

**FOUNDATION INVESTIGATION AND DESIGN REPORT
HIGHWAY 11
BLACKWATER RIVER BRIDGE REPLACEMENT
GREENSTONE COMMUNITY, DISTRICT OF THUNDER BAY, ONTARIO**

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PART 1: FACTUAL INFORMATION

1 INTRODUCTION

This report presents the factual findings obtained from a foundation investigation conducted at the site of a proposed replacement of the existing bridge which carries Highway 11 over the Blackwater River. The bridge is located approximately 70 Km north of Nipigon, District of Thunder Bay, Ontario.

The purpose of this investigation was to explore the subsurface conditions at the site and, based on the data obtained, to provide a borehole location plan, records of boreholes, stratigraphic profile, laboratory test results and a written description of the subsurface conditions. A model of the subsurface conditions was developed from the data obtained in the course of the investigation.

Thurber carried out the investigation as a sub-consultant to McCormick Rankin Corporation (MRC), under the Ministry of Transportation Ontario (MTO) Agreement Number 6010-E-0011.

2 SITE DESCRIPTION

The site is located at the crossing of Highway 11 over the Blackwater River, approximately 400 m north of Garnet Drive in the Greenstone Community, Thunder Bay District, Ontario. At present, the highway crosses the river on a seven-span structure supported on two abutments and six piers. The total length of the bridge is 51.3 m and the width is 11.5 m. The existing north and south embankment heights are approximately 2.0 m to 3.0 m.

At this site, the Blackwater River flows to the west. The river channel is approximately 30 m wide and approximately 3.5 m deep at the bridge. Rock protection is visible above the river level throughout the lower parts of the approach embankments.

The area surrounding the bridge site is generally flat. Crater Lake is approximately 170 m northeast of the bridge. The areas to north of the site are generally heavily treed.

Photographs in Appendix F show the general nature of the site.

The site lies within the physiographic region known as the Wabigoon Subprovince of the Superior Province of the Canadian Shield. The region is characterized by metasedimentary rocks. Locally, at this site, bedrock was not contacted within the depth of exploration. The native soils typically consist of sands and silts.

3 SITE INVESTIGATION AND FIELD TESTING

The site investigation and field testing for this project were carried out on July 18, 25, 27, 28, 29 and 31 and August 9, 11 and 12, 2012 consisted of drilling and sampling six boreholes (numbered BWR-01, BWR-03, BWR-04, BWR-07, BWR-8 and BWR-10) in the area of the proposed south and north approaches, abutments and piers. Boreholes BWR-01 and BWR-10, drilled at the south approach and north approach, respectively, were terminated at 9.8 m depth (elevations 295.7 and 296.1). Boreholes drilled at the south and north abutments and piers were terminated at depths ranging from 31.2 m to 42.8 m (elevations 260.8 to 267.6).

Dynamic Cone Penetration Tests (DCPT), numbered BWR-03D, BWR-07D and BWR-08D, were conducted adjacent to Boreholes BWR-03, BWR-07 and BWR-08 to depths ranging from 14.4 m to 21.0 m (elevations 284.1 to 288.9) and below borehole termination depth in Boreholes BWR-03, BWR-04, BWR-07 and BWR-08, extending to depths ranging from 35.5 m to 42.3 m (elevations 261.3 to 263.3). The DCPTs were conducted to supplement the data/information collected from the boreholes.

Records of boreholes drilled during the investigation are included in Appendix A.

The approximate locations of the boreholes are shown on the attached Borehole Locations and Soil Strata Drawing in Appendix G.

The borehole locations were marked in the field and utility clearances were obtained prior to drilling.

The drilling was carried out from the highway grade and through the bridge deck using a CME 55 truck-mounted drill rig. Hollow stem augers and NW casing were used to advance the boreholes through the soils. Soil samples were obtained at selected intervals using a split spoon sampler in conjunction with Standard Penetration Testing (SPT).

The drilling and sampling operations were supervised on a full time basis by a member of Thurber's technical staff. The supervisor logged the boreholes and processed the recovered soil samples for transport to Thurber's laboratory for further examination and testing.

Two standpipe piezometers consisting of 19 mm PVC pipe with slotted screen and enclosed in filter sand were installed at this site to permit longer term groundwater level monitoring. The boreholes were backfilled with bentonite holeplug in general accordance with O.Reg. 903 upon completion. The location and completion details of the piezometer and boreholes are presented in Table 3.1. Piezometers were decommissioned as per O. Reg. 903 on September 26, 2012.

Table 3.1 – Borehole Abandonment Details

Location	Borehole	Piezometer Tip Depth/ Elevation (m)	Abandonment Details
South approach	BWR-01	None installed	Borehole backfilled with holeplug to 7.9 m, auger cuttings from 7.9 m to 0.15 m, then asphalt to surface.
South abutment	BWR-03	13.0/290.6	Borehole caved-in from 42.8 m to 31.5 m upon completion of drilling. Borehole backfilled with holeplug from 31.5 m to 13.0 m, sand from 13.0 m to 10.5 m, then bentonite holeplug to surface. At bridge deck, borehole backfilled with concrete and asphalt.
South pier	BWR-04	None installed	Borehole caved-in upon completion of drilling.
North pier	BWR-07	None installed	Borehole caved-in upon completion of drilling.
North abutment	BWR-08	12.7/290.8	Borehole backfilled with sand and holeplug from 42.8 m to 12.9 m, sand from 12.9 m to 10.0 m, then bentonite holeplug to ground surface. At bridge deck, borehole backfilled with concrete and asphalt.
North approach	BWR-10	None installed	Borehole backfilled with holeplug and auger cuttings from 9.8 m to 0.15 m, then asphalt to surface.

4 LABORATORY TESTING

The recovered soil samples were subjected to Visual Identification (VI) and to natural moisture content determination. Selected samples were also subjected to grain size distribution analyses (sieve and hydrometer). The results of this testing program are summarized on the Record of Borehole sheets in Appendix A and shown on the figures contained in Appendix B.

5 DESCRIPTION OF SUBSURFACE CONDITIONS

Reference is made to the Record of Borehole sheets in Appendix A. Details of the encountered soil stratigraphy are presented in these sheets and on the “Borehole Locations and Soil Strata” drawing in Appendix G. An overall description of the stratigraphy is given in the following paragraphs. However, the factual data presented in the Record of Borehole Sheets governs any interpretation of the site conditions. It must be recognized that soil conditions may vary between and beyond borehole locations.

In general terms, the stratigraphy encountered at this site consists of pavement structure overlying the embankment granular fill. The granular fill was 2.7 m to 3.0 m thick. Layers of native gravelly sand, sand and silt were encountered below the south and north approaches and at the abutment and pier locations. Layers of gravel and sand and gravel were encountered below the sand and silt layers in boreholes drilled at the south pier and north abutment. The native soils were generally very loose to compact in relative density with zones of dense layers.

More detailed descriptions of the individual strata are presented below.

5.1 Pavement Structure

Pavement structure was encountered in all the boreholes, which were drilled through the existing Highway 11 roadway or through the bridge deck. The thickness of the asphalt was 100 mm.

A layer of concrete ranging from 200 mm to 225 mm in thickness was encountered below the asphalt in Boreholes BWR-03, BWR-4, BWR-07 and BWR-08, which were drilled through the bridge deck and approach slabs.

5.2 Sand Fill

Fill was encountered below the asphalt pavement in Borehole BWR-01 and BWR-10 drilled at the south and north approaches, respectively.

The fill comprising the existing highway embankment, consisted of the brown sand and silty sand containing trace to some gravel and trace clay. The thickness of the granular fill was 3.0 m and 2.7 m in Boreholes BWR-01 and BWR-10, respectively.

The depth to the base of the fill was 3.1 m and 2.8 m (elevations 302.4 and 303.1) in Boreholes BWR-01 and BWR-10, respectively.

SPT N-values recorded in the fill ranged from 3 to 13 blows per 0.3 m of penetration, indicating a very loose to compact relative density.

Moisture content in the fill layer ranged from 2% to 17%.

Grain size distribution curves for sand fill and silty sand fill samples are presented on the Record of Borehole sheets and on Figure B1 of Appendix B. The results of the laboratory tests are summarized as follows:

Soil Particles	Sand Fill and Silty Sand Fill Percentage (%)
Gravel	0 to 1
Sand	58 to 79
Silt	18 to 39
Clay	2 to 3

5.3 Gravelly sand

A layer of gravelly sand was contacted in Borehole BWR-10 below the silty sand fill at 2.8 m depth (elevation 303.1). The thickness of the gravelly sand layer was 0.7 m.

The depth to the base of the gravelly sand layer was 3.5 m (elevation 302.4).

An SPT N-value measured in the gravelly sand layer was 15 blows per 0.3 m of penetration, indicating a compact relative density.

The moisture content of the gravelly sand layer was 19% to 21%

5.4 Sand to Sandy Silt

Native brown to grey sand to sandy silt containing trace gravel and trace clay was contacted at various depths and elevations as indicated in Table 5.1.

In Boreholes BWR-07 and BWR-08, wood fragments were noted in the upper 2.0 m of the sand layer. The upper 1.0 m of sand was mixed with clay and organics in Boreholes BWR-01 and BWR-04. At depth, cobbles and boulders were noted in the sand layer.

Table 5.1 – Depths and Elevations of Native Sand to Sandy Silt

Foundation Unit	Borehole	Depth below existing ground surface (m)	Elevation (m)	Thickness (m)
South approach	BWR-01	3.1 to 4.6	302.4 to 300.9	1.5
		7.2 to 9.8 ⁽¹⁾	298.3 to 295.7	2.6
South abutment	BWR-03	0.0 to 5.2	303.6 to 298.4	5.2
		6.7 to 7.9	296.9 to 295.7	1.2
South pier	BWR-04	0 to 10.7	298.8 to 288.1	10.7
North pier	BWR-07	0 to 1.9	299.5 to 297.6	1.9
		4.9 to 20.6	294.6 to 278.9	15.7
North abutment	BWR-08	0 to 19.2	303.5 to 284.3	19.2
North approach	BWR-10	3.5 to 9.8 ⁽¹⁾	302.4 to 296.1	6.3

⁽¹⁾Borehole termination depth

SPT ‘N’ values recorded in the sand and sandy silt ranged from 0 to 29 blows per 0.3 m of penetration, indicating a very loose to compact relative density. SPT N-values of 56 blows per 0.3 of penetration, indicating a very dense relative density, were recorded in Borehole BWR-08 near elevation 285.9.

The moisture contents of the sand and sandy silt ranged from 8% to 30%. Moisture contents of 45 % and 50% were measured in Borehole BWR-03 near elevation 300.8 and in Borehole BWR-07 just below the river bed, respectively. A moisture content of >80% was measured in the sand with wood fragments just below the river bed in Borehole BWR-04.

Grain size distribution curves for samples of the sand and sandy silt tested are presented on the Record of Borehole sheet and on Figures B2, B3 and B6 of Appendix B. The results of the laboratory test are summarized as follows:

Soil Particles	Sandy Silt (%)	Sand (%)
Gravel	0 to 7	0 to 4
Sand	25 to 54	65 to 98
Silt	40 to 73	28
Clay	1 to 5	2
Silt & Clay	-	13 to 33

5.5 Silt

Native brown to grey silt containing trace to some sand and trace clay was contacted at various depths and elevations as indicated in Table 5.2.

Table 5.2 – Depths and Elevations of Native Silt

Foundation Unit	Borehole	Depth below existing ground surface (m)	Elevation (m)	Thickness (m)
South approach	BWR-01	4.6 to 7.2	300.9 to 298.3	2.6
South abutment	BWR-03	5.2 to 6.7 7.9 to 24.2	298.4 to 296.9 295.7 to 279.4	1.5 16.3
South pier	BWR-04	10.7 to 29.7	288.1 to 269.1	19.0
North pier	BWR-07	20.6 to 35.9 ⁽¹⁾	278.9 to 263.6	15.3
North abutment	BWR-08	19.2 to 35.2	284.3 to 268.3	16.0

⁽¹⁾Borehole termination depth

SPT 'N' values recorded in the silt ranged from 2 to 50 blows per 0.3 m of penetration, indicating loose to dense relative density. Generally, the silt layer is in a compact state.

The moisture content of the silt ranged from 18% to 28%.

Grain size distribution curves for samples of the silt tested are presented on the Record of Borehole sheet and on Figures B4 and B5 of Appendix B. The results of the laboratory test are summarized as follows:

Soil Particles	Silt (%)
Gravel	0
Sand	0 to 19
Silt	75 to 94
Clay	4 to 8

5.6 Sand

A layer of grey sand containing some silt to silt, trace gravel, trace clay and occasional cobbles and boulders was contacted below the silt at 24.2 m depth (elevation 279.4) in Borehole BWR-03 and at 35.2 m depth (elevation 268.3) in Borehole BWR-08. The thickness of the sand was 3.6 m in Borehole BWR-08.

The depth to the base of the sand in Borehole BWR-08 was 38.8 m (elevation 264.7). Borehole BWR-03 was terminated within the sand at 42.8 m depth (elevation 260.8).

SPT 'N' values recorded in the sand ranged from 24 to 38 blows per 0.3 m of penetration, indicating compact to dense relative density. An SPT-N value of 100 blows with no penetration, indicating a very dense relative density, was recorded in Borehole BWR-08 near elevation 265.3.

The moisture content of the silt ranged from 17% to 22%.

Grain size distribution curves for samples of the sand tested are presented on the Record of Borehole sheet and on Figure B6 of Appendix B. The results of the laboratory test are summarized as follows:

Soil Particles	Sand (%)
Gravel	0 to 2
Sand	74 to 98
Silt	22
Clay	2
Silt & Clay	2

5.7 Sand and Gravel

A layer of sand and gravel was contacted below the sand at 1.9 m depth (elevation 297.6) in Borehole BWR-07. The thickness of the sand and gravel layer was 3.0 m. The depth to the base of the sand and gravel layer was 4.9 m (elevation 294.6).

In Borehole BWR-08, a layer of sand and gravel was contacted at 38.8 m depth (elevation 264.7). Borehole BWR-08 was terminated within the sand and gravel layer at 39.5 m depth (elevation 264.0).

In Borehole BWR-07, the SPT N-values measured in the sand and gravel layer were 10 and 0 blows per 0.3 m of penetration, indicating a compact to very loose relative density. An SPT N-value of 45 blows per 0.3 m of penetration was measured in Borehole BWR-08, indicating a dense relative density.

The moisture content of the sand and gravel layer ranged from 8% to 21%.

5.8 Gravel

A layer of gravel was contacted in Borehole BWR-04 below the silt at 29.7 m depth (elevation 269.1)

Borehole BWR-04 was terminated within the gravel layer at 31.2 m depth (elevation 267.6).

The SPT N-value measured in the gravel layer was 20 blows per 0.3 m of penetration, indicating a compact relative density



5.9 Water Levels

Water levels were monitored in the open boreholes during and upon completion of drilling. Two standpipe piezometers were installed in Boreholes BWR-03 and BWR-08 to monitor water levels after completion of drilling. The water levels measured in the piezometer and open boreholes are summarized in Table 5.3.

Table 5.3 – Water Level Measurements

Borehole	Date	Water Level (m)		Comments
		Depth	Elevation	
BWR-01	July 29, 2012	3.8	301.7	Open borehole
BWR-03	September 13, 2012	2.9	302.7	In piezometer
	September 26, 2012	2.6	303.0	
BWR-08	September 13, 2012	2.6	303.2	In piezometer
	September 26, 2012	2.3	303.5	
BWR-10	July 29, 2012	3.4	302.5	Open borehole

Piezometric readings indicate that the water level is near elevations 303.0 and 303.5, at the south and north abutments, respectively.

The above values are short-term readings and seasonal fluctuations of the groundwater level are to be expected. In particular, the groundwater level may be at a higher elevation after the spring snowmelt or after periods of heavy rainfall.

GA drawing indicates that the water level in Blackwater River was at Elevation 301.2 in April 2011. Normal high water level is at elevation 302.4, for a two year return period.

6 MISCELLANEOUS

Borehole locations were selected and established in the field by Thurber Engineering Ltd. MRC provided plan drawings to obtain the co-ordinates and the ground surface elevations for the boreholes.

Thurber obtained utility clearances for the borehole locations prior to drilling.

Eastern Ontario Diamond Drilling Ltd. from Hawkesbury, Ontario supplied truck mounted CME 55 drill rig and conducted the drilling, sampling and in-situ testing operations.

The drilling and sampling operations in the field were supervised on a full time basis by Mr. George Azzopardi and Ms. Eckie Siu of Thurber Engineering Ltd.

Routine laboratory testing was carried out by Thurber Engineering Ltd.

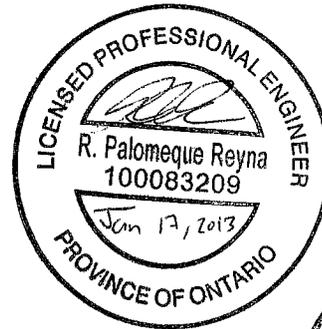


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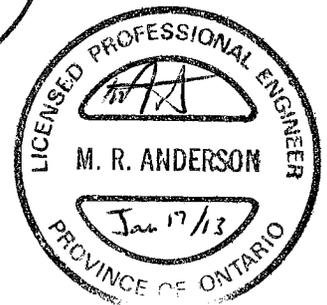
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PART 2: ENGINEERING DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

7 GENERAL

This report presents interpretation of the geotechnical data in the factual report and presents geotechnical recommendations for design of a new bridge to replace the existing bridge located at the crossing of Highway 11 over the Blackwater River in Greenstone Community, Thunder Bay District, Ontario.

The existing bridge is a seven-span structure with a concrete deck supported on timber bents and 10.7-m long timber piles. The length of the bridge is 51.3 m and the width is 11.5 m. The existing approach embankments are approximately 2.0 m to 3.0 m high.

Based on the preliminary General Arrangement (GA) drawing provided by MRC, the proposed bridge is a three-span structure consisting of a deck supported on precast pre-stressed concrete box girders supported on two abutments and two piers. The abutments and piers will be supported on steel H-piles. A sheet pile wall will be installed immediately behind the row of H-piles at the abutments to contain the approach fill, in lieu of a conventional abutment. The spans of the new structure will be 12.0 m, 19.0 m and 12.0 m and the width will be 12.7 m. The construction will be staged to maintain one lane of traffic.

The discussion and recommendations presented in this report are based on the information provided by MRC and on the factual data obtained in the course of the investigation.

8 STRUCTURE FOUNDATIONS

In general terms, the stratigraphy encountered at the site generally consists of pavement structure over 2.7 m to 3.0 m of sand fill approach embankment. The relative density of the sand fill varied from very loose to compact. The native soils generally consist of cohesionless soils varying in gradation from sands to silts and sandy silts. These native soils are in a very loose to compact state. In a few locations, the native soils are in a dense state. Occasional cobbles and boulders were encountered in the native soil. Layers of gravel and sand and gravel were encountered below the silt and sand layers in boreholes drilled at the south pier and north abutment. Bedrock or a layer of refusal was not encountered in any of the boreholes within the depth of exploration of 31.0 m to 42.0 m.

Piezometric readings indicate that the groundwater level is near elevations 303.0 and 303.5, at the south and north abutments, respectively. GA drawing indicates that the water level in Blackwater River was at Elevation 301.2 on April 2011. Normal high water level is 302.4, for a two year return period.

Based on existing site conditions, initial consideration was given to the following foundation types:

- Spread footings on native soils
- Augered Caissons (drilled shafts)
- Driven steel H-piles

A comparison of the foundation alternatives based on advantages and disadvantages of each is included in Appendix D.

8.1 Spread Footings on Native Soils

Consideration was given to supporting the structure on spread footings founded on native soils. However, this option is not recommended due to the following reasons:

- Low geotechnical capacities are available at this site in the native very loose to compact sands and silts.
- Unacceptable settlements, larger than 25 mm, under footing loads will occur if footings are placed on the native soils.
- Suitable bearing stratum is not available within a reasonable and practical depth of excavation.
- Temporary footing excavation may have environmentally impact on the river.
- Scour protection will be required for footings.

In light of the above factors, the spread footings option was not further developed.

8.2 Socketted Drilled Shafts/Caissons

Caissons are not recommended at this site since suitable end bearing materials were not encountered within the borehole exploration depth, which ranged from 31.2 m to 42.8 m. In addition, construction of caissons in the cohesionless soils below water table will be challenging. Sealing of the caisson liner into the founding stratum will be difficult and base boiling may also be encountered. Caisson base inspection will also not be possible at this site.

This option, therefore, was not developed further.

8.3 Driven Steel H-piles

The subsurface conditions at the abutments and piers are considered suitable for the design of foundations supported on steel H-piles. Driven steel H-piles will develop resistance to vertical loads primarily through frictional resistance along the sides of the H-piles within the native loose to compact silts and sands.

The factored Geotechnical Resistances at ULS (per pile) and Geotechnical Resistance at SLS (25 mm settlement) estimated for two pile sections, HP 310x110 and HP 360x 132, driven to various depths into the native silts and sands are as indicated in Table 8.1.

Table 8.1 – Recommended Axial Resistances for Steel H-Piles

Foundation Unit	Pile length below underside of pile cap	Pile Tip Elevation	HP 310x110		HP 360x132	
	(m)		ULS (kN)	SLS (kN)	ULS (kN)	SLS (kN)
Abutments	15	289.5	190	160	240	200
	20	284.5	370	310	460	380
	25	279.5	600	500	740	615
	30	274.5	885	740	1,085	900
	35	269.5	1,200	1,000	1,400	1,150
	40	264.5	1,400	1,150	1,700	1,400
	44.8	259.7	1,700	1,400	1,900	1,580
Piers	18.5	285.5	190	160	240	200
	23.5	280.5	370	310	460	380
	28.5	275.5	600	500	740	615
	33.5	270.5	885	740	1,085	900
	38.5	265.5	1,100	920	1,400	1,150
	42	262.0	1,350	1,125	1,700	1,400

-Native silts and sands were contacted near elevations 303.5 and 299.0 at the abutments and piers, respectively.

-Based on GA drawing, the underside of pile cap is approximately at elevations 304.5 at the abutments and 304.0 at the piers.

8.3.1 Pile Installation

Pile installation should be in accordance with OPSS 903, November 2009.

No pile shoe or tip protector should be used since the piles are designed as friction piles.

For piles driven into compact silts and sands, pile driving must be controlled by the Hiley Formula and an ultimate pile resistance to be specified by the designer in accordance with Clause 3.3.2 (b) Construction Stage of the Structural Manual. The Hiley formula need not be used until the piles are within 2.0 m of design tip elevation. The appropriate pile driving note is “Piles to be driven in accordance with Standard SS 103-11 using an ultimate resistance of “R” kN per pile”. “R” must have a minimum value of twice the design load at ULS.

To facilitate pile installation, embankment fill through which piles will be driven must not contain oversize material, i.e. no particles exceeding 75 mm in size.

It should be noted that rockfill is visible on the side slopes of the highway embankments. If such obstructions are encountered at the proposed location of the H-piles they will have to be removed to facilitate driving of H-piles.

8.3.2 Downdrag

Downdrag on the piles is not considered to be an issue at this site.

8.3.3 Lateral Resistance for H-piles

The lateral resistance of the piles within the native sands and silts at the abutments may be calculated using a value for the coefficient of horizontal subgrade reaction (k_s) and ultimate lateral resistance (p_{ult}) as follows:

$$k_s = n_h \cdot z / D \quad (\text{kN/m}^3)$$

$$p_{ult} = 3 \cdot \gamma \cdot z \cdot K_p \quad (\text{kPa})$$

where

z = depth of embedment of pile in metres

D = pile width/diameter in metres

n_h = coefficient related to soil density
 3,000 kN/m³ in native loose to compact
 silt/sand below groundwater level

γ = unit weight
 10 kN/m³ (buoyant unit weight below water table)

K_p = passive earth pressure coefficient
 3.0 for native loose to compact silt/sand

The above equations and recommended parameters may be used to analyze the interaction between a pile and the surrounding soil. The lateral pressures obtained from the analysis should not exceed the ultimate lateral resistance.

The spring constant, K , for analysis may be obtained by the expression, $K = k_s \cdot L \cdot D$ (kN/m), where k_s is the coefficient of horizontal subgrade reaction (kN/m³), D is the pile width/diameter (m) and L is the length (m) of the pile segment or element used in the analysis. The ultimate lateral resistance on any one segment of pile, P_{ult} , may be obtained from the expression, $P_{ult} = p_{ult} \cdot L \cdot D$. This represents the ultimate load at which the pile fails and will not support any additional load at greater displacements. It is recommended, however, that the total lateral resistance assumed in one pile be limited to no more than 110 kN at ULS and 40 kN at SLS for a pile section HP 310x110 and no more than 150 kN at ULS and 50 kN at SLS for a pile section HP 360x132.

For lateral soil/pile group interaction analysis, the modulus of subgrade reaction (k_s) may have to be reduced based on pile spacing.

Where a pile group is oriented *perpendicular* to the direction of loading, group action may be considered by reducing values for k_s by a reduction factor R as follows:

Pile Spacing Perpendicular to Direction of Loading	Horizontal Subgrade Reaction Reduction Factor, R
4 D*	1.00
1 D*	0.50

* D is the width of the pile, and spacing is measured centre to centre

Where a pile group is oriented *parallel* to the direction of loading, group action may be considered by reducing values for k_s by a reduction factor R as follows:

Pile Spacing Parallel to Direction of Loading	Horizontal Subgrade Reaction Reduction Factor, R
8 D	1.00
6 D	0.70
4 D	0.40
3 D	0.25

Intermediate values may be obtained by interpolation.

8.4 Recommended Foundation

From a geotechnical perspective, the recommended foundation alternative to support the bridge abutments and piers at this site is driven steel H-piles.

8.5 Frost Cover

The design depth of frost penetration at this site is 2.6 m.

Frost protection should be provided for buried pile caps, if used, and should consist of a minimum of 2.6 m of soil cover.

8.6 Impact of Pile Driving on Existing Bridge

The pier piles for the new bridge will be driven in between the existing timber bents. The distance between the proposed pier locations and the nearest timber bents ranged from 2.0 m to 6.0 m for the south pier and 2.5 m to 3.0 m for the north pier. The new abutment piles will be driven approximately 2.8 m in front of the existing abutments.

It is considered that the risk of settlement of the existing bridge foundations by adjacent pile driving is low, but it is recommended that the contract documents include a monitoring program for the existing structure. As a minimum, this program should require the contractor to establish reference points over each abutment and each pile bent of the existing structure and to monitor movement of these points relative to known, fixed

reference points on a regular basis during driving of the piles. Inspection of the existing pile bents should be conducted during pile driving to identify any movement.

The structural design team should assess the magnitude of settlement or horizontal displacement that would constitute a concern for the stability or serviceability of the existing structure and these limits should be incorporated into a monitoring program in the construction contract.

9 SHEET PILE WALLS

Steel sheet pile walls will be driven adjacent to the H-pile foundations at each abutment. The sheet piles will provide containment and resistance to lateral earth pressures from the approach fill. Alignment of the sheet pile walls should be carefully selected so that during installation of the sheet piles, they do not encounter the timber piles below the existing abutment on the proposed steel H-piles for the new abutment.

Driving of the sheet piles through the existing approach fill (very loose to compact sand) is feasible.

Backfill to the sheet pile walls should be in accordance with OPSS 902. Granular backfill should be placed to the extents shown in OPSD 3101.150. All granular material should meet the specifications of OPSS 1010 as amended by Special Provision 110S13. Compaction equipment to be used adjacent to retaining structures should be restricted in accordance with OPSS 501.

Earth pressures acting on the sheet pile walls may be assumed to be triangular and to be governed by the characteristics of the abutment backfill and the underlying native soils. For a fully drained condition, the pressures should be computed in accordance with the CHBDC but generally are given by the expression:

$$p_h = K(\gamma h + q)$$

Where:

p_h = horizontal pressure on the wall at depth h (kPa)

K = earth pressure coefficient (see Table 9.1)

γ = unit weight of retained soil (see Table 9.1)

h = depth below top of fill where pressure is computed (m)

q = value of any surcharge (kPa)

Earth pressure coefficients for backfill to the abutment wall are dependent on the material used as backfill. Typical values are shown in Table 9.1.

Table 9.1 – Earth Pressure Coefficient (K)

Condition	Earth Pressure Coefficient (K)						
	OPSS Granular A or OPSS Granular B Type II $\phi = 35^\circ$, $\gamma = 22.8 \text{ kN/m}^3$		OPSS Granular B Type I $\phi = 32^\circ$, $\gamma = 21.2 \text{ kN/m}^3$		Native Sand/Silt $\phi = 30^\circ$, $\gamma = 20 \text{ kN/m}^3$		
	Horizontal Surface	Sloping Surface in front of Wall (2H:1V)	Horizontal Surface	Sloping Surface in front of Wall (2H:1V)	Horizontal Surface	Sloping Surface in front of Wall (2H:1V)	Surface in front of Wall (3H:1V)
Active (Unrestrained Wall)	0.27	0.38	0.31	0.46	0.33	0.54	0.41
At rest (Restrained Wall)	0.43	0.43	0.47	0.47	0.5	0.5	0.51
Passive (Movement Towards Soil Mass)	3.7	2.1	3.3	1.7	3.0	1.5	2.1

In conventional design, the use of a material with a high friction angle and low active pressure coefficient (e.g. Granular A, Granular B Type II) is preferred as it results in lower earth pressures acting on the wall.

The factors in Table 9.1 are “ultimate” values and require certain movements for the respective conditions to be mobilized. The values to use in design can be estimated from Figure C6.16 in the Commentary to the Canadian Highway Bridge Design Code.

In accordance with Clause 6.9.3 of the CHBDC, a compaction surcharge should be added. The magnitude should be 12 kPa at the top of fill and decreasing to 0 kPa at a depth of 2.0 m for Granular B Type I or 1.7 m for Granular A or Granular B Type II.

10 EXCAVATION AND GROUNDWATER CONTROL

If any earth excavation is required, it must be carried out in accordance with the Occupational Health and Safety Act (OHSA). For the purposes of the OHSA, the native soils within the probable depth of excavation at this site may be classed as Type 3 soils above the water table and Type 4 soils below the water table.

The excavation must be carried out in accordance with OPSS 902.

Piezometric readings indicate that the water level is near elevations 303.0 and 303.5, at the south and north abutments, respectively. GA drawing indicates that the water level in Blackwater River was at Elevation 301.2 on April 2011. Normal high water level is 302.4, for a two year return period.

Based on the preliminary GA for the bridge structure and the use of pile foundations, it is not expected that work at the abutments will require excavation below the river/groundwater level.

It is recommended that excavation for removal of existing structures be maintained above the water level in the river. Any excavation below the groundwater level/river level without prior dewatering is not recommended since the inflow of groundwater will make it difficult to maintain a dry, sound base on which to work.

In general, the design of the dewatering system should be the responsibility of the Contractor and the Contract Documents should alert him to this responsibility.

11 APPROACH EMBANKMENTS

Based on a site observations and GA drawing provided by MRC, it was estimated that the existing approach embankments are approximately 2.0 m to 3.0 m high with forward slopes near inclinations of about 2H:1V to 3H:1V. The foundation soils governing stability of the approach embankments consist generally of native loose to compact sands and silts.

Communication with MRC indicates that no grade raise is anticipated at the existing Highway 11.

It is understood that additional fill will be required between the existing abutment and behind the new sheet pile wall. This new fill is expected to have a maximum thickness of about 2.5 m to 3.5 m. The sides of the new approach fill will be contained by sheet pile walls. Prior to placement of new fill, all topsoil, organics or other unsuitable materials must be stripped from the subgrade.

Comments regarding stability of embankment slopes and settlement of the foundations soils are provided in the following sections.

11.1 Slope Stability

The existing embankments bearing on the foundation soils at this site appear to be performing satisfactorily under the existing conditions.

The additional approach fill (approximately 2.5 m to 3.5 m) to be placed behind the new abutment will be supported within a sheet pile enclosure and therefore the stability of the new approach will be governed by the sheet pile wall design. A global slope stability analysis was conducted to assess the embedment requirements for a sheet pile supporting the new approach fill behind the sheet pile walls. The analyses were carried out using the Morgenstern-Price method of slope stability analysis.

The results of the analyses indicate that an adequate factor of safety of 1.5 is achieved for the long term conditions if the sheet pile is driven to or below elevations 298.0 and 298.9 at the south and north abutment, respectively.

The slope stability computation outputs are included in Appendix E.

The stability of the embankments was not checked under seismic loading as the zonal acceleration at this site is 0.0g.

11.2 Settlement

The placement of approximately 2.5 m to 3.5 m of new fill behind the sheet pile abutments will induce immediate (elastic) settlement in the existing non-cohesive fill and the underlying native sand and silt layers.

The total immediate settlement was assessed using elastic methods theory. Based on these analyses, the settlement at the bridge approaches under the weight of the additional approach fill is estimated to be in the order of 25 mm to 30 mm.

Due to the non-cohesive nature of the foundation soils, these settlements will be immediate and essentially completed when construction of the bridge is completed.

Figure 1 in Appendix D shows that a minimum factor of safety of 1.1.4 is obtained for a shallow failure mode. Any over steepening of the river bank may result in more extensive failure. It is therefore critical to prevent river bank erosion so that the forward slope is not undermined.

12 EROSION PROTECTION

The native sands and silts at this site are susceptible to erosion. It is recommended that the potential for erosion be investigated by the bridge designer. As indicated in Section 11.1, any river bank erosion under the abutments must be prevented by providing rock protection.

A vegetation cover should be established on all other exposed earth surfaces to protect against surficial erosion, in general accordance with OPSS 804.

13 ROADWAY PROTECTION

The bridge construction will be done in stages in order to keep at least one highway lane operational. Roadway protection will be required to facilitate staging of removals and support the existing Highway 11.

Roadway protection should be provided in accordance with OPSS 539 and designed for Performance Level 2.

Continuous sheet piles or conventional steel soldier pile and timber lagging walls are two options to provide temporary support to the roadway during excavation. Timber lagging boards should be installed as soon as the soil face is exposed and properly prepared.

The following parameters apply for design of the temporary shoring system:

γ	=	21 kN/m ³	(bulk unit weight)
γ_w	=	11 kN/m ³	(submerged unit weight under groundwater table)
K_a	=	0.33	(Active pressure coefficient for: road embankment sand fill and native sand/silt)
K_p	=	3.0	(Passive pressure coefficient for: road embankment sand fill and native sand/silt)
h_w	=	303.5	(groundwater level at this site)

The actual pressure distribution acting on the shoring system is a function of the construction sequence and the relative flexibility of the wall and these factors must be considered when designing the shoring system.

Temporary groundwater and surface water control measures may be required during construction.

The design of roadway protection should be the responsibility of the Contractor. All shoring systems should be designed by a Professional Engineer experienced in such designs.

14 SEISMIC CONSIDERATIONS

14.1 Seismic Design Parameters

The following seismic parameters should be used for design:

- Velocity Related Seismic Zone 0
- Zonal Velocity Ratio 0.0
- Acceleration Related Seismic Zone 0
- Zonal Acceleration Ratio 0.0
- Peak Horizontal Acceleration 0.02

The soil profile type at this site has been classified as Type III. Therefore, according to Table 4.4.6.1 of the CHBDC, a Site Coefficient “S” (ground motion amplification factor) of 1.5 should be used in seismic design.

In accordance with Clause 4.6.4 of the CHBDC, retaining structures should be designed using active (K_{AE}) and passive (K_{PE}) earth pressure coefficients that incorporate the effects of earthquake loading. The coefficients of horizontal earth pressure for seismic loading presented in Table 14.1 may be used:

Table 14.1 – Earth Pressure Coefficients for Earthquake Loading

Condition	Earth Pressure Coefficient (K)		
	OPSS Granular A or OPSS Granular B Type II $\phi = 35^\circ$ $\gamma = 22.8 \text{ kN/m}^3$	OPSS Granular B Type I $\phi = 32^\circ$, $\gamma = 21.2 \text{ kN/m}^3$	Native Sand/Silt $\phi = 30^\circ$, $\gamma = 20 \text{ kN/m}^3$
Active (K_{AE})*	0.28	0.32	0.34
Passive (K_{PE})	3.7	3.2	2.9
At Rest (K_{OE})**	0.45	0.50	0.53

* After Mononobe and Okabe, passive case assumes a horizontal surface in front of the wall.

** After Woods

The potential for liquefaction of the foundations soils was assessed using the Seed and Idriss (1971) method for cohesionless soils.

Using the method, it is estimated that under the existing conditions, the foundation soils at the abutments are not prone to liquefaction.

15 CONSTRUCTION CONCERNS

Potential construction concerns include, but are not necessarily limited to:

- Visual site inspection indicates presence of rockfill on the surface of the embankment side slopes. These rockfill will have to be removed in the area of piling to facilitate driving of piles.
- As indicated in the report, the risk of settlement of the foundations of the existing structure by adjacent pile driving is considered to be low. A monitoring program for the existing structure should be implemented at this site before and during construction of the new bridge.

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Appendix A
Record of Borehole Sheets

SYMBOLS, ABBREVIATIONS AND TERMS USED ON RECORDS OF BOREHOLES

1. TEXTURAL CLASSIFICATION OF SOILS

CLASSIFICATION	PARTICLE SIZE	VISUAL IDENTIFICATION
Boulders	Greater than 200mm	same
Cobbles	75 to 200mm	same
Gravel	4.75 to 75mm	5 to 75mm
Sand	0.075 to 4.75mm	Not visible particles to 5mm
Silt	0.002 to 0.075mm	Non-plastic particles, not visible to the naked eye
Clay	Less than 0.002mm	Plastic particles, not visible to the naked eye

2. COARSE GRAIN SOIL DESCRIPTION (50% greater than 0.075mm)

TERMINOLOGY	PROPORTION
Trace or Occasional	Less than 10%
Some	10 to 20%
Adjective (e.g. silty or sandy)	20 to 35%
And (e.g. sand and gravel)	35 to 50%

3. TERMS DESCRIBING CONSISTENCY (COHESIVE SOILS ONLY)

DESCRIPTIVE TERM	UNDRAINED SHEAR STRENGTH (kPa)	APPROXIMATE SPT ⁽¹⁾ 'N' VALUE
Very Soft	12 or less	Less than 2
Soft	12 to 25	2 to 4
Firm	25 to 50	4 to 8
Stiff	50 to 100	8 to 15
Very Stiff	100 to 200	15 to 30
Hard	Greater than 200	Greater than 30

NOTE: Hierarchy of Soil Strength Prediction

- 1) Laboratory Triaxial Testing
- 2) Field Insitu Vane Testing
- 3) Laboratory Vane Testing
- 4) SPT value
- 5) Pocket Penetrometer

4. TERMS DESCRIBING DENSITY (COHESIONLESS SOILS ONLY)

DESCRIPTIVE TERM	SPT "N" VALUE
Very Loose	Less than 4
Loose	4 to 10
Compact	10 to 30
Dense	30 to 50
Very Dense	Greater than 50

5. LEGEND FOR RECORDS OF BOREHOLES

SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS FOR SAMPLE TYPE	SS Split Spoon Sample	WS Wash Sample	AS Auger (Grab) Sample
	TW Thin Wall Shelby Tube Sample	TP Thin Wall Piston Sample	
	PH Sampler Advanced by Hydraulic Pressure	PM Sampler Advanced by Manual Pressure	
	WH Sampler Advanced by Self Static Weight	RC Rock Core	SC Soil Core

$$\text{Sensitivity} = \frac{\text{Undisturbed Shear Strength}}{\text{Remoulded Shear Strength}}$$

 Water Level
 C_{pen} Shear Strength Determination by Pocket Penetrometer

- (1) SPT 'N' Value Standard Penetration Test 'N' Value – refers to the number of blows from a 63.5 kg hammer free falling a height of 0.76m to advance a standard 50 mm outside diameter split spoon sampler for 0.3 m depth into undisturbed ground.
- (2) DCPT Dynamic Cone Penetration Test – Continuous penetration of a 50 mm outside diameter, 60° conical steel point attached to "A" size rods driven by a 63.5 kg hammer free falling a height of 0.76 m. The resistance to cone penetration is the number of hammer blows required for each 0.3 m advance of the conical point into undisturbed ground.

UNIFIED SOILS CLASSIFICATION

MAJOR DIVISIONS		GROUP SYMBOL	TYPICAL DESCRIPTION
COARSE GRAINED SOILS	GRAVEL AND GRAVELLY SOILS	GW	Well-graded gravels or gravel-sand mixtures, little or no fines.
		GP	Poorly-graded gravels or gravel-sand mixtures, little or no fines.
		GM	Silty gravels, gravel-sand-silt mixtures.
		GC	Clayey gravels, gravel-sand-clay mixtures.
	SAND AND SANDY SOILS	SW	Well-graded sands or gravelly sands, little or no fines.
		SP	Poorly-graded sands or gravelly sands, little or no fines.
		SM	Silty sands, sand-silt mixtures.
		SC	Clayey sands, sand-clay mixtures.
FINE GRAINED SOILS	SILTS AND CLAYS $W_L < 50\%$	ML	Inorganic silts and very fine sands, rock flour, silty or clayey fine sands or clayey silts with slight plasticity.
		CL	Inorganic clays of low to medium plasticity, gravelly clays, sandy clays, silty clays, lean clays. ($W_L < 30\%$).
		CI	Inorganic clays of medium plasticity, silty clays. ($30\% < W_L < 50\%$).
		OL	Organic silts and organic silty-clays of low plasticity.
	SILTS AND CLAYS $W_L > 50\%$	MH	Inorganic silts, micaceous or diatomaceous fine sandy or silty soils, elastic silts.
		CH	Inorganic clays of high plasticity, fat clays.
		OH	Organic clays of medium to high plasticity, organic silts.
HIGHLY ORGANIC SOILS	Pt	Peat and other highly organic soils.	
CLAY SHALE			
SANDSTONE			
SILTSTONE			
CLAYSTONE			
COAL			

EXPLANATION OF ROCK LOGGING TERMS

<u>ROCK WEATHERING CLASSIFICATION</u>		<u>SYMBOLS</u>		
Fresh (FR)	No visible signs of weathering.			
Fresh Jointed (FJ)	Weathering limited to the surface of major discontinuities.			CLAYSTONE
Slightly Weathered (SW)	Penetrative weathering developed on open discontinuity surfaces, but only slight weathering of rock material.			SILTSTONE
Moderately Weathered (MW)	Weathering extends throughout the rock mass, but the rock material is not friable.			SANDSTONE
Highly Weathered (HW)	Weathering extends throughout the rock mass and the rock is partly friable.			COAL
Completely Weathered (CW)	Rock is wholly decomposed and in a friable condition, but the rock texture and structure are preserved.			Bedrock (general)

<u>DISCONTINUITY SPACING</u>		<u>STRENGTH CLASSIFICATION</u>		
Bedding	Bedding Plane Spacing	Rock Strength	Approximate Uniaxial Compressive Strength (MPa) (psi)	Field Estimation of Hardness*
Very thickly bedded	Greater than 2m	Extremely Strong	Greater than 250 Greater than 36,000	Specimen can only be chipped with a geological hammer
Thickly bedded	0.6 to 2m			
Medium bedded	0.2 to 0.6m	Very Strong	100-250 15,000 to 36,000	Requires many blows of geological hammer to break
Thinly bedded	60mm to 0.2m			
Very thinly bedded	20 to 60mm	Strong	50-100 7,500 to 15,000	Requires more than one blow of geological hammer to break
Laminated	6 to 20mm			
Thinly Laminated	Less than 6mm	Medium Strong	25.0 to 50.0 3,500 to 7,500	Breaks under single blow of geological hammer.
		Weak	5.0 to 25.0 750 to 3,500	Can be peeled by a pocket knife with difficulty
		Very Weak	1.0 to 5.0 150 to 750	Can be peeled by a pocket knife, crumbles under firm blows of geological pick.
		Extremely Weak (Rock)	0.25 to 1.0 35 to 150	Indented by thumbnail

<u>TERMS</u>	
Total Core Recovery: (TCR)	Core recovered as a percentage of total core run length.
Solid Core Recovery: (SCR)	Percent Ratio of solid core of full cylindrical shape recovered. Expressed with respect to the total length of core run.
Rock Quality Designation: (RQD)	Total length of sound core recovered in pieces 0.1m in length or larger as a percentage of total core run length.
Uniaxial Compressive Strength (UCS)	Axial stress required to break the specimen
Fracture Index: (FI)	Frequency of natural fractures per 0.3m of core run.

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METRIC

W.P. 6066-09-00 LOCATION Blackwater River Bridge N 5 497 207.0 E 235 637.0 ORIGINATED BY ES
 HWY 11 BOREHOLE TYPE Hollow Stem Augers COMPILED BY AN
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 2012.07.29 - 2012.07.29 CHECKED BY LRB

SOIL PROFILE		SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT			PLASTIC LIMIT W _p	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT W	LIQUID LIMIT W _L	UNIT WEIGHT γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)			
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE			"N" VALUES	SHEAR STRENGTH kPa							WATER CONTENT (%)		
						20	40	60	80	100	20	40	60	GR	SA	SI	CL
305.5																	
0.0	ASPHALT: (100mm)																
0.1	SAND, some silt, trace clay Compact to Very Loose Brown Damp (FILL)		1	GS							○						
			1	SS	13						○						
	Occasional oxide staining		2	SS	4						○			0	79	18	3
			3	SS	3						○						
302.4																	
3.1	SAND, trace silt, mixed with organics, occasional rootlets Very Loose Dark Brown Moist		4	SS	2						○						
300.9																	
4.6	SILT, trace sand, trace clay Compact Light Brown Wet		5	SS	10						○			0	6	89	5
	Loose		6	SS	4						○						
298.3																	
7.2	Sandy SILT, some clay Very Loose Brown to Grey Wet		7	SS	1						○			0	47	51	2
	Loose		8	SS	9						○						
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295.7																	
9.8	END OF BOREHOLE AT 9.8m.																

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ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	"N" VALUES			20	40	60	80	100	w _p	w	w _L		
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	WATER LEVEL AT 3.8m UPON COMPLETION. BOREHOLE BACKFILLED WITH HOLEPLUG TO 7.9m, AUGER CUTTINGS TO 0.15m, THEN ASPHALT TO SURFACE.																

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ELEV DEPTH	SOIL PROFILE DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT		PLASTIC LIMIT w _p	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT w	LIQUID LIMIT w _L	UNIT WEIGHT γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)
			NUMBER	TYPE	"N" VALUES			SHEAR STRENGTH kPa	WATER CONTENT (%)					
305.6							20 40 60 80 100							
0.0	ASPHALT: (100mm)													
305.3	CONCRETE: (200mm)													
0.3	Gap between underside of bridge deck and ground surface													
303.6	Sandy SILT, trace clay, trace gravel Loose Brown Moist													
2.0	Occasional cobbles		1	SS	4								7 38 54 1	
	Occasional wood fragments Dark Brown Wet		2	SS	9									
			3	SS	8									
298.4	SILT, some sand, trace clay Very Loose Grey Moist													
7.2			4	SS	2								0 14 81 5	
296.9	SAND, trace silt Compact Grey Moist													
8.7			5	SS	15									
295.7														

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ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE			"N" VALUES	SHEAR STRENGTH kPa					
						20 40 60 80 100	○ UNCONFINED	+ FIELD VANE	20 40 60				
							● QUICK TRIAXIAL	× LAB VANE					
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	SILT, trace sand, trace clay Grey Moist Loose No recovery		6	SS	7								
	Occasional cobbles Dense Moist to Wet		7	SS	42								
	Compact		8	SS	16							0 3 91 6	
	Wet		9	SS	23								
			10	SS	23								
			11	SS	15							0 7 88 5	

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 DATUM Geodetic DATE 2012.07.27 - 2012.07.28 CHECKED BY RPR

SOIL PROFILE			SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT			PLASTIC LIMIT W _P	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT W	LIQUID LIMIT W _L	UNIT WEIGHT γ kN/m ³	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%) GR SA SI CL
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	"N" VALUES			SHEAR STRENGTH kPa ○ UNCONFINED + FIELD VANE ● QUICK TRIAXIAL × LAB VANE							
	Continued From Previous Page		12	SS	22										
	SILT, trace to some sand, trace clay Compact Grey Moist						285								
			13	SS	17		284								
							283								
							282								
	Dense		14	SS	31		281							0 17 76 7	
							280								
279.4							279								
26.2	SAND, some silt, trace gravel, trace clay Dense Grey Moist						278								
			15	SS	38		277								
							276								

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RECORD OF BOREHOLE No BWR-03

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METRIC

W.P. 6066-09-00 LOCATION Blackwater River Bridge N 5 497 221.0 E 235 636.0 ORIGINATED BY ES
 HWY 11 BOREHOLE TYPE Casing/HW/NW COMPILED BY AN
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 2012 07 27 - 2012 07 28 CHECKED BY RPR

SOIL PROFILE		SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT				PLASTIC LIMIT w _p	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT w	LIQUID LIMIT w _L	UNIT WEIGHT γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE			"N" VALUES	SHEAR STRENGTH kPa							
						20	40	60	80	100	20	40	60	kN/m ³	GR SA SI CL
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	SAND, some silt to silty, trace gravel, trace clay Compact Grey Moist		16	SS	28										2 74 22 2
	Casing from 30.5m to 33.5m														
			17	SS	27										
	Wet Occasional cobbles														
			18	SS	24										
	Occasional boulders														
	Trace silt and clay Dense														
			19	SS	37										0 98 2

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RECORD OF BOREHOLE No BWR-03

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METRIC

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 HWY 11 BOREHOLE TYPE Casing/HW/NW COMPILED BY AN
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 2012.07.27 - 2012.07.28 CHECKED BY RPR

SOIL PROFILE		SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT		PLASTIC LIMIT w _p	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT w	LIQUID LIMIT w _L	UNIT WEIGHT γ kN/m ³	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%) GR SA SI CL (SI+CL)
ELEV. DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT. PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE			"N" VALUES	SHEAR STRENGTH kPa					
	Continued From Previous Page												
	SAND, trace silt and clay Dense Grey Moist												
	Start DCPT at 43.3m		20	SS	37								
260.8													
44.8	END OF BOREHOLE AT 44.8m. BOREHOLE CAVED IN FROM 33.5m TO 44.8m. Piezometer installation consists of 19mm diameter Schedule 40 PVC pipe with a 1.52m slotted screen. WATER LEVEL READINGS: DATE DEPTH (m) ELEV. (m) Sep. 13/12 2.9 302.7 Sep. 26/12 2.6 303.0												

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RECORD OF BOREHOLE No BWR-04

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METRIC

W.P. 6066-09-00 LOCATION Blackwater River Bridge N 5 497 231.7 E 235 625.1 ORIGINATED BY RK
 HWY 11 BOREHOLE TYPE HW/NW COMPILED BY AN
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 2012.08.11 - 2012.08.12 CHECKED BY RPR

SOIL PROFILE		SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT				PLASTIC LIMIT w _p	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT w	LIQUID LIMIT w _L	UNIT WEIGHT γ kN/m ³	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)		
ELEV. DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	NUMBER	TYPE	"N" VALUES			SHEAR STRENGTH kPa									WATER CONTENT (%)	
					20	40	60	80	100	20	40	60		GR	SA	SI	CL
Continued From Previous Page																	
	Sandy SILT, trace clay Compact Grey Wet	3	SS	12													
					295												
		4	SS	15													0 25 73 2
					294												
					293												
		5	SS	11													
					292												
	Loose				291												
		6	SS	7													
					290												
					289												
		7	SS	8													0 45 53 2
					288												
					287												
		8	SS	13													
					286												
288.1																	
17.6	SILT, trace clay, trace sand Compact Grey Wet																
		9	SS	19													

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RECORD OF BOREHOLE No BWR-04

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METRIC

W.P. 6066-09-00 LOCATION Blackwater River Bridge N 5 497 231.7 E 235 625.1 ORIGINATED BY RK
 HWY 11 BOREHOLE TYPE HWWN COMPILED BY AN
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 2012.08.11 - 2012.08.12 CHECKED BY RPR

SOIL PROFILE		SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT	PLASTIC LIMIT w _p	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT w	LIQUID LIMIT w _L	UNIT WEIGHT γ kN/m ³	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%) GR SA SI CL
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE								
	Continued From Previous Page						20 40 60 80 100 ○ UNCONFINED + FIELD VANE ● QUICK TRIAXIAL × LAB VANE	20 40 60				
263.3												
42.4	END OF BOREHOLE AT 42.4m. BOREHOLE CAVED IN UPON COMPLETION OF DRILLING.											

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RECORD OF BOREHOLE No BWR-07

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METRIC

W.P. 6066-09-00 LOCATION Blackwater River Bridge N 5 497 251 7 E 235 632 2 ORIGINATED BY RK
 HWY 11 BOREHOLE TYPE HW COMPILED BY AN
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 2012.08.09 - 2012.08.11 CHECKED BY RPR

SOIL PROFILE			SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT		PLASTIC LIMIT W _P	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT W	LIQUID LIMIT W _L	UNIT WEIGHT γ kN/m ³	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%) GR SA SI CL
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	"N" VALUES			SHEAR STRENGTH kPa	20					
305.7														
0.0	ASPHALT: (100mm)													
0.1														
305.4	CONCRETE: (225mm)													
0.3	Gap between underside of bridge deck and ground surface													
301.0														
4.7	WATER													
299.5														
6.2	SAND, wood fragments Very Loose Grey Wet		1	SS	2									
297.6														
8.1	SAND and GRAVEL, some silt Compact Grey Wet		2	SS	10									
296														

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RECORD OF BOREHOLE No BWR-07

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METRIC

W.P. 6066-09-00 LOCATION Blackwater River Bridge N 5 497 251.7 E 235 632.2 ORIGINATED BY RK
 HWY 11 BOREHOLE TYPE HW COMPILED BY AN
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 2012.08.09 - 2012.08.11 CHECKED BY RPR

SOIL PROFILE		SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT		WATER CONTENT (%)			UNIT WEIGHT γ kN/m ³	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)	
ELEV. DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE			"N" VALUES	20	40	60	80			100
	Continued From Previous Page													
294.6	SAND and GRAVEL, some silt Very Loose Grey Wet		3	SS	0									
11.1	Sandy SILT Loose Grey Wet		4	SS	4									
	Some gravel, trace clay Compact Light Brown Wet		5	SS	16									
291.5	SAND, coarse, trace gravel Loose to Compact Grey Wet		6	SS	5									
14.2	No recovery		7	SS	12									
			8	SS	6									
287.4	Sandy SILT, trace clay Loose Grey Wet		9	SS	8									
18.3														
														0 32 65 3

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RECORD OF BOREHOLE No BWR-07

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METRIC

W.P. 6066-09-00 LOCATION Blackwater River Bridge N 5 497 251.7 E 235 632.2 ORIGINATED BY RK
 HWY 11 BOREHOLE TYPE HW COMPILED BY AN
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 2012.08.09 - 2012.08.11 CHECKED BY RPR

SOIL PROFILE		SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT			PLASTIC LIMIT w _p	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT w	LIQUID LIMIT w _L	UNIT WEIGHT γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	NUMBER	TYPE	"N" VALUES			20	40	60					
	Continued From Previous Page													
	SILT, trace sand, trace clay Compact Grey Wet					275								
		13	SS	26		274								
						273								
						272								
		14	SS	19		271								
						270								
						269								
	Some sand Dense	15	SS	38		268								0 19 75 6
						267								
						266								

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RECORD OF BOREHOLE No BWR-07

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METRIC

W.P. 6066-09-00 LOCATION Blackwater River Bridge N 5 497 251.7 E 235 632.2 ORIGINATED BY RK
 HWY 11 BOREHOLE TYPE HW COMPILED BY AN
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 2012.08.09 - 2012.08.11 CHECKED BY RPR

SOIL PROFILE		SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT		PLASTIC LIMIT w _p	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT w	LIQUID LIMIT w _L	UNIT WEIGHT γ kN/m ³	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%) GR SA SI CL
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE			"N" VALUES	20					
	Continued From Previous Page												
	SILT, trace sand, trace clay Compact Grey Wet		16	SS	23	265							
263.6	Boulders					264							
42.1	Start DCPT from 42.1m					263							
262.7													
43.0	END OF BOREHOLE AT 43.0m. BOREHOLE CAVED IN UPON COMPLETION OF DRILLING.												

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RECORD OF BOREHOLE No BWR-08

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METRIC

W.P. 6066-09-00 LOCATION Blackwater River Bridge N 5 497 262.5 E 235 621.2 ORIGINATED BY ES/SL
 HWY 11 BOREHOLE TYPE NW Casing COMPILED BY AN
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 2012.07.18 - 2012.07.25 CHECKED BY LRB

SOIL PROFILE		SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT		PLASTIC LIMIT w _p	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT w	LIQUID LIMIT w _L	UNIT WEIGHT γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE			"N" VALUES	SHEAR STRENGTH kPa					
305.8							20 40 60 80 100						
0.0	ASPHALT: (100m)												
0.1													
305.5	CONCRETE: (225mm)												
0.3	Gap between underside of bridge deck and ground surface												
303.5	SAND, some silt, trace gravel, trace clay, occasional wood fragments Very Loose Brown Moist		1	SS	0								
2.3	Approximately 1.0m of wood fragments												
	Loose		2	SS	8								
	Compact		3	SS	10								
			4	SS	29								4 83 13 (SI+CL)

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RECORD OF BOREHOLE No BWR-08

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METRIC

W.P. 6066-09-00 LOCATION Blackwater River Bridge N 5 497 262.5 E 235 621.2 ORIGINATED BY ES/SLI
 HWY 11 BOREHOLE TYPE NW Casing COMPILED BY AN
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 2012.07.18 - 2012.07.25 CHECKED BY LRB

SOIL PROFILE		SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT		PLASTIC LIMIT W _p	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT W	LIQUID LIMIT W _L	UNIT WEIGHT γ kN/m ³	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%) GR SA SI CL
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE			"N" VALUES	20					
Continued From Previous Page													
	SILT, trace clay Compact Grey Wet					275							
			15	SS	13	274							
						273							
						272							
			16	SS	19	271							
						270							
						269							
268.3						268							
37.5	SAND, some silt Dense Grey Moist					267							
			17	SS	34	266							

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RECORD OF BOREHOLE No BWR-08

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METRIC

W.P. 6066-09-00 LOCATION Blackwater River Bridge N 5 497 262.5 E 235 621.2 ORIGINATED BY ES/SL
 HWY 11 BOREHOLE TYPE NW Casing COMPILED BY AN
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 2012.07.18 - 2012.07.25 CHECKED BY LRB

SOIL PROFILE		SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT		PLASTIC LIMIT w _p	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT w	LIQUID LIMIT w _L	UNIT WEIGHT γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)					
ELEV. DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE			"N" VALUES	20						40	60	80	100	20
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264.7	SAND, some silt Grey Moist	[Strat Plot]	18	SS	100/	0.0												
41.1	Coring through cobbles and boulders from 40.5m to 41.8m																	
264.0	SAND and GRAVEL Dense Brown Moist	[Strat Plot]	19	SS	45													
41.8	End of sampling and start DCPT																	
261.0	END OF BOREHOLE AT 44.8m. Piezometer installation consists of 19mm diameter Schedule 40 PVC pipe with a 1.52m slotted screen.																	
44.8	WATER LEVEL READINGS: DATE DEPTH (m) ELEV. (m) Sep. 13/12 2.6 303.2 Sep. 26/12 2.3 303.5																	

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RECORD OF BOREHOLE No BWR-10

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METRIC

W.P. 6066-09-00 LOCATION Blackwater River Bridge N 5 497 275 0 E 235 620.5 ORIGINATED BY ES
 HWY 11 BOREHOLE TYPE Hollow Stem Augers COMPILED BY AN
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 2012.07.29 - 2012.07.29 CHECKED BY LRB

SOIL PROFILE		SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT			PLASTIC LIMIT w _p	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT w	LIQUID LIMIT w _L	UNIT WEIGHT γ kN/m ³	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%) GR SA SI CL
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE			"N" VALUES	SHEAR STRENGTH kPa						
						20 40 60 80 100	20 40 60 80 100	20 40 60 80 100						
305.9														
0.0	ASPHALT: (100mm)													
0.1	Silty SAND, trace to some gravel, trace clay, occasional oxide staining Compact to Very Loose Brown Damp (FILL)		1	GS										
			1	SS	12									
			2	SS	3								1 58 39 2	
	Occasional asphalt fragments		3	SS	10									
303.1														
2.8	Gravelly SAND Compact Brown Damp		4	SS	15									
302.4														
3.5	Sandy SILT, trace clay Compact Light Brown Wet		5	SS	12								0 31 66 3	
			6	SS	10									
	Compact													
			7	SS	5								0 27 68 5	
	Loose Grey													
			8	SS	9									
296.1														
9.8	END OF BOREHOLE AT 9.8m.													

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RECORD OF BOREHOLE No BWR-10

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METRIC

W.P. 6066-09-00 LOCATION Blackwater River Bridge N 5 497 275.0 E 235 620.5 ORIGINATED BY ES
 HWY 11 BOREHOLE TYPE Hollow Stem Augers COMPILED BY AN
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 2012.07.29 - 2012.07.29 CHECKED BY LRB

SOIL PROFILE		SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT					PLASTIC LIMIT W _P	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT W	LIQUID LIMIT W _L	UNIT WEIGHT γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)		
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE			"N" VALUES	20	40	60	80						100	20
	Continued From Previous Page																	
	WATER LEVEL AT 3.4m UPON COMPLETION. BOREHOLE BACKFILLED WITH BENTONITE HOLEPLUG AND AUGER CUTTINGS TO 0.15m, THEN ASPHALT TO SURFACE.																	

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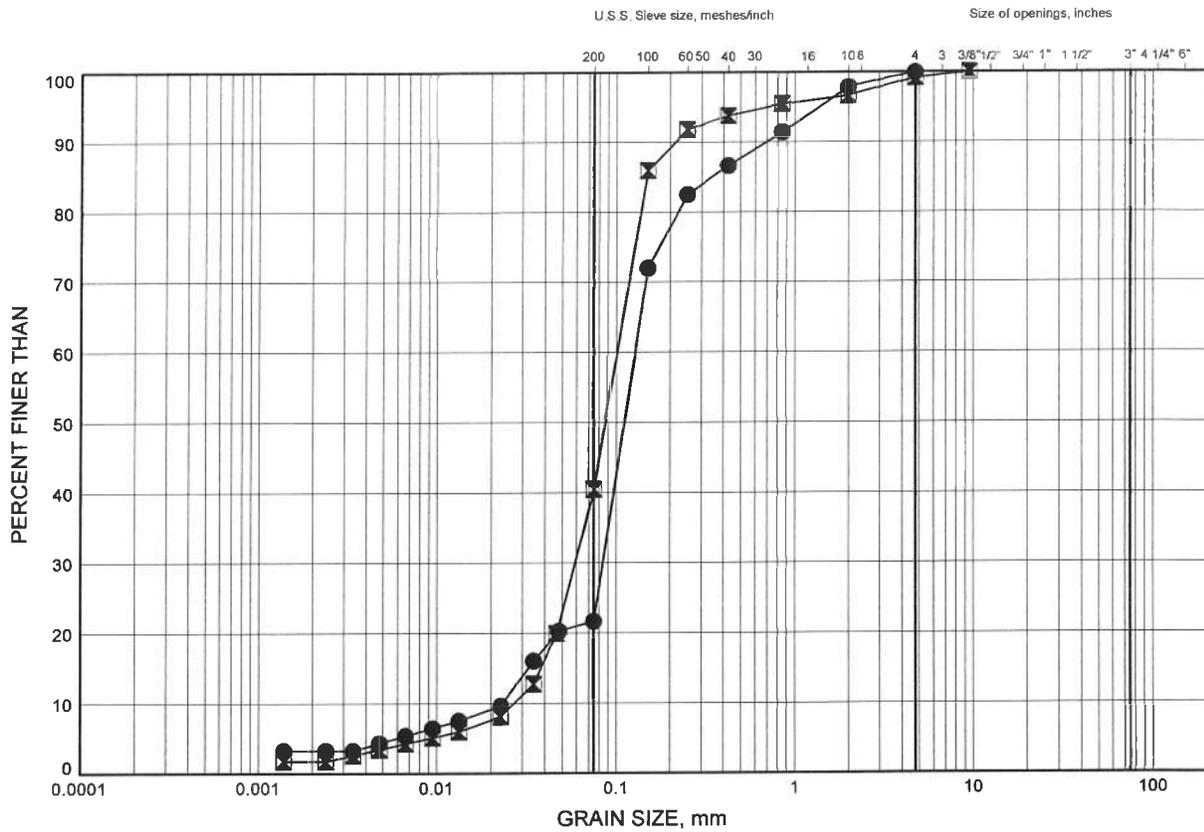
Appendix B

Laboratory Test Results

BLACKWATER RIVER BRIDGE GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION

FIGURE B1

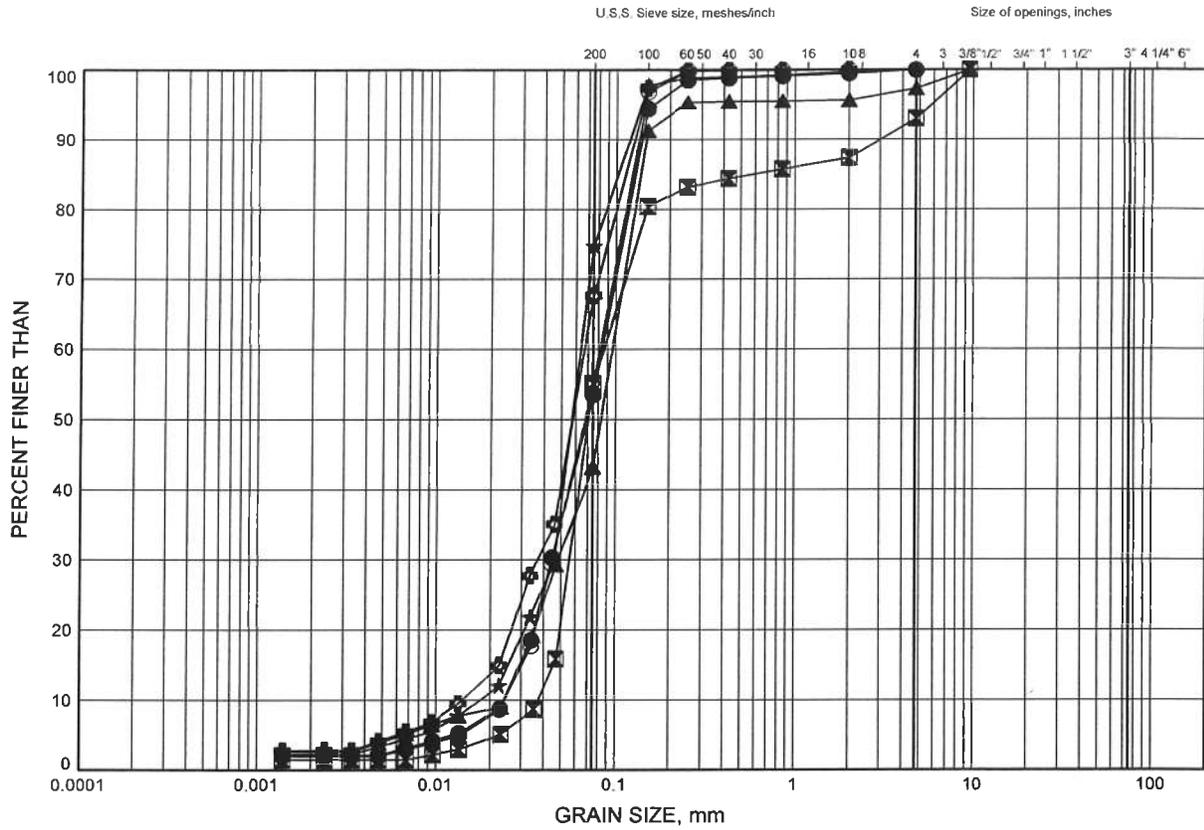
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BLACKWATER RIVER BRIDGE GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION

FIGURE B2

SANDY SILT



SILT and CLAY		FINE	MEDIUM	COARSE	FINE	COARSE	COBBLE SIZE
FINE GRAINED		SAND			GRAVEL		

LEGEND

SYMBOL	BOREHOLE	DEPTH (m)	ELEV. (m)
●	BWR-01	7.92	297.58
⊠	BWR-03	3.35	302.25
▲	BWR-04	8.84	296.86
★	BWR-04	11.89	293.81
⊙	BWR-04	16.46	289.24
⊕	BWR-07	19.51	286.19

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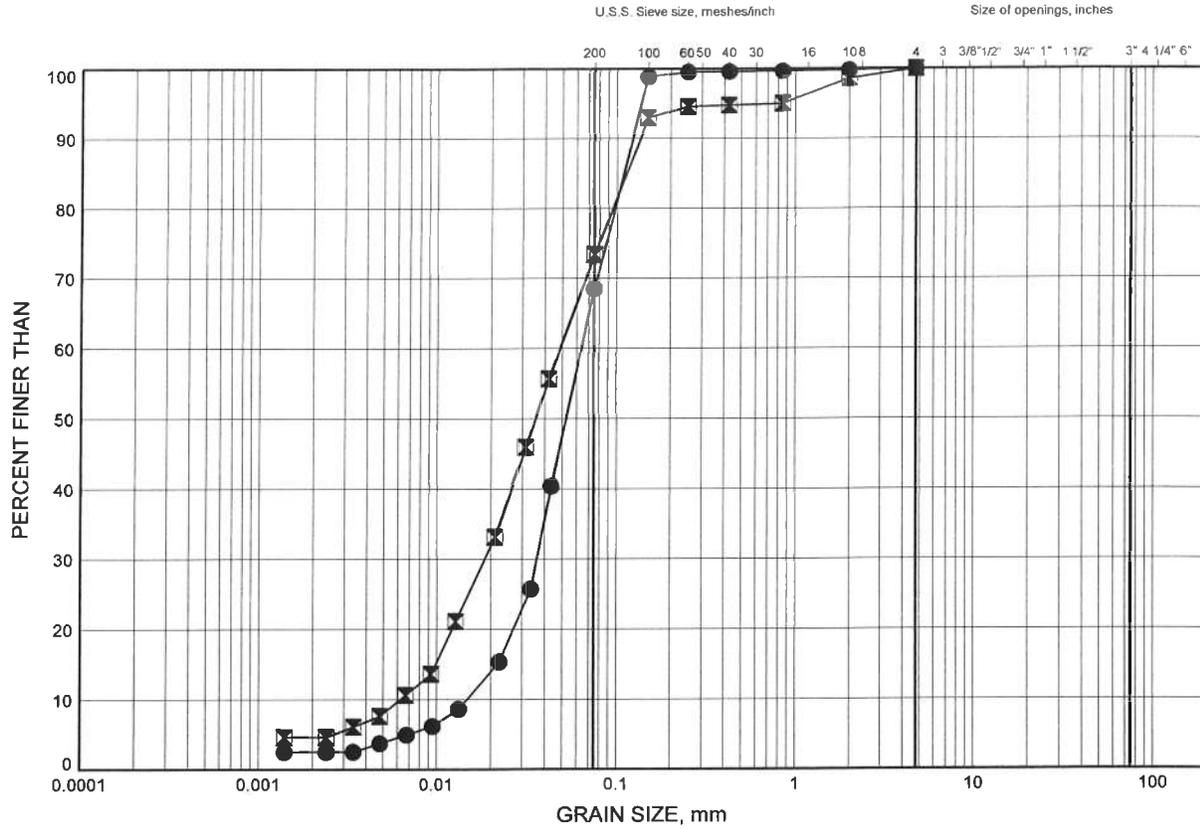


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BLACKWATER RIVER BRIDGE GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION

FIGURE B3

SANDY SILT



SILT and CLAY	FINE	MEDIUM	COARSE	FINE	COARSE	COBBLE SIZE
FINE GRAINED	SAND			GRAVEL		

LEGEND

SYMBOL	BOREHOLE	DEPTH (m)	ELEV. (m)
●	BWR-10	4.88	301.02
⊠	BWR-10	7.92	297.98

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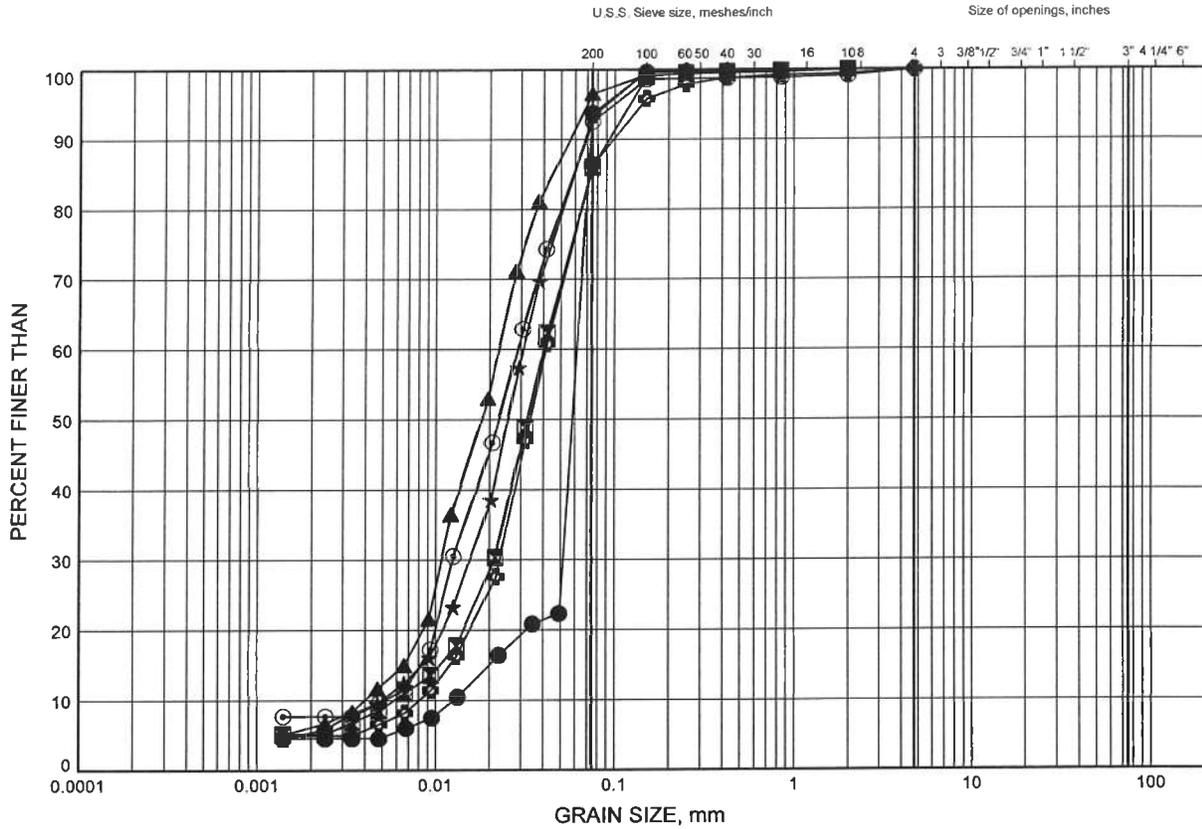
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BLACKWATER RIVER BRIDGE GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION

FIGURE B4

SILT



SILT and CLAY	FINE	MEDIUM	COARSE	FINE	COARSE	COBBLE SIZE
FINE GRAINED	SAND			GRAVEL		

LEGEND

SYMBOL	BOREHOLE	DEPTH (m)	ELEV. (m)
●	BWR-01	4.88	300.62
⊠	BWR-03	7.92	297.68
▲	BWR-03	14.02	291.58
★	BWR-03	18.59	287.01
⊙	BWR-04	22.56	283.14
⊕	BWR-04	34.75	270.95

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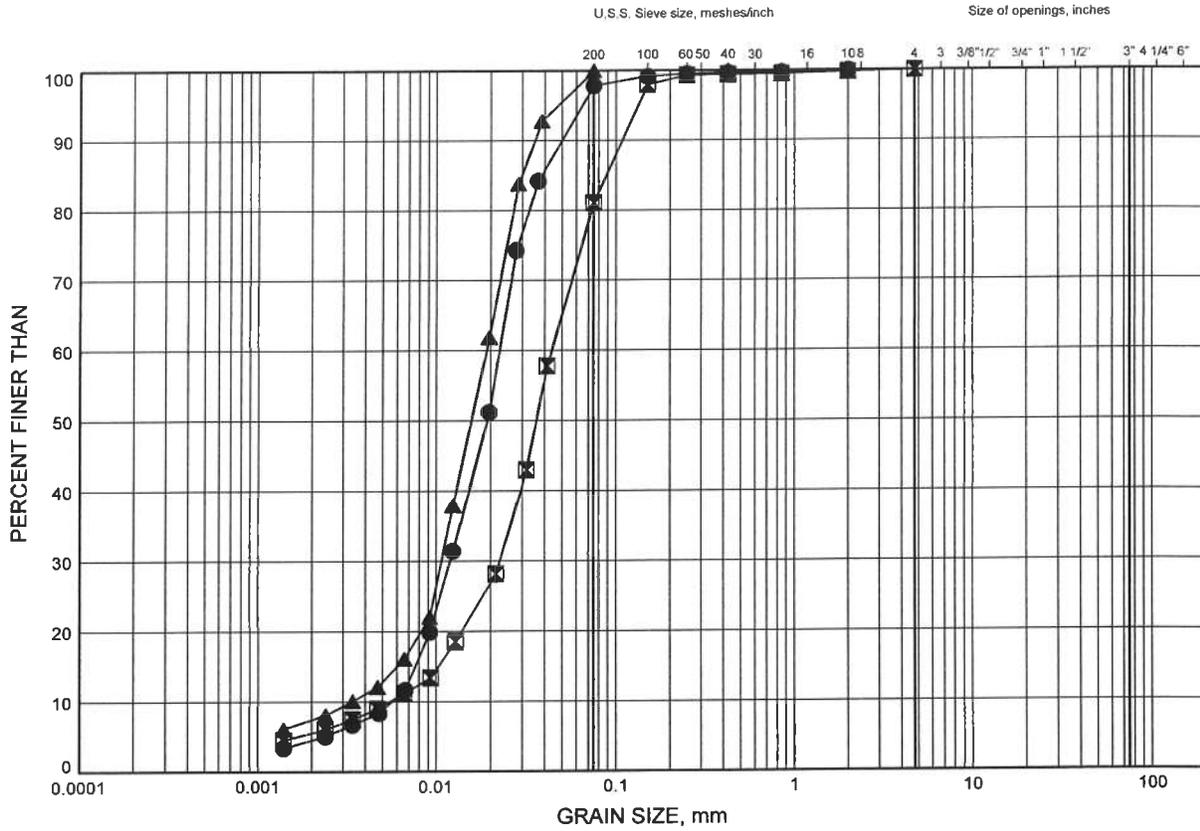
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BLACKWATER RIVER BRIDGE GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION

FIGURE B5

SILT



SILT and CLAY	FINE	MEDIUM	COARSE	FINE	COARSE	COBBLE SIZE
FINE GRAINED	SAND			GRAVEL		

LEGEND

SYMBOL	BOREHOLE	DEPTH (m)	ELEV. (m)
●	BWR-07	28.65	277.05
⊠	BWR-07	37.80	267.90
▲	BWR-08	29.26	276.54

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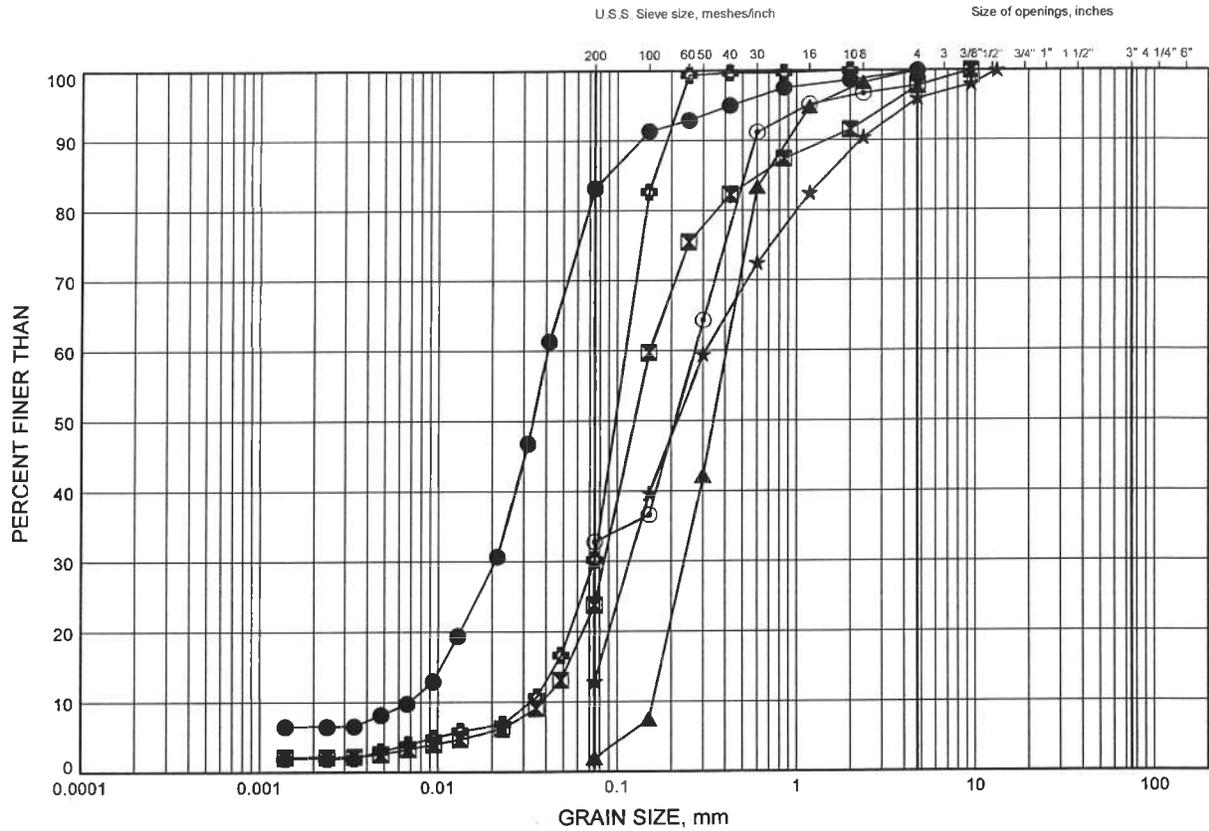
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BLACKWATER RIVER BRIDGE GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION

FIGURE B6

SAND



SILT and CLAY	FINE	MEDIUM	COARSE	FINE	COARSE	COBBLE SIZE
FINE GRAINED	SAND			GRAVEL		

LEGEND

SYMBOL	BOREHOLE	DEPTH (m)	ELEV. (m)
●	BWR-03	24.69	280.91
⊠	BWR-03	30.78	274.82
▲	BWR-03	39.93	265.67
★	BWR-08	9.45	296.35
⊙	BWR-08	12.50	293.30
⊕	BWR-08	20.12	285.68

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Appendix C

Foundation Comparison

Blackwater River Bridge Replacement
 Highway 11, Site 48C-1

COMPARISON OF FOUNDATION ALTERNATIVES FOR EACH FOUNDATION ELEMENT

Foundation Unit	Footing on Native Soil	Augered Caissons (drilled shafts)	Driven Piles to native sand/silt
	<p>Advantages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Generally less costly construction than deep foundation elements. <p>Disadvantages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Low available geotechnical resistance in native soils. ii. Potential for settlements. iii. Scour protection required. 	<p>Advantages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Construction of caissons could continue in freezing weather. ii. Subexcavation of fill not required. <p>Disadvantages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Suitable bearing stratum was not encountered within the borehole depth of exploration. ii. Higher unit cost compared to spread footings. iii. Specialized installation measures such as temporary liners and drilling mud will be required to install caissons in cohesionless soils under the water table. iv. Potential difficulty in cleaning and inspecting bases. 	<p>Advantages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Piles will develop geotechnical resistance by shaft friction in loose to compact silt/sand. ii. Installation of piles could continue in freezing weather. iii. Independent of groundwater conditions. iv. Foundation construction requires less volume of excavation than footings v. Readily installed. <p>Disadvantages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Higher unit costs than footings. ii. Relatively low axial and lateral resistance available.
Abutments	NOT RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED
Piers	NOT RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED

Appendix D
Slope Stability Output



Title: Black Water Creek Bridge (HWY 11)

Name: South Abutment (ST/LT)

Description: Granular Fill

Date: 10/12/2012, 2:09:12 PM

Method: Morgenstern-Price

Interface force function option: Half-Sine

Minimum Slip Surface Depth: 1 m

Horz Seismic Load: 0

FILL	20 kN/m ³	0 kPa	30 °	1
SAND	20 kN/m ³	0 kPa	32 °	1
Sandy SILT	20 kN/m ³	0 kPa	30 °	1
SILT	20 kN/m ³	0 kPa	30 °	1
Granular FILL	21 kN/m ³	0 kPa	32 °	1

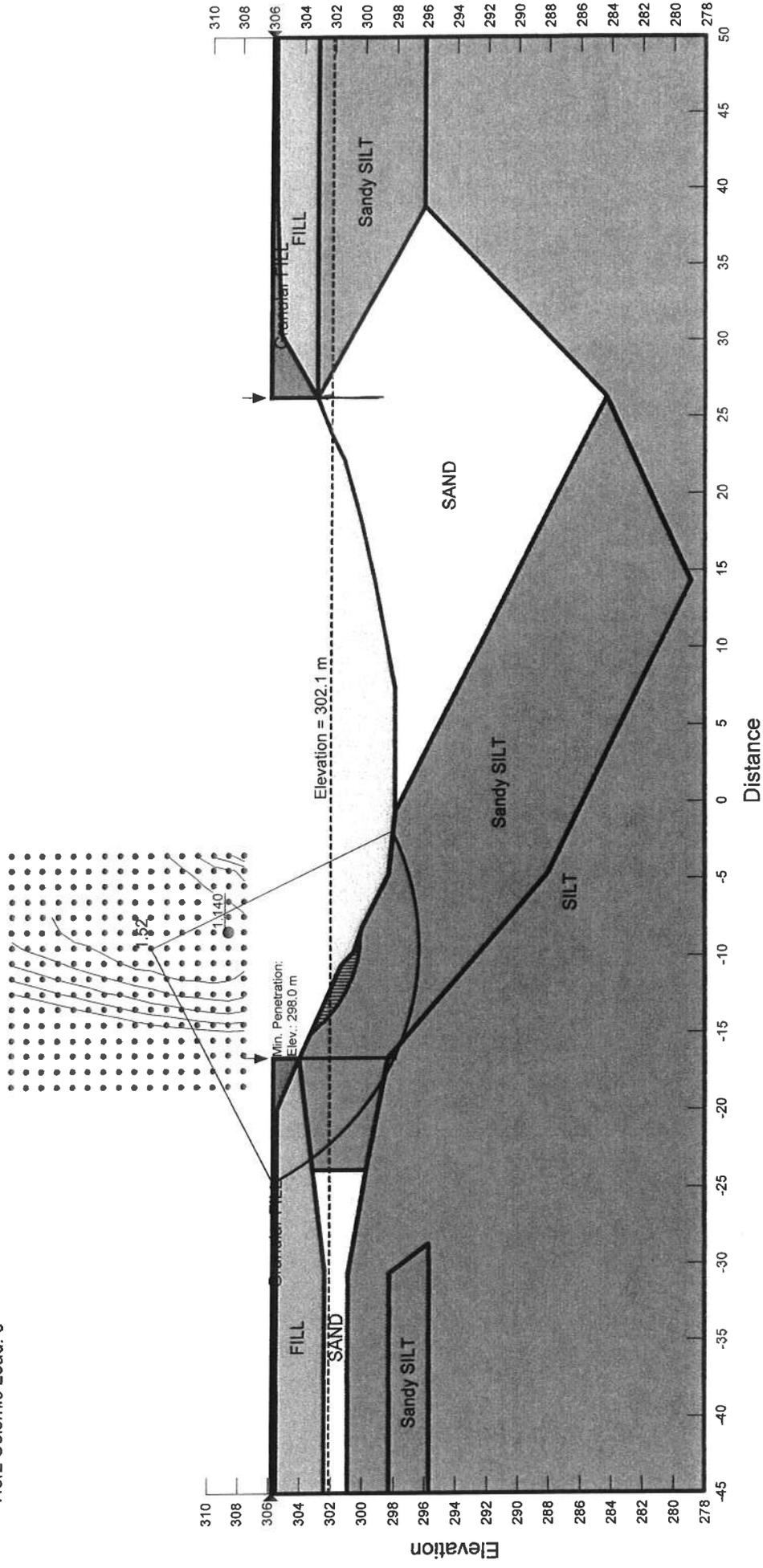


Figure 1

Title: Black Water Creek Bridge (HWY 11)

Name: North Abutment (ST/LT)

Description: Granular Fill

Date: 10/12/2012, 2:09:12 PM

Method: Morgenstern-Price

Interslice force function option: Half-Sine

Minimum Slip Surface Depth: 1 m

Horz Seismic Load: 0

FILL	20 kN/m ³	0 kPa	30°	1
SAND	20 kN/m ³	0 kPa	32°	1
Sandy SILT	20 kN/m ³	0 kPa	30°	1
SILT	20 kN/m ³	0 kPa	30°	1
Granular FILL	21 kN/m ³	0 kPa	32°	1

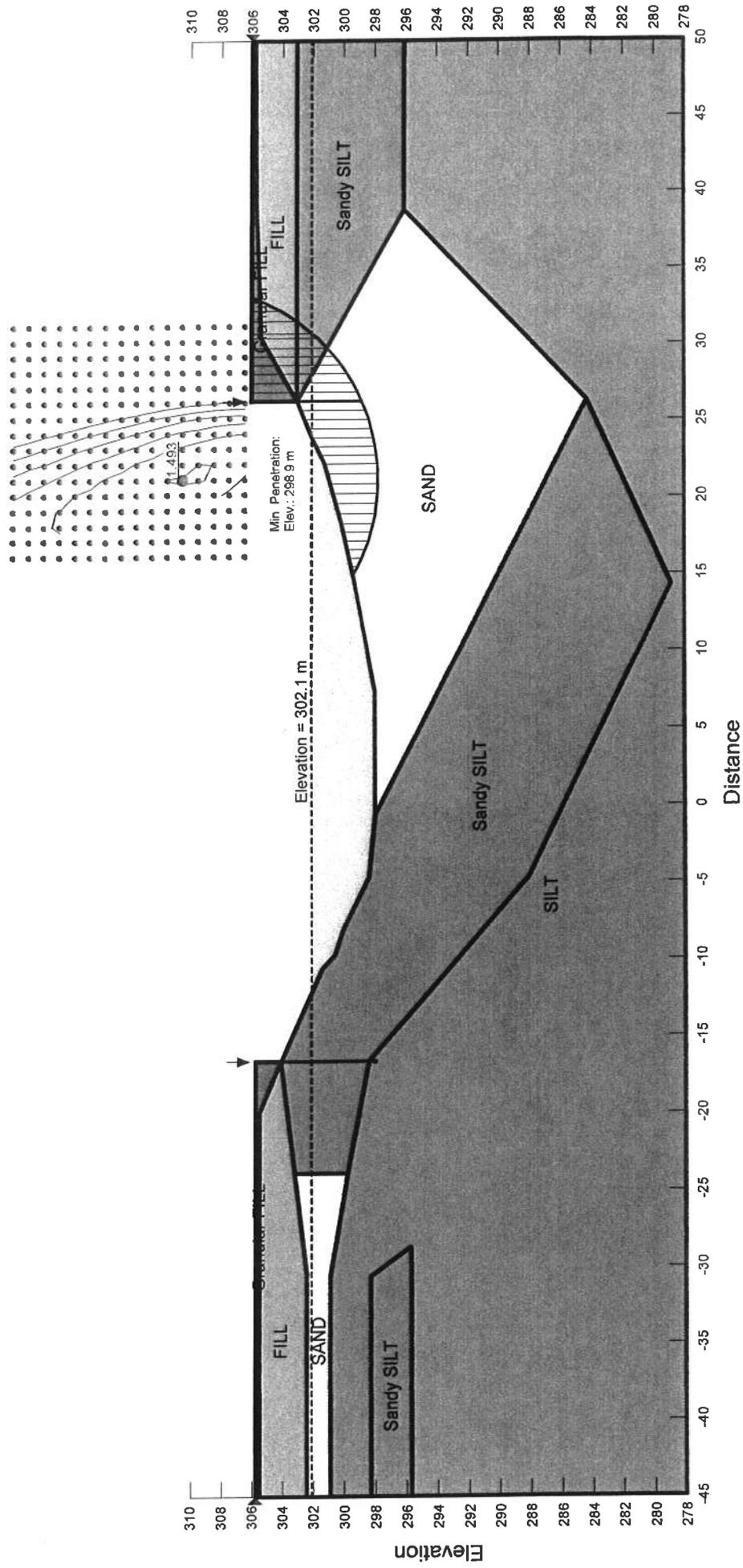


Figure 2

Appendix E

**List of SPs and OPSS, and Suggested
Text for Selected NSSP**

1. List of Special Provisions and OPSS Documents Referenced in this Report

- OPSS 903
- OPSS 902
- OPSS 804
- OPSD 208.010
- OPSD 3101.150
- OPSS 539
- Special Provision 110S13 “Amendment to OPSS 1010, April 2004”.

Appendix F

Site Photographs

Blackwater River Bridge Replacement
Highway 11, Site 48C-1



Photograph 1-- Blackwater River bridge

Blackwater River Bridge Replacement
Highway 11, Site 48C-1



Photographs 2- Blackwater River bridge

Blackwater River Bridge Replacement
Highway 11, Site 48C-1



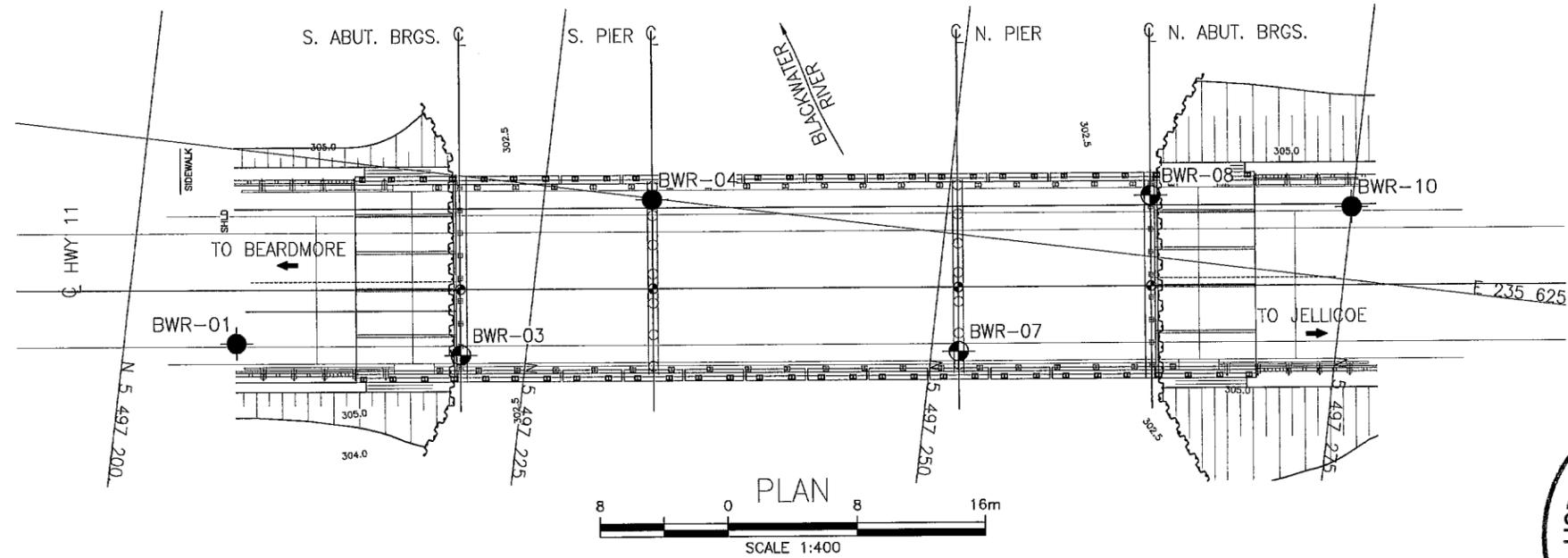
Photographs 3 and 4— Blackwater River bridge embankment



Photographs 5 and 6– Blackwater River bridge, existing piers

Appendix G

Drawing titled “Borehole Locations and Soil Strata”



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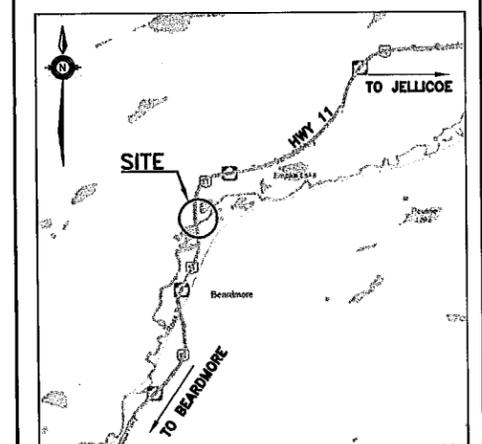
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BOREHOLE LOCATIONS AND SOIL STARTS

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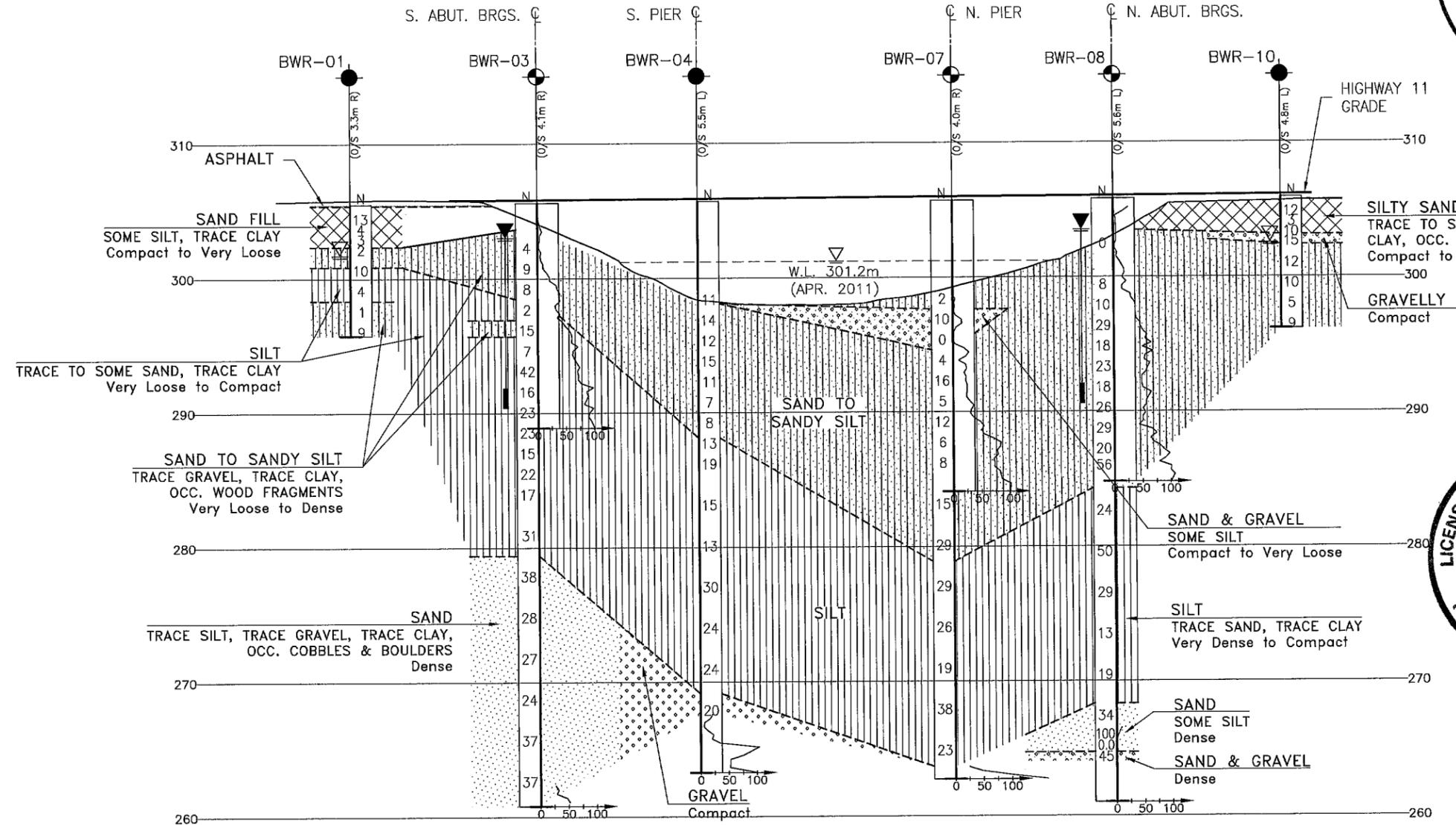
KEYPLAN
LEGEND

- Borehole
- ⊙ Borehole and Cone
- N Blows /0.3m (Std Pen Test, 475J/blow)
- CONE Blows /0.3m (60' Cone, 475J/blow)
- PH Pressure, Hydraulic
- ▽ Water Level in Open Borehole
- ⊕ Water Level in Piezometer
- 90% Rock Quality Designation (RQD)
- A/R Auger Refusal

NO	ELEVATION	NORTHING	EASTING
BWR-01	305.5	5 497 207.0	235 637.0
BWR-03	305.6	5 497 221.0	235 636.0
BWR-04	305.7	5 497 231.7	235 625.1
BWR-07	305.7	5 497 251.7	235 632.2
BWR-08	305.8	5 497 262.5	235 621.2
BWR-10	305.9	5 497 275.0	235 620.5

- NOTES-**
- The boundaries between soil strata have been established only at Borehole locations. Between Boreholes the boundaries are assumed from geological evidence.
 - This drawing is for subsurface information only. Surface details and features are for conceptual illustration.

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PROFILE ALONG Q HWY 11
SCALE 1:400



DATE	BY	DESCRIPTION
DESIGN	RPR	CHK RPR CODE
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