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# FOUNDATION INVESTIGATION REPORT

For

Retaining Walls #1, #4 and #5

W. P. 152-75-05, Site 10, Q.E.W. District 4, Hamilton

## INTRODUCTION:

This report summarizes the results of a foundation investigation for the above-noted retaining walls. The fieldwork was conducted during the periods from 1981 05 07-12 and 1982 05 18-19 for Retaining Wall #1; 1981 05 13-14 for Retaining Wall #4; 1981 08 24-25 for Retaining Wall #5. Continuous-flight auger machines equipped with 82 mm I.D. hollow-stem augers and BX core barrels, and a modified diamond drill equipped with NX casing were utilized in the fieldwork.

This report supersedes the previous correspondence relating to these projects.

The fieldwork is summarized in the following table:

SITE LOCATION	Sampled Boreholes with Dynamic Cone Penetration Tests	Boring Depth Range (metres)	Number of Boreholes Bedrock Coring	Coring Depth Range (metres)
A)Retaining Wall #1	7	6.1 -10.4	2	3
B)Retaining Wall #4	3	7.1 - 9.3	2	3
C)Retaining Wall #5	1	18.3	1	3

## DESCRIPTION OF SITE AND GEOLOGY

The sites are located:-

- in the jurisdiction of the City of Burlington, Regional Municipality of Halton
- in the physiographic region of the Iroquois Plain, a lowland area bordering Lake Ontario.

A) Retaining Wall #1

The site is located approximately 350 metres north of the QEW-Hwy.2 interchange on the west side of the QEW S.B. lanes. The adjacent land, to the west, is a conservation area.

The topography of the site consists of a valley, approximately 5 metres below the elevation of the QEW. Indian Creek flows through the valley from north to south.

At this site, silty clay (till) overlies shaly red clay that has been derived from the underlying Queenston shale. In the valley, surface organic deposits overlie the silty clay.

B) Retaining Wall #4

The site is located directly in front of the Burlington OPP station, approximately 150 metres northeast of the QEW N.B. lanes along the exit ramp to E.B. Hwy.2. The adjacent areas have institutional developments.

The topography of the site consists of a flat plain, ranging from approximately 1 to 2 metres below the elevation of the existing exit ramp.

At this site, silty sand overlies silty clay and shale bedrock.

C) Retaining Wall #5

The site is located approximately 80 metres north of the QEW-Hwy.2 intersection on the west side of Exit Ramp S-EW. The adjacent land, to the west, is a conservation area.

The topography of the site consists of:-

- at the north end, approximately a 4 metre drop from the ramp embankment to the valley of Indian Creek,
- at the south end, approximately a 1 metre drop from the ramp embankment to the filled area over the culvert bridging Indian Creek.

A sheet pile retaining wall divides the valley and the raised fill area.

At this site the surface fill is underlain by silty clay with occasional layers containing organics, then bedrock.

#### SUBSURFACE CONDITIONS

For Retaining Walls #1, #4 and #5, soil boundaries, insitu and laboratory test results, and ground water levels are shown on the appended Record of Borehole Sheets. The locations and elevations of the borings, along with several estimated stratigraphical profiles based on the borehole data, are shown on Drawings No. 1527505-A (Ret.Wall #1), No. 1527505-B (Ret.Wall #4), and 1527505-C (Ret.Wall #5).

##### A) Retaining Wall #1

The site is underlain by shale bedrock. Silty clay till overlies the bedrock and is the surface material of the natural embankments at BH #1 and #5. Silty clay to organic silt overlies the silty clay till at BH #2, #3, #4, #10 and #11. The surface material is silty clay fill at BH #2, #4, #10 and #11. Soft undecayed organic material is at the surface of BH #3. No water was observed at BH #1, #4 and #5. The water levels at BH #2, #3, #10 and #11 was approximately at elevation 77.3.

Descriptions of the soils and bedrock encountered are presented below, sequentially from the surface to termination of the boreholes.

#### Fill Material

Silty clay, some sand, some gravel is the surface fill material at BH#2, #4, #10 and #11. This material ranges in thickness from 3.2 m at BH#10 (roadway embankment) to 1.2 m at BH #4 (valley). The 'N' values from the Standard Penetration Test indicate a stiff to very stiff condition.

Under the roadway fill at BH #10 and #11, the silty clay fill is underlain by silty sand fill which ranges in depth from 2.6 m (BH #10) to 0.7 m (BH #11).

Organics

This deposit is the surface layer at the location of BH #3, and has a thickness of approximately 1.5 m.

The 'N' value indicates a very soft condition.

Field inspection of the sample indicated that the organic material was undecayed and possibly fill.

Silty Clay to Organic Silt; Occ. Sand Layers

At BH #2, #3, #10 and #11, this material underlies the surface fill and extends for a thickness ranging from 1.0 to 2.5 m. Physical properties of the deposit, as determined by field and laboratory tests are summarized below:

	Range
Natural Moisture Content (%)	21.5 - 34.5
Liquid Limit (%)	21.5 - 47.0
Plastic Limit (%)	14.0 - 33.5
Bulk Density (kN /m <sup>3</sup> )	18.2 - 19.5
Undrained Shear Strength (kPa)	
Unconfined	14.3 - 43.6

The consistency of the deposit ranges from soft to stiff. Grain size distribution is shown in Figure 1, Appendix. The material has generally low plasticity, although some layers have intermediate plasticity.

Silty Clay; Some Sand, Some Gravel

This material is located immediately above the shale bedrock at all borehole locations. In the natural embankments, at BH #1 and #5 it is the surface material and ranges in depth from 5.2 to 7.0 metres. In the valley, at BH #2, #3 and #4, it lies below, from 1.2 to 4.0 metres of other overburden, and extends for a depth of from 3.4 to 5.8 metres. Below the roadway fill embankment, at BH #10 and #11 it ranges in thickness from 2.5 to 3.9 metres. At BH #11 this deposit contains irregular layers of silt to silty sand.

Physical properties of the deposit, as determined by field and laboratory tests are summarized below:

	Range
Natural Moisture Content (%)	8.5 - 20.5
Liquid Limit (%)	18.0 - 30.5
Plastic Limit (%)	13.5 - 17.0
Bulk Density (kN/m <sup>3</sup> )	21.6 (one test)

The consistency of the deposit ranges from firm to hard, increasing with depth as the material grades into weathered shale. Grain size distribution is shown in Figure 2, Appendix. The material has low plasticity.

#### Bedrock

The bedrock at this site is medium hard, red and green shale with occasional layers of shaly, silty limestone. It is overlain by transitional zones grading from silty clay with shaly layers to weathered shale. Refer to the borehole log sheets for bedrock elevations, and the Appendix, Table 1, for the geologist's description of the core.

#### B) Retaining Wall #4

At this site silty clay overlies the shale bedrock. The surface material is silty sand. All boreholes were dry.

Description of the soils and bedrock encountered are presented below, sequentially from surface to borehole termination.

#### Silty Sand; Some Clay

This deposit is the surface material at the site, ranging in thickness from 3.0 to 5.2 metres.

Natural moisture contents range from 12% to 20%.

The Standard Penetration Test 'N' values (5 to 66 blows / 0.3 m) indicate a compact to very dense condition. Grain size distribution is shown in Figure 3, Appendix.

Silty Clay; Some Sand, Some/Trace Gravel

This material is located immediately above the shale bedrock at all borehole locations, ranging in thickness from 2.5 to 3.6 metres. Its physical properties, as determined by field and laboratory tests are summarized below:

	Range
Natural Moisture Content (%)	11.5 - 26.5
Liquid Limit (%)	19.5 - 32.5
Plastic Limit (%)	14.0 - 16.5
Bulk Density (kN/m <sup>3</sup> )	19.5 - 20.4
Undrained Shear Strength (kPa)	
Unconfined	61.4 - 75.6
Quick Triaxial	93.4 (one test)

The consistency of the deposit ranges from stiff to hard, increasing with depth as the material grades into weathered shale. Grain size distribution is shown in Figure 2, Appendix. The material has low plasticity.

Bedrock

The bedrock at this site is medium hard, red and green shale with occasional layers of shaly, silty limestone. It is overlain by transitional zones grading from silty clay with shaly layers to weathered shale. Refer to the borehole log sheets for bedrock elevations, and the Appendix, Table 1, for the geologist's description of the core.

C) Retaining Wall #5

The site is underlain by shale bedrock. Silty clay with layers containing organics overlies the bedrock. The surficial deposit at the borehole locations is fill material. The water level was measured at a depth of 13.7 m (elev. 66.6) approximately the same level as Indian Creek.

Description of the soils and bedrock encountered are presented below, sequentially from surface to borehole termination.

Fill Material; Sandy Clay to Sand; Some Gravel, Some Organics

This surface fill material extends for a depth of 4.0 m. The upper 2 metres is cohesive material (with consistency ranging from firm to stiff) with low plasticity. Below this lies 2 metres of non-cohesive material with a range in denseness from loose to dense.

Silty Clay; Some Gravel; Trace/Some/With Organics

This deposit extends for 13.2 m and is located immediately above bedrock. Layers at elevations 73.3 to 71.8 and 69.6 to 52.9 contain significant amounts of organic material. Physical properties of the deposit, as determined by field and laboratory tests are summarized below:

	Range
Natural Moisture Content (%)	26.0 - 40.0
Liquid Limit (%)	47.0 - 49.5
Plastic Limit (%)	24.0 - 25.0
Bulk Density (kN/m <sup>3</sup> )	17.0 - 17.6
Undrained Shear Strength (kPa)	
Unconfined	45.6 - 74.6
Field Vane	61.4 - 101.7

The consistency of the deposit ranges from firm to stiff. The material has intermediate plasticity.

Bedrock

The bedrock at this site is medium hard, red and green shale with occasional layers of shaly, silty limestone. It is overlain by transitional zones grading from silty clay with shaly layers to weathered shale. Refer to the borehole log sheets for bedrock elevations.

DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Retaining walls #1, #4 and #5 are required for the proposed road designs. General foundation recommendations for all of these retaining walls are provided below, followed by specific design data for each site.

General Recommendations for Retaining Walls #1, #4 and #5

- For frost protection, a minimum cover of 1.2 m is required.
- The existing embankments should be protected during construction.
- If the excavations for spread footings or pile caps are carried out below the prevailing ground water level, a dewatering scheme may be required.

A) Retaining Wall #1 (Adjacent to QEW S.B. Collector Lanes, N.of Hwy.2)

The retaining wall can be founded on end-bearing steel 'H' piles with reinforced tips. The piles are to be driven to bedrock. Estimated tip elevations range from elevation 74.0 at Sta. 11 + 740 to elevation 69.0 at Sta. 11 + 820.

The following design values are recommended:

<u>Pile Type</u>	<u>Safe Capacity</u>
310 HP 110	1150 kN
310 HP 79	820 kN

and for the purpose of the O.H.B.D.C.:

<u>Pile Type</u>	<u>Factored Capacity at U.L.S.</u>	<u>Capacity at S.L.S. Type II</u>
310 HP 110	1600 kN	1150 kN
310 HP 79	1150 kN	820 kN

Earth pressures should be computed as per Subsection 6.6.1.2.2 of the O.H.B.D.C. assuming a non-yielding foundation condition in which the at-rest condition applies.

The following construction procedures are recommended at Retaining Wall #1.

- 1) Drive protective sheeting into glacial till (or weathered shale). Estimated tip elevations are - for Sta. 11 + 740 Elev. 77.5; for Sta. 11 + 820 Elev. 74.0. The top of the sheeting should be at elev. 80.3 from which point the existing embankment behind the sheeting should be trimmed to 1.5 horizontal: 1 vertical or flatter. Protect the granular material on the exposed embankment slope against erosion with suitable polyethylene sheeting.
- 2) Install tiebacks, if required.
- 3) Excavate for footing and construct it.
- 4) Construct concrete retaining wall, founded on steel H-piles, as recommended.
- 5) Cut off sheeting at top of footing and backfill simultaneously.

In order to estimate the earth pressures on the retaining wall, the following values are recommended:

a) Granular Soil

$$K_a = 0.33$$

$$K_o = 0.50$$

$$\text{Unit Weight } \gamma = 21.2 \text{ kN/m}^3$$

b) Cohesive Soil

$$K_a = 0.45$$

$$K_o = 0.57$$

$$\text{Unit Weight } \gamma = 19.0 \text{ kN/m}^3$$

NOTE: Assume water level at elev. 77.3. Compute passive resistance below the bottom of the footing as  $\frac{1}{2}H + 2c$  where  $c = 30 \text{ kPa}$ .

The exact location of the existing 1200 mm diameter concrete pipe (sewer) should be determined by the designer. If the sewer is located less than 4 m from the footing. The piles should be pre-augered at least 2 m below the invert level.

B) Retaining Wall #4 (At Ramp S-E)

The entire wall may be supported on steel 'H' piles equipped with reinforced tips and driven to elevation 70 ±.

The following design values are recommended:

<u>Pile Type</u>	<u>Safe Capacity</u>
310 HP 110	1150 kN
310 HP 79	820 kN

and for the purposes of the O.H.B.D.C.:

<u>Pile Type</u>	<u>Factored Capacity at U.L.S.</u>	<u>Capacity at S.L.S. Type II</u>
310 HP 110	1600 kN	1150 kN
310 HP 79	1150 kN	820 kN

Earth pressures should be computed as per Subsection 6.6.1.2.2 of the O.H.B.D.C. assuming a non-yielding foundation condition with  $K_0=0.5$  for granular backfill.

C) Retaining Wall #5 (At Ramp N-EW)

Option 1: Standard cantilever retaining wall with spread footings on compacted granular 'A' as illustrated in Figure 1.

Option 2: Precast interlocking drywall - "Pisa Stone" as supplied by Risi Stone Ltd., Thornhill, on compacted granular 'A' as illustrated in Figure 2. Refer to W.P. 606-74-02, Contract 76-51 for further construction details. The top of wall elevations may be slightly varied to suit stone thickness. If safety barriers are required, this option may not be applicable.

For both options, the following design values are recommended:

- Earth pressures should be computed as per Subsection 6.6.1.2.2 of the O.H.B.D.C. assuming a yielding foundation condition with  $K_a=0.33$  for granular backfill.

- Bearing Capacity

Net Safe pressure 200 kPa

and for the purposes of the O.H.B.D.C.:

Capacity of S.L.S. Type II 200 kPa

Factored capacity at U.L.S. 500 kPa

- Sliding at Base

A friction co-efficient of 0.5 may be assumed to apply between the base of the footing and the underlying subsoil.

- Settlement

Under the above loading conditions, settlements of the wall foundations will be less than 25 mm.

- Suitable weepholes should be provided to relieve any buildup of excess hydrostatic pressure.

- The groundwater level is lower than the bottom of the proposed excavation.

For the complete length of the wall (Sta. 300 to 315) the existing soil should be excavated to a sufficient depth to achieve the geometry of Fig. 4 or Fig. 5. The minimum thickness of the granular pad required is 0.6 m. It should be noted however that all existing soil above elev. 77.9 must be removed.

If required, the wall may be stepped.

MISCELLANEOUS

The fieldwork for these investigations was carried out under the supervision of Mr. D. H. Dundas, Project Foundation Engineer. The rock core was examined by Mrs. Z. Koniuszy, Geologist.

The drilling equipment was owned and operated by Atcost Soil Drilling Inc. and Master Soil Investigation Ltd.

This report was written by Mr. D. H. Dundas and reviewed by Mr. K. G. Selby, Senior Foundations Engineer.



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RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 2

RETAINING WALL # 1

W P 152-75-05 LOCATION Co-ords. N 4 797 311.0 E 279 497.5 ORIGINATED BY D. H. D.  
 DIST 4 HWY Q. E. W. BOREHOLE TYPE Cont. Flight Auger; H. S. COMPILED BY P. E.  
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 81 05 07 and 81 05 08 CHECKED BY D.H.D.

SOIL PROFILE		SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT		PLASTIC LIMIT W <sub>p</sub>	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT W	LIQUID LIMIT W <sub>L</sub>	UNIT WEIGHT γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE			'N' VALUES	20					
78.7	Ground Level												
0.0	Silty Clay Some sand, some gravel, Stiff (Fill Material)		1	SS	12								
77.2			2	SS	4								
1.5	Silty Clay to Organic Silt Occasional sand layers soft to firm		3	TW	PH								0 4 74 22
			4	TW	PH								18.2 0 5 75 20
74.7			5	TW	PH								18.3 0 9 65 26
4.0	Silty Clay some sand, some gravel hard		6	TW	PH								19.7 0 19 53 28
	with shaly layers		7	SS	33								
			8	SS	112								
			9	SS	115/23	5 CB							
			10	SS	50/5	5 CB							
70.3													
8.4	Bedrock shale weathered sound		11	RC BXL	100%								
			12	RC BXL	98%								
66.5													
12.2	End of Borehole												

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+<sup>3</sup>, x<sup>5</sup>; Numbers refer to Sensitivity  
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 15 - 5 (%) STRAIN AT FAILURE  
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### RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 3

RETAINING WALL #1

W P 152-75-05 LOCATION Co-ords. N 4 797 340.0 E 279 471.0 ORIGINATED BY D. H. D.  
 DIST 4 HWY O. E. W. BOREHOLE TYPE Cont. Flight Auger; H. S. COMPILED BY P. P.  
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 81 05 08 CHECKED BY D.H.D.

SOIL PROFILE		SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT		PLASTIC LIMIT W <sub>p</sub>	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT W	LIQUID LIMIT W <sub>L</sub>	UNIT WEIGHT γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	NUMBER	TYPE	'N' VALUES			20	40					
78.8	Ground Level												GR SA SI CL
0.0	Organics very soft	1	SS	2		78							
77.3		2	SS	4									
1.5	Silty Clay to Organic Silt Occasional sand layers	3	TW	PH		76						19.5	
		4	TW	PH								18.3	0 51 39 10
74.8		5	TW	PH								21.6	
4.0	Silty Clay some sand, some gravel  Hard with shaly layers	6	SS	100	20 cm	74							19 15 (66)
		7	SS	60	8 cm								
69.0						72							
68.8	Shale weathered					70							
10.0	End of Borehole					68							

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### RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 4

RETAINING WALL #1

W P 152-75-05 LOCATION Co-ords. N 4 797 397.0 E 279 409.5 ORIGINATED BY D.H.D.  
 DIST 4 HWY Q. E. W. BOREHOLE TYPE Cont. Flight Auger COMPILED BY P.P.  
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 81-05-12 CHECKED BY D.H.D.

SOIL PROFILE			SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT		PLASTIC LIMIT W <sub>p</sub>	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT W	LIQUID LIMIT W <sub>L</sub>	UNIT WEIGHT γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)		
ELEV. DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT. PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	'N' VALUES			20	40						60	80
79.0	Ground Level															
0.0	Silty Clay some sand, some gravel (FILL MATERIAL) stiff hard		1	SS	11											
			2	SS	50	15 cm										
			3	SS	98	25 cm										
	with shaly layers hard															
74.4	Bedrock shale		4	RC EXL	422											
4.0																
	weathered sound		5	RC EXL	922											
69.9	End of Borehole															
9.1																

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### RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 5

RETAINING WALL #1

W P 152-75-05 LOCATION Co-ords. N 4 797 429.0 E 279 380.0 ORIGINATED BY D. H. D.  
 DIST 4 HWY Q. E. W. BOREHOLE TYPE Cont. Flight Auger COMPILED BY P. P.  
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 81 05 12 CHECKED BY D.H.D.

SOIL PROFILE		SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT		PLASTIC LIMIT W <sub>p</sub>	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT W	LIQUID LIMIT W <sub>L</sub>	UNIT WEIGHT Y	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%) GR SA SI CL
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE			'N' VALUES	20					
84.6	Ground Level												
0.0	Silty Clay some sand, some gravel hard				DRY	84							
			1	SS	46								
			2	SS	80								
			3	SS	90/23	82							24 26 40 10
			4	SS	60/15								
	with shaly layers		5	SS	109/25								
79.4	Bedrock weathered												
5.2	Shale sound		6	SS	60/3								
78.5													
6.1	End of Borehole					78							

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15 → 5 (%) STRAIN AT FAILURE  
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RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 6

RETAINING WALL #4

W P 152-75-05 LOCATION Co-ords. N 4 797 118.5 E 297 993.0 ORIGINATED BY D. H. D.  
 DIST 4 HWY Q. E. W. BOREHOLE TYPE Cont. Flight Auger; H. S. COMPILED BY P. P.  
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 81 05 13 CHECKED BY D.H.D.

SOIL PROFILE		SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT		PLASTIC LIMIT W <sub>p</sub>	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT W	LIQUID LIMIT W <sub>L</sub>	UNIT WEIGHT γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)	
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	NUMBER	TYPE	'N' VALUES			20	40						60
78.6	Ground Level													
0.0	Silty Sand some clay compact to dense	1	SS	12										
		2	SS	23	DRY									
		3	SS	34										
75.6		4	SS	19										
3.0	Silty Clay some sand, trace of gravel stiff to very stiff with shaly layers hard	5	SS	9										
		6	SS	60/15										
		7	SS	92/23	cm									
72.5														
6.1	Bedrock Shale weathered	8	RC BXL	67%										
		9	RC BXL	45%										
67.9														
10.7	End of Borehole													

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### RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 8

W P 152-75-05 LOCATION RETAINING WALL #4 ORIGINATED BY O. J.  
 Co-ords. N 4 797 031.0 E 280 002.0  
 DIST 4 HWY O. E. W. BOREHOLE TYPE Continuous Flight Auger; H. S. COMPILED BY P. P.  
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 81 15 14 CHECKED BY D.H.D.

SOIL PROFILE		SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT					PLASTIC NATURAL LIQUID LIMIT MOISTURE LIMIT			UNIT WEIGHT Y kN/m <sup>3</sup>	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%) GR SA SI CL
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE			'N' VALUES	20	40	60	80	100	W <sub>p</sub>	W		
81.0	Ground Level															
0.0	Silty Sand some clay  compact to very dense		1	SS	5											0 42 43 15
			2	SS	12											0 41 43 15
			3	SS	66											
			4	SS	38											
			5	SS	35											
75.8			6	SS	27											
5.2	Silty Clay some sand, trace of gravel  stiff with shaly layers hard		7	SS	13											0 5 57 38
			8	TW	PH											0 9 (91)
			9	SS	8											
			10	SS	8											
			11	SS	70											0 22 48 30
72.2																
71.7	*Shale, weathered		12	SS	77/2 cm											
9.3	End of Borehole  *Bedrock, Shale, weathered hard															

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### RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 9

RETAINING WALL #5

W P 152-75-05 LOCATION Co-ords. N 4 797 075 E 279 664 ORIGINATED BY D. D.  
 DIST 4 HWY Q. E. W. BOREHOLE TYPE Hollow Stem Augers and Cone Test COMPILED BY O. J.  
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 81 08 24, 25 CHECKED BY D.H.D.

SOIL PROFILE			SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT		PLASTIC LIMIT W <sub>p</sub>	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT W	LIQUID LIMIT W <sub>L</sub>	UNIT WEIGHT γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)	
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	'N' VALUES			20 40 60 80 100	20 40 60 80 100						WATER CONTENT (%)
80.3	Ground Level														
0.0	Sandy Clay some gravel, some organics firm to stiff (FILL MATERIAL)	[Symbol]	1	SS	11										
			2	SS	6										
			3	SS	5										
			4	SS	34										
			5	SS	18										
76.3	Sand, some gravel, trace of organics, loose to dense (FILL MATERIAL)	[Symbol]	6	SS	8										
			7	SS	15										
4.0	Silty Clay some sand, trace of gravel, trace of organics firm to stiff	[Symbol]	8	SS	9										
			9	TW	PH								17.6		
			10	SS	7										
			11	SS	7										
			12	TW	PH									17.1	
			13	SS	10										
			14	TW	PH										
			15	SS	14										
			16	SS	15										
			17	SS	80	2 cm									
63.1	Bedrock shale weathered sound	[Symbol]	18	RC EXL	100%										
17.2			19	RC EXL	93%										
59.0			20	RC EXL	93%										
21.3	End of Borehole														

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+3, x5: Numbers refer to  
Sensitivity

20  
15  
10

5 (%) STRAIN AT FAILURE

### RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 10

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 DIST 4 HWY Q.E.W. BOREHOLE TYPE NX Casing COMPILED BY O.J.  
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 82 05 18-19 CHECKED BY D.D.

SOIL PROFILE		SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT		PLASTIC LIMIT W <sub>p</sub>	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT W	LIQUID LIMIT W <sub>L</sub>	UNIT WEIGHT γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE			'N' VALUES	SHEAR STRENGTH					
84.7	Ground Level												
0.0	Fill Material												
	Silty Clay (CL) Some Sand, Some Gravel Stiff	X	1	SS	7								
		X	2	SS	6								
	Silty Sand Trace of Gravel and Clay Occ. Organics Loose to Compact	X	3	SS	10								
		X	4	SS	18								
78.9		X	5	SS	7								1 64 24 11
5.8	Silty Clay to Organic Silt	X	6	SS	5								1 52 31 16
	Occ. Sand Layers Firm	X	7	SS	8								
76.8		X	8	SS	6								
7.9	Silty Clay (CL) Some Sand, Some Gravel Very Stiff (Till)	X	9	SS	21								
74.3		X											
10.4	Probable Bedrock End of Borehole	X											

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+<sup>3</sup>, x<sup>5</sup>: Numbers refer to Sensitivity      20  
 15 → 5 (%) STRAIN AT FAILURE  
 10

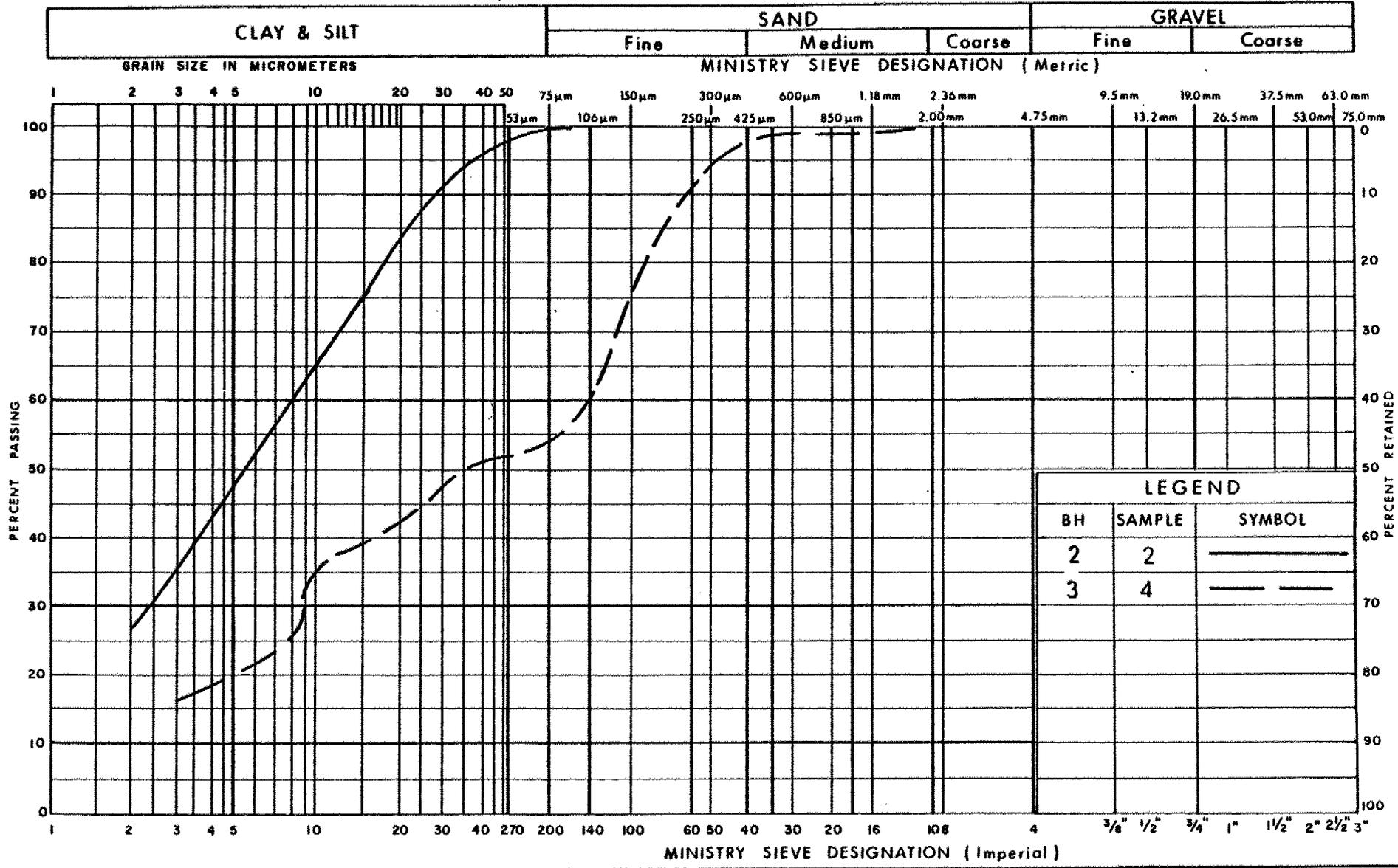
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SOIL PROFILE			SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT				PLASTIC LIMIT W <sub>p</sub>	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT W	LIQUID LIMIT W <sub>l</sub>	UNIT WEIGHT γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	'N' VALUES			20	40	60	80					
81.5	Ground Level														GR SA SI CL	
0.0	Fill Material															
	Silty Clay (CL)		1	SS	19											
	Some Sand, Some Gravel, Occ. organics		2	SS	27											
79.1	Silty Sand															
	Compact		3	SS	13											
2.4	Silty Clay to Organic Silt Stiff		4	SS	11											
78.1	Silty Clay (CL)															
3.4	Occ. Irregular Layers of Silt to Silty Sand	5	SS	6											11 42 37 10	
	Occ. Organics Firm to Hard	6	SS	10											12 31 42 15	
74.2																
7.3	Probable Bedrock End of Borehole															

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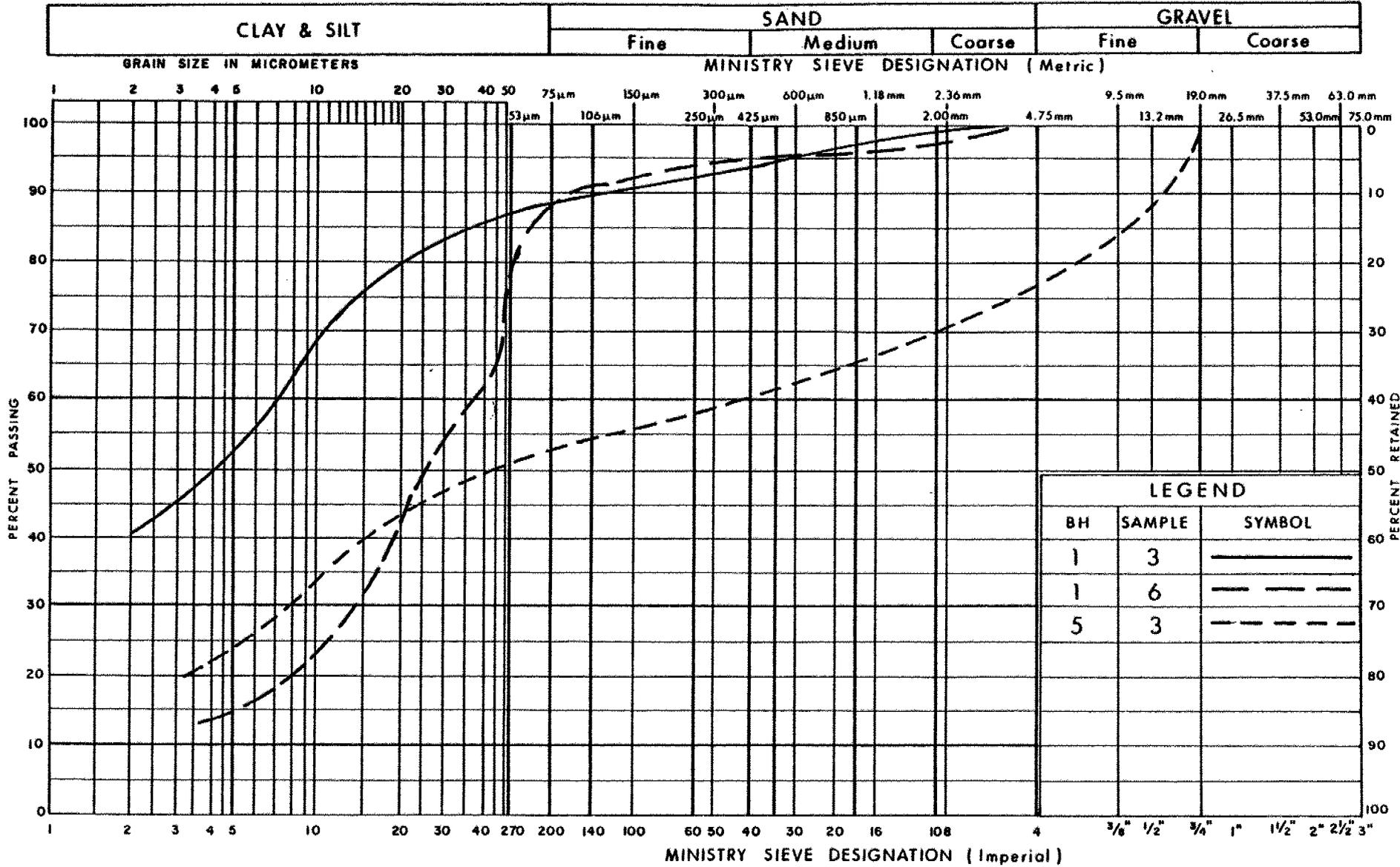
UNIFIED SOIL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM



GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION  
SILTY CLAY  
TO ORGANIC SILT

FIG No 1  
W P 152-75-05

### UNIFIED SOIL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM



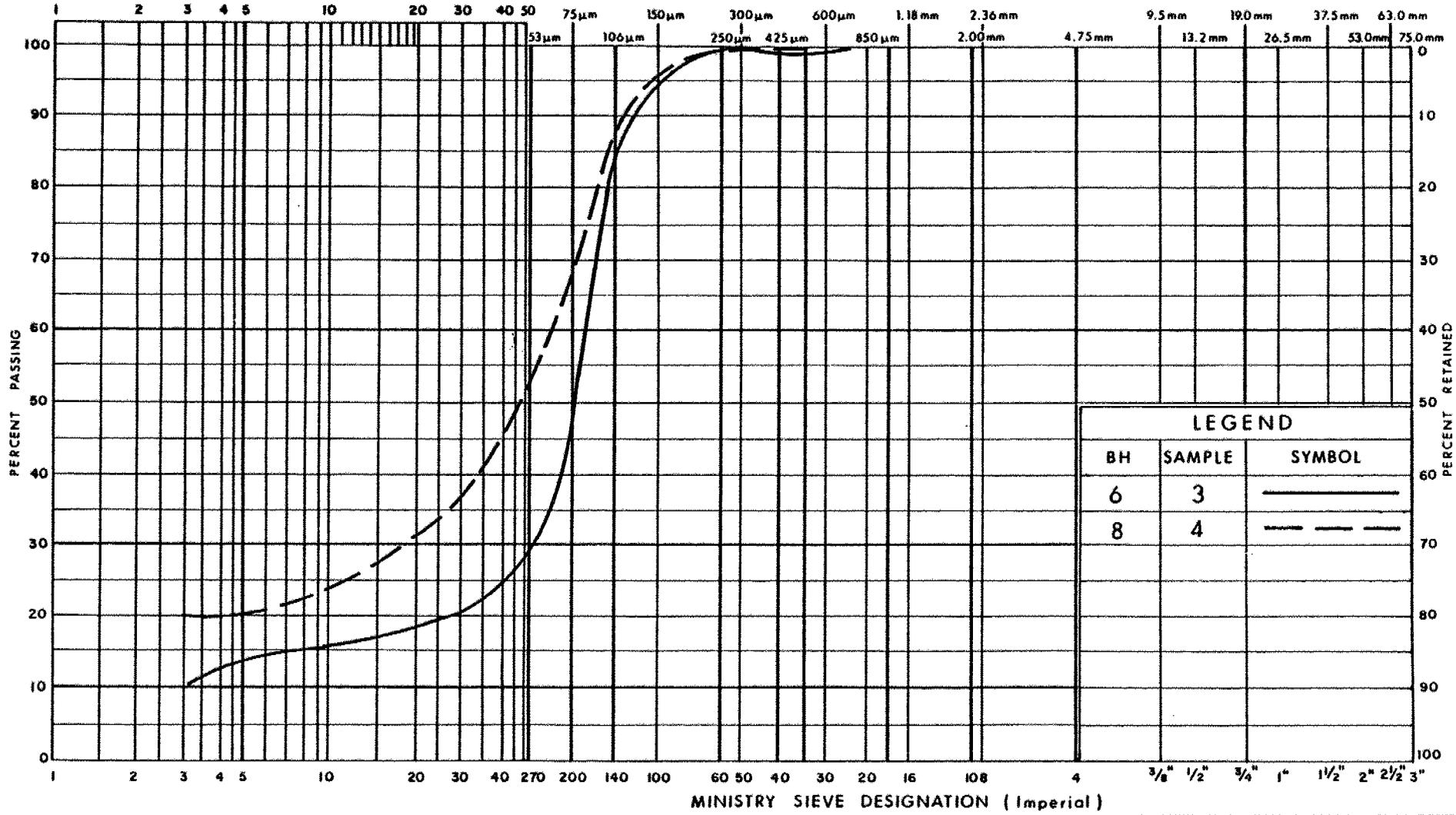
LEGEND		
BH	SAMPLE	SYMBOL
1	3	—————
1	6	- - - - -
5	3	- · - · -

UNIFIED SOIL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM

CLAY & SILT	SAND			GRAVEL	
	Fine	Medium	Coarse	Fine	Coarse

GRAIN SIZE IN MICROMETERS

MINISTRY SIEVE DESIGNATION (Metric)



LEGEND		
BH	SAMPLE	SYMBOL
6	3	—————
8	4	- - - - -

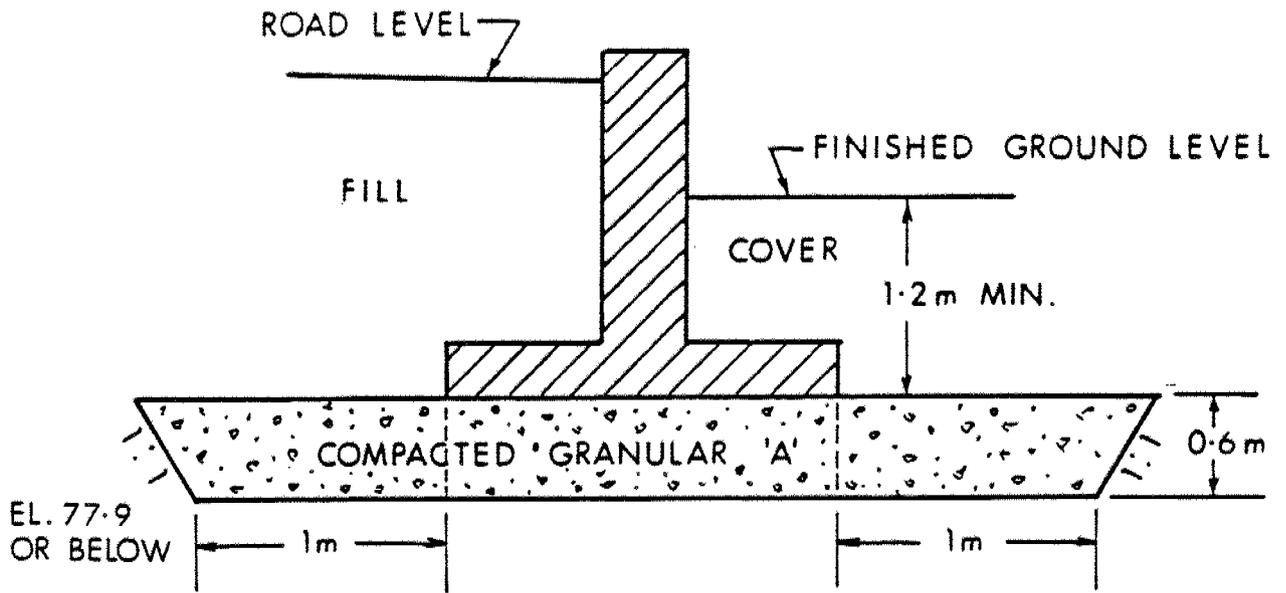
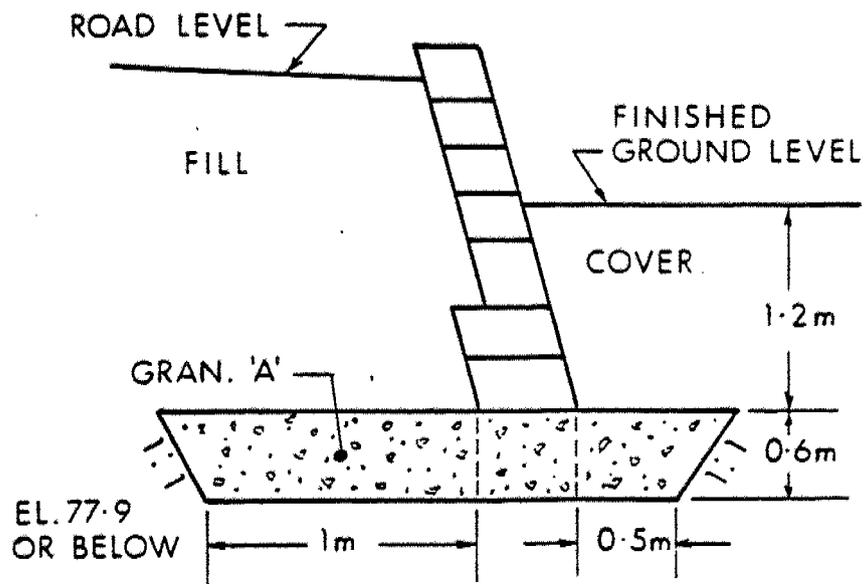


FIG. 4  
 RETAINING WALL ON SPREAD FOOTING  
 STA 0+300 TO STA 0+315  
 COMPLETE LENGTH OF WALL



PISA WALL FIG. 5  
 STA 0+300 TO STA 0+315  
 COMPLETE LENGTH OF WALL  
 RETAINING WALL No 5



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TABLE 1

DIAMOND DRILL RECORD

HOLE NO. \_\_\_\_\_ SPLIT NO. \_\_\_\_\_

PROPERTY WP 152-75-05  
 LOCATION QEW Skyway - Burlington  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 LATITUDE \_\_\_\_\_  
 DEPARTURE \_\_\_\_\_  
 BEARING \_\_\_\_\_

DIP \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 TOTAL FOOTAGE \_\_\_\_\_

ELEV. COLLAR \_\_\_\_\_  
 DATUM \_\_\_\_\_  
 DATE STARTED \_\_\_\_\_  
 DATE COMPLETED \_\_\_\_\_  
 DRILLED BY \_\_\_\_\_  
 LOGGED BY \_\_\_\_\_

FOOTAGE		FORMATION	SAMPLE NUMBER		REMARKS
FROM	TO				
30'	40'	B.H. 2 = B.H. H. 2 Red and green shale, medium hard.			90% recovery
15'	20'	B.H. 4 = B.H. H. 4 Red and green shale, medium hard with few sections of shaly silty limestone.			Core broken and ground 25% recovery
20'	25'	Core missing.			
25'	30'	Red and green shale, medium hard with sections of shaly silty limestone.			
25'	35'	B.H. 4-1 = B.H. H. 6 Red and green shale, medium hard.			65% recovery
25'	35'	B.H. 4-2 = B.H. H. 7 Red and green shale, medium hard with few sections of silty shaly limestone.			90% recovery

DATE OF EXAMINATION July 2, 1981

Z. Koniuszy

## EXPLANATION OF TERMS USED IN REPORT

**N VALUE:** THE STANDARD PENETRATION TEST (SPT) N VALUE IS THE NUMBER OF BLOWS REQUIRED TO CAUSE A STANDARD 51mm O.D. SPLIT BARREL SAMPLER TO PENETRATE 0.3m INTO UNDISTURBED GROUND IN A BOREHOLE WHEN DRIVEN BY A HAMMER WITH A MASS OF 63.5kg, FALLING FREELY A DISTANCE OF 0.76m. FOR PENETRATIONS OF LESS THAN 0.3m N VALUES ARE INDICATED AS THE NUMBER OF BLOWS FOR THE PENETRATION ACHIEVED. AVERAGE N VALUE IS DENOTED THUS  $\bar{N}$ .

**DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION TEST:** CONTINUOUS PENETRATION OF A CONICAL STEEL POINT (51mm O.D. 60° CONE ANGLE) DRIVEN BY 475 J IMPACT ENERGY ON 'A' SIZE DRILL RODS. THE RESISTANCE TO CONE PENETRATION IS MEASURED AS THE NUMBER OF BLOWS FOR EACH 0.3m ADVANCE OF THE CONICAL POINT INTO THE UNDISTURBED GROUND.

SOILS ARE DESCRIBED BY THEIR COMPOSITION AND CONSISTENCY OR DENSENESS.

**CONSISTENCY:** COHESIVE SOILS ARE DESCRIBED ON THE BASIS OF THEIR UNDRAINED SHEAR STRENGTH ( $c_u$ ) AS FOLLOWS:

$c_u$ (kPa)	0 - 12	12 - 25	25 - 50	50 - 100	100 - 200	> 200
	VERY SOFT	SOFT	FIRM	STIFF	VERY STIFF	HARD

**DENSENESS:** COHESIONLESS SOILS ARE DESCRIBED ON THE BASIS OF DENSENESS AS INDICATED BY SPT N VALUES AS FOLLOWS:

N (BLOWS/0.3m)	0 - 5	5 - 10	10 - 30	30 - 50	> 50
	VERY LOOSE	LOOSE	COMPACT	DENSE	VERY DENSE

ROCKS ARE DESCRIBED BY THEIR COMPOSITION AND STRUCTURAL FEATURES AND / OR STRENGTH.

**RECOVERY:** SUM OF ALL RECOVERED ROCK CORE PIECES FROM A CORING RUN EXPRESSED AS A PERCENT OF THE TOTAL LENGTH OF THE CORING RUN.

**MODIFIED RECOVERY:** SUM OF THOSE INTACT CORE PIECES, 100mm+ IN LENGTH EXPRESSED AS A PERCENT OF THE LENGTH OF THE CORING RUN. THE ROCK QUALITY DESIGNATION (R Q D), FOR MODIFIED RECOVERY, IS:

R Q D (%)	0 - 25	25 - 50	50 - 75	75 - 90	90 - 100
	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT

**JOINTING AND BEDDING:**

SPACING	50mm	50 - 300mm	0.3m - 1m	1m - 3m	> 3m
JOINTING	VERY CLOSE	CLOSE	MOD. CLOSE	WIDE	VERY WIDE
BEDDING	VERY THIN	THIN	MEDIUM	THICK	VERY THICK

## ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS

### FIELD SAMPLING

S S	SPLIT SPOON	T P	THINWALL PISTON
W S	WASH SAMPLE	O S	OSTERBERG SAMPLE
S T	SLOTTED TUBE SAMPLE	R C	ROCK CORE
B S	BLOCK SAMPLE	P H	T W ADVANCED HYDRAULICALLY
C S	CHUNK SAMPLE	P M	T W ADVANCED MANUALLY
T W	THINWALL OPEN	F S	FOIL SAMPLE

### MECHANICAL PROPERTIES OF SOIL

$m_v$	$kPa^{-1}$	COEFFICIENT OF VOLUME CHANGE
$C_c$	1	COMPRESSION INDEX
$C_s$	1	SWELLING INDEX
$C_\alpha$	1	RATE OF SECONDARY CONSOLIDATION
$c_v$	$m^2/s$	COEFFICIENT OF CONSOLIDATION
H	m	DRAINAGE PATH
$T_v$	1	TIME FACTOR
U	%	DEGREE OF CONSOLIDATION
$\sigma'_{v0}$	kPa	EFFECTIVE OVERBURDEN PRESSURE
$\sigma'_p$	kPa	PRECONSOLIDATION PRESSURE
$\tau_f$	kPa	SHEAR STRENGTH
$c'$	kPa	EFFECTIVE COHESION INTERCEPT
$\phi'$	-°	EFFECTIVE ANGLE OF INTERNAL FRICTION
$c_u$	kPa	APPARENT COHESION INTERCEPT
$\phi_u$	-°	APPARENT ANGLE OF INTERNAL FRICTION
$\tau_R$	kPa	RESIDUAL SHEAR STRENGTH
$\tau_r$	kPa	REMOULDED SHEAR STRENGTH
$S_f$	1	SENSITIVITY = $\frac{c_u}{\tau_r}$

### STRESS AND STRAIN

$u_w$	kPa	PORE WATER PRESSURE
$r_u$	1	PORE PRESSURE RATIO
$\sigma$	kPa	TOTAL NORMAL STRESS
$\sigma'$	kPa	EFFECTIVE NORMAL STRESS
$\tau$	kPa	SHEAR STRESS
$\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \sigma_3$	kPa	PRINCIPAL STRESSES
$\epsilon$	%	LINEAR STRAIN
$\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, \epsilon_3$	%	PRINCIPAL STRAINS
E	kPa	MODULUS OF LINEAR DEFORMATION
G	kPa	MODULUS OF SHEAR DEFORMATION
$\mu$	1	COEFFICIENT OF FRICTION

### PHYSICAL PROPERTIES OF SOIL

$\rho_s$	$kg/m^3$	DENSITY OF SOLID PARTICLES	e	1, %	VOID RATIO	$e_{min}$	1, %	VOID RATIO IN DENSEST STATE
$\gamma_s$	$kN/m^3$	UNIT WEIGHT OF SOLID PARTICLES	n	1, %	POROSITY	$I_D$	1	DENSITY INDEX = $\frac{e_{max} - e}{e_{max} - e_{min}}$
$\rho_w$	$kg/m^3$	DENSITY OF WATER	w	1, %	WATER CONTENT	D	mm	GRAIN DIAMETER
$\gamma_w$	$kN/m^3$	UNIT WEIGHT OF WATER	$S_r$	%	DEGREE OF SATURATION	$D_n$	mm	n PERCENT - DIAMETER
$\rho$	$kg/m^3$	DENSITY OF SOIL	$w_L$	%	LIQUID LIMIT	$C_u$	1	UNIFORMITY COEFFICIENT
$\gamma$	$kN/m^3$	UNIT WEIGHT OF SOIL	$w_p$	%	PLASTIC LIMIT	h	m	HYDRAULIC HEAD OR POTENTIAL
$\rho_d$	$kg/m^3$	DENSITY OF DRY SOIL	$w_s$	%	SHRINKAGE LIMIT	q	$m^3/s$	RATE OF DISCHARGE
$\gamma_d$	$kN/m^3$	UNIT WEIGHT OF DRY SOIL	$I_p$	%	PLASTICITY INDEX = $w_L - w_p$	v	m/s	DISCHARGE VELOCITY
$\rho_{sat}$	$kg/m^3$	DENSITY OF SATURATED SOIL	$I_L$	1	LIQUIDITY INDEX = $\frac{w - w_p}{I_p}$	i	1	HYDRAULIC GRADIENT
$\gamma_{sat}$	$kN/m^3$	UNIT WEIGHT OF SATURATED SOIL	$I_C$	1	CONSISTENCY INDEX = $\frac{w_L - w}{I_p}$	k	m/s	HYDRAULIC CONDUCTIVITY
$\rho'$	$kg/m^3$	DENSITY OF SUBMERGED SOIL	$e_{max}$	1, %	VOID RATIO IN LOOSEST STATE	j	$kN/m^2$	SEEPAGE FORCE
$\gamma'$	$kN/m^3$	UNIT WEIGHT OF SUBMERGED SOIL						

**METRIC**

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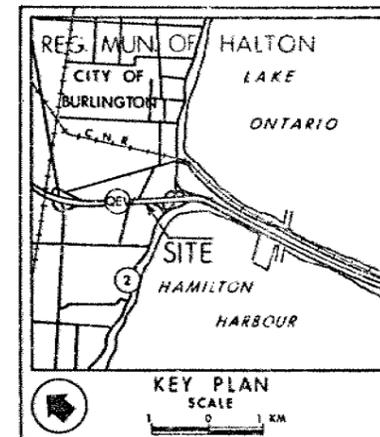
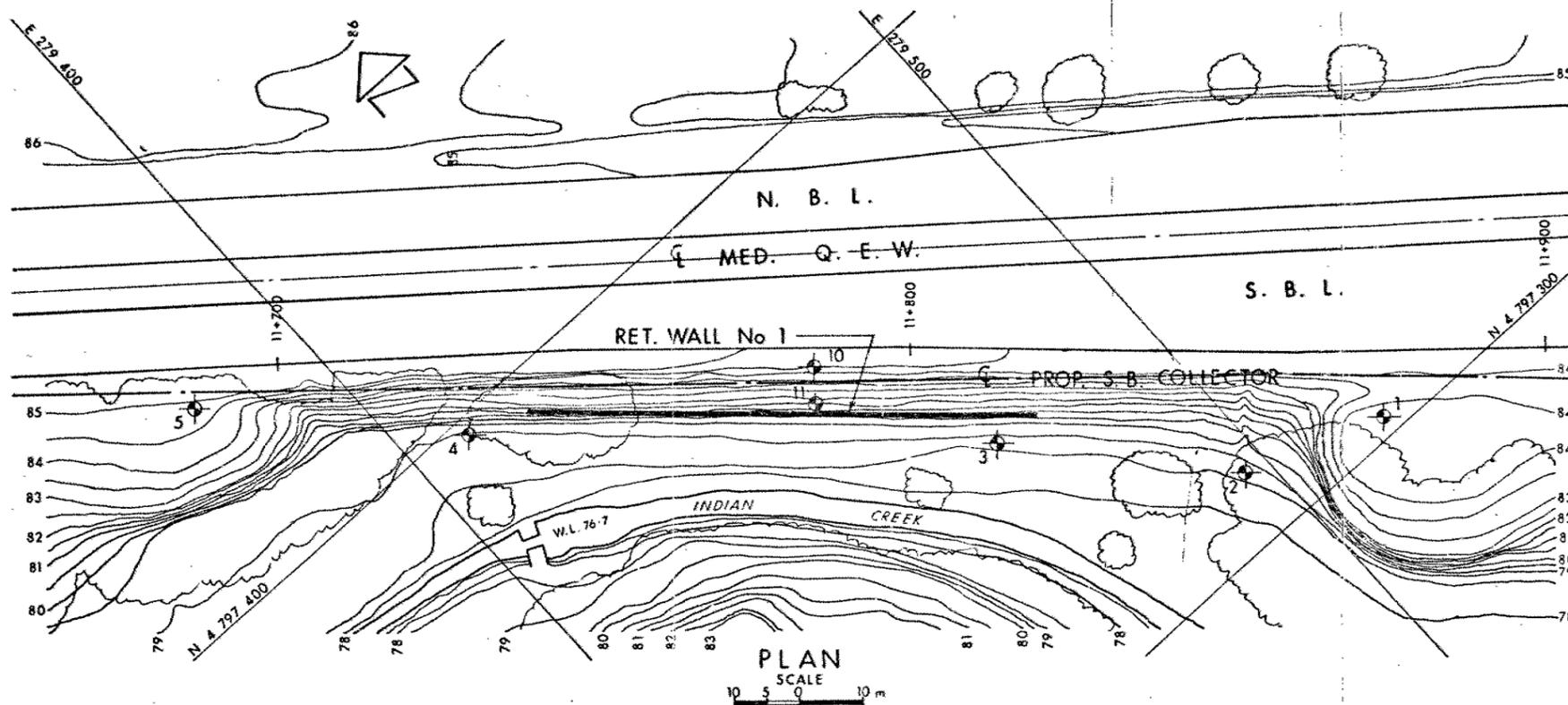


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SHEET

BORE HOLE LOCATIONS & SOIL STRATA

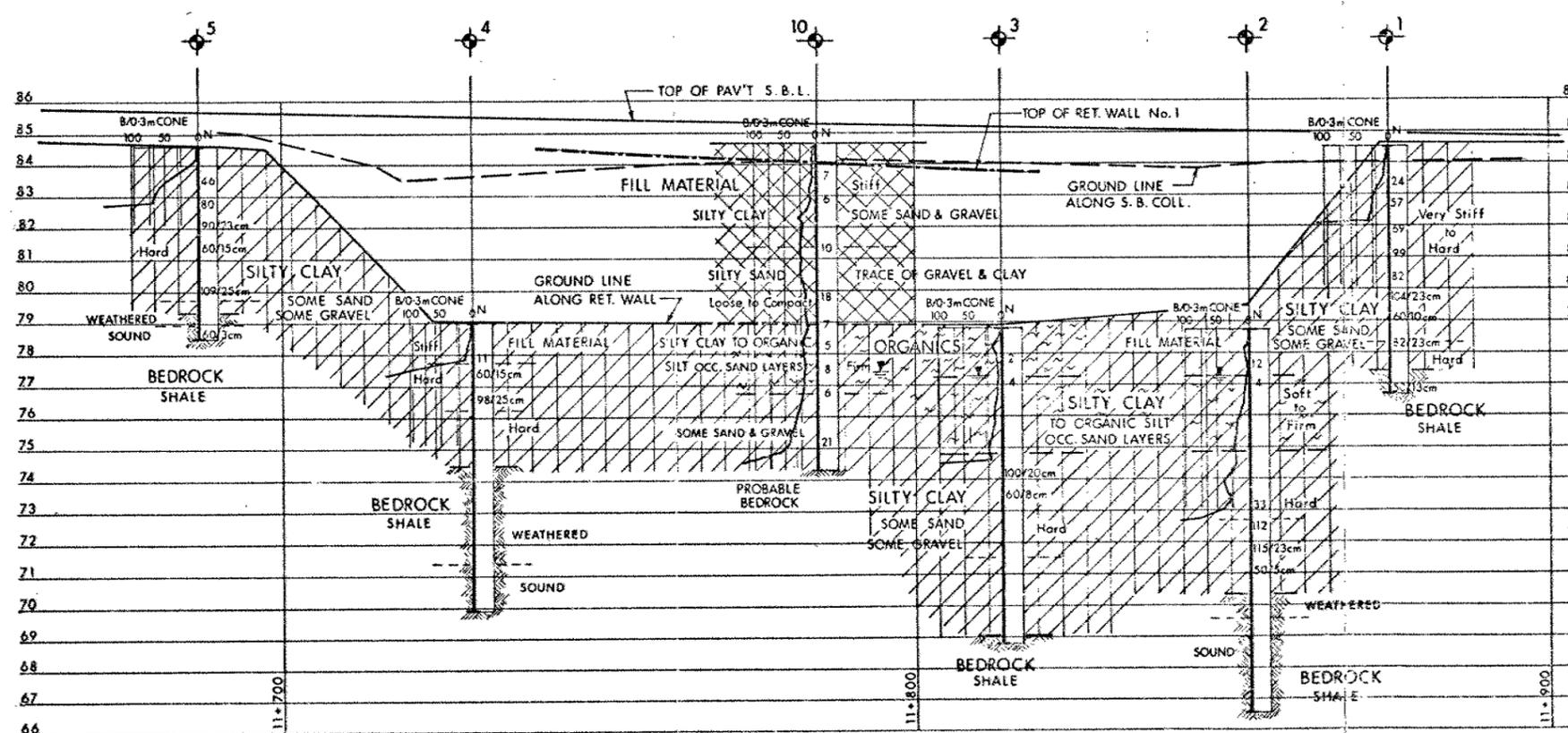
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**LEGEND**

- ◆ Bore Hole
- ⊕ Dynamic Cone Penetration Test (Cone)
- ⊕ Bore Hole & Cone
- N Blows/0.3m (Std Pen Test, 475 J/blow)
- CONE Blows/0.3m (60° Cone, 475 J/blow)
- W.L. at time of investigation 81 05 08
- NO WL Established in BH 1, 4, 5

No	ELEVATION	CO-ORDINATES	
		NORTH	EAST
1	84.5	4 797 303.0	279 518.0
2	78.7	4 797 311.0	279 497.5
3	78.8	4 797 340.0	279 471.0
4	79.0	4 797 397.0	279 409.5
5	84.6	4 797 429.0	279 380.0
10	84.7	4 797 368.0	279 457.0
11	81.5	4 797 365.0	279 454.0



**PROFILE S. B. COLLECTOR**

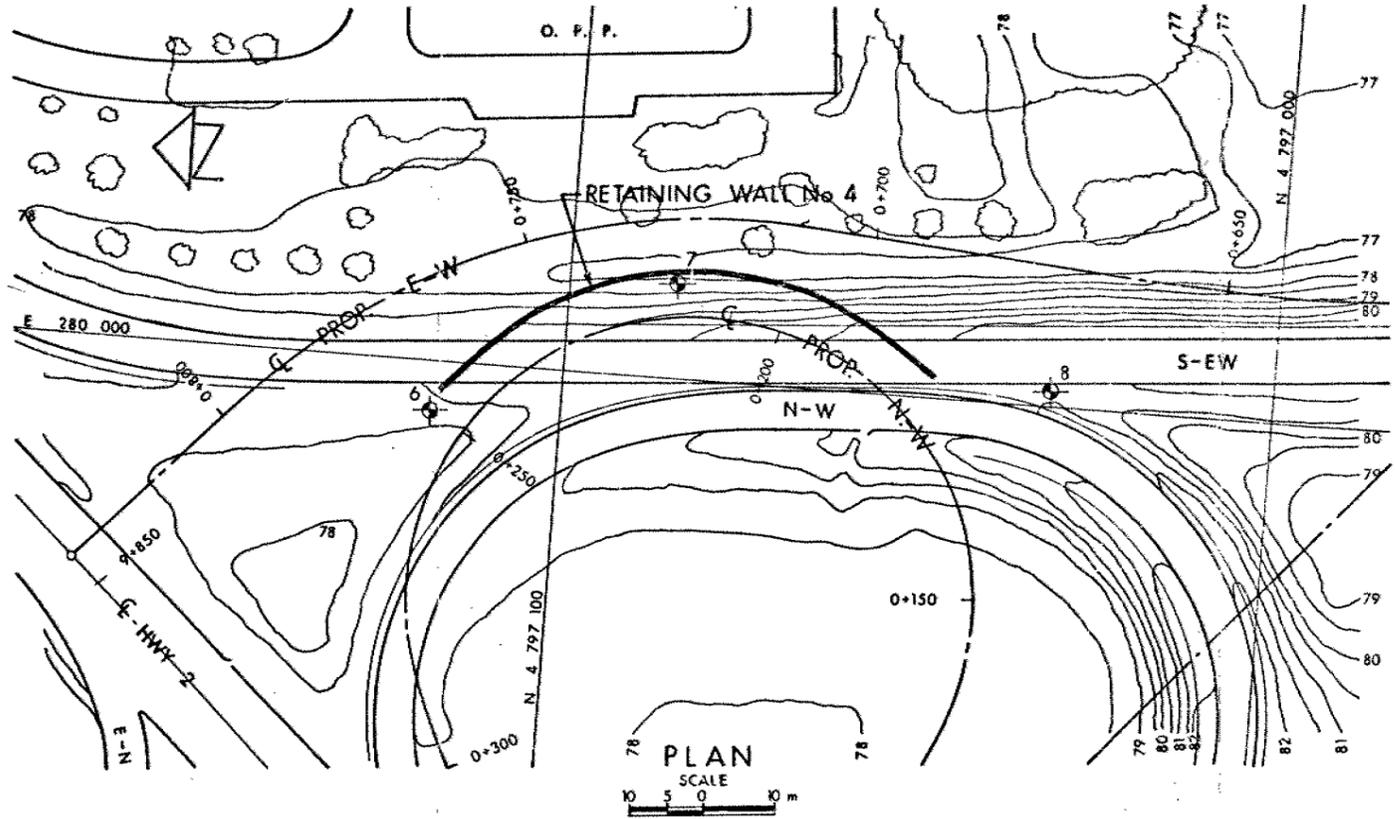
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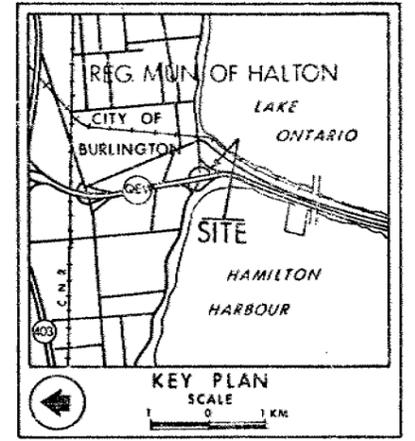
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**METRIC**

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OTHERWISE SHOWN. STATIONS  
IN KILOMETRES+METRES

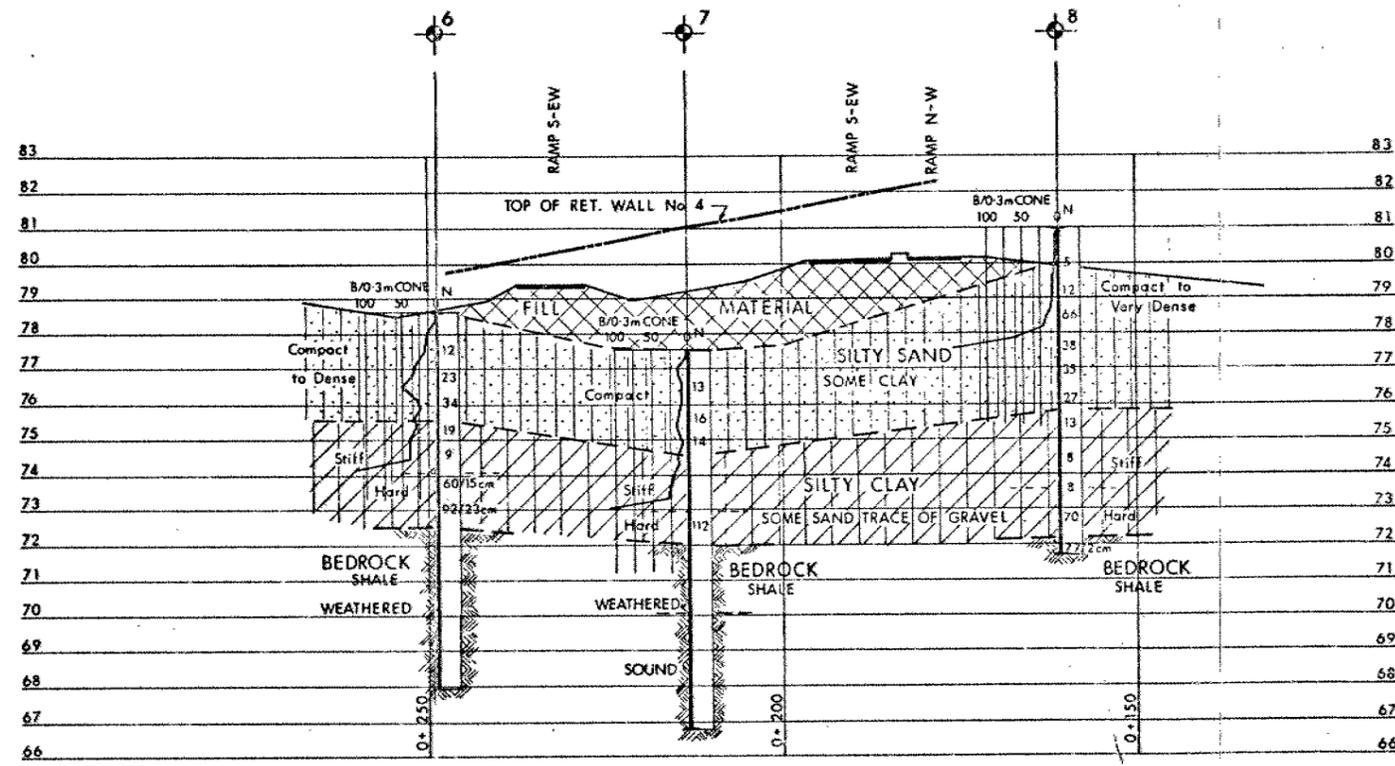
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BORE HOLE LOCATIONS & SOIL STRATA	



**LEGEND**

- Bore Hole
- Dynamic Cone Penetration Test (Cone)
- Bore Hole & Cone
- N Blows/0.3m (Std Pen Test, 475 J/blow)
- CONE Blows/0.3m (60° Cone, 475 J/blow)
- W/L at time of investigation
- NO WL Established

No	ELEVATION	CO-ORDINATES	
		NORTH	EAST
6	78.0	4 797 118.5	297 993.0
7	77.5	4 797 085.0	280 013.0
8	81.0	4 797 031.0	280 002.0



**NOTE**  
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REVISIONS	DATE	BY	DESCRIPTION

Geocres No 30MS-1308  
 HWY No G.E.W. 037 4  
 SUBM'D P CHECKED DATE 81 06 26 SITE 10  
 DRAWN O.J. CHECKED APPROVED DWG 527505-B

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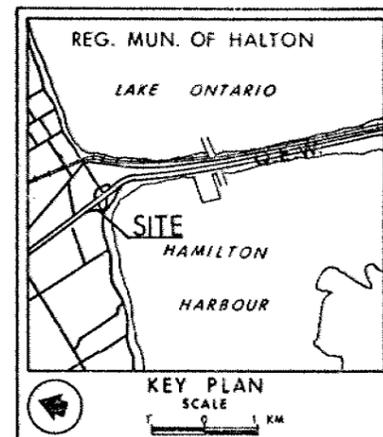
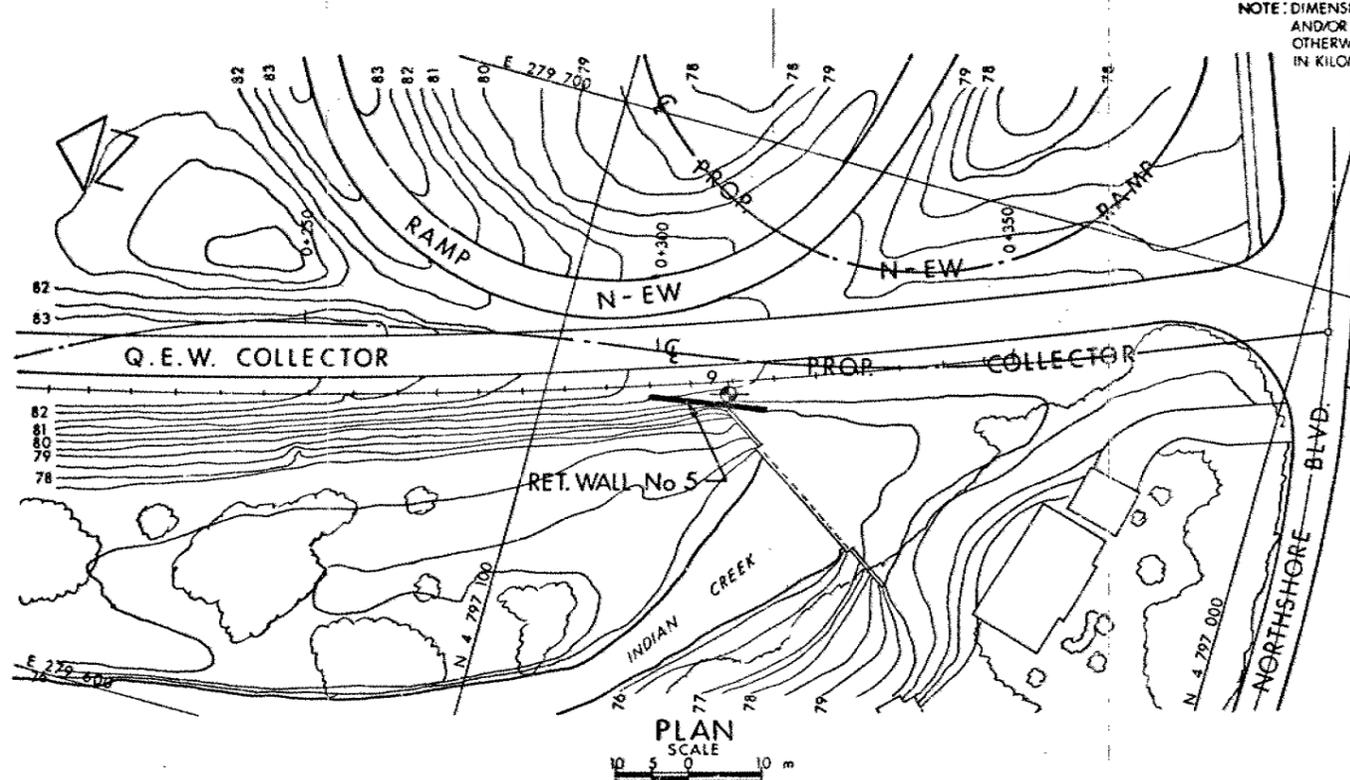
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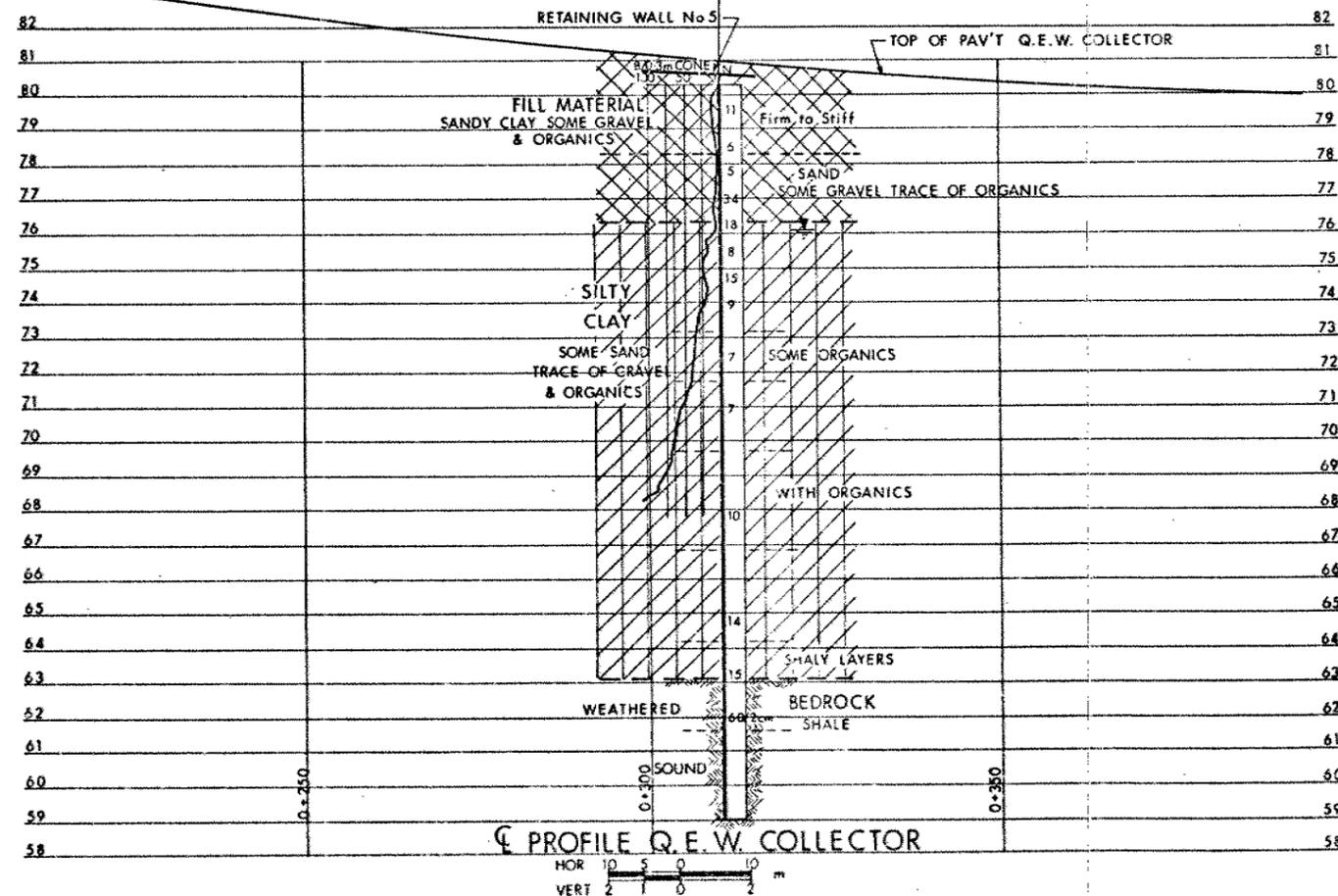
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**LEGEND**

- ◆ Bore Hole
- ⊕ Dynamic Cone Penetration Test (Cone)
- ⊕ Bore Hole & Cone
- N Blows/0.3m (Std Pen Test, 475 J/blow)
- CONE Blows/0.3m (60° Cone, 475 J/blow)
- ⬇ W.L. at time of investigation 31 08 24

No	ELEVATION	CO-ORDINATES	
		NORTH	EAST
9	80.3	4 797 075	279 664



**=NOTE=**  
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 HWY No Q.E.W. DIST 4  
 SUBM'D. D. CHECKED DATE 82 01 22 SITE  
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ATTENTION: Mr. G. S. Saunders, Project Manager

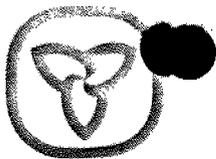
Re: M. T. C. W. P. 152-75-05, Site 10  
Retaining Walls #1, #4, #5  
Q. E. W. and Highway 2

Your "Layout and Details" drawings for the above-noted retaining walls, received, along with your letter of January 21, 1982, have been reviewed by this Section. There is no comment at this time.

D. H. Dundas, P. Eng,  
Project Foundations Engineer

DHD/bd

cc: M. D. Bendayan  
W. Lin



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Mr. G. Saunders,  
Associate Chief Structural Engineer

Dear Sir:

Further to our memo of June 16, 1981, the following construction procedures are recommended between Sta. 11+740 and Sta. 11+820.

1. Drive sheeting into glacial till (or weathered shale). Estimated tip elevations at Sta. 11+740: El. 77.5 and Sta. 11+820: El. 74.0.
2. Install tiebacks
3. Excavate for footing and construct it
4. Construct concrete wall
5. Cut off sheeting at top of footing and backfill simultaneously.

In order to estimate the earth pressures on the retaining wall, the following values are recommended:

(a) GRANULAR BACKFILL TO RETAINING WALL

$$\begin{aligned} K_A &= 0.33 \\ K_A &= 0.50 \\ \text{Unit Weight } \gamma &= 21.2 \text{ kN/m}^3 \end{aligned}$$

(b) EXISTING EMBANKMENT FILL MATERIAL

$$\begin{aligned} K_A &= 0.33 \\ K_A &= 0.50 \\ \text{Unit Weight } \gamma &= 21.2 \text{ kN/m}^3 \end{aligned}$$

(c) EXISTING COHESIVE SOIL BELOW EL. 79.3

$$\begin{aligned} K &= 0.45 \\ K_A &= 0.57 \\ \text{Unit Weight } \gamma &= 19.0 \text{ kN/m}^3 \end{aligned}$$

NOTE: Assume W. L. at el. 77.3. Compute passive resistance below bottom of footing as  $H+2C$  where  $C = 30$  kPa.

The exact location of the existing 1200 mm  $\emptyset$  concrete pipe (storm sewer) should be determined by the designer. If the storm sewer is located less than 4 m from the footing, the piles should be pre-augered.

For your information, the Record of Borehole Sheets are attached.

Yours truly,



P. Payer,  
Foundations Engineer

For:

K. G. Selby,  
Senior Foundations Engineer

PP/bd

cc: W. L. Lin  
M. D. Bendayan

# memorandum



To: Mr. G. C. E. Burkhardt,  
Head, Structural Section,  
Central Region

Date: 81 08 28

From: Pavement & Foundation Design Section,  
Room 315, Central Building,  
Downsview, Ontario

ATTENTION: Mr. M. D. Bendayan

Re: Retaining Wall #5,  
Q. E. W. and Highway 2,  
W. P. 152-75-05; Site 10,  
District 4, Hamilton

Our field investigation for the above-noted retaining wall was recently completed.

The materials encountered are described (in sequence from surface, down) as below:

<u>Depth (m)</u>	<u>Elevation (m)</u>	<u>Description</u>
0 - 1.5 (1.5m)	80.2 - 78.7	Sandy clay with organics firm to stiff ML - CL
1.5 - 4.0 (2.5m)	78.7 - 76.2	Sand, some fine gravel trace of organics loose to dense SW - SM
4.0 - 18.3 (14.3m)	76.2 - 61.9	Silty clay, some organic material and fine sand, some layers of organic silty clay firm to stiff CL to (CL - OL)
18.3 - 21.3 (3m)	61.9 - 58.9	Bedrock Red shale

The groundwater level is estimated to be at 4.2 m depth (elevation 76 m) - i. e., 0.5 m above water level in Indian Creek.

Our recommendations for Retaining Wall #5 are as follows:

- Option 1: Standard cantilever retaining wall with spread footings on compacted granular 'A' as illustrated in figure 1.
- Option 2: Precast interlocking drywall - "Pisa Stone" as supplied by Risi Stone Ltd., Thornhill, on compacted granular 'A' as illustrated in figure 2. Refer to W. P. 606-74-02, Contract 76-51 for further construction details. The top of wall elevations may be slightly varied to suit stone thickness. If safety barriers are required, this option may not be applicable.

For both options, the following design values are recommended:

- Earth pressures should be computed as per Subsection 6.6.1.2.2 of the O.H.B.D.C.
- Bearing Capacity
  - Net Safe pressure 200 kPa
  - Capacity of S.L.S. Type II 200 kPa
  - Factored capacity at U.L.S. 500 kPa
- Sliding at Base
  - A friction co-efficient of 0.5 may be assumed to apply between the base of the footing and the underlying subsoil.
- Settlement
  - Under the above loading conditions, settlements of the wall foundations will be less than 25 mm.
- Suitable weepholes should be provided to relieve any buildup of excess hydrostatic pressure.
- The groundwater level is lower than the bottom of the proposed excavation.
- Cover should be 1.2 m to provide for frost protection.
- Foundation elevations
  - From STA: 0 + 310 to STA: 0+315, the existing material should be excavated to an elevation of 77.9 m. Following the design illustrated in figures 1 and 2, 0.6 m of compacted granular 'A' should be placed to an elevation of 78.5.

From STA: 0+300 to 0+310, the foundation elevation should parallel the contour of the existing surface.

If required, the wall may be stepped.

Our complete foundation investigation report will be submitted in the near future.

Should further information be required, please contact our office.

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D. H. Dundas,  
Project Foundations Engineer

for:

K. G. Selby,  
Senior Foundations Engineer

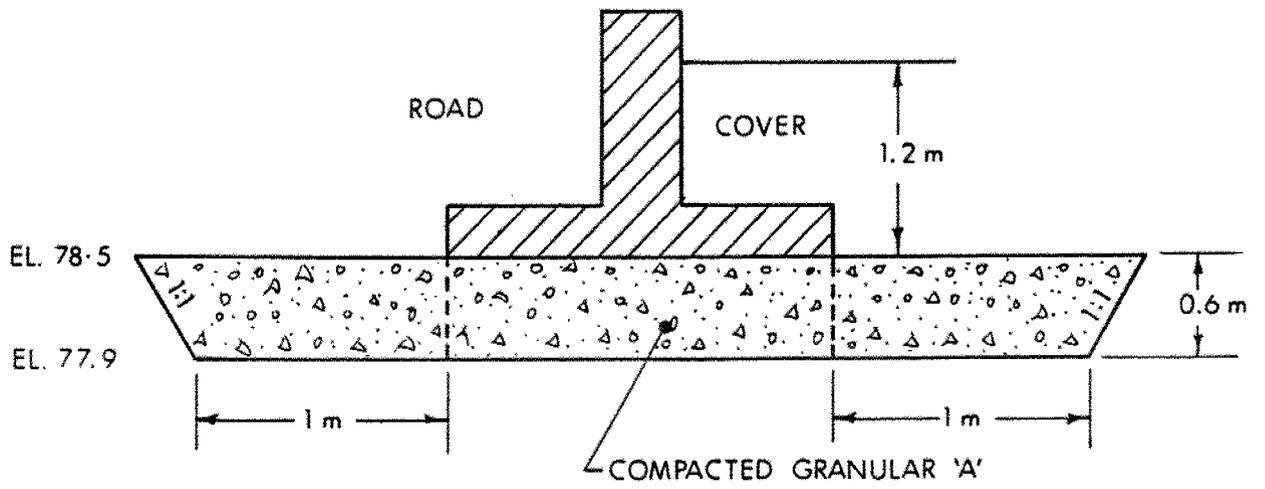


FIG. 1 - RETAINING WALL ON SPREAD FOOTING (sta.0+310 to sta.0+315)

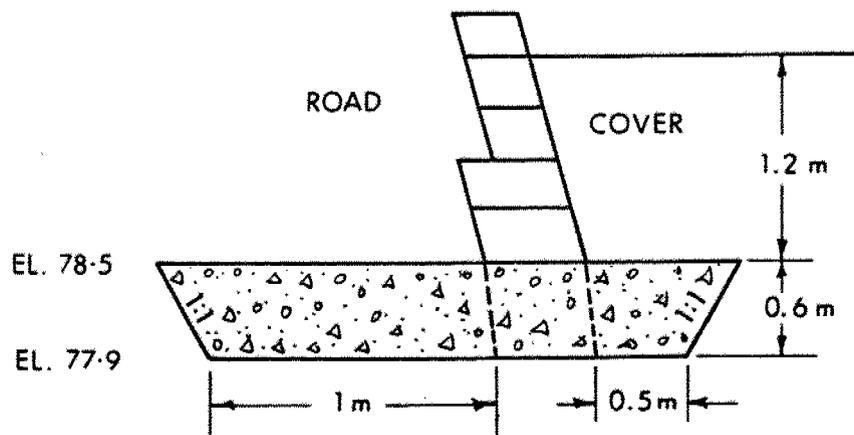


FIG. 2 - PISA WALL (sta. 0+310 to sta. 0+315 )

# memorandum



To: Mr. K.G. Selby,  
Senior Foundation Engineer,  
Pavement and Foundation  
Design Section,  
Central Building, Room #313,  
Downsview, Ontario.

Date: 1981-08-06

Central Region

Attention: Mr. P. Payer,  
Foundation Engineer

RE: Retaining Walls #1,4 and 5 at the  
Q.E.W./Highway 2 Interchange,  
W.P. 152-75-05, Site 10  
District 4, Hamilton

Thank you for your memo of 81-06-16 given foundation recommendations re. the above retaining walls #1 and #4.

At the time of our report, the need for retaining wall #5 (15 m long) had not been established. Having now been informed by the Consultants that this structural element is required, would you kindly arrange to have same also included in your report.

The attached two prints of site plan 306-31, showing in plan and profile details of Ret. Wall #5, will assist you in the necessary investigations.

According to our telephone conversation of today, we are proceeding with the design of such wall, based on a spread footing type of foundation.

Details of same will be submitted for your comments, in the near future.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. D. Bendayan".

MDB:rb  
Attach.

M. D. Bendayan,  
Senior Structural Engineer,  
for:  
G.C.E. Burkhardt,  
Head, Structural Section.

c.c. Mr. R. Fitzgibbon  
Mr. N. Sen



# memorandum



To: Mr. G.C.E. Burkhardt  
Head, Structural  
Central Region

Date: 81 06 16

From: Pavement & Foundation Design Section  
Central Building, Room 313  
Downsview, Ontario

Attention: M.D. Bendayan

Re: Retaining Walls #1 & #4  
Q.E.W. & Hwy. 2  
W.P. 152-75-05; Site 10  
District #4, Hamilton

In response to your verbal request our recommendations concerning the foundations of these retaining walls are as follows:

Retaining Wall #1 (Adjacent to Q.E.W., S.B. Collector Lanes)

Due to the irregular depths of the competent foundation subsoil, this wall should be built in independent segments. The following foundation types are recommended along the proposed retaining wall.

Sta: 11 + 686 (North End) - Sta: 11 + 700  
Spread footings on compacted granular 'A'

Sta: 11 + 700 - Sta: 11 + 715  
Spread footings on weathered shale, between elevation 80.5 ± and elevation 77.5 ±

Sta: 11 + 715 - Sta: 11 + 740  
Spread footings on compacted granular 'A'

Sta: 11 + 740 - Sta: 11 + 870 (South End)  
End bearing Steel 'H' piles with reinforced tips. Estimated tip elevations: elevation 71 ± to elevation 78 ±. Interpolate between stations as follows:

The following design values are recommended:

- a) Spread footings on compacted granular 'A'
- |                             |         |
|-----------------------------|---------|
| Net safe pressure           | 290 kPa |
| Capacity at S.L.S. Type II  | 290 kPa |
| Factored capacity at U.L.S. | 435 kPa |

{ 11+688                      11+730                      +8'4"                      11+853                      11+900 }  
{ el. 78.0                      el. 74.0                      el. 69.0                      el. 62.0                      el. 55.0 } ←

Piles will be driven to bedrock.

WALL IS 11+740 to 11+820

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- b) Spread footings on weathered shale
  - Net safe pressure 580 kPa
  - Capacity at S.L.S. Type II 580 kPa
  - Factored capacity at U.L.S. 870 kPa

c) Steel 'H' piles

<u>Pile Type</u>	<u>Safe Capacity</u>	<u>Capacity at S.L.S. Type II</u>	<u>Factored Capacity At U.L.S.</u>
310HP110	1150 KN	1150 KN	1600 KN
310HP79	760 KN	760 KN	1060 KN

Retaining Wall #4 (At Ramp W-Q.E.W., N.B. Collector)

The entire wall may be supported on Steel 'H' piles equipped with reinforced tips and driven to elevation 70 ±. Recommended design values: similar to those given (C), Steel 'H' piles).

Other Considerations

The frost protection requirement in this area is 1.2 m of earth cover.

Earth pressures should be computed as per subsection 6.6.1.2.2. of the O.H.B.D.C.

It is recommended that the surface of the weathered shale ~~be~~ protected by a layer (3 cm) of lean concrete immediately upon exposure.

The width of the granular 'A' pad should extend for a minimum distance of 1 m horizontally on each side of the footing and vertically for about 2 m. The slope of this granular pad should not be less than 1:1.

The existing embankments should be protected during construction.

~~The pile driving should be controlled on the field by MTC Standards SS103-11 or SS103-10.~~ It is recommended that the driving energy should not be less than 50 000 joules per blow. Piles should be driven to bedrock.

At locations where the piles are closer than 4 m to buried utilities (in this case a storm sewer) the piles should be pre-augered at least 2 m below the invert level.

If the excavations for spread footings or pile caps are carried out below the prevailing water level a dewatering scheme may be required.

Our complete foundation investigation report will be submitted in the near future.

Should further information be required please contact our office.

P. Payer  
Foundations Engineer

For

K. G. Selby  
Senior Foundations Engineer

# memorandum



To: Mr. N. Sen  
Project Manager  
Planning & Design Section  
Central Region

Date: 1981 05 05

From: Pavement & Foundation Design Section  
Room 313, Central Building  
Downsview

Re: Q.E.W. Southbound Collector Embankment South of Hwy. 2  
Sta. 12+280 to Sta. 12+540, W.P. 152-75-05,  
District 4, Hamilton

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We have now completed the foundation investigation and analysis for the above mentioned embankment location. This memo will summarize the subsoil conditions encountered and detail our final recommendations with regards to embankment design and construction as per our discussions at the DeLCan progress meeting dated 81 04 14.

No further report will be issued for this project except for the documents required for contract purposes, which will be prepared upon receipt of the final grading drawings.

## Subsurface Conditions

Overlying the site and encountered for depths ranging from 1.0 to 3.4 metres is a surficial fill material consisting of a brown sand and gravel, generally compact in denseness. This fill material is underlain by 1 to 4.2 metres of a grey alluvial silty sand which becomes interbedded with alternating layers of silty clay, increasing in bedding frequency towards the bottom of this stratum. Standard Penetration Test 'N' values indicate a very loose to compact denseness, but generally can be described as loose for the silty sand stratum.

Underlying the natural granular deposit and encountered for a maximum depth of 12.5 metres is a greenish-grey highly compressible organic clay (OH) with random seams, lenses and inclusions of black organics. This material oxidized very rapidly to a char-coal colour. Included organic material ranged from decayed wood fibre and leaves to small shells.

Results of laboratory testing on representative samples from this deposit are summarized below.

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		<u>Range</u>	<u>Average</u>
Liquid Limit	(w <sub>L</sub> )%	61 - 114	86
Plastic Limit	(w <sub>P</sub> )%	32 - 90	57
Plasticity Index	(I <sub>p</sub> )%	21 - 29	25
Water Content	(w)%	57 - 149	92
Unit Weight	(Y) kN/m <sup>3</sup>	12.1 - 15.8	14.1
Organic Content	(O <sub>m</sub> )%	6.9 - 24.8	13.7

Shear strength testing consisting of in-situ field vane, unconfined compression and quick triaxial lab tests indicate the organic clay deposit to have a firm to stiff consistency, with the upper 6.5 metres described as firm, in the 22 to 40 kPa range.

The organic clay stratum is underlain by a thin veneer of red silty clay till which is known to overlie shale bedrock in the area.

Groundwater levels across the site were found to reflect creek water levels at the time of investigation.

#### Discussion and Recommendations

Present planning calls for the construction of approach embankments between the existing Q.E.W. embankment and Indian Creek for the southbound collector overpass at Hwy. 2.

In consideration of the proposed height of fill, proximity of embankment toe to creek channel slopes, and the firm, highly compressible nature of the underlying organic clays concern was expressed with regards to the integrity of the proposed embankment.

Numerous stability analyses in terms of total stresses were carried out for representative embankment cross sections based on various alternative profile grade arrangements. After much discussion it was agreed that profile 3 incorporating a lowering of the S.B. collector bridge profile by some .77 metres be adopted thus eliminating costly subexcavation and replacement schemes.

Our comments with regards to embankments constructed to profile 3 are as follows:

- In order to insure the stability of fills constructed with 2:1 slopes to the proposed profile grade, all embankment fill material should consist of lightweight fill (i.e. air cooled slag) with a maximum in place compacted unit weight of 14.1 kN/m<sup>3</sup> (i.e. 90 p.c.f.). Embankments should be constructed with this lightweight fill between stations 12+280 and 12+540 within the full plan limits of the embankment.

$$\phi = 35^\circ$$

- The embankment should be constructed in stages with the initial 5 metres of lightweight fill being placed and allowed to consolidate for 6 months. Then each successive 1 metre lift should be placed at 1 month intervals. By using stage construction techniques the stability of the embankment is increased and a majority of the consolidation settlements are allowed to occur prior to paving operations thus decreasing long term maintenance costs.

We trust the information provided is sufficient for your present requirements. Please feel free to contact this Section if further discussion is required.



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Foundations Engineer

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cc: M. Bendayan  
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# FOUNDATION INVESTIGATION REPORT

For

Retaining Walls #1, #4 and #5

W. P. 152-75-05, Site 10, Q.E.W. District 4, Hamilton

## INTRODUCTION:

This report summarizes the results of a foundation investigation for the above-noted retaining walls. The fieldwork was conducted during the periods from 1981 05 07-12 and 1982 05 18-19 for Retaining Wall #1; 1981 05 13-14 for Retaining Wall #4; 1981 08 24-25 for Retaining Wall #5. Continuous-flight auger machines equipped with 82 mm I.D. hollow-stem augers and BX core barrels, and a modified diamond drill equipped with NX casing were utilized in the fieldwork.

This report supersedes the previous correspondence relating to these projects.

The fieldwork is summarized in the following table:

SITE LOCATION	Sampled Boreholes with Dynamic Cone Penetration Tests	Boring Depth Range (metres)	Number of Boreholes Bedrock Coring	Coring Depth Range (metres)
A)Retaining Wall #1	7	6.1 -10.4	2	3
B)Retaining Wall #4	3	7.1 - 9.3	2	3
C)Retaining Wall #5	1	18.3	1	3

## DESCRIPTION OF SITE AND GEOLOGY

The sites are located:-

- in the jurisdiction of the City of Burlington, Regional Municipality of Halton
- in the physiographic region of the Iroquois Plain, a lowland area bordering Lake Ontario.

A) Retaining Wall #1

The site is located approximately 350 metres north of the QEW-Hwy.2 interchange on the west side of the QEW S.B. lanes. The adjacent land, to the west, is a conservation area.

The topography of the site consists of a valley, approximately 5 metres below the elevation of the QEW. Indian Creek flows through the valley from north to south.

At this site, silty clay (till) overlies shaly red clay that has been derived from the underlying Queenston shale. In the valley, surface organic deposits overlie the silty clay.

B) Retaining Wall #4

The site is located directly in front of the Burlington OPP station, approximately 150 metres northeast of the QEW N.B. lanes along the exit ramp to E.B. Hwy.2. The adjacent areas have institutional developments.

The topography of the site consists of a flat plain, ranging from approximately 1 to 2 metres below the elevation of the existing exit ramp.

At this site, silty sand overlies silty clay and shale bedrock.

C) Retaining Wall #5

The site is located approximately 80 metres north of the QEW-Hwy.2 intersection on the west side of Exit Ramp S-EW. The adjacent land, to the west, is a conservation area.

The topography of the site consists of:-

- at the north end, approximately a 4 metre drop from the ramp embankment to the valley of Indian Creek,
- at the south end, approximately a 1 metre drop from the ramp embankment to the filled area over the culvert bridging Indian Creek.

A sheet pile retaining wall divides the valley and the raised fill area.

At this site the surface fill is underlain by silty clay with occasional layers containing organics, then bedrock.

#### SUBSURFACE CONDITIONS

For Retaining Walls #1, #4 and #5, soil boundaries, insitu and laboratory test results, and ground water levels are shown on the appended Record of Borehole Sheets. The locations and elevations of the borings, along with several estimated stratigraphical profiles based on the borehole data, are shown on Drawings No. 1527505-A (Ret.Wall #1), No. 1527505-B (Ret.Wall #4), and 1527505-C (Ret.Wall #5).

##### A) Retaining Wall #1

The site is underlain by shale bedrock. Silty clay till overlies the bedrock and is the surface material of the natural embankments at BH #1 and #5. Silty clay to organic silt overlies the silty clay till at BH #2, #3, #4, #10 and #11. The surface material is silty clay fill at BH #2, #4, #10 and #11. Soft undecayed organic material is at the surface of BH #3. No water was observed at BH #1, #4 and #5. The water levels at BH #2, #3, #10 and #11 was approximately at elevation 77.3.

Descriptions of the soils and bedrock encountered are presented below, sequentially from the surface to termination of the boreholes.

#### Fill Material

Silty clay, some sand, some gravel is the surface fill material at BH#2, #4, #10 and #11. This material ranges in thickness from 3.2 m at BH#10 (roadway embankment) to 1.2 m at BH #4 (valley). The 'N' values from the Standard Penetration Test indicate a stiff to very stiff condition.

Under the roadway fill at BH #10 and #11, the silty clay fill is underlain by silty sand fill which ranges in depth from 2.6 m (BH #10) to 0.7 m (BH #11).

Organics

This deposit is the surface layer at the location of BH #3, and has a thickness of approximately 1.5 m.

The 'N' value indicates a very soft condition.

Field inspection of the sample indicated that the organic material was undecayed and possibly fill.

Silty Clay to Organic Silt; Occ. Sand Layers

At BH #2, #3, #10 and #11, this material underlies the surface fill and extends for a thickness ranging from 1.0 to 2.5 m. Physical properties of the deposit, as determined by field and laboratory tests are summarized below:

	Range
Natural Moisture Content (%)	21.5 - 34.5
Liquid Limit (%)	21.5 - 47.0
Plastic Limit (%)	14.0 - 33.5
Bulk Density (kN /m <sup>3</sup> )	18.2 - 19.5
Undrained Shear Strength (kPa)	
Unconfined	14.3 - 43.6

The consistency of the deposit ranges from soft to stiff. Grain size distribution is shown in Figure 1, Appendix. The material has generally low plasticity, although some layers have intermediate plasticity.

Silty Clay; Some Sand, Some Gravel

This material is located immediately above the shale bedrock at all borehole locations. In the natural embankments, at BH #1 and #5 it is the surface material and ranges in depth from 5.2 to 7.0 metres. In the valley, at BH #2, #3 and #4, it lies below, from 1.2 to 4.0 metres of other overburden, and extends for a depth of from 3.4 to 5.8 metres. Below the roadway fill embankment, at BH #10 and #11 it ranges in thickness from 2.5 to 3.9 metres. At BH #11 this deposit contains irregular layers of silt to silty sand.

Physical properties of the deposit, as determined by field and laboratory tests are summarized below:

	Range
Natural Moisture Content (%)	8.5 - 20.5
Liquid Limit (%)	18.0 - 30.5
Plastic Limit (%)	13.5 - 17.0
Bulk Density (kN/m <sup>3</sup> )	21.6 (one test)

The consistency of the deposit ranges from firm to hard, increasing with depth as the material grades into weathered shale. Grain size distribution is shown in Figure 2, Appendix. The material has low plasticity.

#### Bedrock

The bedrock at this site is medium hard, red and green shale with occasional layers of shaly, silty limestone. It is overlain by transitional zones grading from silty clay with shaly layers to weathered shale. Refer to the borehole log sheets for bedrock elevations, and the Appendix, Table 1, for the geologist's description of the core.

#### B) Retaining Wall #4

At this site silty clay overlies the shale bedrock. The surface material is silty sand. All boreholes were dry.

Description of the soils and bedrock encountered are presented below, sequentially from surface to borehole termination.

#### Silty Sand; Some Clay

This deposit is the surface material at the site, ranging in thickness from 3.0 to 5.2 metres.

Natural moisture contents range from 12% to 20%.

The Standard Penetration Test 'N' values (5 to 66 blows / 0.3 m) indicate a compact to very dense condition. Grain size distribution is shown in Figure 3, Appendix.

Silty Clay; Some Sand, Some/Trace Gravel

This material is located immediately above the shale bedrock at all borehole locations, ranging in thickness from 2.5 to 3.6 metres. Its physical properties, as determined by field and laboratory tests are summarized below:

	Range
Natural Moisture Content (%)	11.5 - 26.5
Liquid Limit (%)	19.5 - 32.5
Plastic Limit (%)	14.0 - 16.5
Bulk Density (kN/m <sup>3</sup> )	19.5 - 20.4
Undrained Shear Strength (kPa)	
Unconfined	61.4 - 75.6
Quick Triaxial	93.4 (one test)

The consistency of the deposit ranges from stiff to hard, increasing with depth as the material grades into weathered shale. Grain size distribution is shown in Figure 2, Appendix. The material has low plasticity.

Bedrock

The bedrock at this site is medium hard, red and green shale with occasional layers of shaly, silty limestone. It is overlain by transitional zones grading from silty clay with shaly layers to weathered shale. Refer to the borehole log sheets for bedrock elevations, and the Appendix, Table 1, for the geologist's description of the core.

C) Retaining Wall #5

The site is underlain by shale bedrock. Silty clay with layers containing organics overlies the bedrock. The surficial deposit at the borehole locations is fill material. The water level was measured at a depth of 13.7 m (elev. 66.6) approximately the same level as Indian Creek.

Description of the soils and bedrock encountered are presented below, sequentially from surface to borehole termination.

Fill Material; Sandy Clay to Sand; Some Gravel, Some Organics

This surface fill material extends for a depth of 4.0 m. The upper 2 metres is cohesive material (with consistency ranging from firm to stiff) with low plasticity. Below this lies 2 metres of non-cohesive material with a range in denseness from loose to dense.

Silty Clay; Some Gravel; Trace/Some/With Organics

This deposit extends for 13.2 m and is located immediately above bedrock. Layers at elevations 73.3 to 71.8 and 69.6 to 52.9 contain significant amounts of organic material. Physical properties of the deposit, as determined by field and laboratory tests are summarized below:

	Range
Natural Moisture Content (%)	26.0 - 40.0
Liquid Limit (%)	47.0 - 49.5
Plastic Limit (%)	24.0 - 25.0
Bulk Density (kN/m <sup>3</sup> )	17.0 - 17.6
Undrained Shear Strength (kPa)	
Unconfined	45.6 - 74.6
Field Vane	61.4 - 101.7

The consistency of the deposit ranges from firm to stiff. The material has intermediate plasticity.

Bedrock

The bedrock at this site is medium hard, red and green shale with occasional layers of shaly, silty limestone. It is overlain by transitional zones grading from silty clay with shaly layers to weathered shale. Refer to the borehole log sheets for bedrock elevations.

DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Retaining walls #1, #4 and #5 are required for the proposed road designs. General foundation recommendations for all of these retaining walls are provided below, followed by specific design data for each site.

General Recommendations for Retaining Walls #1, #4 and #5

- For frost protection, a minimum cover of 1.2 m is required.
- The existing embankments should be protected during construction.
- If the excavations for spread footings or pile caps are carried out below the prevailing ground water level, a dewatering scheme may be required.

A) Retaining Wall #1 (Adjacent to QEW S.B. Collector Lanes, N.of Hwy.2)

The retaining wall can be founded on end-bearing steel 'H' piles with reinforced tips. The piles are to be driven to bedrock. Estimated tip elevations range from elevation 74.0 at Sta. 11 + 740 to elevation 69.0 at Sta. 11 + 820.

The following design values are recommended:

<u>Pile Type</u>	<u>Safe Capacity</u>
310 HP 110	1150 kN
310 HP 79	820 kN

and for the purpose of the O.H.B.D.C.:

<u>Pile Type</u>	<u>Factored Capacity at U.L.S.</u>	<u>Capacity at S.L.S. Type II</u>
310 HP 110	1600 kN	1150 kN
310 HP 79	1150 kN	820 kN

Earth pressures should be computed as per Subsection 6.6.1.2.2 of the O.H.B.D.C. assuming a non-yielding foundation condition in which the at-rest condition applies.

The following construction procedures are recommended at Retaining Wall #1.

- 1) Drive protective sheeting into glacial till (or weathered shale). Estimated tip elevations are - for Sta. 11 + 740 Elev. 77.5; for Sta. 11 + 820 Elev. 74.0. The top of the sheeting should be at elev. 80.3 from which point the existing embankment behind the sheeting should be trimmed to 1.5 horizontal: 1 vertical or flatter. Protect the granular material on the exposed embankment slope against erosion with suitable polyethylene sheeting.
- 2) Install tiebacks, if required.
- 3) Excavate for footing and construct it.
- 4) Construct concrete retaining wall, founded on steel H-piles, as recommended.
- 5) Cut off sheeting at top of footing and backfill simultaneously.

In order to estimate the earth pressures on the retaining wall, the following values are recommended:

a) Granular Soil

$$K_a = 0.33$$

$$K_o = 0.50$$

$$\text{Unit Weight } \gamma = 21.2 \text{ kN/m}^3$$

b) Cohesive Soil

$$K_a = 0.45$$

$$K_o = 0.57$$

$$\text{Unit Weight } \gamma = 19.0 \text{ kN/m}^3$$

NOTE: Assume water level at elev. 77.3. Compute passive resistance below the bottom of the footing as  $\frac{1}{2}H + 2c$  where  $c = 30 \text{ kPa}$ .

The exact location of the existing 1200 mm diameter concrete pipe (sewer) should be determined by the designer. If the sewer is located less than 4 m from the footing. The piles should be pre-augered at least 2 m below the invert level.

B) Retaining Wall #4 (At Ramp S-E)

The entire wall may be supported on steel 'H' piles equipped with reinforced tips and driven to elevation 70 ±.

The following design values are recommended:

<u>Pile Type</u>	<u>Safe Capacity</u>
310 HP 110	1150 kN
310 HP 79	820 kN

and for the purposes of the O.H.B.D.C.:

<u>Pile Type</u>	<u>Factored Capacity at U.L.S.</u>	<u>Capacity at S.L.S. Type II</u>
310 HP 110	1600 kN	1150 kN
310 HP 79	1150 kN	820 kN

Earth pressures should be computed as per Subsection 6.6.1.2.2 of the O.H.B.D.C. assuming a non-yielding foundation condition with  $K_0=0.5$  for granular backfill.

C) Retaining Wall #5 (At Ramp N-EW)

Option 1: Standard cantilever retaining wall with spread footings on compacted granular 'A' as illustrated in Figure 1.

Option 2: Precast interlocking drywall - "Pisa Stone" as supplied by Risi Stone Ltd., Thornhill, on compacted granular 'A' as illustrated in Figure 2. Refer to W.P. 606-74-02, Contract 76-51 for further construction details. The top of wall elevations may be slightly varied to suit stone thickness. If safety barriers are required, this option may not be applicable.

For both options, the following design values are recommended:

- Earth pressures should be computed as per Subsection 6.6.1.2.2 of the O.H.B.D.C. assuming a yielding foundation condition with  $K_a=0.33$  for granular backfill.

- Bearing Capacity

Net Safe pressure 200 kPa

and for the purposes of the O.H.B.D.C.:

Capacity of S.L.S. Type II 200 kPa

Factored capacity at U.L.S. 500 kPa

- Sliding at Base

A friction co-efficient of 0.5 may be assumed to apply between the base of the footing and the underlying subsoil.

- Settlement

Under the above loading conditions, settlements of the wall foundations will be less than 25 mm.

- Suitable weepholes should be provided to relieve any buildup of excess hydrostatic pressure.

- The groundwater level is lower than the bottom of the proposed excavation.

For the complete length of the wall (Sta. 300 to 315) the existing soil should be excavated to a sufficient depth to achieve the geometry of Fig. 4 or Fig. 5. The minimum thickness of the granular pad required is 0.6 m. It should be noted however that all existing soil above elev. 77.9 must be removed.

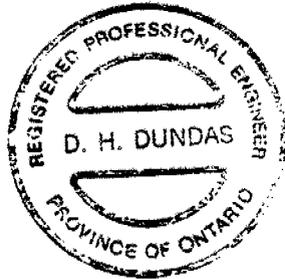
If required, the wall may be stepped.

MISCELLANEOUS

The fieldwork for these investigations was carried out under the supervision of Mr. D. H. Dundas, Project Foundation Engineer. The rock core was examined by Mrs. Z. Koniuszy, Geologist.

The drilling equipment was owned and operated by Atcost Soil Drilling Inc. and Master Soil Investigation Ltd.

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A P P E N D I X



RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 2

RETAINING WALL # 1

W P 152-75-05 LOCATION Co-ords. N 4 797 311.0 E 279 497.5 ORIGINATED BY D. H. D.  
 DIST 4 HWY Q. E. W. BOREHOLE TYPE Cont. Flight Auger; H. S. COMPILED BY P. E.  
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 81 05 07 and 81 05 08 CHECKED BY D.H.D.

SOIL PROFILE		SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT		PLASTIC LIMIT W <sub>p</sub>	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT W	LIQUID LIMIT W <sub>L</sub>	UNIT WEIGHT γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE			'N' VALUES	20					
78.7	Ground Level												
0.0	Silty Clay Some sand, some gravel, Stiff (Fill Material)		1	SS	12								
77.2			2	SS	4								
1.5	Silty Clay to Organic Silt Occasional sand layers soft to firm		3	TW	PH								0 4 74 22
			4	TW	PH								18.2 0 5 75 20
74.7			5	TW	PH								18.3 0 9 65 26
4.0	Silty Clay some sand, some gravel hard		6	TW	PH								19.7 0 19 53 28
	with shaly layers		7	SS	33								
			8	SS	112								
			9	SS	115/23	5 CB							
			10	SS	50/5	5 CB							
70.3													
8.4	Bedrock shale weathered sound		11	RC BXL	100%								
			12	RC BXL	98%								
66.5													
12.2	End of Borehole												

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+<sup>3</sup>, x<sup>5</sup>: Numbers refer to Sensitivity  
 20  
 15 - 5 (%) STRAIN AT FAILURE  
 10

### RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 3

RETAINING WALL #1

W P 152-75-05 LOCATION Co-ords. N 4 797 340.0 E 279 471.0 ORIGINATED BY D. H. D.  
 DIST 4 HWY O. E. W. BOREHOLE TYPE Cont. Flight Auger; H. S. COMPILED BY P. P.  
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 81 05 08 CHECKED BY D.H.D.

SOIL PROFILE		SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT		PLASTIC LIMIT W <sub>p</sub>	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT W	LIQUID LIMIT W <sub>L</sub>	UNIT WEIGHT γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	NUMBER	TYPE	'N' VALUES			20	40					
78.8	Ground Level												GR SA SI CL
0.0	Organics very soft	1	SS	2		78							
77.3		2	SS	4									
1.5	Silty Clay to Organic Silt Occasional sand layers	3	TW	PH		76						19.5	
		4	TW	PH								18.3	0 51 39 10
74.8		5	TW	PH								21.6	
4.0	Silty Clay some sand, some gravel  Hard with shaly layers	6	SS	100	20 cm	74							19 15 (66)
		7	SS	60	8 cm								
69.0						72							
68.8	Shale weathered					70							
10.0	End of Borehole					68							

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15 5 (%) STRAIN AT FAILURE  
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### RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 4

RETAINING WALL #1

W P 152-75-05 LOCATION Co-ords. N 4 797 397.0 E 279 409.5 ORIGINATED BY D.H.D.  
 DIST 4 HWY Q. E. W. BOREHOLE TYPE Cont. Flight Auger COMPILED BY P.P.  
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 81-05-12 CHECKED BY D.H.D.

SOIL PROFILE			SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT		PLASTIC LIMIT W <sub>p</sub>	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT W	LIQUID LIMIT W <sub>L</sub>	UNIT WEIGHT γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)		
ELEV. DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT. PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	'N' VALUES			20	40						60	80
79.0	Ground Level															
0.0	Silty Clay some sand, some gravel (FILL MATERIAL) stiff hard		1	SS	11											
			2	SS	50	15 cm										
			3	SS	98	25 cm										
	with shaly layers hard															
74.4																
4.0	Bedrock shale		4	RC EXL	422											
	weathered sound		5	RC EXL	922											
69.9																
9.1	End of Borehole															

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 20  
 15  
 10  
 5 (%) STRAIN AT FAILURE

### RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 5

RETAINING WALL #1

W P 152-75-05 LOCATION Co-ords. N 4 797 429.0 E 279 380.0 ORIGINATED BY D. H. D.  
 DIST 4 HWY Q. E. W. BOREHOLE TYPE Cont. Flight Auger COMPILED BY P. P.  
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 81 05 12 CHECKED BY D.H.D.

SOIL PROFILE		SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT		PLASTIC LIMIT W <sub>p</sub>	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT W	LIQUID LIMIT W <sub>L</sub>	UNIT WEIGHT Y	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%) GR SA SI CL
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE			'N' VALUES	20					
84.6	Ground Level												
0.0	Silty Clay some sand, some gravel hard				DRY	84							
			1	SS	46								
			2	SS	80								
			3	SS	90/23	82							24 26 40 10
			4	SS	60/15								
	with shaly layers												
79.4			5	SS	109/25								
5.2	Bedrock weathered												
78.5	Shale sound		6	SS	60/3								
6.1	End of Borehole					78							

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RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 6

RETAINING WALL #4

W P 152-75-05 LOCATION Co-ords. N 4 797 118.5 E 297 993.0 ORIGINATED BY D. H. D.  
 DIST 4 HWY Q. E. W. BOREHOLE TYPE Cont. Flight Auger; H. S. COMPILED BY P. P.  
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 81 05 13 CHECKED BY D.H.D.

SOIL PROFILE		SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT		PLASTIC LIMIT W <sub>p</sub>	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT W	LIQUID LIMIT W <sub>L</sub>	UNIT WEIGHT γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)	
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	NUMBER	TYPE	'N' VALUES			20	40						60
78.6	Ground Level													
0.0	Silty Sand some clay compact to dense	1	SS	12										
		2	SS	23	DRY									
		3	SS	34										
75.6	Silty Clay some sand, trace of gravel stiff to very stiff with shaly layers hard	4	SS	19										
		5	SS	9										
		6	SS	60/15										
		7	SS	92/23	cm									
72.5	Bedrock Shale weathered													
6.1		8	RC EXL	67%										
67.9		9	RC EXL	45%										
10.7	End of Borehole													

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### RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 7

RETAINING WALL #4

W P 152-75-05 LOCATION Co-ords. N 4 797 085.0 E 280 013.0 ORIGINATED BY O. J.  
 DIST 4 HWY Q. E. W. BOREHOLE TYPE Continuous Flight Auger COMPILED BY P. P.  
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 81 05 14 CHECKED BY D.H.D.

SOIL PROFILE		SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT					NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT			UNIT WEIGHT $\gamma$ kN/m <sup>3</sup>	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%) GR SA SI CL
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	NUMBER	TYPE	'N' VALUES			20	40	60	80	100	W <sub>p</sub>	W	W <sub>L</sub>		
77.5	Ground Level															
0.0	Silty Sand some clay compact	1	SS	13	DRY		SHEAR STRENGTH kPa ○ UNCONFINED + FIELD VANE ● QUICK TRIAXIAL x LAB VANE			WATER CONTENT (%) W <sub>p</sub> W    W <sub>L</sub>			20.3 20.4	0 35 50 15		
74.5		2	SS	16												
74.5		3	SS	14												
3.0	Silty Clay Some sand, trace of gravel stiff with shaly layers hard	4	TW	PH												
		5	TW	PH												
72.0		6	SS	112												
5.5	Bedrock Shale															
	weathered sound															
		7	RC BXL	93%												
		8	RC BXL	100%												
66.8																
10.7	End of Borehole															

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 20  
 15  $\diamond$  5 (%) STRAIN AT FAILURE  
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### RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 8

W P 152-75-05 LOCATION RETAINING WALL #4 ORIGINATED BY O. J.  
 Co-ords. N 4 797 031.0 E 280 002.0  
 DIST 4 HWY O. E. W. BOREHOLE TYPE Continuous Flight Auger; H. S. COMPILED BY P. P.  
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 81 15 14 CHECKED BY D.H.D.

SOIL PROFILE		SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT					PLASTIC NATURAL LIQUID LIMIT MOISTURE LIMIT			UNIT WEIGHT Y kN/m <sup>3</sup>	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%) GR SA SI CL
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE			'N' VALUES	20	40	60	80	100	W <sub>p</sub>	W		
81.0	Ground Level															
0.0	Silty Sand some clay  compact to very dense		1	SS	5											0 42 43 15
			2	SS	12											0 41 43 15
			3	SS	66											
			4	SS	38											
			5	SS	35											
75.8			6	SS	27											
5.2	Silty Clay some sand, trace of gravel  stiff with shaly layers hard		7	SS	13											0 5 57 38
			8	TW	PH											0 9 (91)
			9	SS	8											
			10	SS	8											
			11	SS	70											0 22 48 30
72.2																
71.7	*Shale, weathered		12	SS	77/2 cm											
9.3	End of Borehole  *Bedrock, Shale, weathered hard															

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+3, x5: Numbers refer to  
Sensitivity

20  
15  $\phi$  5 (%) STRAIN AT FAILURE  
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### RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 9

RETAINING WALL #5

W P 152-75-05 LOCATION Co-ords. N 4 797 075 E 279 664 ORIGINATED BY D. D.  
 DIST 4 HWY Q. E. W. BOREHOLE TYPE Hollow Stem Augers and Cone Test COMPILED BY O. J.  
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 81 08 24 25 CHECKED BY D.H.D.

SOIL PROFILE			SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT		PLASTIC LIMIT W <sub>p</sub>	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT W	LIQUID LIMIT W <sub>L</sub>	UNIT WEIGHT γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)	
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	'N' VALUES			20	40						60
80.3	Ground Level														
0.0	Sandy Clay some gravel, some organics firm to stiff (FILL MATERIAL)	[Hatched]	1	SS	11										
			2	SS	6										
			3	SS	5										
			4	SS	34										
			5	SS	18										
76.3	Sand, some gravel, trace of organics, loose to dense (FILL MATERIAL)	[Hatched]	6	SS	8										
			7	SS	15										
4.0	Silty Clay some sand, trace of gravel, trace of organics firm to stiff	[Hatched]	8	SS	9										
			9	TW	PH								17.6		
			10	SS	7										
			11	SS	7										
			12	TW	PH									17.1	
			13	SS	10										
			14	TW	PH										17.0
			15	SS	14										
			16	SS	15										
			17	SS	80	2 cm									
63.1	Bedrock shale weathered sound	[Hatched]	18	RC EXL	100%										
17.2			19	RC EXL	93%										
59.0			20	RC EXL											
21.3	End of Borehole														

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+3, +5: Numbers refer to 20  
Sensitivity 15-5 (%) STRAIN AT FAILURE  
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### RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 10

W P 152-75-05 LOCATION Co-ords. N 4 797 368.0: E 279 457.0 ORIGINATED BY D.D.  
 DIST 4 HWY Q.E.W. BOREHOLE TYPE NX Casing COMPILED BY O.J.  
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 82 05 18-19 CHECKED BY D.D.

SOIL PROFILE		SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT		PLASTIC LIMIT W <sub>p</sub>	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT W	LIQUID LIMIT W <sub>L</sub>	UNIT WEIGHT γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE			'N' VALUES	SHEAR STRENGTH					
84.7	Ground Level												
0.0	Fill Material												
	Silty Clay (CL) Some Sand, Some Gravel Stiff	X	1	SS	7								
		X	2	SS	6								
	Silty Sand Trace of Gravel and Clay Occ. Organics Loose to Compact	X	3	SS	10								
		X	4	SS	18								
78.9		X	5	SS	7								1 64 24 11
5.8	Silty Clay to Organic Silt	X	6	SS	5								1 52 31 16
	Occ. Sand Layers Firm	X	7	SS	8								
76.8		X	8	SS	6								
7.9	Silty Clay (CL) Some Sand, Some Gravel Very Stiff (Till)	X	9	SS	21								
74.3		X											
10.4	Probable Bedrock End of Borehole	X											

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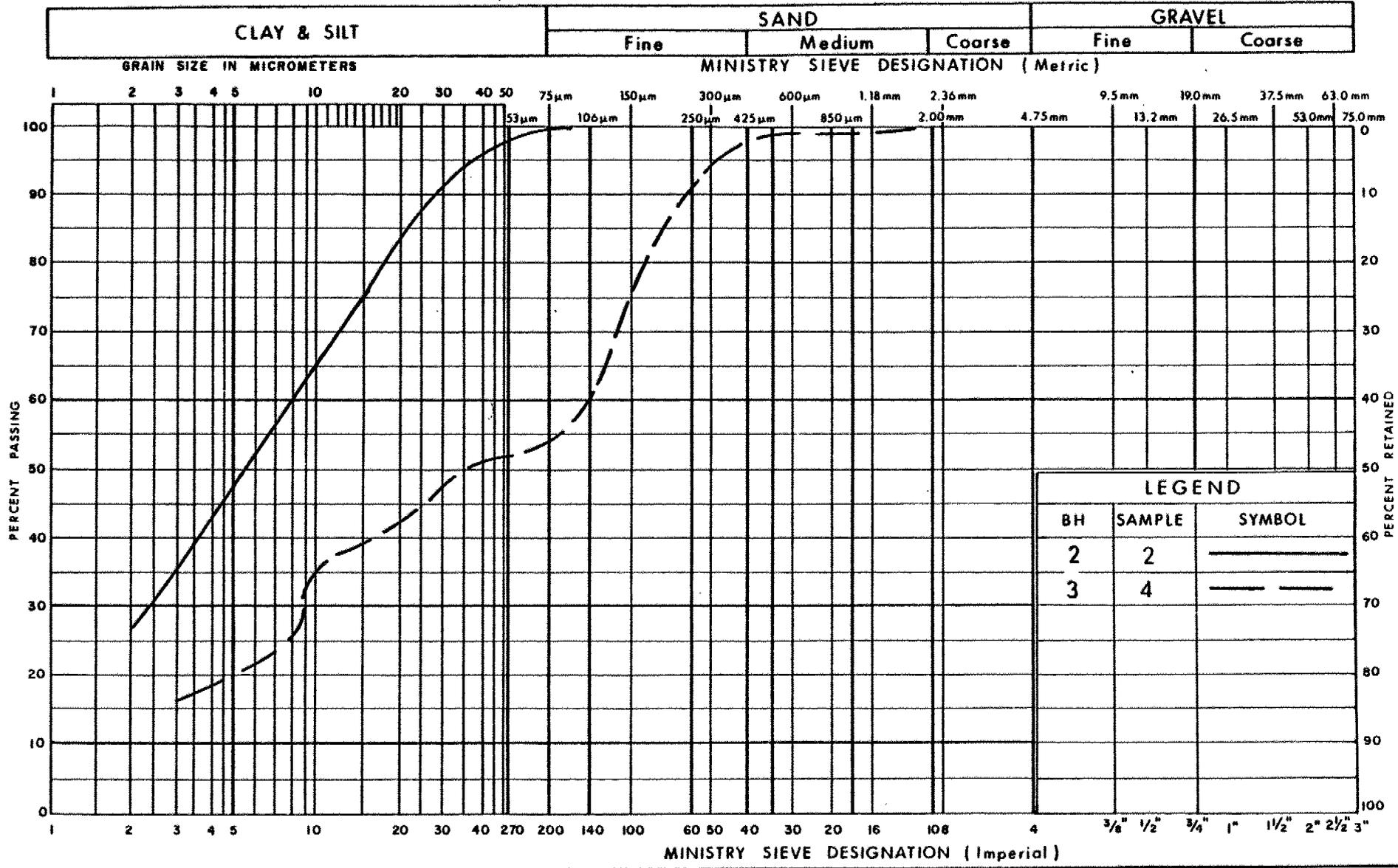
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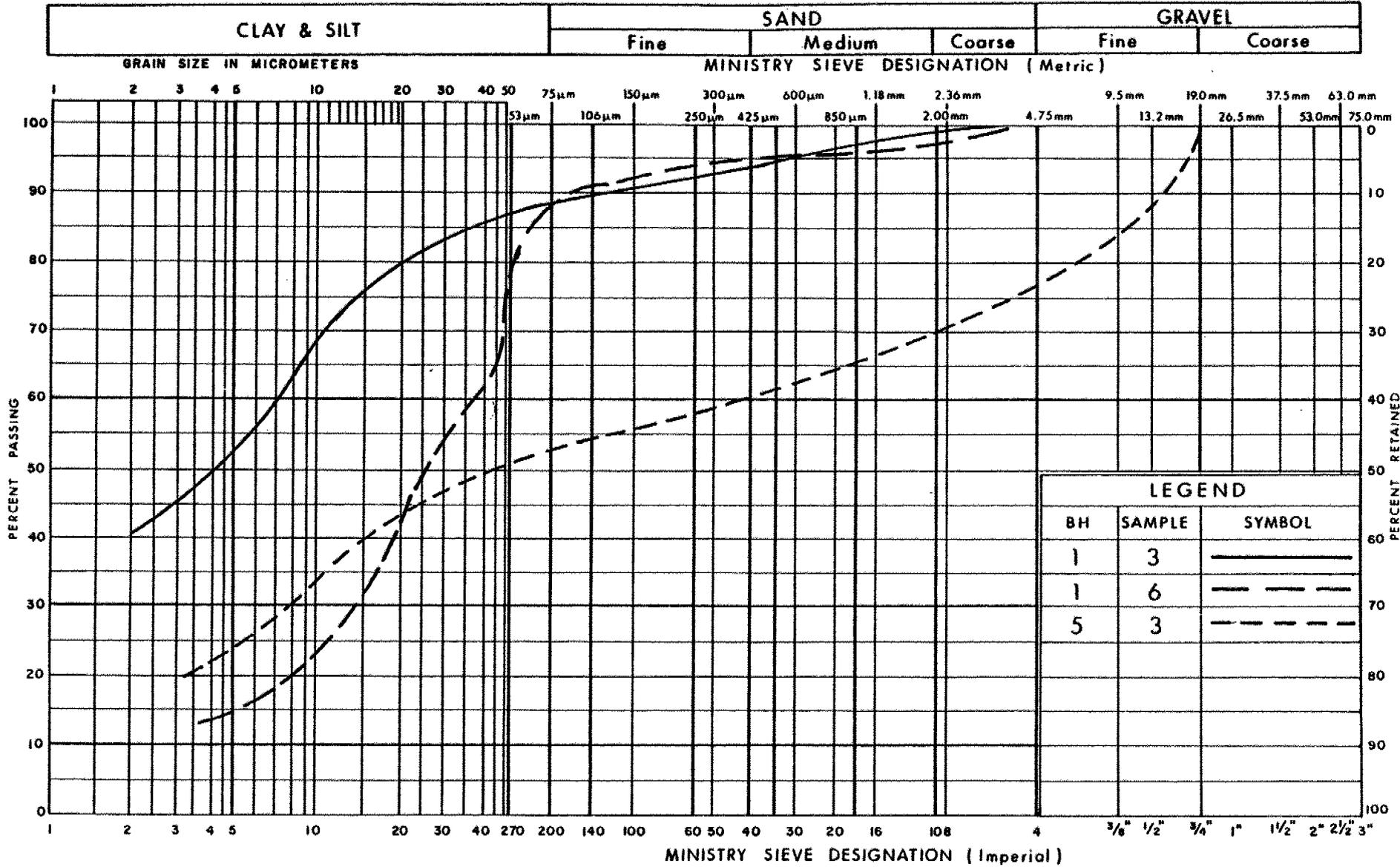
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ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	'N' VALUES			20	40	60	80					
81.5	Ground Level															
0.0	Fill Material															
	Silty Clay (CL)		1	SS	19											
	Some Sand, Some Gravel, Occ. organics		2	SS	27											
79.1	Silty Sand Compact		3	SS	13											
2.4	Silty Clay to Organic Silt Stiff		4	SS	11											
78.1	Silty Clay (CL)		5	SS	6											
3.4	Occ. Irregular Layers of Silt to Silty Sand		6	SS	10										11 42 37 10	
	Occ. Organics Firm to Hard		7	SS	39										12 31 42 15	
74.2	Probable Bedrock															
7.3	End of Borehole															

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UNIFIED SOIL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM



### UNIFIED SOIL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM



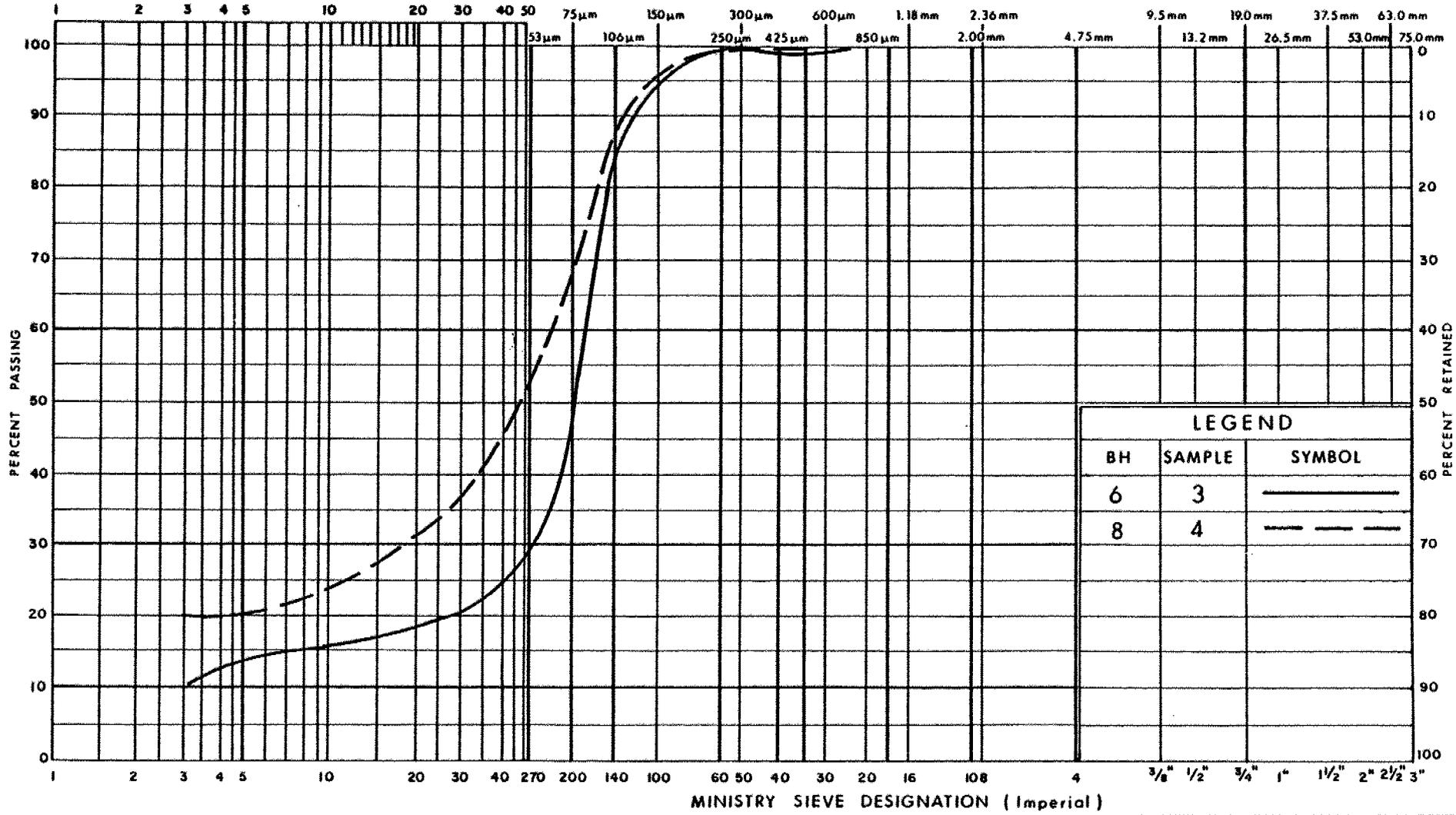
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5	3	- · - · -

UNIFIED SOIL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM

CLAY & SILT	SAND			GRAVEL	
	Fine	Medium	Coarse	Fine	Coarse

GRAIN SIZE IN MICROMETERS

MINISTRY SIEVE DESIGNATION (Metric)



LEGEND		
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8	4	- - - - -

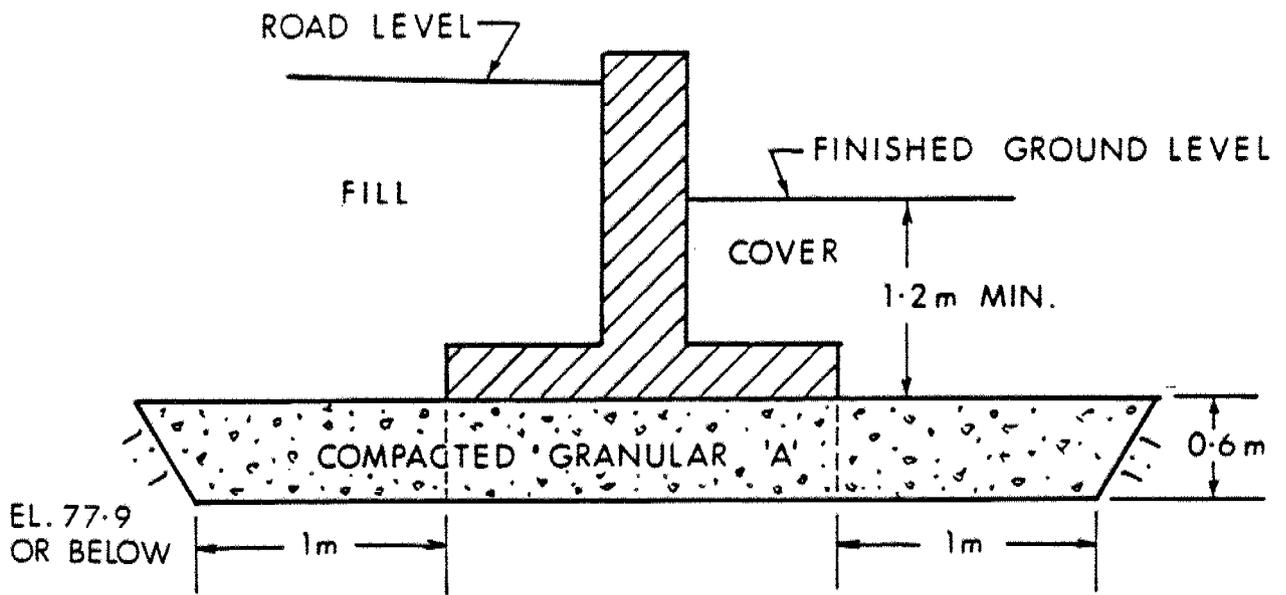
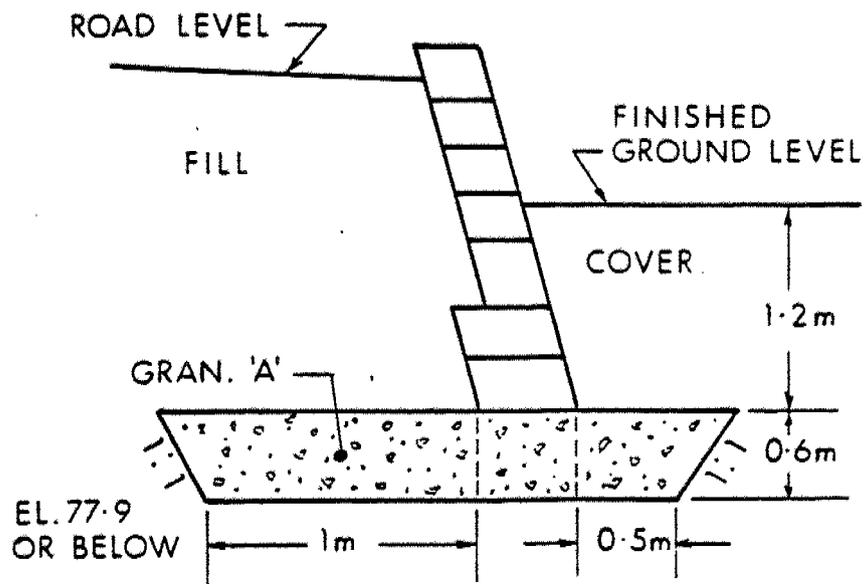


FIG. 4

RETAINING WALL ON SPREAD FOOTING  
 STA 0+300 TO STA 0+315  
 COMPLETE LENGTH OF WALL



PISA WALL FIG. 5  
 STA 0+300 TO STA 0+315  
 COMPLETE LENGTH OF WALL

RETAINING WALL No 5



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TABLE 1

DIAMOND DRILL RECORD

HOLE NO. \_\_\_\_\_ SPLIT NO. \_\_\_\_\_

PROPERTY WP 152-75-05  
 LOCATION QEW Skyway - Burlington  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 LATITUDE \_\_\_\_\_  
 DEPARTURE \_\_\_\_\_  
 BEARING \_\_\_\_\_

DIP \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 TOTAL FOOTAGE \_\_\_\_\_

ELEV. COLLAR \_\_\_\_\_  
 DATUM \_\_\_\_\_  
 DATE STARTED \_\_\_\_\_  
 DATE COMPLETED \_\_\_\_\_  
 DRILLED BY \_\_\_\_\_  
 LOGGED BY \_\_\_\_\_

FOOTAGE		FORMATION	SAMPLE NUMBER		REMARKS
FROM	TO				
30'	40'	B.H. 2 = B.H. H 2 Red and green shale, medium hard.			90% recovery
15'	20'	B.H. 4 = B.H. H 4 Red and green shale, medium hard with few sections of shaly silty limestone.			Core broken and ground 25% recovery
20'	25'	Core missing.			
25'	30'	Red and green shale, medium hard with sections of shaly silty limestone.			
25'	35'	B.H. 4-1 = B.H. H 6 Red and green shale, medium hard.			65% recovery
25'	35'	B.H. 4-2 = B.H. H 7 Red and green shale, medium hard with few sections of silty shaly limestone.			90% recovery

DATE OF EXAMINATION July 2, 1981

Z. Koniuszy

## EXPLANATION OF TERMS USED IN REPORT

**N VALUE:** THE STANDARD PENETRATION TEST (SPT) N VALUE IS THE NUMBER OF BLOWS REQUIRED TO CAUSE A STANDARD 51mm O.D. SPLIT BARREL SAMPLER TO PENETRATE 0.3m INTO UNDISTURBED GROUND IN A BOREHOLE WHEN DRIVEN BY A HAMMER WITH A MASS OF 63.5kg, FALLING FREELY A DISTANCE OF 0.76m. FOR PENETRATIONS OF LESS THAN 0.3m N VALUES ARE INDICATED AS THE NUMBER OF BLOWS FOR THE PENETRATION ACHIEVED. AVERAGE N VALUE IS DENOTED THUS  $\bar{N}$ .

**DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION TEST:** CONTINUOUS PENETRATION OF A CONICAL STEEL POINT (51mm O.D. 60° CONE ANGLE) DRIVEN BY 475 J IMPACT ENERGY ON 'A' SIZE DRILL RODS. THE RESISTANCE TO CONE PENETRATION IS MEASURED AS THE NUMBER OF BLOWS FOR EACH 0.3m ADVANCE OF THE CONICAL POINT INTO THE UNDISTURBED GROUND.

SOILS ARE DESCRIBED BY THEIR COMPOSITION AND CONSISTENCY OR DENSENESS.

**CONSISTENCY:** COHESIVE SOILS ARE DESCRIBED ON THE BASIS OF THEIR UNDRAINED SHEAR STRENGTH ( $c_u$ ) AS FOLLOWS:

$c_u$ (kPa)	0 - 12	12 - 25	25 - 50	50 - 100	100 - 200	> 200
	VERY SOFT	SOFT	FIRM	STIFF	VERY STIFF	HARD

**DENSENESS:** COHESIONLESS SOILS ARE DESCRIBED ON THE BASIS OF DENSENESS AS INDICATED BY SPT N VALUES AS FOLLOWS:

N (BLOWS/0.3m)	0 - 5	5 - 10	10 - 30	30 - 50	> 50
	VERY LOOSE	LOOSE	COMPACT	DENSE	VERY DENSE

ROCKS ARE DESCRIBED BY THEIR COMPOSITION AND STRUCTURAL FEATURES AND / OR STRENGTH.

**RECOVERY:** SUM OF ALL RECOVERED ROCK CORE PIECES FROM A CORING RUN EXPRESSED AS A PERCENT OF THE TOTAL LENGTH OF THE CORING RUN.

**MODIFIED RECOVERY:** SUM OF THOSE INTACT CORE PIECES, 100mm+ IN LENGTH EXPRESSED AS A PERCENT OF THE LENGTH OF THE CORING RUN. THE ROCK QUALITY DESIGNATION (R Q D), FOR MODIFIED RECOVERY, IS:

R Q D (%)	0 - 25	25 - 50	50 - 75	75 - 90	90 - 100
	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT

**JOINTING AND BEDDING:**

SPACING	50mm	50 - 300mm	0.3m - 1m	1m - 3m	> 3m
JOINTING	VERY CLOSE	CLOSE	MOD. CLOSE	WIDE	VERY WIDE
BEDDING	VERY THIN	THIN	MEDIUM	THICK	VERY THICK

## ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS

### FIELD SAMPLING

S S	SPLIT SPOON	T P	THINWALL PISTON
W S	WASH SAMPLE	O S	OSTERBERG SAMPLE
S T	SLOTTED TUBE SAMPLE	R C	ROCK CORE
B S	BLOCK SAMPLE	P H	T W ADVANCED HYDRAULICALLY
C S	CHUNK SAMPLE	P M	T W ADVANCED MANUALLY
T W	THINWALL OPEN	F S	FOIL SAMPLE

### MECHANICAL PROPERTIES OF SOIL

$m_v$	$kPa^{-1}$	COEFFICIENT OF VOLUME CHANGE
$C_c$	1	COMPRESSION INDEX
$C_s$	1	SWELLING INDEX
$C_\alpha$	1	RATE OF SECONDARY CONSOLIDATION
$c_v$	$m^2/s$	COEFFICIENT OF CONSOLIDATION
H	m	DRAINAGE PATH
$T_v$	1	TIME FACTOR
U	%	DEGREE OF CONSOLIDATION
$\sigma'_{v0}$	kPa	EFFECTIVE OVERBURDEN PRESSURE
$\sigma'_p$	kPa	PRECONSOLIDATION PRESSURE
$\tau_f$	kPa	SHEAR STRENGTH
$c'$	kPa	EFFECTIVE COHESION INTERCEPT
$\phi'$	-°	EFFECTIVE ANGLE OF INTERNAL FRICTION
$c_u$	kPa	APPARENT COHESION INTERCEPT
$\phi_u$	-°	APPARENT ANGLE OF INTERNAL FRICTION
$\tau_R$	kPa	RESIDUAL SHEAR STRENGTH
$\tau_r$	kPa	REMOULDED SHEAR STRENGTH
$S_f$	1	SENSITIVITY = $\frac{c_u}{\tau_r}$

### STRESS AND STRAIN

$u_w$	kPa	PORE WATER PRESSURE
$r_u$	1	PORE PRESSURE RATIO
$\sigma$	kPa	TOTAL NORMAL STRESS
$\sigma'$	kPa	EFFECTIVE NORMAL STRESS
$\tau$	kPa	SHEAR STRESS
$\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \sigma_3$	kPa	PRINCIPAL STRESSES
$\epsilon$	%	LINEAR STRAIN
$\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, \epsilon_3$	%	PRINCIPAL STRAINS
E	kPa	MODULUS OF LINEAR DEFORMATION
G	kPa	MODULUS OF SHEAR DEFORMATION
$\mu$	1	COEFFICIENT OF FRICTION

### PHYSICAL PROPERTIES OF SOIL

$\rho_s$	$kg/m^3$	DENSITY OF SOLID PARTICLES	e	1, %	VOID RATIO	$e_{min}$	1, %	VOID RATIO IN DENSEST STATE
$\gamma_s$	$kN/m^3$	UNIT WEIGHT OF SOLID PARTICLES	n	1, %	POROSITY	$I_D$	1	DENSITY INDEX = $\frac{e_{max} - e}{e_{max} - e_{min}}$
$\rho_w$	$kg/m^3$	DENSITY OF WATER	w	1, %	WATER CONTENT	D	mm	GRAIN DIAMETER
$\gamma_w$	$kN/m^3$	UNIT WEIGHT OF WATER	$S_r$	%	DEGREE OF SATURATION	$D_n$	mm	n PERCENT - DIAMETER
$\rho$	$kg/m^3$	DENSITY OF SOIL	$w_L$	%	LIQUID LIMIT	$C_u$	1	UNIFORMITY COEFFICIENT
$\gamma$	$kN/m^3$	UNIT WEIGHT OF SOIL	$w_p$	%	PLASTIC LIMIT	h	m	HYDRAULIC HEAD OR POTENTIAL
$\rho_d$	$kg/m^3$	DENSITY OF DRY SOIL	$w_s$	%	SHRINKAGE LIMIT	q	$m^3/s$	RATE OF DISCHARGE
$\gamma_d$	$kN/m^3$	UNIT WEIGHT OF DRY SOIL	$I_p$	%	PLASTICITY INDEX = $w_L - w_p$	v	m/s	DISCHARGE VELOCITY
$\rho_{sat}$	$kg/m^3$	DENSITY OF SATURATED SOIL	$I_L$	1	LIQUIDITY INDEX = $\frac{w - w_p}{I_p}$	i	1	HYDRAULIC GRADIENT
$\gamma_{sat}$	$kN/m^3$	UNIT WEIGHT OF SATURATED SOIL	$I_C$	1	CONSISTENCY INDEX = $\frac{w_L - w}{I_p}$	k	m/s	HYDRAULIC CONDUCTIVITY
$\rho'$	$kg/m^3$	DENSITY OF SUBMERGED SOIL	$e_{max}$	1, %	VOID RATIO IN LOOSEST STATE	j	$kN/m^2$	SEEPAGE FORCE
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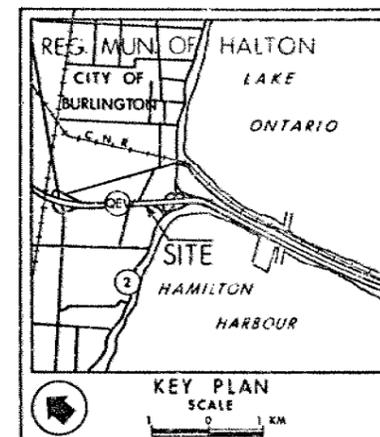
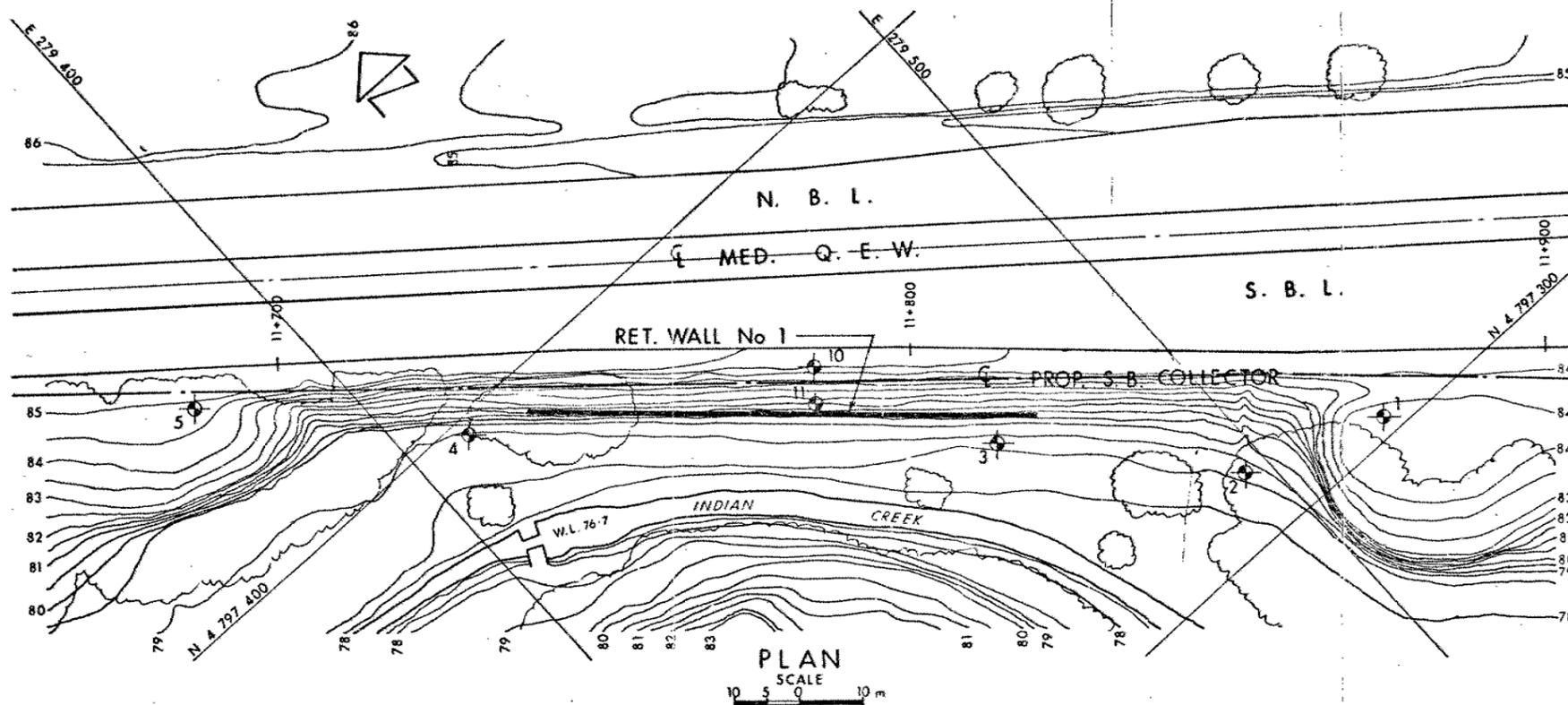


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BORE HOLE LOCATIONS & SOIL STRATA

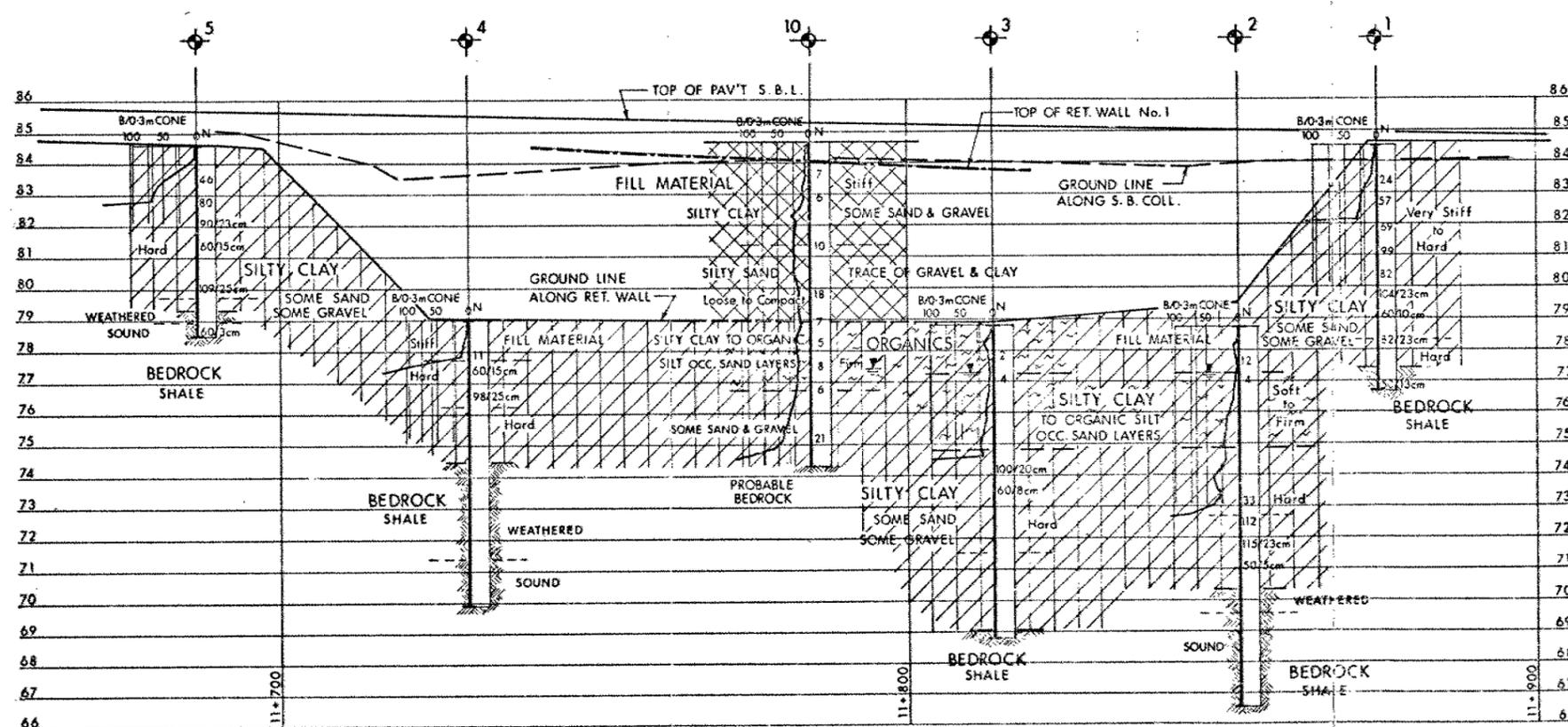
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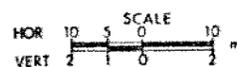
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- W.L. at time of investigation 81 05 08
- NO WL Established in BH 1, 4, 5

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		NORTH	EAST
1	84.5	4 797 303.0	279 518.0
2	78.7	4 797 311.0	279 497.5
3	78.8	4 797 340.0	279 471.0
4	79.0	4 797 397.0	279 409.5
5	84.6	4 797 429.0	279 380.0
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11	81.5	4 797 365.0	279 454.0



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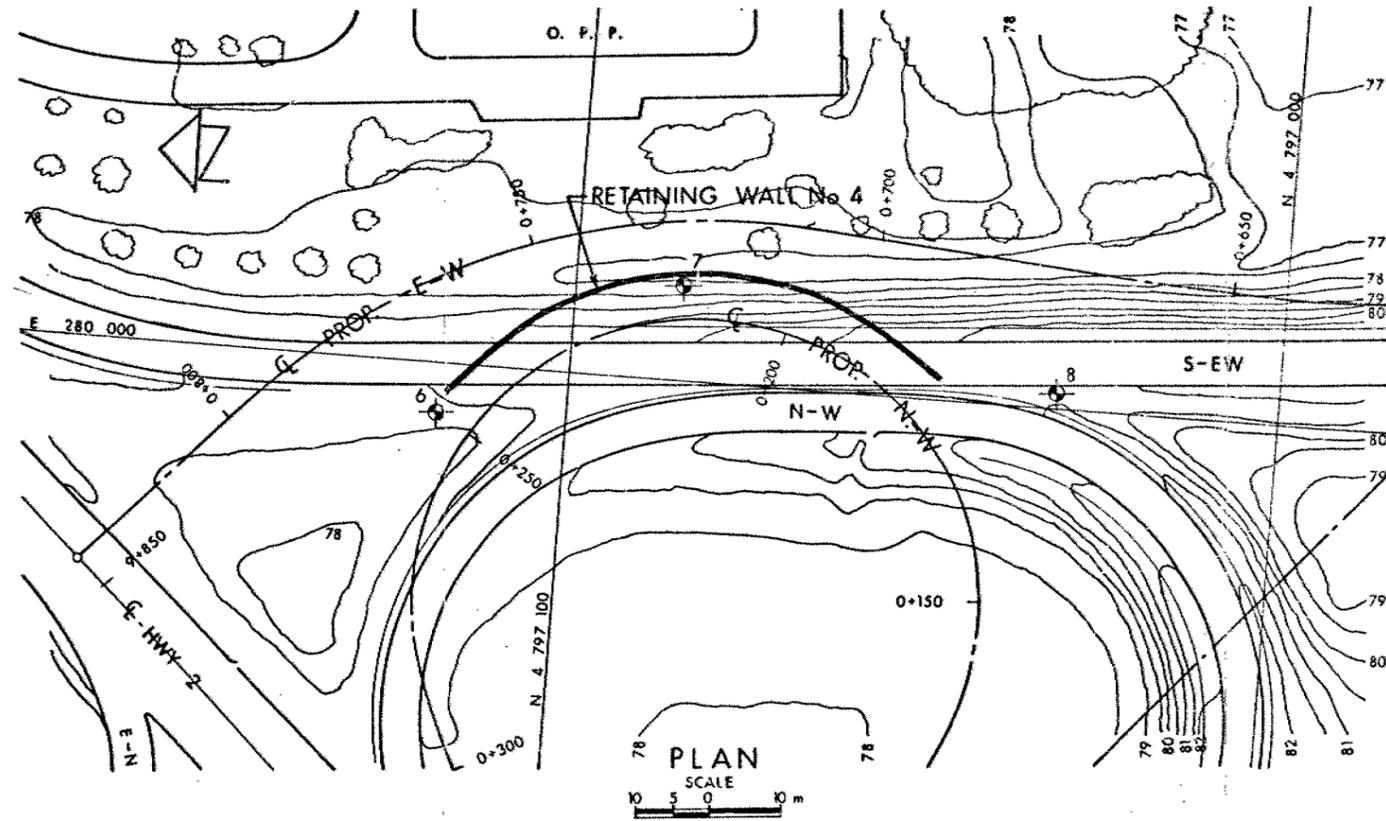
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DRAWING	CHECKED	DATE	81 06 26
		SITE	10
		DWG	1527505-A



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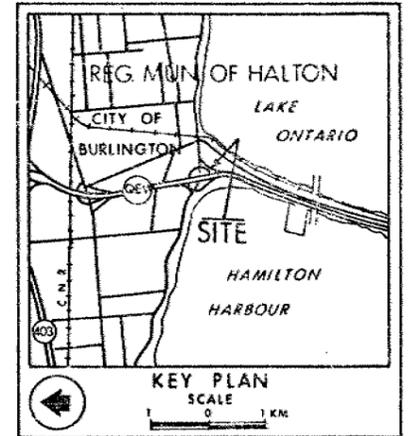
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BORE HOLE LOCATIONS & SOIL STRATA



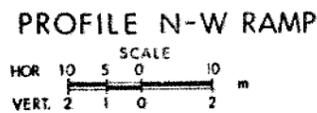
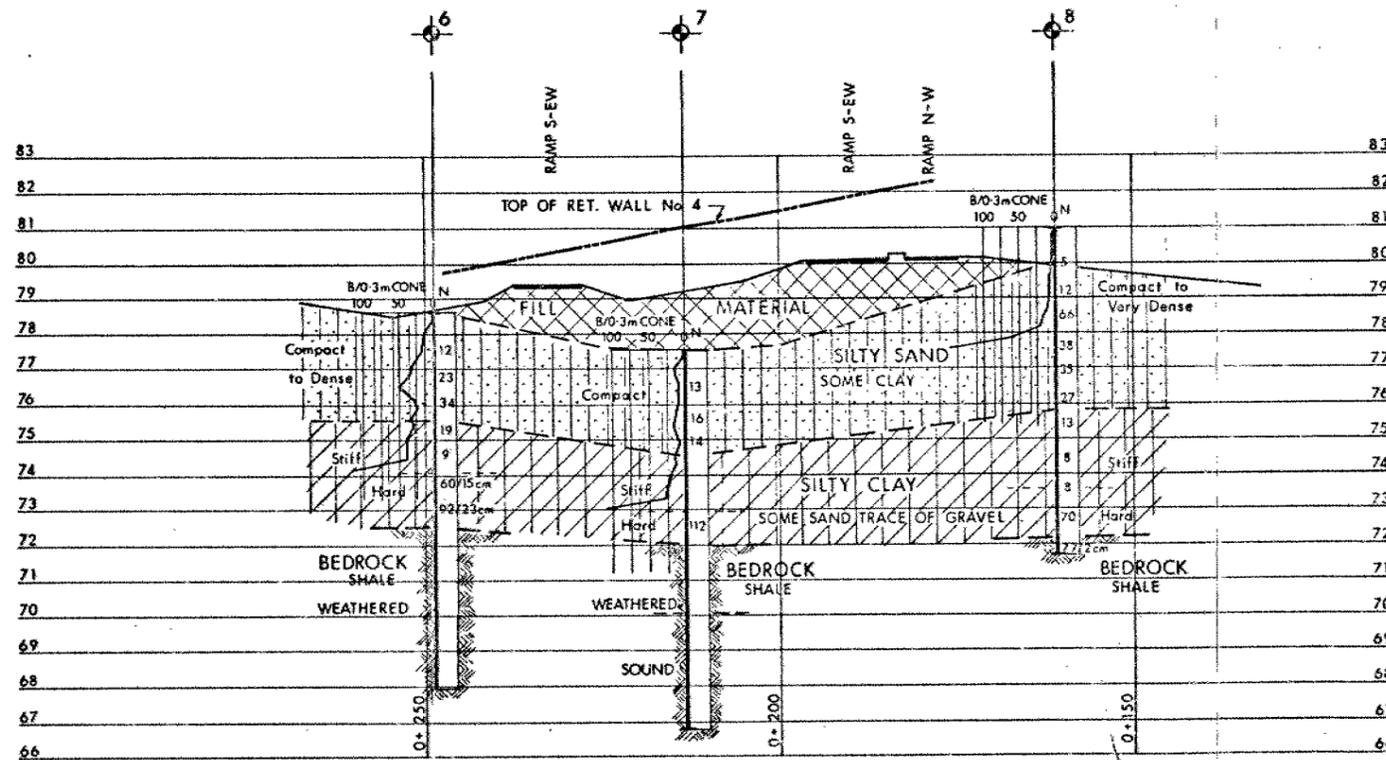
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- Bore Hole & Cone
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- CONE Blows/0.3m (60° Cone, 475 J/blow)
- W L at time of investigation
- NO WL Established

No	ELEVATION	CO-ORDINATES	
		NORTH	EAST
6	78.0	4 797 118.5	297 993.0
7	77.5	4 797 085.0	280 013.0
8	81.0	4 797 031.0	280 002.0



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SUBM'D P	CHECKED	DATE 81 06 26	SITE 10
DRAWN OJ	CHECKED	APPROVED	DWG 527505-B

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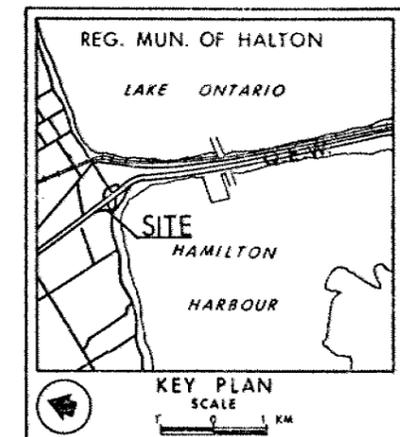
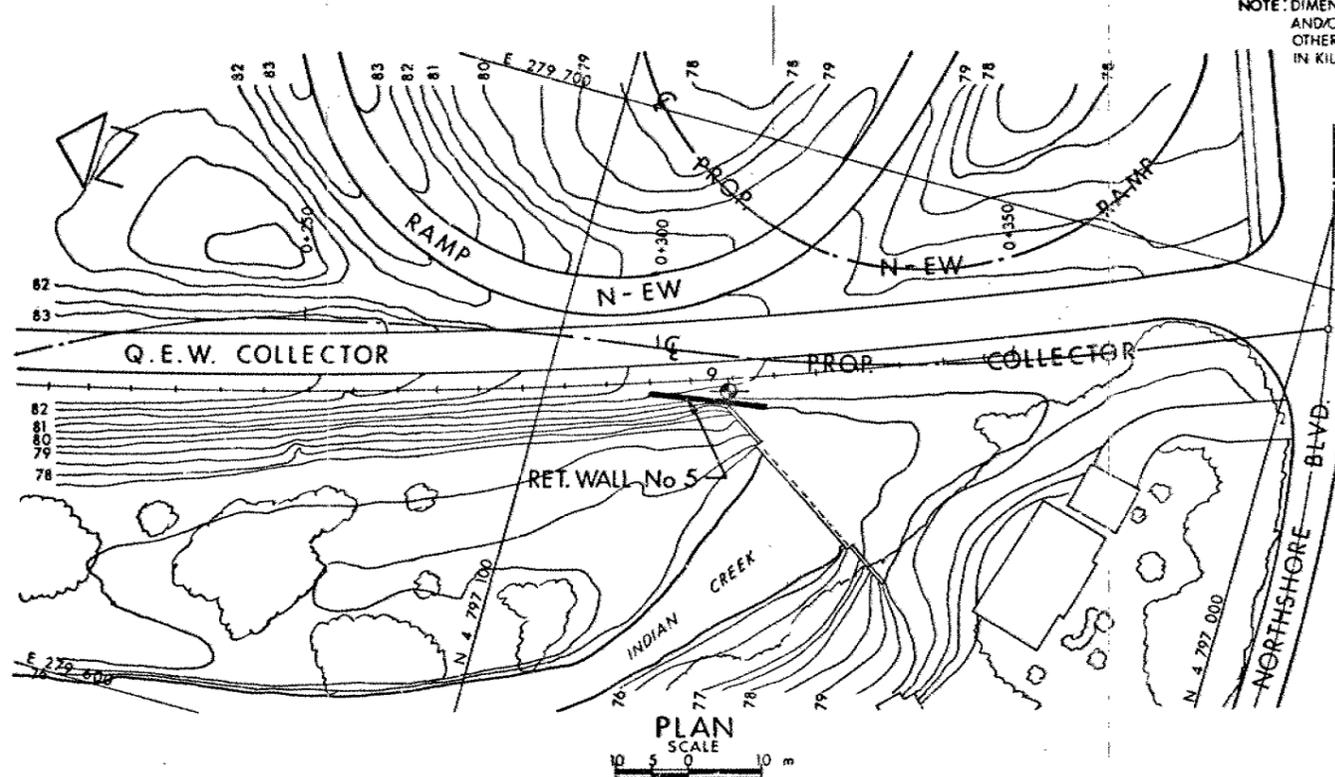
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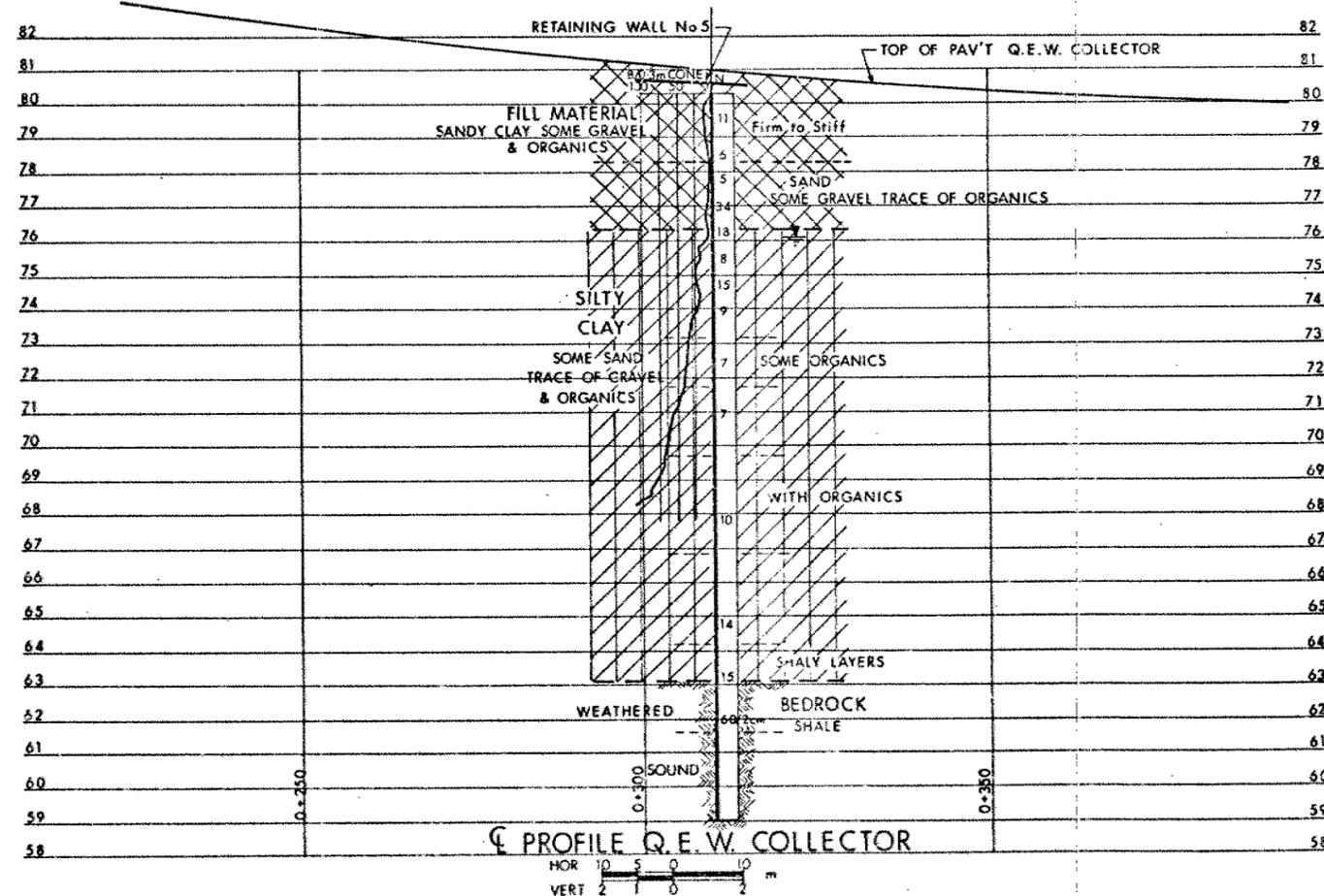


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# FOUNDATION INVESTIGATION REPORT

For

Retaining Walls #1, #4 and #5

W. P. 152-75-05, Site 10, Q.E.W. District 4, Hamilton

## INTRODUCTION:

This report summarizes the results of a foundation investigation for the above-noted retaining walls. The fieldwork was conducted during the periods from 1981 05 07-12 and 1982 05 18-19 for Retaining Wall #1; 1981 05 13-14 for Retaining Wall #4; 1981 08 24-25 for Retaining Wall #5. Continuous-flight auger machines equipped with 82 mm I.D. hollow-stem augers and BX core barrels, and a modified diamond drill equipped with NX casing were utilized in the fieldwork.

This report supersedes the previous correspondence relating to these projects.

The fieldwork is summarized in the following table:

SITE LOCATION	Sampled Boreholes with Dynamic Cone Penetration Tests	Boring Depth Range (metres)	Number of Boreholes Bedrock Coring	Coring Depth Range (metres)
A)Retaining Wall #1	7	6.1 -10.4	2	3
B)Retaining Wall #4	3	7.1 - 9.3	2	3
C)Retaining Wall #5	1	18.3	1	3

## DESCRIPTION OF SITE AND GEOLOGY

The sites are located:-

- in the jurisdiction of the City of Burlington, Regional Municipality of Halton
- in the physiographic region of the Iroquois Plain, a lowland area bordering Lake Ontario.

A) Retaining Wall #1

The site is located approximately 350 metres north of the QEW-Hwy.2 interchange on the west side of the QEW S.B. lanes. The adjacent land, to the west, is a conservation area.

The topography of the site consists of a valley, approximately 5 metres below the elevation of the QEW. Indian Creek flows through the valley from north to south.

At this site, silty clay (till) overlies shaly red clay that has been derived from the underlying Queenston shale. In the valley, surface organic deposits overlie the silty clay.

B) Retaining Wall #4

The site is located directly in front of the Burlington OPP station, approximately 150 metres northeast of the QEW N.B. lanes along the exit ramp to E.B. Hwy.2. The adjacent areas have institutional developments.

The topography of the site consists of a flat plain, ranging from approximately 1 to 2 metres below the elevation of the existing exit ramp.

At this site, silty sand overlies silty clay and shale bedrock.

C) Retaining Wall #5

The site is located approximately 80 metres north of the QEW-Hwy.2 intersection on the west side of Exit Ramp S-EW. The adjacent land, to the west, is a conservation area.

The topography of the site consists of:-

- at the north end, approximately a 4 metre drop from the ramp embankment to the valley of Indian Creek,
- at the south end, approximately a 1 metre drop from the ramp embankment to the filled area over the culvert bridging Indian Creek.

A sheet pile retaining wall divides the valley and the raised fill area.

At this site the surface fill is underlain by silty clay with occasional layers containing organics, then bedrock.

#### SUBSURFACE CONDITIONS

For Retaining Walls #1, #4 and #5, soil boundaries, insitu and laboratory test results, and ground water levels are shown on the appended Record of Borehole Sheets. The locations and elevations of the borings, along with several estimated stratigraphical profiles based on the borehole data, are shown on Drawings No. 1527505-A (Ret.Wall #1), No. 1527505-B (Ret.Wall #4), and 1527505-C (Ret.Wall #5).

##### A) Retaining Wall #1

The site is underlain by shale bedrock. Silty clay till overlies the bedrock and is the surface material of the natural embankments at BH #1 and #5. Silty clay to organic silt overlies the silty clay till at BH #2, #3, #4, #10 and #11. The surface material is silty clay fill at BH #2, #4, #10 and #11. Soft undecayed organic material is at the surface of BH #3. No water was observed at BH #1, #4 and #5. The water levels at BH #2, #3, #10 and #11 was approximately at elevation 77.3.

Descriptions of the soils and bedrock encountered are presented below, sequentially from the surface to termination of the boreholes.

#### Fill Material

Silty clay, some sand, some gravel is the surface fill material at BH#2, #4, #10 and #11. This material ranges in thickness from 3.2 m at BH#10 (roadway embankment) to 1.2 m at BH #4 (valley). The 'N' values from the Standard Penetration Test indicate a stiff to very stiff condition.

Under the roadway fill at BH #10 and #11, the silty clay fill is underlain by silty sand fill which ranges in depth from 2.6 m (BH #10) to 0.7 m (BH #11).

Organics

This deposit is the surface layer at the location of BH #3, and has a thickness of approximately 1.5 m.

The 'N' value indicates a very soft condition.

Field inspection of the sample indicated that the organic material was undecayed and possibly fill.

Silty Clay to Organic Silt; Occ. Sand Layers

At BH #2, #3, #10 and #11, this material underlies the surface fill and extends for a thickness ranging from 1.0 to 2.5 m. Physical properties of the deposit, as determined by field and laboratory tests are summarized below:

	Range
Natural Moisture Content (%)	21.5 - 34.5
Liquid Limit (%)	21.5 - 47.0
Plastic Limit (%)	14.0 - 33.5
Bulk Density (kN /m <sup>3</sup> )	18.2 - 19.5
Undrained Shear Strength (kPa)	
Unconfined	14.3 - 43.6

The consistency of the deposit ranges from soft to stiff. Grain size distribution is shown in Figure 1, Appendix. The material has generally low plasticity, although some layers have intermediate plasticity.

Silty Clay; Some Sand, Some Gravel

This material is located immediately above the shale bedrock at all borehole locations. In the natural embankments, at BH #1 and #5 it is the surface material and ranges in depth from 5.2 to 7.0 metres. In the valley, at BH #2, #3 and #4, it lies below, from 1.2 to 4.0 metres of other overburden, and extends for a depth of from 3.4 to 5.8 metres. Below the roadway fill embankment, at BH #10 and #11 it ranges in thickness from 2.5 to 3.9 metres. At BH #11 this deposit contains irregular layers of silt to silty sand.

Physical properties of the deposit, as determined by field and laboratory tests are summarized below:

	Range
Natural Moisture Content (%)	8.5 - 20.5
Liquid Limit (%)	18.0 - 30.5
Plastic Limit (%)	13.5 - 17.0
Bulk Density (kN/m <sup>3</sup> )	21.6 (one test)

The consistency of the deposit ranges from firm to hard, increasing with depth as the material grades into weathered shale. Grain size distribution is shown in Figure 2, Appendix. The material has low plasticity.

#### Bedrock

The bedrock at this site is medium hard, red and green shale with occasional layers of shaly, silty limestone. It is overlain by transitional zones grading from silty clay with shaly layers to weathered shale. Refer to the borehole log sheets for bedrock elevations, and the Appendix, Table 1, for the geologist's description of the core.

#### B) Retaining Wall #4

At this site silty clay overlies the shale bedrock. The surface material is silty sand. All boreholes were dry.

Description of the soils and bedrock encountered are presented below, sequentially from surface to borehole termination.

#### Silty Sand; Some Clay

This deposit is the surface material at the site, ranging in thickness from 3.0 to 5.2 metres.

Natural moisture contents range from 12% to 20%.

The Standard Penetration Test 'N' values (5 to 66 blows / 0.3 m) indicate a compact to very dense condition. Grain size distribution is shown in Figure 3, Appendix.

Silty Clay; Some Sand, Some/Trace Gravel

This material is located immediately above the shale bedrock at all borehole locations, ranging in thickness from 2.5 to 3.6 metres. Its physical properties, as determined by field and laboratory tests are summarized below:

	Range
Natural Moisture Content (%)	11.5 - 26.5
Liquid Limit (%)	19.5 - 32.5
Plastic Limit (%)	14.0 - 16.5
Bulk Density (kN/m <sup>3</sup> )	19.5 - 20.4
Undrained Shear Strength (kPa)	
Unconfined	61.4 - 75.6
Quick Triaxial	93.4 (one test)

The consistency of the deposit ranges from stiff to hard, increasing with depth as the material grades into weathered shale. Grain size distribution is shown in Figure 2, Appendix. The material has low plasticity.

Bedrock

The bedrock at this site is medium hard, red and green shale with occasional layers of shaly, silty limestone. It is overlain by transitional zones grading from silty clay with shaly layers to weathered shale. Refer to the borehole log sheets for bedrock elevations, and the Appendix, Table 1, for the geologist's description of the core.

C) Retaining Wall #5

The site is underlain by shale bedrock. Silty clay with layers containing organics overlies the bedrock. The surficial deposit at the borehole locations is fill material. The water level was measured at a depth of 13.7 m (elev. 66.6) approximately the same level as Indian Creek.

Description of the soils and bedrock encountered are presented below, sequentially from surface to borehole termination.

Fill Material; Sandy Clay to Sand; Some Gravel, Some Organics

This surface fill material extends for a depth of 4.0 m. The upper 2 metres is cohesive material (with consistency ranging from firm to stiff) with low plasticity. Below this lies 2 metres of non-cohesive material with a range in denseness from loose to dense.

Silty Clay; Some Gravel; Trace/Some/With Organics

This deposit extends for 13.2 m and is located immediately above bedrock. Layers at elevations 73.3 to 71.8 and 69.6 to 52.9 contain significant amounts of organic material. Physical properties of the deposit, as determined by field and laboratory tests are summarized below:

	Range
Natural Moisture Content (%)	26.0 - 40.0
Liquid Limit (%)	47.0 - 49.5
Plastic Limit (%)	24.0 - 25.0
Bulk Density (kN/m <sup>3</sup> )	17.0 - 17.6
Undrained Shear Strength (kPa)	
Unconfined	45.6 - 74.6
Field Vane	61.4 - 101.7

The consistency of the deposit ranges from firm to stiff. The material has intermediate plasticity.

Bedrock

The bedrock at this site is medium hard, red and green shale with occasional layers of shaly, silty limestone. It is overlain by transitional zones grading from silty clay with shaly layers to weathered shale. Refer to the borehole log sheets for bedrock elevations.

DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Retaining walls #1, #4 and #5 are required for the proposed road designs. General foundation recommendations for all of these retaining walls are provided below, followed by specific design data for each site.

General Recommendations for Retaining Walls #1, #4 and #5

- For frost protection, a minimum cover of 1.2 m is required.
- The existing embankments should be protected during construction.
- If the excavations for spread footings or pile caps are carried out below the prevailing ground water level, a dewatering scheme may be required.

A) Retaining Wall #1 (Adjacent to QEW S.B. Collector Lanes, N.of Hwy.2)

The retaining wall can be founded on end-bearing steel 'H' piles with reinforced tips. The piles are to be driven to bedrock. Estimated tip elevations range from elevation 74.0 at Sta. 11 + 740 to elevation 69.0 at Sta. 11 + 820.

The following design values are recommended:

<u>Pile Type</u>	<u>Safe Capacity</u>
310 HP 110	1150 kN
310 HP 79	820 kN

and for the purpose of the O.H.B.D.C.:

<u>Pile Type</u>	<u>Factored Capacity at U.L.S.</u>	<u>Capacity at S.L.S. Type II</u>
310 HP 110	1600 kN	1150 kN
310 HP 79	1150 kN	820 kN

Earth pressures should be computed as per Subsection 6.6.1.2.2 of the O.H.B.D.C. assuming a non-yielding foundation condition in which the at-rest condition applies.

The following construction procedures are recommended at Retaining Wall #1.

- 1) Drive protective sheeting into glacial till (or weathered shale). Estimated tip elevations are - for Sta. 11 + 740 Elev. 77.5; for Sta. 11 + 820 Elev. 74.0. The top of the sheeting should be at elev. 80.3 from which point the existing embankment behind the sheeting should be trimmed to 1.5 horizontal: 1 vertical or flatter. Protect the granular material on the exposed embankment slope against erosion with suitable polyethylene sheeting.
- 2) Install tiebacks, if required.
- 3) Excavate for footing and construct it.
- 4) Construct concrete retaining wall, founded on steel H-piles, as recommended.
- 5) Cut off sheeting at top of footing and backfill simultaneously.

In order to estimate the earth pressures on the retaining wall, the following values are recommended:

a) Granular Soil

$$K_a = 0.33$$

$$K_o = 0.50$$

$$\text{Unit Weight } \gamma = 21.2 \text{ kN/m}^3$$

b) Cohesive Soil

$$K_a = 0.45$$

$$K_o = 0.57$$

$$\text{Unit Weight } \gamma = 19.0 \text{ kN/m}^3$$

NOTE: Assume water level at elev. 77.3. Compute passive resistance below the bottom of the footing as  $\frac{1}{2}H + 2c$  where  $c = 30 \text{ kPa}$ .

The exact location of the existing 1200 mm diameter concrete pipe (sewer) should be determined by the designer. If the sewer is located less than 4 m from the footing. The piles should be pre-augered at least 2 m below the invert level.

B) Retaining Wall #4 (At Ramp S-E)

The entire wall may be supported on steel 'H' piles equipped with reinforced tips and driven to elevation 70 ±.

The following design values are recommended:

<u>Pile Type</u>	<u>Safe Capacity</u>
310 HP 110	1150 kN
310 HP 79	820 kN

and for the purposes of the O.H.B.D.C.:

<u>Pile Type</u>	<u>Factored Capacity at U.L.S.</u>	<u>Capacity at S.L.S. Type II</u>
310 HP 110	1600 kN	1150 kN
310 HP 79	1150 kN	820 kN

Earth pressures should be computed as per Subsection 6.6.1.2.2 of the O.H.B.D.C. assuming a non-yielding foundation condition with  $K_0=0.5$  for granular backfill.

C) Retaining Wall #5 (At Ramp N-EW)

Option 1: Standard cantilever retaining wall with spread footings on compacted granular 'A' as illustrated in Figure 1.

Option 2: Precast interlocking drywall - "Pisa Stone" as supplied by Risi Stone Ltd., Thornhill, on compacted granular 'A' as illustrated in Figure 2. Refer to W.P. 606-74-02, Contract 76-51 for further construction details. The top of wall elevations may be slightly varied to suit stone thickness. If safety barriers are required, this option may not be applicable.

For both options, the following design values are recommended:

- Earth pressures should be computed as per Subsection 6.6.1.2.2 of the O.H.B.D.C. assuming a yielding foundation condition with  $K_a=0.33$  for granular backfill.

- Bearing Capacity

Net Safe pressure 200 kPa

and for the purposes of the O.H.B.D.C.:

Capacity of S.L.S. Type II 200 kPa

Factored capacity at U.L.S. 500 kPa

- Sliding at Base

A friction co-efficient of 0.5 may be assumed to apply between the base of the footing and the underlying subsoil.

- Settlement

Under the above loading conditions, settlements of the wall foundations will be less than 25 mm.

- Suitable weepholes should be provided to relieve any buildup of excess hydrostatic pressure.

- The groundwater level is lower than the bottom of the proposed excavation.

For the complete length of the wall (Sta. 300 to 315) the existing soil should be excavated to a sufficient depth to achieve the geometry of Fig. 4 or Fig. 5. The minimum thickness of the granular pad required is 0.6 m. It should be noted however that all existing soil above elev. 77.9 must be removed.

If required, the wall may be stepped.

MISCELLANEOUS

The fieldwork for these investigations was carried out under the supervision of Mr. D. H. Dundas, Project Foundation Engineer. The rock core was examined by Mrs. Z. Koniuszy, Geologist.

The drilling equipment was owned and operated by Atcost Soil Drilling Inc. and Master Soil Investigation Ltd.

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### RECORD OF BOREHOLE No. 1

W P 152-75-05 LOCATION RETAINING WALL # 1  
 Co-ords. N 4 797 303.0 E 279 518.0 ORIGINATED BY D. H. D.  
 DIST 4 HWY Q. E. W. BOREHOLE TYPE Cont. Flight Auger, H. S. COMPILED BY P. P.  
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 81 05 07 CHECKED BY D.H.D.

SOIL PROFILE		SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT		PLASTIC LIMIT W <sub>p</sub>	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT W	LIQUID LIMIT W <sub>L</sub>	UNIT WEIGHT γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%) GR SA SI CL
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE			'N' VALUES	20					
84.5	Ground Level												
0.0	Silty clay Some sand, some gravel  Very Stiff to Hard		1	SS	24	DRY							
			2	SS	57								0 13 50 37
			3	SS	69								
			4	SS	99								
			5	SS	82								
			6	SS	104	23 cm							0 13 82 5
			7	SS	60	10 cm							
	with shaly layers Hard		8	SS	82	23 cm							
77.5													
7.0	*Shale, weathered												
76.7													
7.8	End of Borehole												
	*Bedrock shale weathered												

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+3, x<sup>5</sup>: Numbers refer to Sensitivity  
 20  
 15 → 5 (%) STRAIN AT FAILURE  
 10

RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 2

RETAINING WALL # 1

W P 152-75-05 LOCATION Co-ords. N 4 797 311.0 E 279 497.5 ORIGINATED BY D. H. D.  
 DIST 4 HWY Q. E. W. BOREHOLE TYPE Cont. Flight Auger; H. S. COMPILED BY P. E.  
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 81 05 07 and 81 05 08 CHECKED BY D.H.D.

SOIL PROFILE		SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT		PLASTIC LIMIT W <sub>p</sub>	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT W	LIQUID LIMIT W <sub>L</sub>	UNIT WEIGHT γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE			'N' VALUES	20 40 60 80 100					
78.7	Ground Level												
0.0	Silty Clay Some sand, some gravel, Stiff (Fill Material)		1	SS	12								
77.2			2	SS	4								
1.5	Silty Clay to Organic Silt Occasional sand layers soft to firm		3	TW	PH								0 4 74 22
			4	TW	PH								18.2 0 5 75 20
74.7			5	TW	PH								18.3 0 9 65 26
4.0	Silty Clay some sand, some gravel hard		6	TW	PH								19.7 0 19 53 28
	with shaly layers		7	SS	33								
			8	SS	112								
			9	SS	115/23	5 CB							
70.3			10	SS	50/5	5 CB							
8.4	Bedrock shale weathered sound		11	RC	BXL 100%								
			12	RC	BXL 98%								
66.5													
12.2	End of Borehole												

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+<sup>3</sup>, x<sup>5</sup>; Numbers refer to Sensitivity  
 20  
 15 - 5 (%) STRAIN AT FAILURE  
 10

### RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 3

RETAINING WALL #1

W P 152-75-05 LOCATION Co-ords. N 4 797 340.0 E 279 471.0 ORIGINATED BY D. H. D.  
 DIST 4 HWY O. E. W. BOREHOLE TYPE Cont. Flight Auger; H. S. COMPILED BY P. P.  
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 81 05 08 CHECKED BY D.H.D.

SOIL PROFILE		SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT		PLASTIC LIMIT W <sub>p</sub>	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT W	LIQUID LIMIT W <sub>L</sub>	UNIT WEIGHT γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	NUMBER	TYPE	'N' VALUES			20	40					
78.8	Ground Level												GR SA SI CL
0.0	Organics very soft	1	SS	2		78							
77.3		2	SS	4									
1.5	Silty Clay to Organic Silt Occasional sand layers	3	TW	PH		76						19.5	
		4	TW	PH								18.3	0 51 39 10
74.8		5	TW	PH								21.6	
4.0	Silty Clay some sand, some gravel  Hard with shaly layers	6	SS	100	20 cm	74							19 15 (66)
		7	SS	60	8 cm								
69.0						72							
68.8	Shale weathered					70							
10.0	End of Borehole					68							

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+3, x5: Numbers refer to Sensitivity      20  
15 5 (%) STRAIN AT FAILURE  
10

### RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 4

RETAINING WALL #1

W P 152-75-05 LOCATION Co-ords. N 4 797 397.0 E 279 409.5 ORIGINATED BY D.H.D.  
 DIST 4 HWY Q. E. W. BOREHOLE TYPE Cont. Flight Auger COMPILED BY P.P.  
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 81-05-12 CHECKED BY D.H.D.

SOIL PROFILE			SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT		PLASTIC LIMIT W <sub>p</sub>	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT W	LIQUID LIMIT W <sub>L</sub>	UNIT WEIGHT γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)			
ELEV. DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT. PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	'N' VALUES			20	40						60	80	100
79.0	Ground Level																
0.0	Silty Clay some sand, some gravel (FILL MATERIAL) stiff hard		1	SS	11												
			2	SS	50	15 cm											
			3	SS	98	25 cm											
	with shaly layers hard																
74.4																	
4.0	Bedrock shale		4	RC EXL	422												
	weathered sound																
69.9			5	RC EXL	922												
9.1	End of Borehole																

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+3, x5: Numbers refer to Sensitivity  
 20  
 15  
 10  
 5 (%) STRAIN AT FAILURE

### RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 5

RETAINING WALL #1

W P 152-75-05 LOCATION Co-ords. N 4 797 429.0 E 279 380.0 ORIGINATED BY D. H. D.  
 DIST 4 HWY Q. E. W. BOREHOLE TYPE Cont. Flight Auger COMPILED BY P. P.  
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 81 05 12 CHECKED BY D.H.D.

SOIL PROFILE		SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT		PLASTIC LIMIT W <sub>p</sub>	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT W	LIQUID LIMIT W <sub>L</sub>	UNIT WEIGHT Y	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%) GR SA SI CL
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE			'N' VALUES	20					
84.6	Ground Level												
0.0	Silty Clay some sand, some gravel hard				DRY	84							
			1	SS	46								
			2	SS	80								
			3	SS	90/23	82							24 26 40 10
			4	SS	60/15								
	with shaly layers												
79.4			5	SS	109/25								
5.2	Bedrock weathered												
78.5	Shale sound		6	SS	60/3								
6.1	End of Borehole					78							

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+3, x<sup>5</sup>: Numbers refer to Sensitivity      20  
15 → 5 (%) STRAIN AT FAILURE  
10

RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 6

RETAINING WALL #4

W P 152-75-05 LOCATION Co-ords. N 4 797 118.5 E 297 993.0 ORIGINATED BY D. H. D.  
 DIST 4 HWY Q. E. W. BOREHOLE TYPE Cont. Flight Auger; H. S. COMPILED BY P. P.  
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 81 05 13 CHECKED BY D.H.D.

SOIL PROFILE		SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT		PLASTIC LIMIT W <sub>p</sub>	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT W	LIQUID LIMIT W <sub>L</sub>	UNIT WEIGHT γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)	
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	NUMBER	TYPE	'N' VALUES			20	40						60
78.6	Ground Level													
0.0	Silty Sand some clay compact to dense	1	SS	12										
		2	SS	23	DRY									
		3	SS	34										
75.6	Silty Clay some sand, trace of gravel stiff to very stiff with shaly layers hard	4	SS	19										
		5	SS	9										
		6	SS	60/15										
		7	SS	92/23	cm									
72.5	Bedrock Shale weathered													
6.1		8	RC EXL	67%										
67.9		9	RC EXL	45%										
10.7	End of Borehole													

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### RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 7

RETAINING WALL #4

W P 152-75-05 LOCATION Co-ords. N 4 797 085.0 E 280 013.0 ORIGINATED BY O. J.  
 DIST 4 HWY Q. E. W. BOREHOLE TYPE Continuous Flight Auger COMPILED BY P. P.  
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 81 05 14 CHECKED BY D.H.D.

SOIL PROFILE		SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT					NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT			UNIT WEIGHT $\gamma$ kN/m <sup>3</sup>	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%) GR SA SI CL	
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	NUMBER	TYPE	'N' VALUES			20	40	60	80	100	W <sub>p</sub>	W	W <sub>L</sub>			
77.5	Ground Level																
0.0	Silty Sand some clay compact	1	SS	13	DRY												
		2	SS	16													
		3	SS	14													
74.5	Silty Clay Some sand, trace of gravel stiff with shaly layers hard	4	TW	PH													
3.0		5	TW	PH													
72.0		6	SS	112													
5.5	Bedrock Shale																
	weathered sound																
		7	RC BXL	93%													
		8	RC BXL	100%													
66.8																	
10.7	End of Borehole																

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+3, x<sup>5</sup>: Numbers refer to Sensitivity  
 20  
 15  $\diamond$  5 (% STRAIN AT FAILURE  
 10

### RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 8

W P 152-75-05 LOCATION RETAINING WALL #4 ORIGINATED BY O. J.  
 Co-ords. N 4 797 031.0 E 280 002.0  
 DIST 4 HWY O. E. W. BOREHOLE TYPE Continuous Flight Auger; H. S. COMPILED BY P. P.  
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 81 15 14 CHECKED BY D.H.D.

SOIL PROFILE		SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT					PLASTIC NATURAL LIQUID LIMIT MOISTURE LIMIT			UNIT WEIGHT Y	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	NUMBER	TYPE	'N' VALUES			20	40	60	80	100	W <sub>p</sub>	W	W <sub>L</sub>		
81.0	Ground Level															
0.0	Silty Sand some clay  compact to very dense	1	SS	5											0 42 43 15	
		2	SS	12											0 41 43 15	
		3	SS	66												
		4	SS	38												
		5	SS	35												
75.8		6	SS	27												
5.2	Silty Clay some sand, trace of gravel  stiff with shaly layers hard	7	SS	13											0 5 57 38	
		8	TW	PH											0 9 (91)	
		9	SS	8												
		10	SS	8												
		11	SS	70											0 22 48 30	
72.2																
71.7	*Shale, weathered	12	SS	77/2 cm												
9.3	End of Borehole  *Bedrock, Shale, weathered hard															

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+3, x5: Numbers refer to  
Sensitivity

20  
15  $\phi$  5 (%) STRAIN AT FAILURE  
10

### RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 9

RETAINING WALL #5

W P 152-75-05 LOCATION Co-ords. N 4 797 075 E 279 664 ORIGINATED BY D. D.  
 DIST 4 HWY Q. E. W. BOREHOLE TYPE Hollow Stem Augers and Cone Test COMPILED BY O. J.  
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 81 08 24 25 CHECKED BY D.H.D.

SOIL PROFILE			SAMPLES		GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT		PLASTIC LIMIT W <sub>p</sub>	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT W	LIQUID LIMIT W <sub>L</sub>	UNIT WEIGHT γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)	
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE			VALUES	20 40 60 80 100						20 40 60 80 100
80.3	Ground Level													
0.0	Sandy Clay some gravel, some organics firm to stiff (FILL MATERIAL)	[Symbol]	1	SS	11									
			2	SS	6									
			3	SS	5									
			4	SS	34									
76.3	Sand, some gravel, trace of organics, loose to dense (FILL MATERIAL)	[Symbol]	5	SS	18									
4.0	Silty Clay some sand, trace of gravel, trace of organics firm to stiff	[Symbol]	6	SS	8									
			7	SS	15									
	some organics	[Symbol]	8	SS	9									
			9	TW	PH								17.6	
	with organics	[Symbol]	10	SS	7									
			11	SS	7									
	with shaly layers	[Symbol]	12	TW	PH									
			13	SS	10									
	with shaly layers	[Symbol]	14	TW	PH									
			15	SS	14									
63.1	Bedrock shale weathered sound	[Symbol]	16	SS	15									
17.2			17	SS	80	2 cm								
	Bedrock shale weathered sound	[Symbol]	18	RC EXL	100%									
			19	RC EXL	93%									
59.0	End of Borehole	[Symbol]												
21.3														

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+3, +5: Numbers refer to 20  
Sensitivity 15-5 (%) STRAIN AT FAILURE  
10

### RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 10

W P 152-75-05 LOCATION Co-ords. N 4 797 368.0: E 279 457.0 ORIGINATED BY D.D.  
 DIST 4 HWY Q.E.W. BOREHOLE TYPE NX Casing COMPILED BY O.J.  
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 82 05 18-19 CHECKED BY D.D.

SOIL PROFILE		SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT		PLASTIC LIMIT W <sub>p</sub>	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT W	LIQUID LIMIT W <sub>L</sub>	UNIT WEIGHT γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE			'N' VALUES	SHEAR STRENGTH					
84.7	Ground Level												
0.0	Fill Material												
	Silty Clay (CL) Some Sand, Some Gravel Stiff	X	1	SS	7								
		X	2	SS	6								
	Silty Sand Trace of Gravel and Clay Occ. Organics Loose to Compact	X	3	SS	10								
		X	4	SS	18								
78.9		X	5	SS	7								1 64 24 11
5.8	Silty Clay to Organic Silt	X	6	SS	5								1 52 31 16
	Occ. Sand Layers Firm	X	7	SS	8								
76.8		X	8	SS	6								
7.9	Silty Clay (CL) Some Sand, Some Gravel Very Stiff (Till)	X	9	SS	21								
74.3		X											
10.4	Probable Bedrock End of Borehole	X											

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+<sup>3</sup>, x<sup>5</sup>: Numbers refer to Sensitivity      20  
 15 → 5 (%) STRAIN AT FAILURE  
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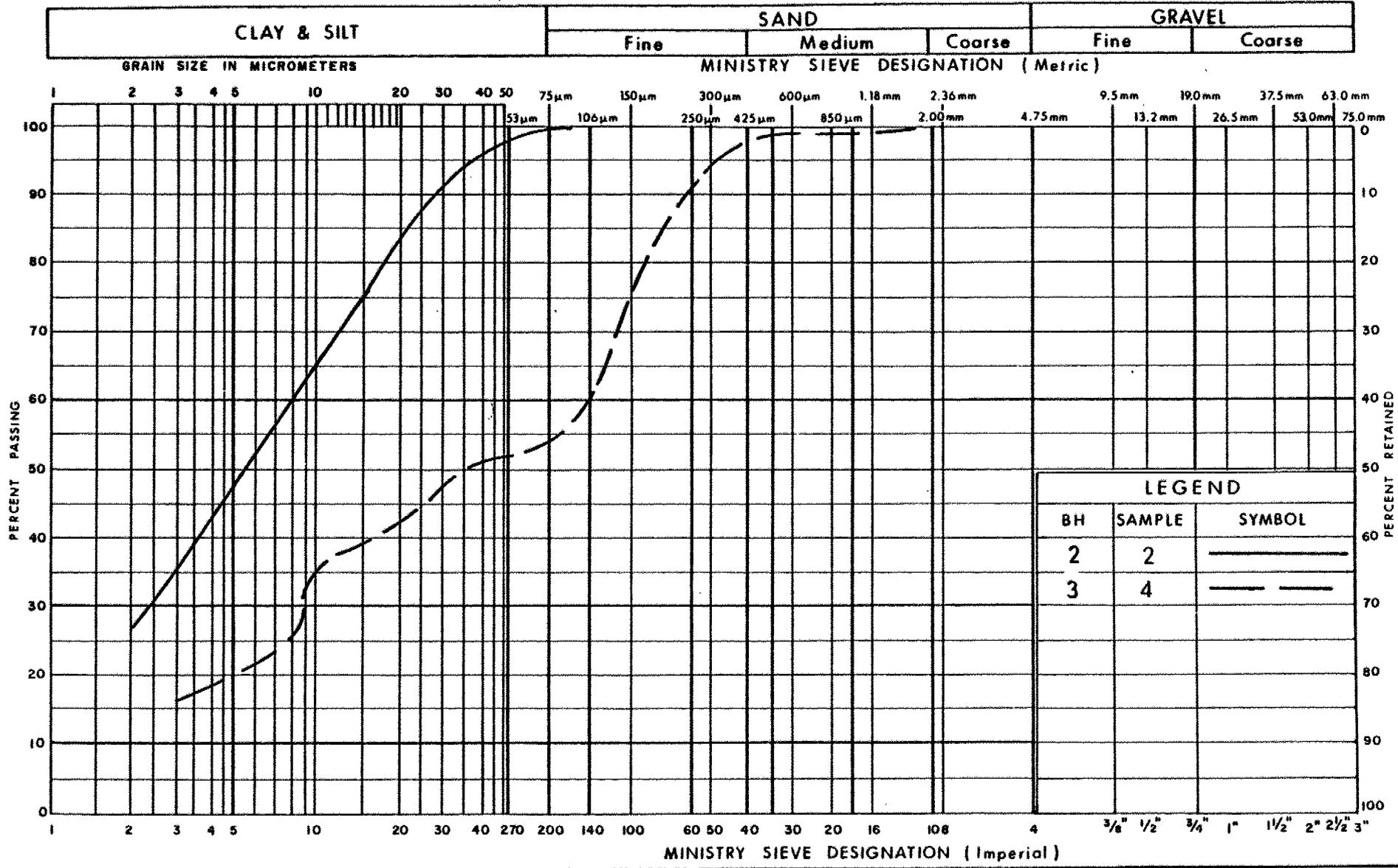
### RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 11

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 DIST 4 HWY O.E.W. BOREHOLE TYPE NK Casing COMPILED BY O.J.  
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 82.05.19 CHECKED BY D.D.

SOIL PROFILE			SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT				PLASTIC LIMIT W <sub>p</sub>	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT W	LIQUID LIMIT W <sub>L</sub>	UNIT WEIGHT γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	'N' VALUES			20	40	60	80					
81.5	Ground Level														GR SA SI CL	
0.0	Fill Material															
	Silty Clay (CL)		1	SS	19											
	Some Sand, Some Gravel, Occ. organics		2	SS	27											
79.1	Silty Sand															
	Compact		3	SS	13											
2.4	Silty Clay to Organic Silt Stiff		4	SS	11											
78.1	Silty Clay (CL)															
3.4	Occ. Irregular Layers of Silt to Silty Sand	5	SS	6											11 42 37 10	
	Occ. Organics Firm to Hard	6	SS	10											12 31 42 15	
74.2																
7.3	Probable Bedrock End of Borehole															

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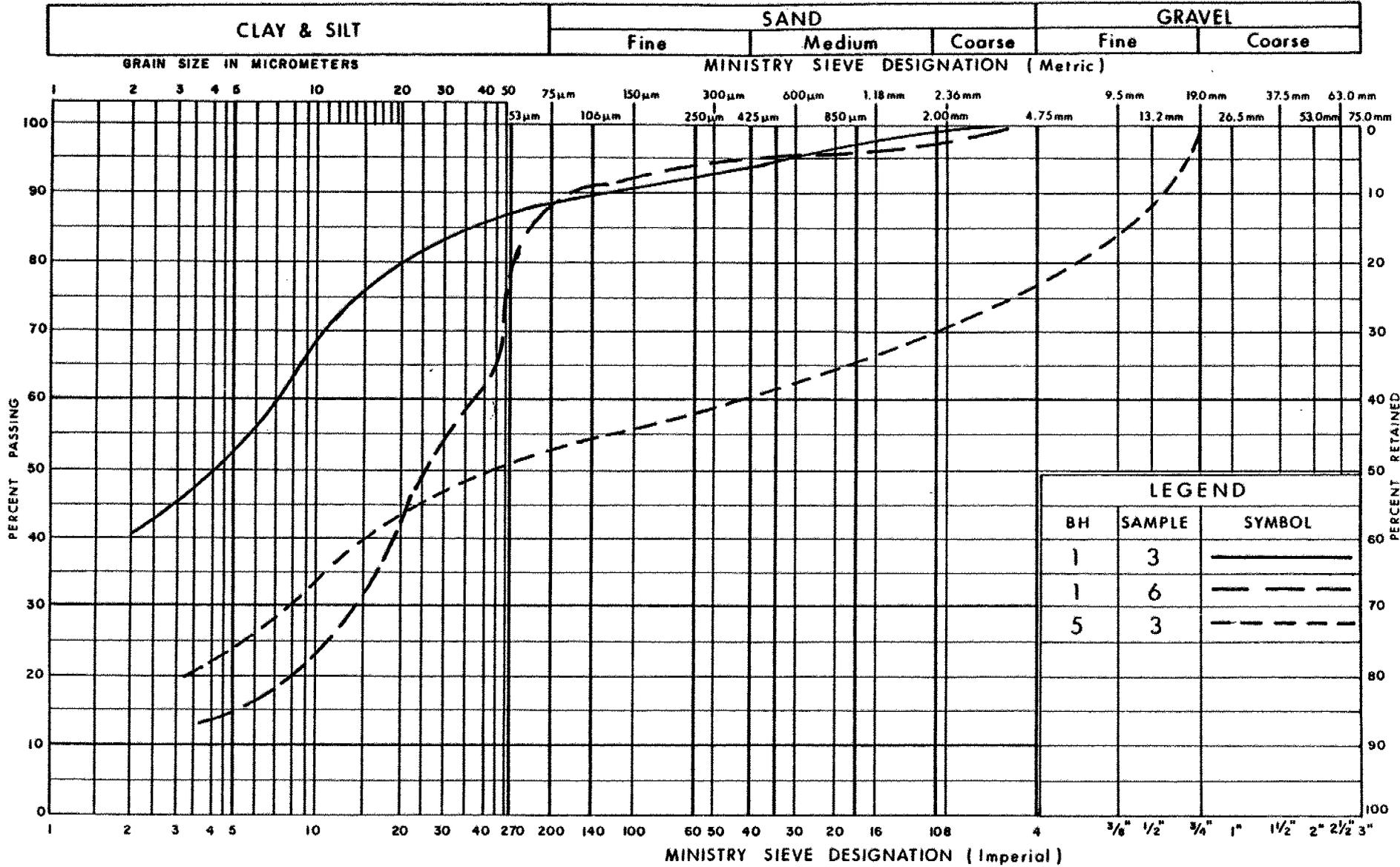
UNIFIED SOIL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM



GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION  
SILTY CLAY  
TO ORGANIC SILT

FIG No 1  
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### UNIFIED SOIL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM



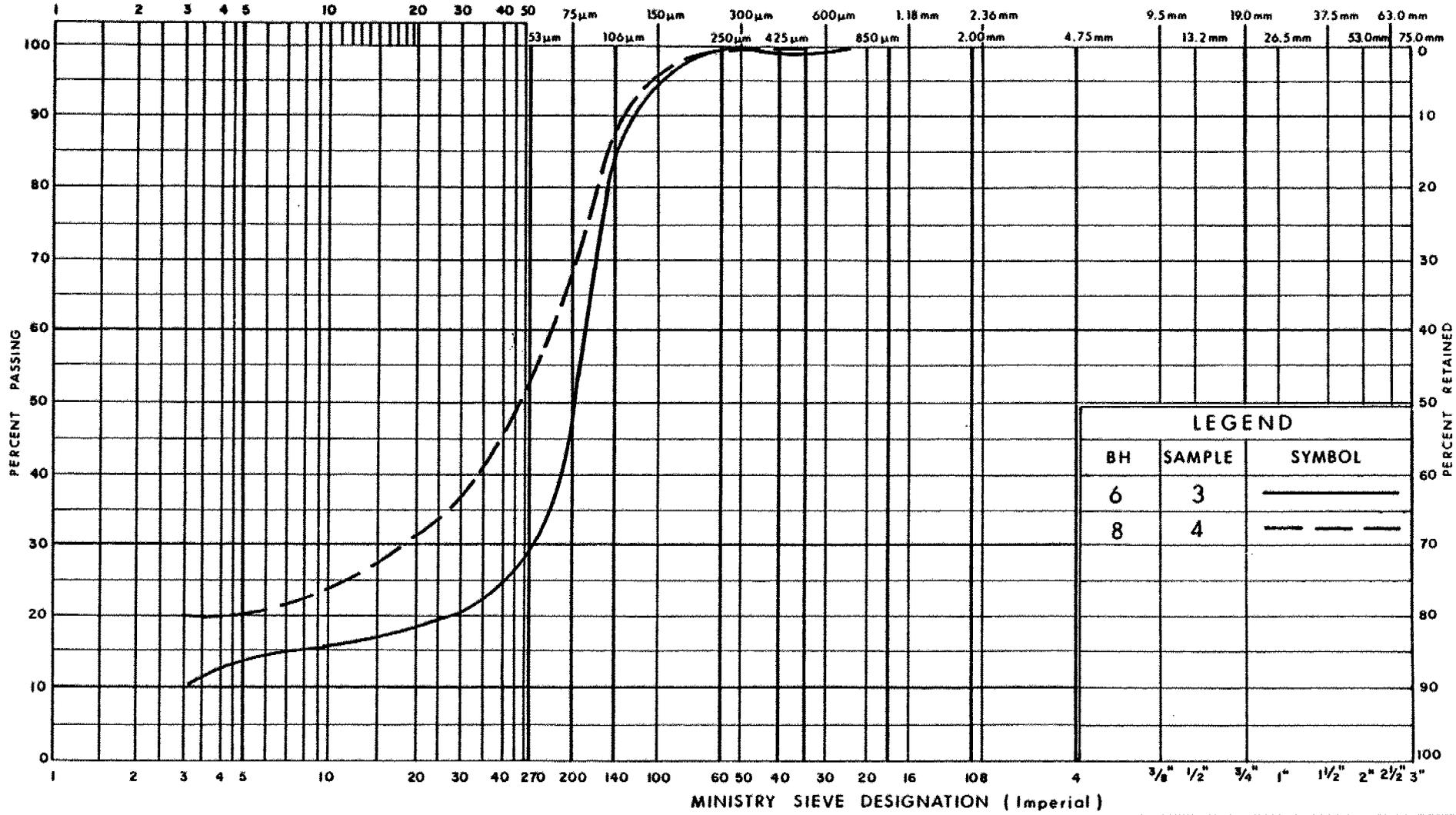
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BH	SAMPLE	SYMBOL
1	3	—————
1	6	- - - - -
5	3	- · - · -

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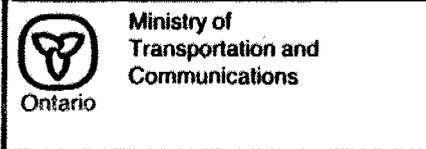
CLAY & SILT	SAND			GRAVEL	
	Fine	Medium	Coarse	Fine	Coarse

GRAIN SIZE IN MICROMETERS

MINISTRY SIEVE DESIGNATION (Metric)



LEGEND		
BH	SAMPLE	SYMBOL
6	3	—————
8	4	- - - - -



**GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION**  
**SILTY SAND**  
**SOME CLAY**

**FIG No 3**  
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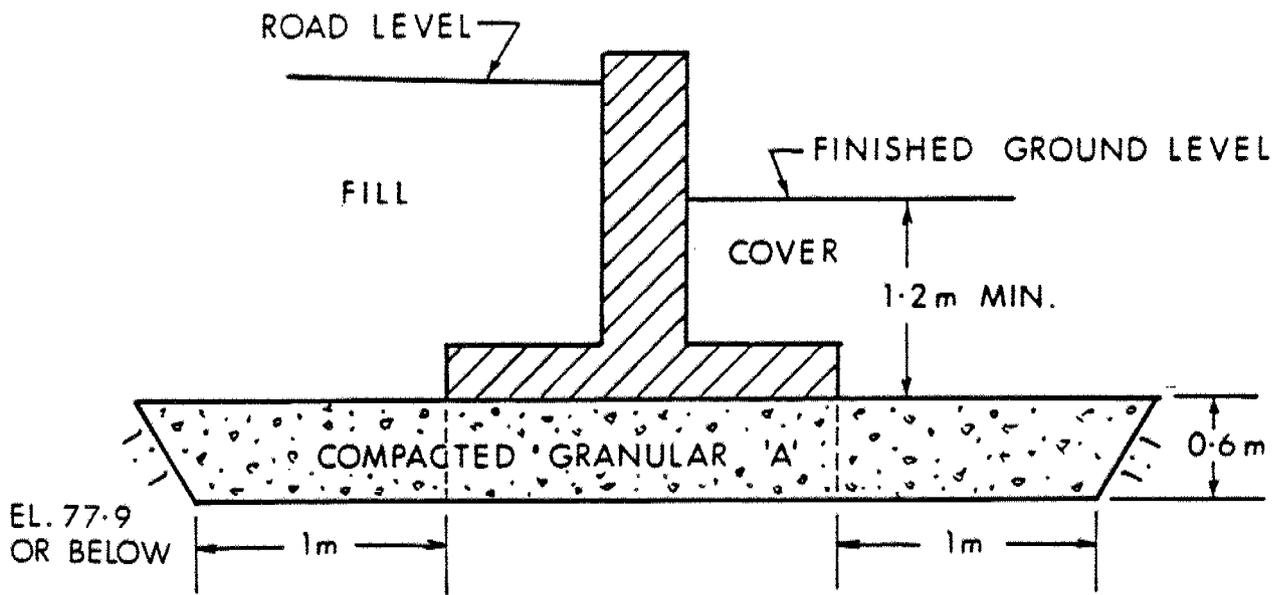
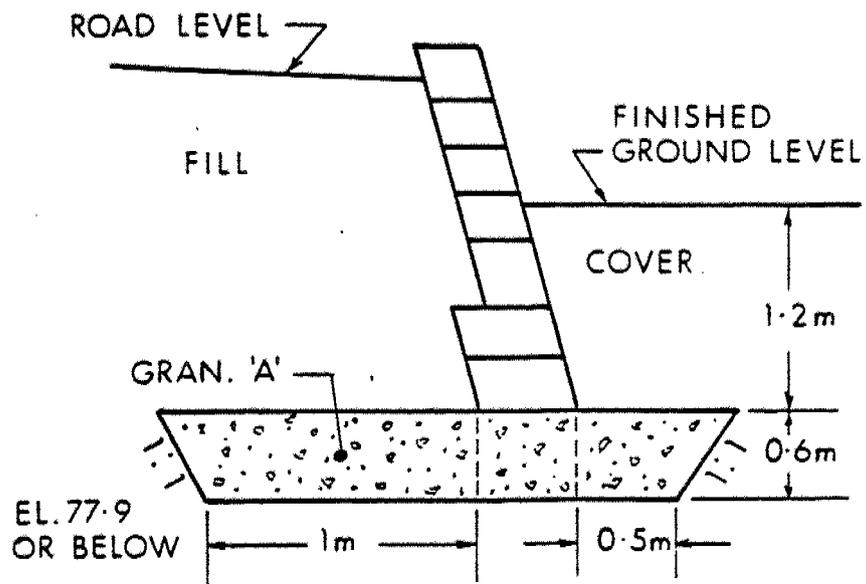


FIG. 4

RETAINING WALL ON SPREAD FOOTING  
 STA 0+300 TO STA 0+315  
 COMPLETE LENGTH OF WALL



PISA WALL FIG. 5  
 STA 0+300 TO STA 0+315  
 COMPLETE LENGTH OF WALL

RETAINING WALL No 5



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TABLE 1

DIAMOND DRILL RECORD

HOLE NO. \_\_\_\_\_ SPLIT NO. \_\_\_\_\_

PROPERTY WP 152-75-05  
 LOCATION QEW Skyway - Burlington  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 LATITUDE \_\_\_\_\_  
 DEPARTURE \_\_\_\_\_  
 BEARING \_\_\_\_\_

DIP \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 TOTAL FOOTAGE \_\_\_\_\_

ELEV. COLLAR \_\_\_\_\_  
 DATUM \_\_\_\_\_  
 DATE STARTED \_\_\_\_\_  
 DATE COMPLETED \_\_\_\_\_  
 DRILLED BY \_\_\_\_\_  
 LOGGED BY \_\_\_\_\_

FOOTAGE		FORMATION	SAMPLE NUMBER		REMARKS
FROM	TO				
30'	40'	B.H. 2 = B.H. H. 2 Red and green shale, medium hard.			90% recovery
15'	20'	B.H. 4 = B.H. H. 4 Red and green shale, medium hard with few sections of shaly silty limestone.			Core broken and ground 25% recovery
20'	25'	Core missing.			
25'	30'	Red and green shale, medium hard with sections of shaly silty limestone.			
25'	35'	B.H. 4-1 = B.H. H. 6 Red and green shale, medium hard.			65% recovery
25'	35'	B.H. 4-2 = B.H. H. 7 Red and green shale, medium hard with few sections of silty shaly limestone.			90% recovery

DATE OF EXAMINATION July 2, 1981

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## EXPLANATION OF TERMS USED IN REPORT

**N VALUE:** THE STANDARD PENETRATION TEST (SPT) N VALUE IS THE NUMBER OF BLOWS REQUIRED TO CAUSE A STANDARD 51mm O.D. SPLIT BARREL SAMPLER TO PENETRATE 0.3m INTO UNDISTURBED GROUND IN A BOREHOLE WHEN DRIVEN BY A HAMMER WITH A MASS OF 63.5kg, FALLING FREELY A DISTANCE OF 0.76m. FOR PENETRATIONS OF LESS THAN 0.3m N VALUES ARE INDICATED AS THE NUMBER OF BLOWS FOR THE PENETRATION ACHIEVED. AVERAGE N VALUE IS DENOTED THUS  $\bar{N}$ .

**DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION TEST:** CONTINUOUS PENETRATION OF A CONICAL STEEL POINT (51mm O.D. 60° CONE ANGLE) DRIVEN BY 475 J IMPACT ENERGY ON 'A' SIZE DRILL RODS. THE RESISTANCE TO CONE PENETRATION IS MEASURED AS THE NUMBER OF BLOWS FOR EACH 0.3m ADVANCE OF THE CONICAL POINT INTO THE UNDISTURBED GROUND.

SOILS ARE DESCRIBED BY THEIR COMPOSITION AND CONSISTENCY OR DENSENESS.

**CONSISTENCY:** COHESIVE SOILS ARE DESCRIBED ON THE BASIS OF THEIR UNDRAINED SHEAR STRENGTH ( $c_u$ ) AS FOLLOWS:

$c_u$ (kPa)	0 - 12	12 - 25	25 - 50	50 - 100	100 - 200	> 200
	VERY SOFT	SOFT	FIRM	STIFF	VERY STIFF	HARD

**DENSENESS:** COHESIONLESS SOILS ARE DESCRIBED ON THE BASIS OF DENSENESS AS INDICATED BY SPT N VALUES AS FOLLOWS:

N (BLOWS/0.3m)	0 - 5	5 - 10	10 - 30	30 - 50	> 50
	VERY LOOSE	LOOSE	COMPACT	DENSE	VERY DENSE

ROCKS ARE DESCRIBED BY THEIR COMPOSITION AND STRUCTURAL FEATURES AND / OR STRENGTH.

**RECOVERY:** SUM OF ALL RECOVERED ROCK CORE PIECES FROM A CORING RUN EXPRESSED AS A PERCENT OF THE TOTAL LENGTH OF THE CORING RUN.

**MODIFIED RECOVERY:** SUM OF THOSE INTACT CORE PIECES, 100mm+ IN LENGTH EXPRESSED AS A PERCENT OF THE LENGTH OF THE CORING RUN. THE ROCK QUALITY DESIGNATION (R Q D), FOR MODIFIED RECOVERY, IS:

R Q D (%)	0 - 25	25 - 50	50 - 75	75 - 90	90 - 100
	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT

**JOINTING AND BEDDING:**

SPACING	50mm	50 - 300mm	0.3m - 1m	1m - 3m	> 3m
JOINTING	VERY CLOSE	CLOSE	MOD. CLOSE	WIDE	VERY WIDE
BEDDING	VERY THIN	THIN	MEDIUM	THICK	VERY THICK

## ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS

### FIELD SAMPLING

S S	SPLIT SPOON	T P	THINWALL PISTON
W S	WASH SAMPLE	O S	OSTERBERG SAMPLE
S T	SLOTTED TUBE SAMPLE	R C	ROCK CORE
B S	BLOCK SAMPLE	P H	T W ADVANCED HYDRAULICALLY
C S	CHUNK SAMPLE	P M	T W ADVANCED MANUALLY
T W	THINWALL OPEN	F S	FOIL SAMPLE

### MECHANICAL PROPERTIES OF SOIL

$m_v$	$kPa^{-1}$	COEFFICIENT OF VOLUME CHANGE
$C_c$	1	COMPRESSION INDEX
$C_s$	1	SWELLING INDEX
$C_\alpha$	1	RATE OF SECONDARY CONSOLIDATION
$c_v$	$m^2/s$	COEFFICIENT OF CONSOLIDATION
H	m	DRAINAGE PATH
$T_v$	1	TIME FACTOR
U	%	DEGREE OF CONSOLIDATION
$\sigma'_{v0}$	kPa	EFFECTIVE OVERBURDEN PRESSURE
$\sigma'_p$	kPa	PRECONSOLIDATION PRESSURE
$\tau_f$	kPa	SHEAR STRENGTH
$c'$	kPa	EFFECTIVE COHESION INTERCEPT
$\phi'$	-°	EFFECTIVE ANGLE OF INTERNAL FRICTION
$c_u$	kPa	APPARENT COHESION INTERCEPT
$\phi_u$	-°	APPARENT ANGLE OF INTERNAL FRICTION
$\tau_R$	kPa	RESIDUAL SHEAR STRENGTH
$\tau_r$	kPa	REMOULDED SHEAR STRENGTH
$S_f$	1	SENSITIVITY = $\frac{c_u}{\tau_r}$

### STRESS AND STRAIN

$u_w$	kPa	PORE WATER PRESSURE
$r_u$	1	PORE PRESSURE RATIO
$\sigma$	kPa	TOTAL NORMAL STRESS
$\sigma'$	kPa	EFFECTIVE NORMAL STRESS
$\tau$	kPa	SHEAR STRESS
$\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \sigma_3$	kPa	PRINCIPAL STRESSES
$\epsilon$	%	LINEAR STRAIN
$\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, \epsilon_3$	%	PRINCIPAL STRAINS
E	kPa	MODULUS OF LINEAR DEFORMATION
G	kPa	MODULUS OF SHEAR DEFORMATION
$\mu$	1	COEFFICIENT OF FRICTION

### PHYSICAL PROPERTIES OF SOIL

$\rho_s$	$kg/m^3$	DENSITY OF SOLID PARTICLES	e	1, %	VOID RATIO	$e_{min}$	1, %	VOID RATIO IN DENSEST STATE
$\gamma_s$	$kN/m^3$	UNIT WEIGHT OF SOLID PARTICLES	n	1, %	POROSITY	$I_D$	1	DENSITY INDEX = $\frac{e_{max} - e}{e_{max} - e_{min}}$
$\rho_w$	$kg/m^3$	DENSITY OF WATER	w	1, %	WATER CONTENT	D	mm	GRAIN DIAMETER
$\gamma_w$	$kN/m^3$	UNIT WEIGHT OF WATER	$S_r$	%	DEGREE OF SATURATION	$D_n$	mm	n PERCENT - DIAMETER
$\rho$	$kg/m^3$	DENSITY OF SOIL	$w_L$	%	LIQUID LIMIT	$C_u$	1	UNIFORMITY COEFFICIENT
$\gamma$	$kN/m^3$	UNIT WEIGHT OF SOIL	$w_p$	%	PLASTIC LIMIT	h	m	HYDRAULIC HEAD OR POTENTIAL
$\rho_d$	$kg/m^3$	DENSITY OF DRY SOIL	$w_s$	%	SHRINKAGE LIMIT	q	$m^3/s$	RATE OF DISCHARGE
$\gamma_d$	$kN/m^3$	UNIT WEIGHT OF DRY SOIL	$I_p$	%	PLASTICITY INDEX = $w_L - w_p$	v	m/s	DISCHARGE VELOCITY
$\rho_{sat}$	$kg/m^3$	DENSITY OF SATURATED SOIL	$I_L$	1	LIQUIDITY INDEX = $\frac{w - w_p}{I_p}$	i	1	HYDRAULIC GRADIENT
$\gamma_{sat}$	$kN/m^3$	UNIT WEIGHT OF SATURATED SOIL	$I_C$	1	CONSISTENCY INDEX = $\frac{w_L - w}{I_p}$	k	m/s	HYDRAULIC CONDUCTIVITY
$\rho'$	$kg/m^3$	DENSITY OF SUBMERGED SOIL	$e_{max}$	1, %	VOID RATIO IN LOOSEST STATE	j	$kN/m^2$	SEEPAGE FORCE
$\gamma'$	$kN/m^3$	UNIT WEIGHT OF SUBMERGED SOIL						

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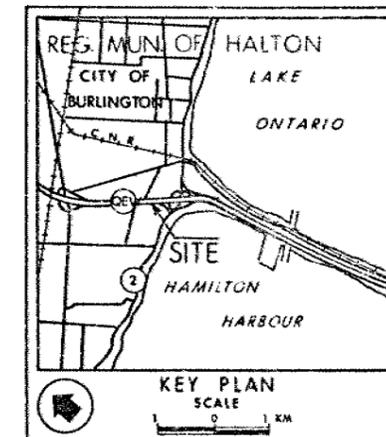
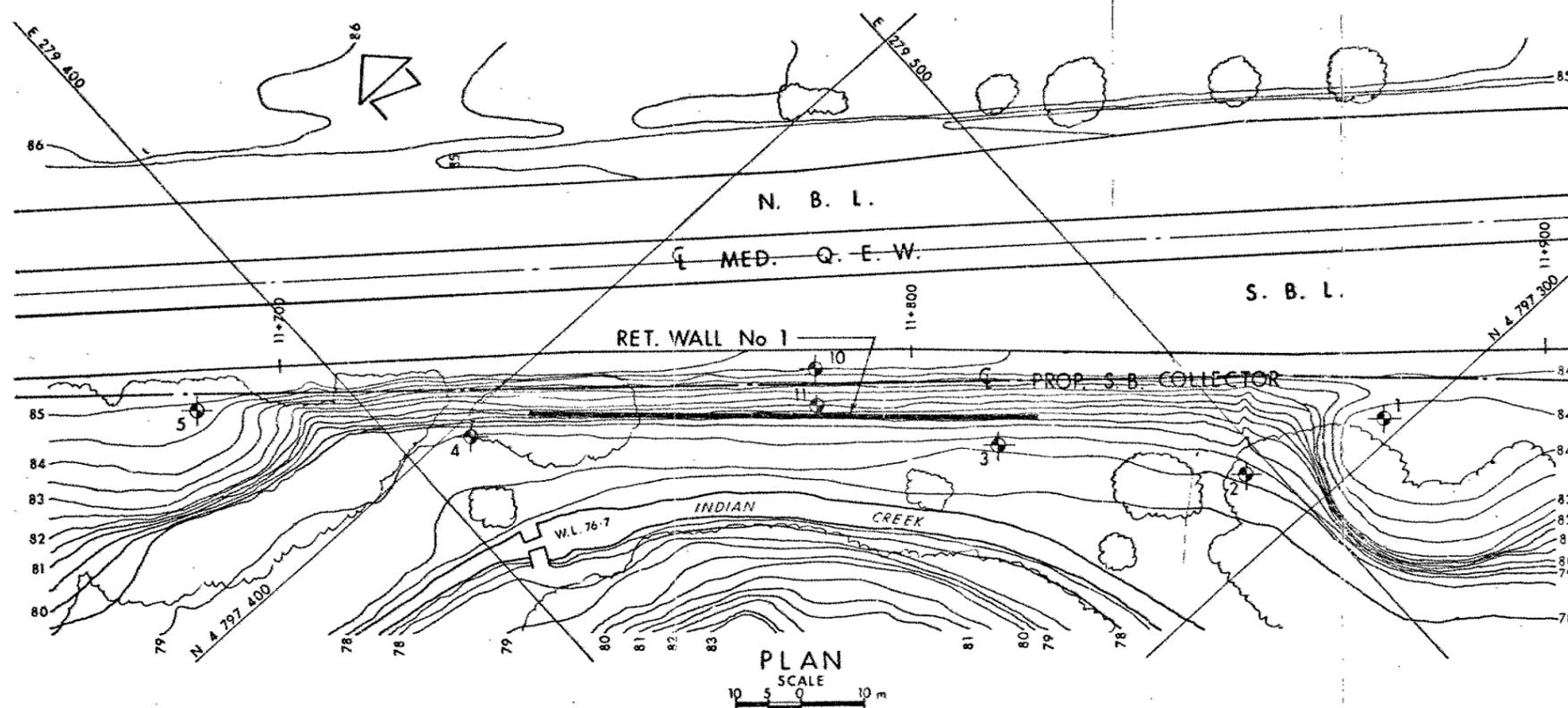


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BORE HOLE LOCATIONS & SOIL STRATA

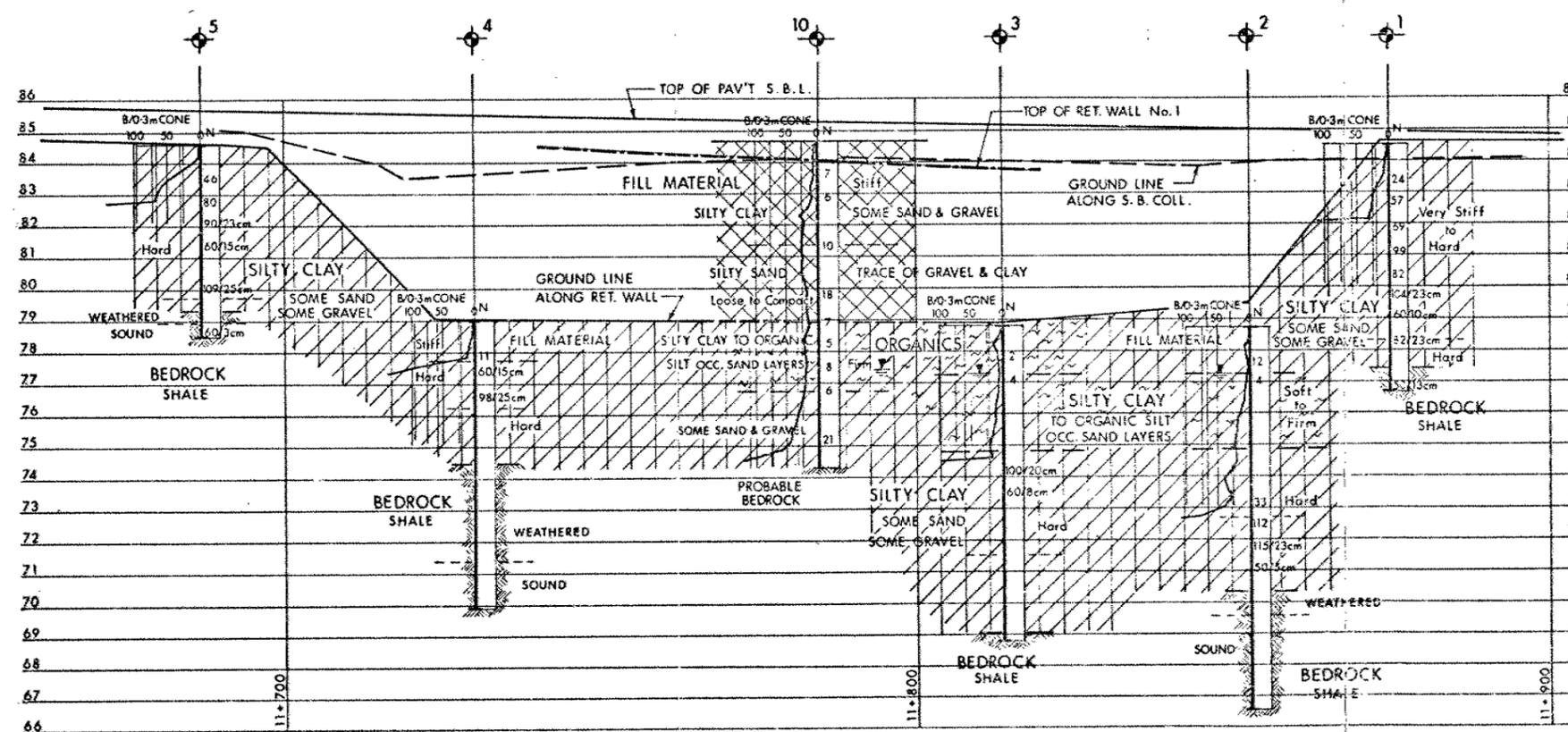
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**LEGEND**

- ◆ Bore Hole
- ⊕ Dynamic Cone Penetration Test (Cone)
- ⊕ Bore Hole & Cone
- N Blows/0.3m (Std Pen Test, 475 J/blow)
- CONE Blows/0.3m (60° Cone, 475 J/blow)
- W.L. at time of investigation 81 05 08
- NO WL Established in BH 1, 4, 5

No	ELEVATION	CO-ORDINATES	
		NORTH	EAST
1	84.5	4 797 303.0	279 518.0
2	78.7	4 797 311.0	279 497.5
3	78.8	4 797 340.0	279 471.0
4	79.0	4 797 397.0	279 409.5
5	84.6	4 797 429.0	279 380.0
10	84.7	4 797 368.0	279 457.0
11	81.5	4 797 365.0	279 454.0



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HOR SCALE 10 5 0 5 10 m  
VERT SCALE 2 1 0 1 2 m

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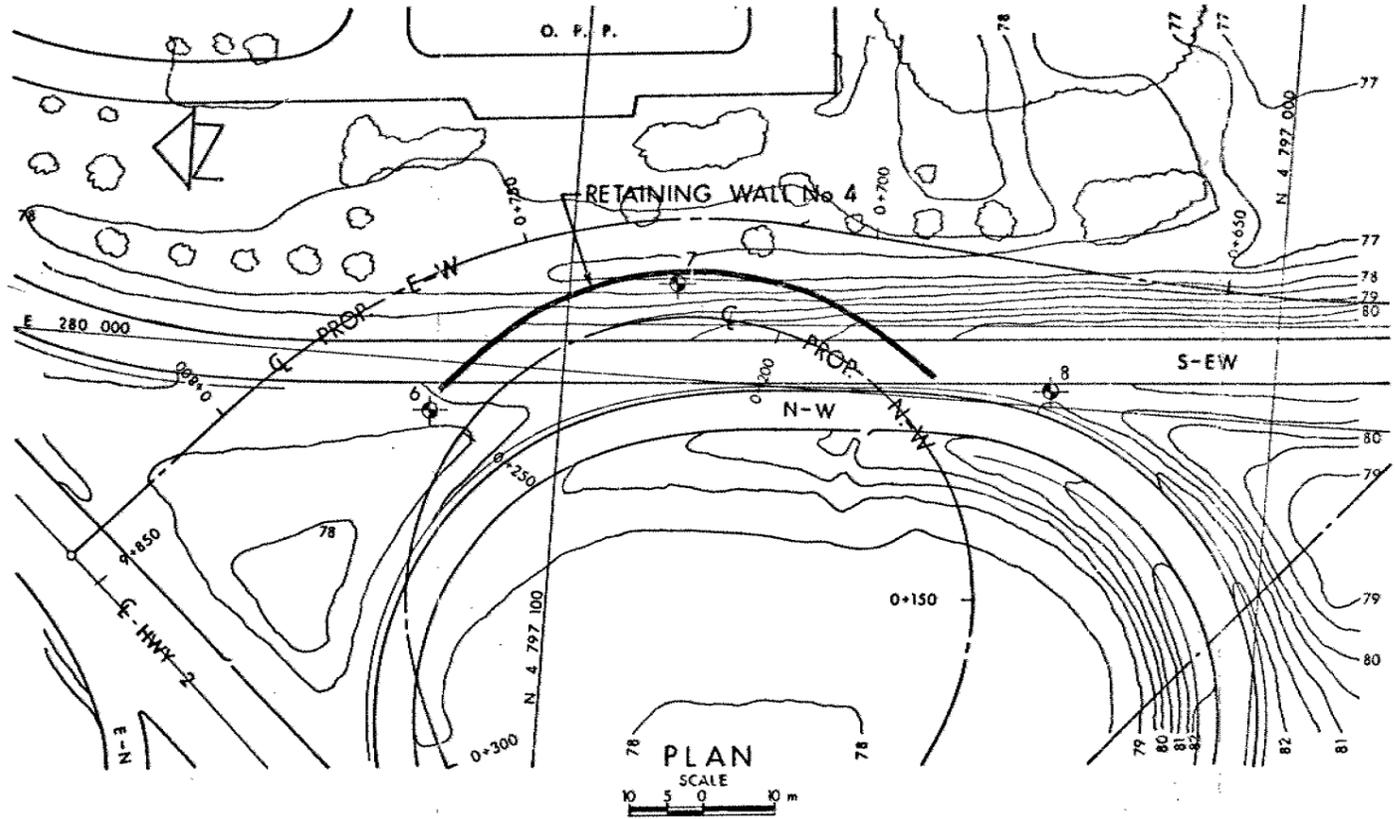


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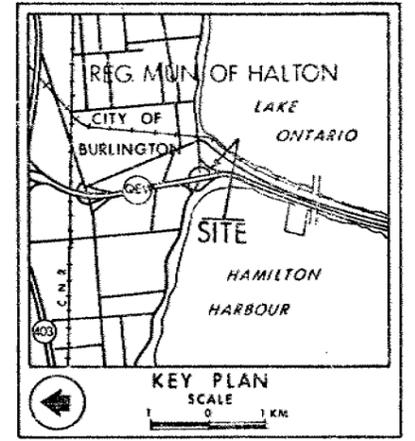
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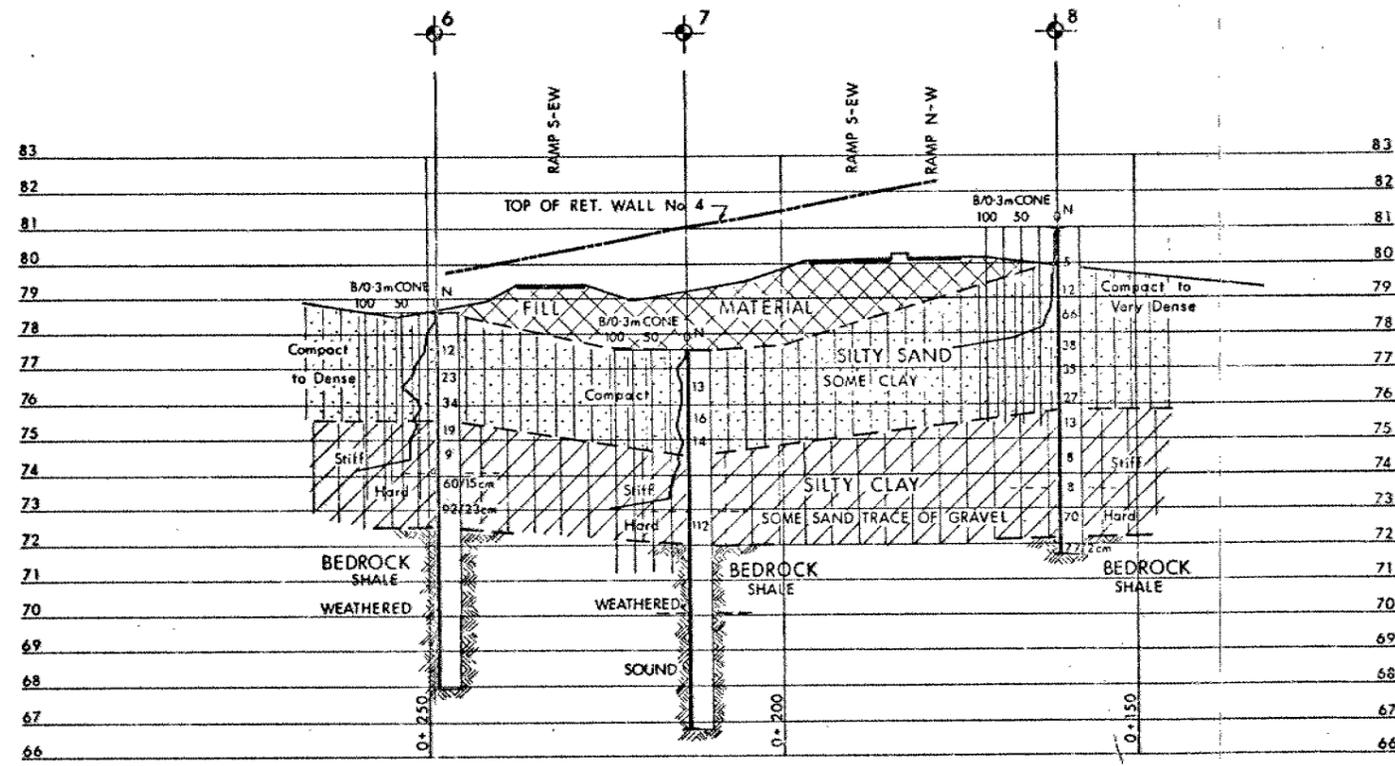
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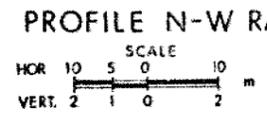
**LEGEND**

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- Bore Hole & Cone
- N Blows/0.3m (Std Pen Test, 475 J/blow)
- CONE Blows/0.3m (60° Cone, 475 J/blow)
- W L at time of investigation
- NO WL Established



No	ELEVATION	CO-ORDINATES	
		NORTH	EAST
6	78.0	4 797 118.5	297 993.0
7	77.5	4 797 085.0	280 013.0
8	81.0	4 797 031.0	280 002.0

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REVISIONS	DATE	BY	DESCRIPTION

Geocres No 30MS-1308

HWY No	O. E. W.	037	4
SUBM'D P	CHECKED	DATE 81 06 26	SITE 10
DRAWN	J. CHECKED	APPROVED	DWG 527505-B

**METRIC**

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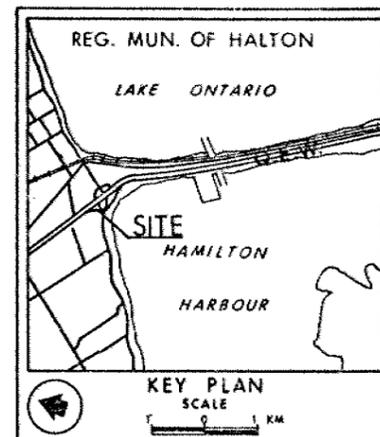
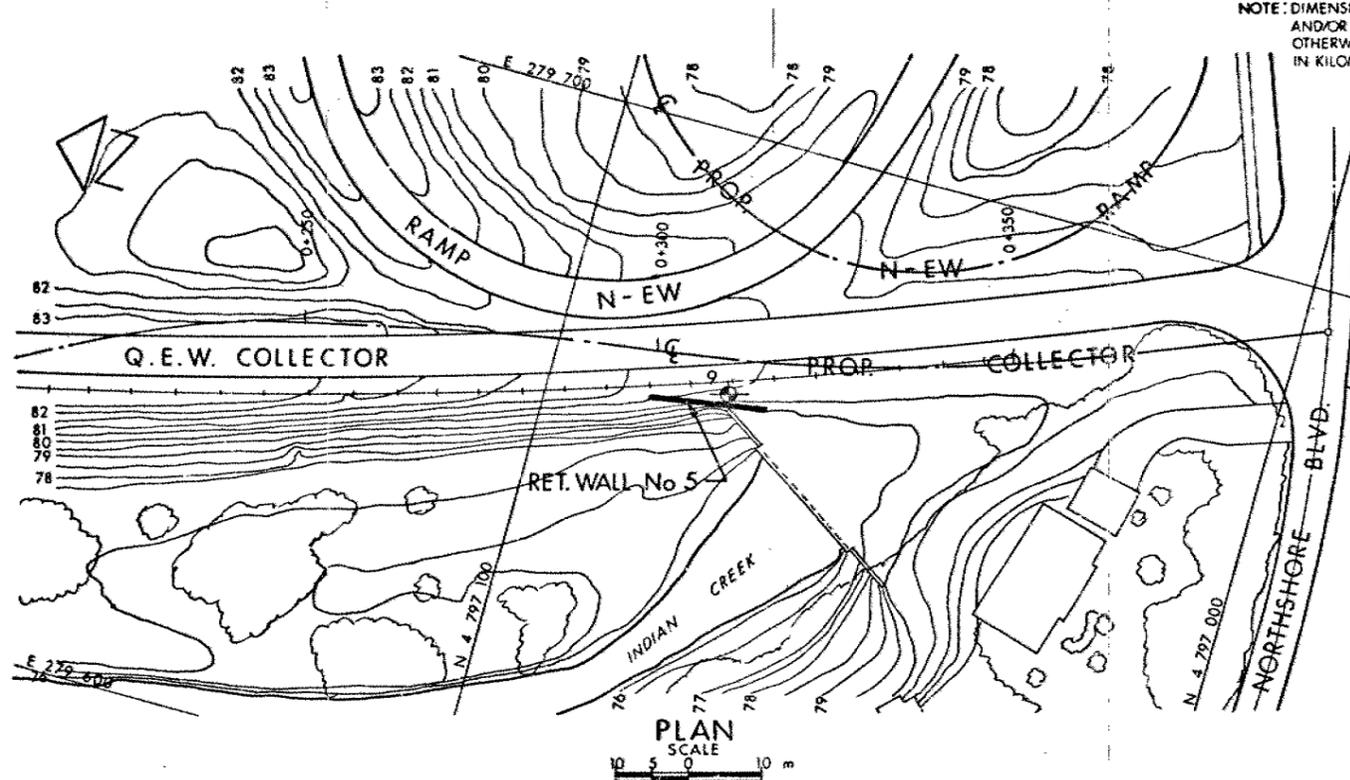
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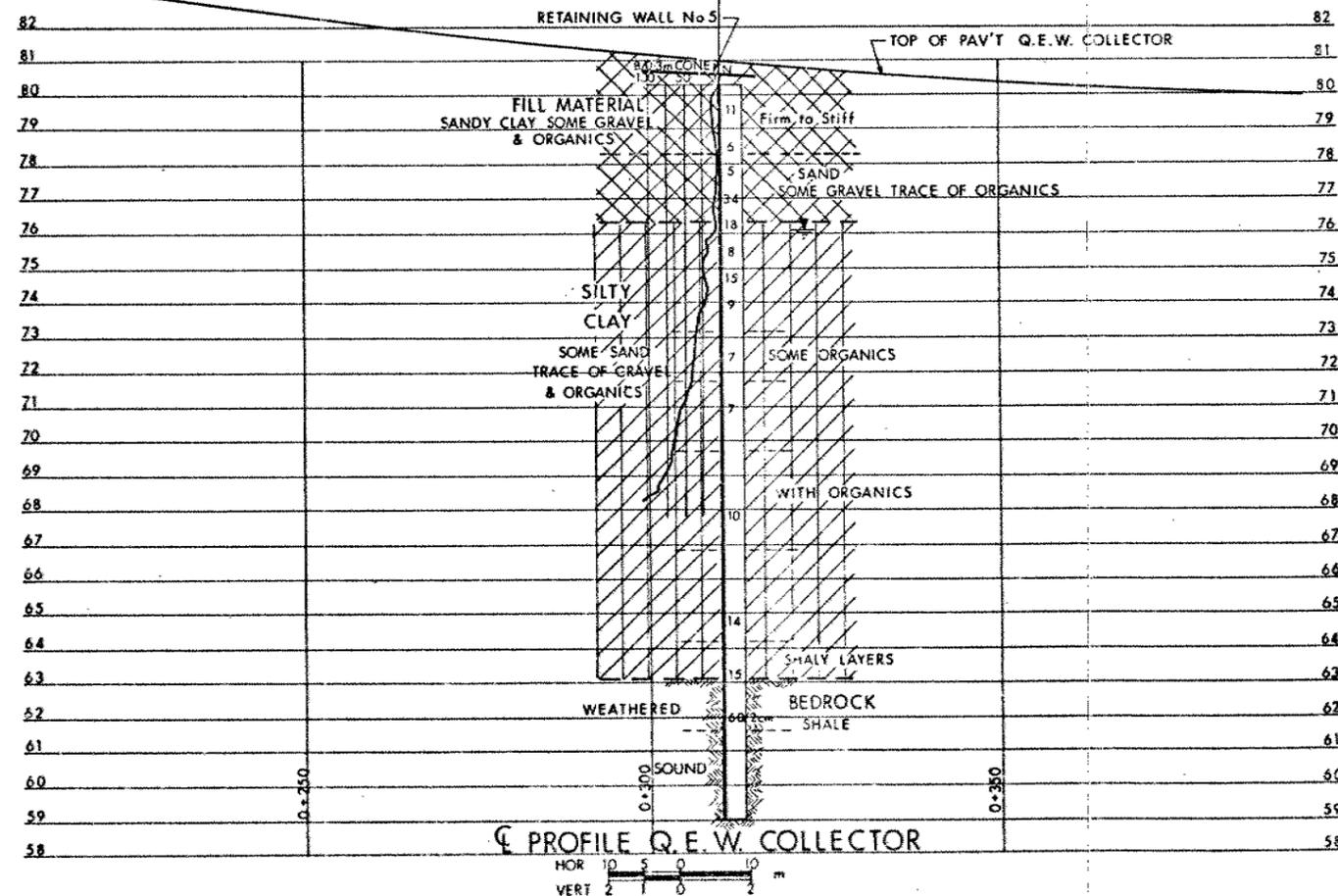
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BORE HOLE LOCATIONS & SOIL STRATA



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- ⬇ WL at time of investigation 31 08 24



No	ELEVATION	CO-ORDINATES	
		NORTH	EAST
9	80.3	4 797 075	279 664

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REVISIONS	DATE	BY	DESCRIPTION

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 HWY No Q. E. W. DIST 4  
 SUBM'D. D. CHECKED DATE 82 01 22 SITE  
 DRAWN & CHECKED APPROVER D&G 1527505-C

