressure coefficient (Ko) = 0.47 active pressure coefficient (Ka) = 0.31 passive pressure coefficient (Kp) = 3.25

2020 NYS Building Code Table 1610.1 Lateral Soil Load at rest pressure = 60 psf/ft of depth active pressure = 45 psf/ft of depth

coefficient of sliding for mass concrete = 0.40

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Select Structural Fill
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moist unit weight = 145 pcf

friction angle =  $40^{\circ}$ 

Rankine theory

at rest pressure coefficient (Ko) = 0.36 active pressure coefficient (Ka) = 0.22 passive pressure coefficient (Kp) = 4.60

2020 NYS Building Code Table 1610.1 Lateral Soil Load at rest pressure = 60 psf/ft of depth active pressure = 30 psf/ft of depth

coefficient of sliding for mass concrete = 0.55

Foundations for retaining walls shall be prepared in accordance with the parameters established in Section 4.1 of this report.

#### 4.4 FLEIXBLE PAVEMENT

GGEA provides design and construction recommendations for flexible pavement as follows:

1. Remove existing topsoil and poor quality subsoil materials to the design subgrade elevation. Any poor quality soil (soft, saturated, organic) should be removed and replaced with Structural Fill. The subgrade should be graded to drain.



- 2. Based on conditions observed at the soil boring locations, excavation to a depth of approximately 1.5 feet below existing grade is anticipated to engage competent subgrade.
- 3. Thoroughly compact the exposed subgrade with a smooth drum vibratory roller. In place density testing of the subgrade is not required.
- 4. After thorough compaction of the subgrade is performed, proof roll the exposed subgrade with a fully loaded 10 wheel dump truck weighing at least 30 tons or a smooth drum roller having an effective force of at least 600 pounds per linear inch of roller width. Any area exhibiting weaving, yielding, rutting or boiling should be reworked and compacted to produce an acceptable response or over excavated and replaced with Structural Fill. The depth of the undercut and type of Structural Fill will depend on the soil material encountered, weather conditions at the time of construction and the bearing conditions at the base of the undercut. The top surface of the subgrade should be pitched to drain to prevent ponding of stormwater. Proof rolling operations should be observed and directed by a qualified geotechnical professional.
- 5. Install Structural Fill as necessary to achieve the design subgrade elevation. Install in maximum 9 inch lifts and compact to 95 % modified proctor.
- 6. Once the design subgrade elevation is achieved, install a separation geotextile to prevent contamination of the overlying granular base layer with fines from the underlying subgrade soil. GGEA recommends an AASHTO Class 2 separation geotextile such as US Fabrics US 250 or equivalent.
- 7. Install a granular base layer composed of properly placed and compacted Select Structural Fill. GGEA recommends a minimum granular base thickness of 10 inches for automobile traffic and 12 inches for truck traffic.
- 8. If the design dictates, install ditches, lateral drains, weeps and storm drainage piping.
- 9. If catch basins are installed, special attention should be directed to the compaction of stone around the catch basins and the pipes. Failure to properly compact the stone will result in pavement settlement around the catch basins and ponding of water.
- 10. Construct a flexible pavement system consisting of asphalt concrete binder followed by asphalt concrete top (wearing course). GGEA provides recommended pavement sections as follows:

Light Duty (primarily car traffic)

- 10 inches Select Structural Fill Compacted to 95 % Modified Proctor
- 2.5 inches of asphalt concrete binder
- 1.0 inch of asphalt concrete top

Heavy Duty (mixed truck and car traffic)

- 12 inches Select Structural Fill Compacted to 95 % Modified Proctor
- 3.5 inches of asphalt concrete binder
- 1.5 inch of asphalt concrete top

Site contractors should be notified that roadways and parking areas will not support repeated travel by construction loads. Pavement and subgrade failure can be anticipated in areas that receive a high volume of heavy construction traffic. To preclude the overstressing of the pavement system it is recommended that haul roads be located in non-critical areas. As an option, the base course of stone can be overbuilt to a total thickness of 20 inches to serve as a haul route. The additional thickness of stone should be removed prior to paving along



with any areas of stone that have been contaminated with soil. Failure to remove fine-grained soils from the stone base may cause pavement distress in the form of heaving resulting from freeze thaw effects.

In the event the binder layer is used as a working surface during construction or there is a prolonged time period between binder and top placement such that daily activities occur over the binder surface, the surface must be power washed, not just swept, and a tack coat should be applied prior to installation of the top course. In addition, any yielding area of pavement binder should be removed and replaced prior to application of the top course.

#### 4.5 STORMWATER PONDS

The relatively shallow depth to bedrock encountered at this site provides limitations to stormwater pond construction. Compaction of native soils with a smooth drum vibratory roller may produce a soil of low permeability that will hold water, however the use of a synthetic geomembrane pond liner should be considered to improve pond integrity where soil cover over bedrock cannot be maintained at 12 inches or more.

#### 4.6 EXPANSIVE SOIL

Some cohesive soils undergo volumetric change (shrinkage and swelling) with changes in moisture content and degree of saturation, which are commonly referred to as expansive soils. This condition primarily occurs with fat clay (CH) soil, which is a cohesive soil that exhibits a liquid limit of 50 or greater. The liquid limit is the water content, in percent, of a soil that defines the boundary between the plastic and viscous fluid states. Expansive soils can be found in many areas throughout Western New York and have been associated with foundation problems.

Laboratory testing was not performed on recovered soil samples, however visual classification did not identify USCS soil classifications associated with expansion concerns.

#### 4.7 LIQUEFACTION

Liquefaction is the process where saturated cohesionless (granular) soils, specifically, loose sands and silts, transform from a solid into a liquid as a result of an increase in the pore water pressure caused by repeated disturbance such as experienced during seismic events. Liquefaction results in an immediate loss of shear strength and bearing capacity, causing total and differential settling of the overlying structure.

The soils encountered at this site exhibit a high relative density and are not susceptible to liquefaction.

#### 4.8 SETTLEMENT

Shallow foundations designed, constructed and maintained in accordance with the recommendations of this report will provide for negligible settlement, with estimated total and differential settlement of significantly less than 1.0 inch and 0.5 inches, respectfully.



#### 4.9 SEISMIC SITE CLASS AND DESIGN CATEGORY

In accordance with Section 1613 (Earthquake Loads) of the 2020 NYS Building Code, GGEA has classified the site as **Seismic Site Class C.** The site classification is based on the summation of N values for the upper 100 feet of boring B-5 in accordance with ASCE 7-16 Equation 20.4-2. The design spectral response accelerations have been calculated as 0.149 g for the short period design spectral response acceleration (S<sub>DI</sub>). In accordance with tables 1613.2.5(1) and 1613.2.5(2), using Risk Category II, the site is classified as **Seismic Design Category A.** Calculations have been provided in Appendix D.

#### 4.10 GENERAL CONSTRUCTION RECOMMENDATIONS

GGEA provides general construction recommendations as follows:

- 1. Exposed soil bearing grades beneath foundations should be compacted to densify any soil that may have been disturbed by the excavation process. Compaction should be performed in accordance with the recommendations of item 5 in Section 4.1 of this report. Densification of the subgrade will assure the development of the anticipated bearing strength and reduce settlement potential.
- 2. Fine grained soils, such as those encountered within the proposed construction depth for this project, may lose considerable strength and bearing capacity if subjected to prolonged saturation. The accumulation of stormwater and/or perched groundwater within foundation excavations and subsequent deterioration of the foundation subgrade during construction should not be permitted. The foundation excavations should include temporary sumps located outside of the building footprint to permit water removal by means of suction pumps during construction. Likewise, water should not be permitted to accumulate in the foundation excavation after footings have been constructed and prior to backfilling. Care should be exercised to not allow pumped water to recycle back to into the excavations. Mud mats should be considered if the subgrade integrity cannot be maintained. Note this is applicable to soil foundation subgrade only and not bedrock.
- 3. If additional undercut is necessary during foundation excavation, the bottom should be graded to a uniform elevation and gradually sloped or stepped back to the design elevation. Undercut "pockets" should be avoided.
- 4. Conformance to OSHA standards is mandatory during excavation and trench work.
- 5. Topsoil and organic soils should be removed from all load bearing areas.
- 6. No fill material or concrete should be placed in water, over saturated subgrade or over frozen subgrade.
- 7. The foundation bearing grade should not be allowed to freeze either prior to or after placement of concrete. Insulating blankets should be used to cover bearing grades plus a one foot perimeter outside forms and constructed footings until backfill is placed.
- 8. Grading and contouring efforts should take care to address existing site drainage conditions and mitigate any conflicts with the proposed site development.
- 9. Continuous footings and associated wall loads should be proportioned to create nearly equal contact pressures throughout, which will serve to minimize differential settlement. Likewise, square spread footings and associated column loads should be proportioned to create nearly equal contact pressures at all locations.



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10. Upon excavation, if encountered soils or moisture contents are found to be different than those identified on the soil boring log and represented within this report, the bearing capacity of the soil and/or rock will need to be reevaluated by a qualified geotechnical engineer. Likewise, the footing design may then require adjustment to accommodate for a change in bearing capacity or for conditions of varying bearing capacity.

#### 4.11 CONCLUSION

This completes the geotechnical report for the proposed climate controlled storage facility at 2495 Wehrle Drive in the Town of Amherst, New York. This report has been prepared based on the encountered subsurface conditions at the soil boring locations and pertinent data supplied by 416 Homez, Inc. The information presented within this report is intended to serve as the basis for foundation design and should be communicated to the project architect/design professional, excavation contractor and foundation contractor. Please contact GGEA if major project changes are made or if encountered subsurface conditions vary from those noted in this report.

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# Appendix A

# Subsurface Exploration Logs

Climate Controlled Storage 2495 Wehrle Drive Amherst, New York

Geotechnical Engineering Report

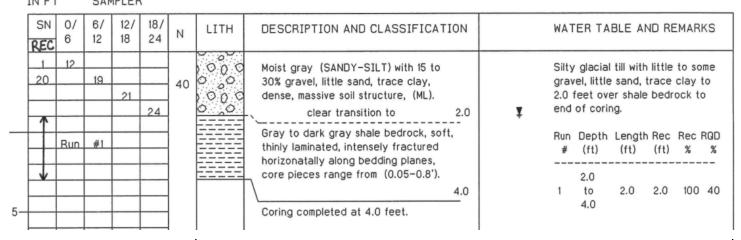
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### **GEOTECHNICAL REFERENCE STANDARDS AND KEY TO SOIL BORING LOGS**

DEPTH BLOWS ON IN FT SAMPLER



**Depth:** The far left column provides the vertical scale of the boring log in feet below ground surface.

Sample Number (SN): The sample number is used for identification on sample containers and/or laboratory tests. Abbreviations are used for different samples and tests (Table 4.)

#### Sample Recovery (REC):

Shown in the sample number column below the sample number in inches out of 24.

**Blows:** The number of blows obtained from each of the 6-inch intervals of a 24-inch Standard Penetration Test (ASTM D1586).

**N-Value:** The Standard Penetration Test N-Value, as specified by ASTM D1586 is defined as the number of blows required by a 140-pound hammer falling 30 inches per blow to drive a 2-inch outside diameter split spoon sampler 24 inches. The N-Value is the sum of the 6/12 and 12/18 value. Lithology (LITH): A graphic representation of the soil and rock description and classification.

#### Description and classification:

All recovered soil and rock samples are described and classified in the field during the drilling process. Soil classifications are based on the Unified Soil Classification System ASTM D2487 and ASTM D2488. The relative proportion of soil mixtures with two or more soils is described in accordance with "Suggested Methods of Test for Identification of Soils" by D.M. Burmister, ASTM Special Technical Publication479, June 1970. Rock descriptions and classifications are frequently referenced from "Rock Core Evaluation Manual Geotechnical Engineering Manual GEM-23" by NYSDOT, 2015. Description and classification are based on visual observation, except where they have been modified to reflect results of laboratory tests as deemed appropriate.

- Soils Field Observations: Moisture (Table 2.), Color, Relative proportion of soil mixtures with two or more soils (Table 5.), Penetration Resistance (Table 3.), Soil Structure, and USCS Classification (Table 1.).
- Rock Field Observations: Color, Rock Type, Hardness (Table 6.), Grain size or Texture, Bedding (Table 7.), Fracturing (Table 8.), Size and Range, and additional observations. The field identification descriptors Rock Hardness, Bedding, and Fracturing are based off the NYSDOT GEM-23.
- The depths of stratum lines shown on the boring logs are based on interpretation and may not represent precise subsurface conditions.

**Remarks:** This section denotes depth of recovery, stratigraphy of soil and rock, depositional environment, and general documentation of drilling efforts and techniques.

**Water Level:** Water level readings are made in bore holes at times and under conditions stated on the boring logs. Fluctuations in the water level may occur due to factors other than those present at the time measurements are taken. The symbol "  $\P$  " denotes the water level below ground surface at a specified time.

**RQD:** Denotes the percentage of intact and sound rock retrieved from a borehole of any orientation. All pieces of intact and sound rock core equal to or greater than 100mm (4 in.) long are summed and divided by the total length of the core run. (ASTM D6032)



## GEOTECHNICAL REFERENCE STANDARDS AND KEY TO SOIL BORING LOGS

	Table 1	. Unified Soil Clas	sification	System
	Major Divisior	าร	Symbol	Typical Descriptions
Coarse Grained Soils	Gravel and Gravelly soils	Clean gravels (Little or no fines)	GW	Well-graded gravels, gravel-sand mixtures, little or no fines
			GP	Poorly-graded gravels, gravel-sand mixtures, little or no fines
	More than 50% of coarse fraction retained on No. 4 Sieve.	Gravels with fines (appreciable amount of fines)	GM	Silty gravels, gravel-sand-silt mixtures
			GC	Clayey gravels, gravel-sand-clay mixtures
	Sand and Sandy Soils	Clean sand (little or no fines)	SW	Well-graded sands, gravelly sands, little or no fines (Wide Equal Range)
More than 50% of material is <u>larger</u> than No. 200 Sieve size.			SP	Poorly-graded sands, gravelly sands, little or no fines, predominately one size or intermediate size
	More than 50% of coarse fraction passing No. 4 Sieve.	Sands with fines (appreciable amount of fines)	SM	Silty sands, sand-silt mixtures
		,	SC	Clayey-sands, sand-clay mixtures
Fine Grained Soils	Silts and Clays		ML	Inorganic silts and very fine sands, rock flour, silty or clayey fine sands or clayey silts with slight plasticity
		Liquid limit <u>LESS</u> than 50	CL	Inorganic clays or low to medium plasticity, gravelly clays, sandy clays, silty clays, lean clays
			OL	Organic silts and organic silty clays or low plasticity
	Silts and Clays		MH	Inorganic silts, micaccous or diatomaccous fine sand or silty soils
Less than 50% of material is <u>smaller</u> than No. 200 Sieve size.		Liquid limit <u>GREATER</u> than 50	СН	Inorganic clays or high plasticity, fat clays
			ОН	Organic clays or medium to high plasticity, organic silts
	Highly Organic S	Soils	PT	Peat, humus, swamp soils with high organic contents

#### Table 1. Unified Soil Classification System

#### NOTE: MULTIPLE SYMBOLS ARE USED TO DISTINGUISH DUAL AND BORDERLINE SOILS

#### Table 2. Relative Soil Moisture

Moisture Content								
Dry	Absence of moisture, dusty, dry to the touch							
Moist	Damp but no visible water							
Wet	Visible free water							

#### Table 4. Sample Abbreviations

Symbol	Description							
ST	Shelby Tube Sample							
VS	Vane Shear Test							
WR	Weight of rods: A zero blow count with the weight of rods only.							
WH	Weight of hammer: A zero blow count with the weight of the rods plus the weight of the hammer.							
50/#	Denotes if the number of blows exceeds 50 befo 0.5 ft. interval. (ex. 50/4 or 50 blows over 4 inche							
Run	An individual advancement of core equipment							

#### Table 3. Relative Soil Penetrative Resistance

Penetrative of Non-Coh		Penetrative Resistance of Cohesive Soils		
Term	Blows	Term	Blows	
Very Loose	0 - 4	Very Soft	0 - 2	
Loose	5 - 10	Soft	3 - 4	
Compact	11 - 30	Firm	5 - 8	
Dense	30 - 50	Stiff	9 - 15	
Very Dense	>50	Very Stiff	15 - 30	
		Hard	> 30	

#### Table 5. Modified Burmister

Proportion of Soil Mixtures								
Trace	0 - 10%							
Little	10 - 20%							
Some	20 - 35%							
And	35 - 50%							



## **GEOTECHNICAL REFERENCE STANDARDS AND KEY TO SOIL BORING LOGS**

#### Table 6. Relative Rock Hardness

Relative Rock Hardness	Long Description			
Very soft rock	Can be scratched with fingernail. Slight indentation produced by light blow of point of geologic pick. Requires power tools for excavation.			
Soft rock	Hand-held specimen crumbles under firm blows with point of geologic pick.			
Moderately soft rock	Shallow indentations (0.04 to 0.12 in. (1 to 3 mm)) can be made by firm blows with point of geologic pick. Can be peeled with pocket knife with difficulty.			
Moderately hard rock	Cannot be peeled or scraped with knife. Can be distinctly scratched with a steel nail.			
Hard rock	Intact hand-held specimen requires more than one hammer blow to break it. Can be faintly scratched by a steel nail.			
Very hard rock	Cannot be scratched with a steel nail. Intact specimen breaks only by repeated, heavy blows with geologic hammer.			
Extremely hard rock	Intact specimen can only be chipped, not broken, by repeated, heavy blows of a geologic hammer.			

Table 7. Rock Bedding							
Bedding	Description						
Very Thick-Bedding	Greater than 4 ft. (>1.2 m)						
Thick-Bedded	1 ft. to 4 ft. (0.3 m to 1.2 m)						
Medium-Bedded	4 in. to 12 in. (100 mm to 300mm)						
Thin-Bedded	1.2 in. to 4 in. (30 mm to 100 mm)						
Very Thin-Bedded	0.5 in. to 1.2 in. (13mm to 30mm)						
Thickly Laminated	0.1 in. to 0.5 in. (3 mm to 13 mm)						
Thinly Laminated	Les than 0.1 in. (< 3 mm)						
None							

#### Table 8. Degree of Rock Core Fracturing

Degree of Fracturing	Description					
Unfractured	No observed fractures.					
Very slightly fractured	Core recovered in lengths greater than 3 ft. (1 m).					
Slightly to very slightly fractured	Core recovered in lengths from 1 to 3 ft. (0.3 m to 1 m).					
Slightly fractured	Core recovered mostly in lengths from 1 to 3 ft. (0.3 to 1 m) with few scattered lengths less han 1 ft. (0.3 m) or greater than 3 ft. (1 m).					
Moderately to slightly fractured	Core recovered mostly in lengths averaging 1 ft. (0.3 m).					
Moderately fractured	Core recovered mostly in lengths from 0.33 to 1 ft. (0.1 to 0.3 m) with most lengths about 0.67 ft. (0.2 m).					
Intensely to moderately fractured	Core recovered in lengths of 0.33 to 0.67 ft. (0.1 to 0.2 m) with most lengths about 0.5 ft. (0.15 m).					
Intensely fractured	Core recovered mostly in lengths from 0.1 to 0.33 ft. (0.03 to 0.1 m) with most lengths less than 0.33 ft. (0.1 m) and with fragmented intervals					
Very intensely to intensely fractured	Core recovered as short core lengths averaging less than 0.1 ft. (0.03 m).					
Very intensely fractured	Core recovered mostly as chips and fragments with a few scattered short core lengths.					

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_									nced augers to r	efusal at 2	.2 feet.	No water at completion.
5 _												Note: Advanced bore hole with 2 1/4" ID x 6" OD hollow stem auger casing with continuous split spoon sampling to auger refusal at 2.2 feet. Bore hole was backfilled with cuttings to ground surface upon completion.
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#### N=NUMBER OF BLOWS TO DRIVE 2" SPOON 12" WITH 140lb. WEIGHT FALLING 30" PER BLOW

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			Blow	s on	San	npler								
Depth (ft)	SN	Rec (in)		6/12	12/18	18/24	N	LITH	Description and Class	sification	Water Table and Remarks			
-	1	24	2 50/5	2	4	12	6	with matter soil s Moist with	t dark brown (SANDY-S some sand, trace to litt er, trace clay, very loos structure, (ML). t to dry light brown (SA 5 to 10% gravel, little , trace clay and organic	tle organic se, granular <u>1.0</u> NDY-SILT) to some	Coarse silty topsoil with some sand, trace to little organic matter, trace clay to 1.0 feet over coarse silty glacial till with little to some sand, trace clay, gravel, and organic matter to auger refusal.			
_								comp struc	bact to very dense, mas ture, (ML). Inced augers to refusal	ssive soil	No water at completion.			
- 5 -											Note: Advanced bore hole with 2 $1/4$ " ID x 6" OD hollow stem auger casing with continuous split spoon sampling to auger refusal at 2.5 feet. Bore hole was backfilled with cuttings to ground surface upon completion.			
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Blows on Sampler											
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	1	12	12	22	18	10	40			y little	<ul> <li>Sity topsol with fittle said and clay, trace to little organic matter to 0.4 feet over silty glacial till with some limestone and chert stone fragments,</li> </ul>
-	2	8	22	50/3					some sand, trace to little clay, has	e tle to 3.	little to some sand, trace to little clay with an occasional cobble to auger refusal.
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5 _ - -											Note: Advanced bore hole with 2 1/4" ID x 6"OD hollow stem auger casing with continuous split spoon sampling to auger refusal at 3.0 feet. Bore hole was backfilled with cuttings to ground surface upon completion.
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Clien	Client: Glynn Group Engineering & Architecture, PLLC Date Completed: 10/9/2023										
			Blow	s on	San	npler					
Depth (ft)	SN	Rec (in)		6/12	12/18	18/24	Ν	LITH	Description and Classificat	ion	Water Table and Remarks
-	1	24	2	6	8	10	14		Moist dark brown (SAND-SILT-CL topsoil with little to some sand, t little clay and organic matter, ver granular soil structure, (ML-CL). Moist to dry light brown (SAND-SILT-CLAY) with 10 to 20	race to ry loose,	Silty topsoil with little to some sand, trace to little clay and organic matter to 0.5 feet over slity glacial till with little sand and gravel, trace to little clay to 2.5 feet over limestone
_	Z	8	12	50/2						$rac{2.5}{-2.5}$	stone fragments to auger refusal.
-									moderately hard.	]	No water at completion.
5 _									Advanced augers to refusal at 2.	7 feet.	Note: Advanced bore hole with 2 1/4" ID x 6" OD hollow stem auger casing with continuous split spoon sampling to auger refusal at 2.7 feet. Bore hole was backfilled with cuttings to ground surface upon
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# Appendix B

# **Project Location Plan**

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# Appendix C

# Subsurface Exploration Plan

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# Appendix D

# Seismic Site Class and Design Category

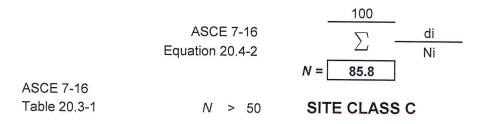
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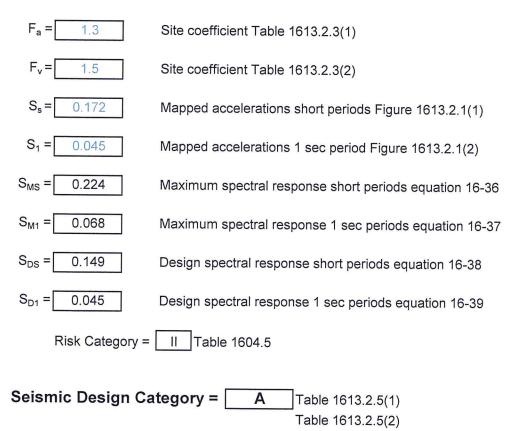
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	97.3	100



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# Appendix E

# **Fill Specifications**

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## **Common Fill**

### All soil and/or crushed rock material with the exception of those with USCS classifications of CH, MH, OH, and OL.

Place material in 12 inch lifts (loose) and compact to 90 % of modified proctor (ASTM D-1557) maximum dry density within 2 % of optimum moisture content.

The material should be compacted using a smooth drum vibratory roller (for large applications) or a reversible vibratory plate tamper (for smaller applications) such as a Bomag BPR 35/60 or similar (weight > 400 lbs).



## Structural Fill

### All soil and/or crushed rock material with the exception of those with USCS classifications of CH, MH, OH, OL, ML and CL-ML.

Place material in 9 inch lifts (loose) and compact to 95 % of modified proctor (ASTM D-1557) maximum dry density within 2 % of optimum moisture content.

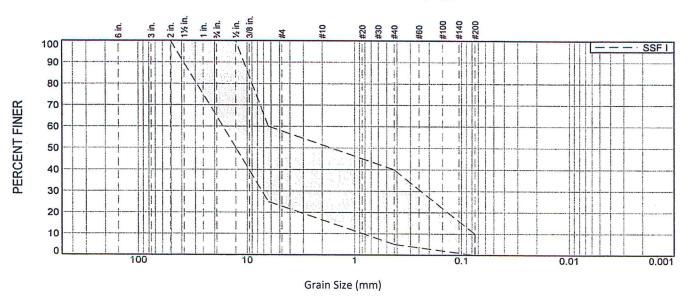
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## Select Structural Fill

## NYSDOT Item No. 304.12 Subbase Course, Type 2

Sieve Size 2 inch 1/4 inch No. 40 No. 200 Required % Passing 100 25 - 60 5 - 40 0 - 10



In addition to the above specification, material shall also meet the well graded qualifications of ASTM D-2487, such that USCS classification = GW, GW-GM, SW or SW-SM.

Place material in 9 inch lifts (loose) and compact to 95 % of modified proctor (ASTM D-1557) maximum dry density within 2 % of optimum moisture content.

The material should be compacted using a smooth drum vibratory roller (for large applications) or a reversible vibratory plate tamper (for smaller applications) such as a Bomag BPR 35/60 or similar (weight > 400 lbs).

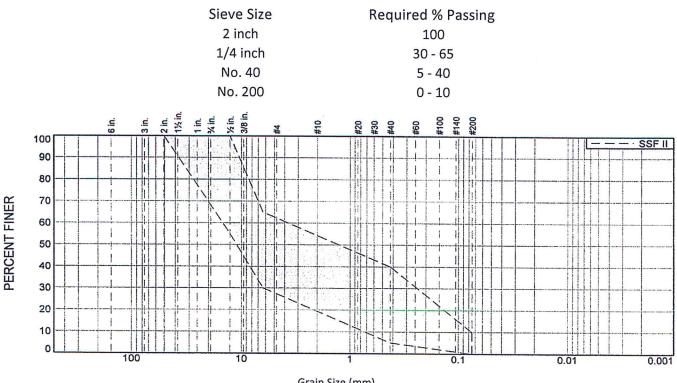
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## Select Structural Fill

## NYSDOT Item No. 304.14 Subbase Course, Type 4



Grain Size (mm)

In addition to the above specification, material shall also meet the well graded qualifications of ASTM D-2487, such that USCS classification = GW, GW-GM, SW or SW-SM.

Place material in 9 inch lifts (loose) and compact to 95 % of modified proctor (ASTM D-1557) maximum dry density within 2 % of optimum moisture content.

The material should be compacted using a smooth drum vibratory roller (for large applications) or a reversible vibratory plate tamper (for smaller applications) such as a Bomag BPR 35/60 or similar (weight > 400 lbs).

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