

**FOUNDATION INVESTIGATION REPORT  
CULVERT EXTENSIONS  
RECONSTRUCTION AND WIDENING OF HIGHWAY 8  
FROM 1.0 KM NORTH OF GRAND RIVER, SOUTHERLY  
TO SPORTSWORLD DRIVE, KITCHENER, ONTARIO  
G.W.P. 277-97-00**

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**PART 1: FACTUAL INFORMATION**

**1 INTRODUCTION**

This report presents the factual findings obtained from a foundation investigation conducted at the locations of proposed culvert extensions along Highway 8 in Kitchener, Ontario.

Highway 8 will be widened from four to eight lanes from 1 km north of the Grand River southerly to Sportsworld Drive. The project will include construction of new southbound lanes and requisite extension of existing concrete culverts at Stations 13+298 and 14+093.

The purpose of the investigation was to explore the subsurface conditions at the proposed culvert extension locations and, based on the data obtained, to provide borehole logs, borehole location plans, stratigraphic profiles, and written descriptions of the subsurface conditions.

Thurber carried out the investigation as a sub-consultant to Morrison Hershfield Limited, under the Ministry of Transportation Ontario (MTO) Agreement Number 3005-E-0035.

**2 SITE DESCRIPTION**

The site is located along existing Highway 8 in Kitchener, Ontario. Within this section, existing Highway 8 descends through a cut section in an elevated land area on the north side of the Grand River, bridges over the Grand River, and crosses the remainder of the river floodplain to the south of the current river alignment on a fill embankment.

The existing culvert at Station 13+298 consists of a 1500 x 1220 non-rigid frame open (NRFO) concrete culvert. Based on existing ETR drawings, the culvert is located in a depressed area to the north of a highway cut section. Grades on Highway 8 slope downwards to the south. Contours shown on the ETR plates indicate that the culvert invert is near elevation 303.5 m and road grade above the culvert is near elevation 306.5 m. Flow in the culvert is towards the east.

The existing culvert near Station 14+093 consists of a 1.22 x 1.22 m, open frame concrete culvert. Based on existing ETR drawings, the culvert is located in a fill embankment area crossing the Grand River floodplain. Grades on Highway 8 are relatively flat in this area, near elevation 288.3 m. The ETR profile indicates that the culvert invert is near elevation 284.5 m. Flow in the culvert is towards the Grand River to the west.

Geologically, the site area is located within the physiographic region known as the Waterloo Hills, which is characterized by sandy hills consisting of ridges of sandy till as well as kames and kame moraines, with outwash sands occupying the intervening hollows. Locally, the Grand River spillway system contains alluvial terraces of uniform sandy and gravelly materials. The soils overlie Silurian limestone bedrock of the Guelph Formation.

### 3 SITE INVESTIGATION AND FIELD TESTING

The site investigation and field testing for this project were carried out on May 30, August 9 and September 18, 2006 and consisted of drilling and sampling two boreholes at each culvert location. The boreholes were terminated at depths of 6.4 to 11.1 m. The approximate borehole locations are shown on the Borehole Locations and Soil Strata Drawing in Appendix C.

Prior to commencement of drilling, utility clearances were obtained for all borehole locations. Road occupancy and lane closure permits were also obtained.

Hollow stem augers were used to advance the boreholes. Samples were obtained at selected intervals using a split spoon sampler in conjunction with Standard Penetration Testing (SPT). A member of Thurber's engineering staff supervised the drilling and sampling operations on a full time basis. The inspector logged the boreholes, visually examined the recovered samples, and transported them to Thurber's laboratory for further examination and testing.

Standpipe piezometers, consisting of 19 or 25 mm PVC pipes with slotted tip, were installed in the boreholes to monitor groundwater levels. The completion details are shown in Table 3.1. The remaining boreholes were grouted in accordance with the requirements of MOE Reg. 903.

**Table 3.1 – Piezometer Installation Details**

Piezometer Location	Tip (Sand Filter) Details			Backfill
	Depth	Elevation	Stratum	
06-70	10.7 – 8.8	295.1 – 297.0	Silty clay till	Bentonite seal to 8.2 m, grout to 0.9 m, bentonite to 0.3 m, concrete to surface
06-71	7.5 – 5.5	296.5 – 298.5	Silty clay till	Bentonite seal to 4.9 m, grout to 0.2 m, cuttings to surface
06-72	10.7 – 8.8	277.6 – 279.5	Silty clay till	Bentonite seal to 8.2 m, grout to 0.9 m, bentonite to 0.3 m, concrete to surface
06-73	5.9 – 3.8	279.2 – 281.3	Silt and sand till	Bentonite grout to ground surface

#### **4 LABORATORY TESTING**

The recovered soil samples were subjected to Visual Identification (VI) and to natural moisture content determination. The results of this testing are shown on the Record of Borehole sheets in Appendix A. Approximately 25% of the recovered samples were also subjected to grain size distribution analyses (sieve and hydrometer) and Atterberg Limits testing. The results of this testing program are shown on the Record of Borehole sheets in Appendix A and on the figures contained in Appendix B.

#### **5 DESCRIPTION OF SUBSURFACE CONDITIONS**

Details of the encountered soil stratigraphy are presented on the Record of Borehole sheets in Appendix A and on the Borehole Locations and Soil Strata Drawing in Appendix C. An overall description of the stratigraphy is given in the following paragraphs. However, the factual data presented in the Record of Borehole Sheets governs any interpretation of the site conditions.

In general terms, the stratigraphy encountered near Station 13+298 (boreholes 06-70 and 06-71) consists of a pavement structure or topsoil layer overlying sand to sandy silt deposits, underlain by glacial till. Near Station 14+093 (boreholes 06-72 and 06-73), the stratigraphy comprises a pavement structure, fill, topsoil and/or alluvial deposits underlain by a layer of sand and gravel, overlying glacial till.

More detailed descriptions of the individual strata are presented below.

##### **5.1 Pavement Structure**

Boreholes 06-70 and 06-72 were drilled on the shoulder of Highway 8. The pavement structure encountered in these boreholes consisted of 75 and 100 mm of asphalt overlying sand and gravel fill to depths of 1.5 and 1.4 m. SPT N-values obtained in the fill ranged from 38 blows/0.3 m to 50 blows/0.15 m, indicating a dense to very dense condition.

The results of grain size distribution analyses conducted on the granular fill, presented on Figure B1 of Appendix B, indicate a fines content (silt plus clay) of 11 to 13%. Moisture contents ranged from 3 to 8%.

##### **5.2 Silty Clay Fill**

A 1.6 m thick layer of silty clay fill was encountered below the pavement structure in borehole 06-72 drilled on the highway embankment through the floodplain. An N-value of 24 blows/0.3 m was encountered in the fill, indicating a very stiff consistency. A moisture content of 11% was measured. The lower boundary of the fill was encountered at 3.0 m depth (elevation 285.3 m).

### **5.3 Topsoil and Alluvial Deposits**

Topsoil was encountered surficially in boreholes 06-71 and 06-73 drilled near the toe of the highway embankment. The topsoil layer was 375 and 150 mm thick in boreholes 06-71 and 06-73, respectively.

Alluvial deposits with trace organics were encountered below the fill and topsoil in boreholes 06-72 and 06-73 drilled in the Grand River floodplain. This material comprised brown sand and silt in borehole 06-72, and dark brown sand overlying clayey silt in borehole 06-73. The lower boundary of the alluvium was encountered at depths of 4.3 and 3.0 m (elevation 284.0 and 282.2 m).

N-values in the alluvium typically ranged from 3 to 7 blows/0.3 m, indicating a soft/loose to very loose condition. One value of 17 blows/0.3 m (very stiff) was obtained in the lower SPT in borehole 06-73. Grain size distribution results for a sample of the sand and silt are presented on Figure B2 of Appendix B. Moisture contents ranged from about 17 to 41%.

### **5.4 Sand to Sandy Silt**

Native deposits of brown sand to sandy silt were encountered below the granular fill and topsoil in boreholes 06-70 and 06-71. The upper boundary of this layer was encountered at depths of 1.5 and 0.4 m (elevation 304.3 and 303.6 m), and the lower boundary was encountered at depths of 6.1 and 3.5 m (elevation 299.7 and 300.5 m).

SPT N-values in the sand/sandy silt generally ranged from 24 to 42 blows/0.3 m, indicating a compact to dense relative density. Localized loose zones were indicated by N-values of 8 and 9 blows/0.3 m obtained near 4.9 m depth (elevation 300.9 m) in borehole 06-70 and 1.1 m depth (elevation 302.9 m) in borehole 06-71. Grain size distribution results for one sample of the sand are presented on the Record of Borehole sheets and Figure B2 of Appendix B. Moisture contents ranged from 3 to 18%.

### **5.5 Sand and Gravel**

A layer of brown sand and gravel with cobbles was encountered below the alluvial material in boreholes 06-72 and 06-73 at depths of 4.3 and 3.0 m (elevation 284.0 and 282.2 m). This layer was 3.0 m thick in borehole 06-72 and 1.0 m thick in borehole 06-73.

SPT N-values obtained in the sand and gravel ranged from 18 blows/0.3 m to 50 blows/0.15 m penetration, indicating a compact to very dense condition. Moisture contents from this deposit ranged from 10 to 17%.

### **5.6 Heterogeneous Glacial Till (Silt and Sand to Silty Clay)**

A deposit of heterogeneous till was encountered below the sand and sandy silt in boreholes 06-70 and 06-71 at depths of 6.1 and 3.5 m (elevation 299.7 and 300.5 m), and below the sand and gravel in boreholes 06-72 and 06-73 at depths of 7.3 and 4.0 m (elevation 281.0

and 281.2 m). This deposit varies in gradation from cohesionless silt and sand, trace clay, to cohesive silty clay, trace sand. The results of sieve and hydrometer analyses conducted on three samples of this unit, presented on the Record of Borehole Sheets and Figure B3 of Appendix B, indicate the following particle size distribution:

Gravel	0 – 4 %
Sand	2 – 52 %
Silt	34 – 47 %
Clay	7 – 62 %

SPT N-values obtained in the till deposit typically ranged from 27 blows/0.3 m to 50 blows/0.15 m penetration, indicating a compact to very dense or hard condition. An N-value of 10 blows/0.3 m (stiff) was obtained locally at 4.9 m depth (elevation 299.1 m) in borehole 06-71. Moisture contents ranged from 9 to 22%. Atterberg Limits testing conducted on one sample of silty clay till (Figure B4) indicates medium plasticity.

The boreholes were terminated in the till deposit at depths of 6.4 to 11.1 m. Although not encountered in the boreholes, glacial till may contain cobbles and boulders.

## 5.7 Groundwater Conditions

Standpipe piezometers were installed in the boreholes to monitor groundwater conditions after completion of drilling. The water levels measured in the piezometers are summarized in Table 5.1.

**Table 5.1 – Measured Groundwater Levels**

Borehole	Date	Water Level (m)	
		Depth	Elevation
06-70	29-May-2006	7.3	298.5
	26-Sept-2006	10.4	295.4
06-71	19-Sept-2006	0.9	303.1
	20-Sept-2006	1.2	302.8
	21-Sept-2006	1.5	302.5
	22-Sept-2006	2.0	302.0
	25-Sept-2006	2.8	301.2
	29-Sept-2006	4.6	299.4
06-72	31-May-2006	6.0	282.3
	26-Sept-2006	3.9	284.4
06-73	10-Aug-2006	1.9	283.2
	11-Aug-2006	1.9	283.2
	14-Aug-2006	2.0	283.1
	15-Aug-2006	2.0	283.1
	16-Aug-2006	2.0	283.1
	29-Sept-2006	1.5	283.6

The above values are short-term readings and seasonal fluctuations of the groundwater level are to be expected. In particular, the groundwater level may be at a higher elevation after the spring snowmelt or after periods of heavy rainfall. Further, perched water may be encountered at higher levels in pockets or zones of more permeable soils above or within the heterogeneous tills. Of note are the wet conditions encountered in the sandy silt and sand and silt till below elevation 301.2 m in borehole 06-70.

## 6 MISCELLANEOUS

Thurber Engineering Ltd. selected the borehole locations in the field relative to existing site features and chainages along Highway 8 marked by Callon Dietz Inc., with consideration of access restraints, terrain conditions, and utility locations. Callon Dietz, retained by Morrison Hershfield, subsequently established the co-ordinates and ground surface elevations at the staked off-road borehole locations. For the highway shoulder boreholes, the approximate geodetic co-ordinates and elevations were interpreted from the digital base plan and profile information provided by Morrison Hershfield.

All-Terrain Drilling of Waterloo supplied and operated the drilling and sampling equipment used for the investigation. Full time supervision of the field activities, including obtaining utility clearances, was carried out by Mr. George Azzopardi and Mr. Stephane Loranger, CET, of Thurber.

Interpretation of the field data and preparation of the investigation report were conducted by Mr. Murray Anderson, P.Eng. Overall supervision of the field program and review of the report was provided by Mr. Alastair Gorman, P.Eng. The report was reviewed by Dr. P.K. Chatterji, P.Eng., a Designated Principal Contact for MTO Foundations Projects.

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**Appendix A**

**Record of Borehole Sheets**

## SYMBOLS, ABBREVIATIONS AND TERMS USED ON RECORDS OF BOREHOLES

### 1. TEXTURAL CLASSIFICATION OF SOILS

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

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

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

### 3. TERMS DESCRIBING CONSISTENCY (COHESIVE SOILS ONLY)

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

NOTE: Hierarchy of Soil Strength Prediction

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

### 4. TERMS DESCRIBING DENSITY (COHESIONLESS SOILS ONLY)

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

### 5. LEGEND FOR RECORDS OF BOREHOLES

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

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



Water Level

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Shear Strength Determination by Pocket Penetrometer

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

# UNIFIED SOILS CLASSIFICATION

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

## METRIC

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# RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 06-70

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METRIC

G.W.P. 277-97-00 LOCATION Hwy 8 Widening, Grand River to Sportsworld Dr N 4 809 565.36 E 230 184.39 ORIGINATED BY GA  
 HWY 8 BOREHOLE TYPE Hollow Stem Augers COMPILED BY WM  
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 30.05.06 - 30.05.06 CHECKED BY MEF

SOIL PROFILE			SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT		PLASTIC NATURAL LIQUID LIMIT MOISTURE LIMIT CONTENT			UNIT WEIGHT $\gamma$ kN/m <sup>3</sup>	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%) GR SA SI CL
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	"N" VALUES			SHEAR STRENGTH kPa	W <sub>P</sub>	W	W <sub>L</sub>			
294.7			9	SS	100/ 250		295							
11.1	END OF BOREHOLE AT 11.07 m. BOREHOLE OPEN TO 11.07 m AND WATER LEVEL AT 7.92 m UPON COMPLETION. Piezometer installation consists of 25 mm diameter Schedule 40 PVC pipe with a 1.52m slotted screen.  WATER LEVEL READINGS: DATE DEPTH(m) ELEV.(m) 29.05.06 7.28 298.52 26.09.06 10.45 295.35													

# RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 06-71

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METRIC

G.W.P. 277-97-00 LOCATION Hwy 8 Widening, Grand River to Sportsworld Dr. N 4 809 552.60 E 230 168.67 ORIGINATED BY SLL  
 HWY 8 BOREHOLE TYPE Hollow Stem Augers COMPILED BY MFA  
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 18.09.06 - 18.09.06 CHECKED BY MEF

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 kN/m <sup>3</sup>	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	"N" VALUES			SHEAR STRENGTH kPa						
304.0								20 40 60 80 100						GR SA SI CL
0.0	TOPSOIL: (375mm), trace roots, black						304							
303.6														
0.4	Sandy SILT, trace organics Loose Brown Moist		1	SS	8		303							
302.4														
1.6	SAND, some silt, trace gravel Dense Brown Moist		2	SS	30		302							10 70 20 (SI+CL)
			3	SS	32									
301.2														
2.8	Sandy SILT, some clay Compact Brown Moist		4	SS	28		301							
300.5														
3.5	Silty CLAY, trace sand Stiff to Hard Grey (TILL)(CI)						300							
			5	SS	10		299							
			6	SS	33		298							0 2 36 62
							297							
			7	SS	64/ 250									
296.0														
8.0	END OF BOREHOLE AT 8.03m. Piezometer installation consists of 19mm diameter Schedule 40 PVC pipe with a 1.52m slotted screen.  WATER LEVEL READINGS: DATE DEPTH(m) ELEV.(m) 19.09.06 0.88 303.12 20.09.06 1.19 302.81 21.09.06 1.51 302.49 22.09.06 1.96 302.04 25.09.06 2.79 301.21 29.09.06 4.63 299.37													

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# RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 06-72

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METRIC

G.W.P. 277-97-00 LOCATION Hwy 8 Widening, Grand River to Sportsworld Dr N 4 809 160.74 E 230 842.65 ORIGINATED BY GA  
 HWY 8 BOREHOLE TYPE Hollow Stem Augers COMPILED BY WM  
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 30.05.06 - 30.05.06 CHECKED BY MEF

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 kPa								WATER CONTENT (%)		
								○ UNCONFINED	+ FIELD VANE	● QUICK TRIAXIAL						× LAB VANE		
288.3																		
0.0	ASPHALT: (100 mm)																	
0.1	SAND and GRAVEL, some silt Dense Brown Dry (FILL)		1	SS	42										41 46 13 (SI+CL)			
			2	SS	38													
286.9																		
1.4	Silty CLAY, some sand, trace gravel Very Stiff Brown (FILL)		3	SS	24													
285.3																		
3.0	SAND and SILT, trace clay, trace gravel, trace organics, occasional cobbles Loose Brown Moist		4	SS	7										1 56 36 7			
284.0																		
4.3	GRAVEL, some sand, trace silt Very Dense Brown Wet		5	SS	52													
			6	SS	50/ .150													
281.0																		
7.3	Silty CLAY, some sand, trace gravel Hard Brown (TILL)		7	SS	62/ .150													
			8	SS	59													

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 20  
 15 5  
 10 (%) STRAIN AT FAILURE

# RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 06-72

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METRIC

G.W.P. 277-97-00 LOCATION Hwy 8 Widening, Grand River to Sportsworld Dr N 4 809 160.74 E 230 842.65 ORIGINATED BY GA  
 HWY 8 BOREHOLE TYPE Hollow Stem Augers COMPILED BY WM  
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 30.05.06 - 30.05.06 CHECKED BY MEF

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 kN/m <sup>3</sup>	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%) GR SA SI CL
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	"N" VALUES			SHEAR STRENGTH kPa						
277.2			9	SS	93		278							
11.1	END OF BOREHOLE AT 11.13 m. BOREHOLE OPEN TO 10.67 m AND WATER LEVEL AT 9.87 m ON COMPLETION. Piezometer installation consists of 25 mm diameter Schedule 40 PVC pipe with a 1.52 m slotted screen.  WATER LEVEL READINGS: DATE DEPTH(m) ELEV.(m) 31.05.06 6.01 282.29 26.09.06 3.90 284.40													



# RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 06-73

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METRIC

G.W.P. 277-97-00 LOCATION Hwy 8 Widening, Grand River to Sportsworld Dr. N 4 809 157.57 E 230 802.08 ORIGINATED BY SLL  
 HWY 8 BOREHOLE TYPE Hollow Stem Augers COMPILED BY JHL  
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 09.08.06 - 09.08.06 CHECKED BY MEF

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 kN/m <sup>3</sup>	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%) GR SA SI CL
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	"N" VALUES			SHEAR STRENGTH kPa ○ UNCONFINED + FIELD VANE ● QUICK TRIAXIAL × LAB VANE						
285.1								20 40 60 80 100						
0.0 0.1	TOPSOIL: (150 mm) SAND, trace organics Very Loose Dark Brown		1	SS	3		285							
284.4	Moist													
0.7	Clayey SILT, some sand, trace organics Soft Dark Brown		2	SS	4		284							
			3	SS	3		283							
	Becoming Very Stiff													
			4	SS	17		282							
282.2														
3.0	SAND and GRAVEL, some silt, occasional cobbles Compact Brown Wet		5	SS	18		281							
281.2														
4.0	SILT and SAND, trace clay, trace gravel Dense to Very Dense Brown to Grey Moist (TILL)		6	SS	31		280							2 43 47 7
							279							
278.7			7	SS	50/ .125									
6.4	END OF BOREHOLE AT 6.37 m. Piezometer installation consists of 19mm diameter Schedule 40 PVC pipe with a 1.52m slotted screen.													
	WATER LEVEL READINGS: DATE DEPTH(m) ELEV.(m) 10.08.06 1.95 283.18 11.08.06 1.92 283.21 14.08.06 2.02 283.11 15.08.06 2.00 283.13 16.08.06 2.00 283.13 29.09.06 1.52 283.61													

+<sup>3</sup>, ×<sup>3</sup>: Numbers refer to  
Sensitivity

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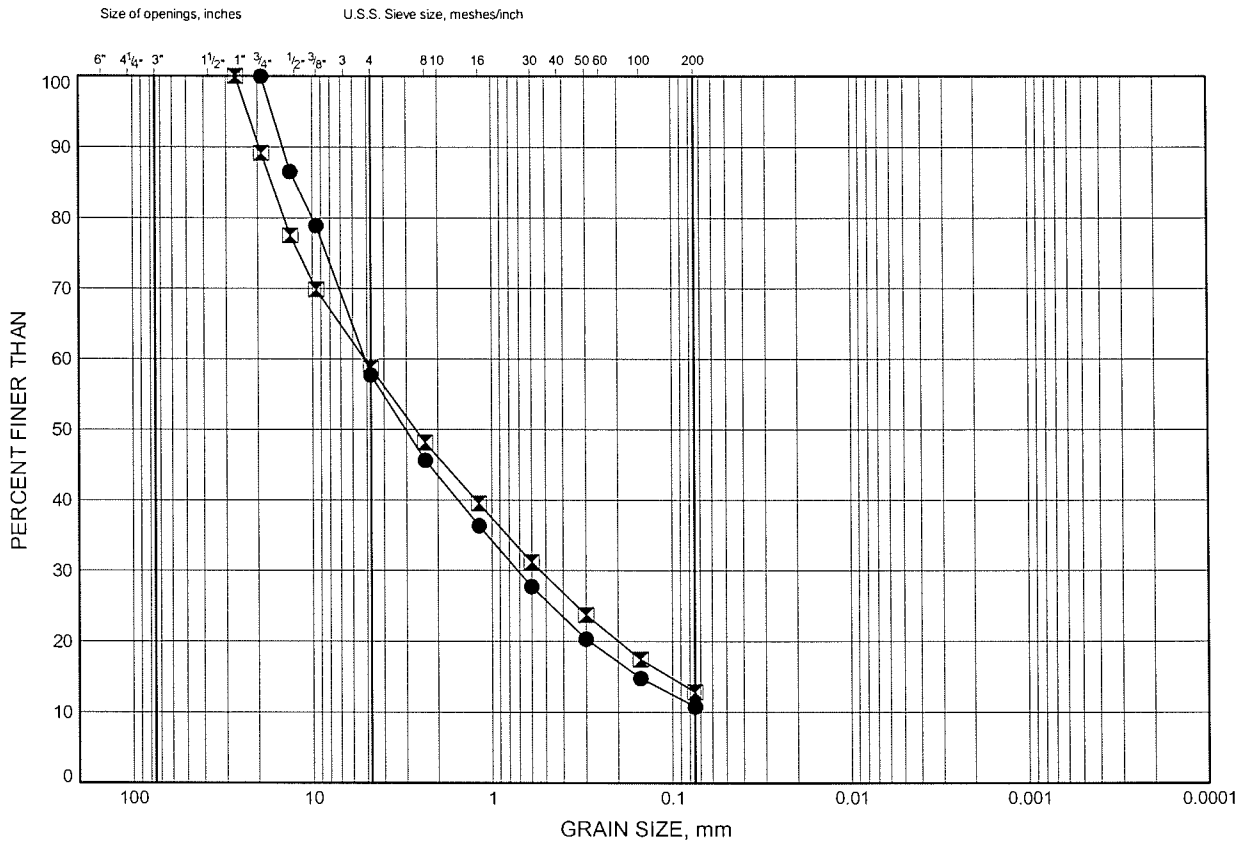
## **Appendix B**

### **Laboratory Test Results**

# Geotechnical Investigation GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION

FIGURE B1

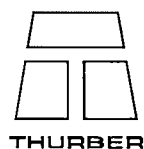
## SAND AND GRAVEL FILL



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

SYMBOL	BH	DEPTH (m)	ELEV. (m)
●	06-70	0.46	305.34
⊠	06-72	0.46	287.84

Date February 2007  
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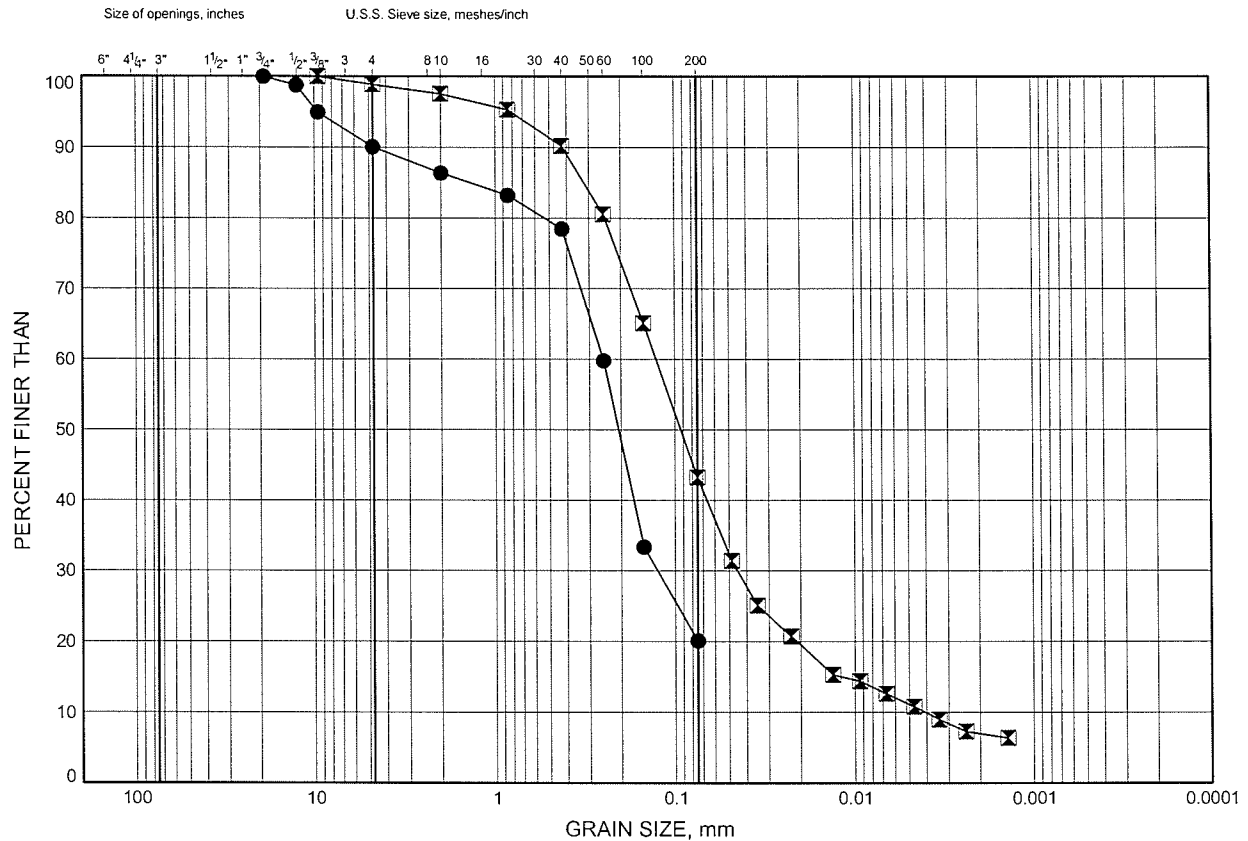


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# Highway 8 Widening Over Grand River GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION

FIGURE B2

## SAND, SAND AND SILT

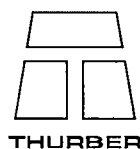


COBBLE SIZE	COARSE	FINE	COARSE	MEDIUM	FINE	SILT and CLAY
	GRAVEL		SAND			FINE GRAINED

SYMBOL	BH	DEPTH (m)	ELEV. (m)
●	06-71	1.83	302.17
⊠	06-72	3.35	284.95

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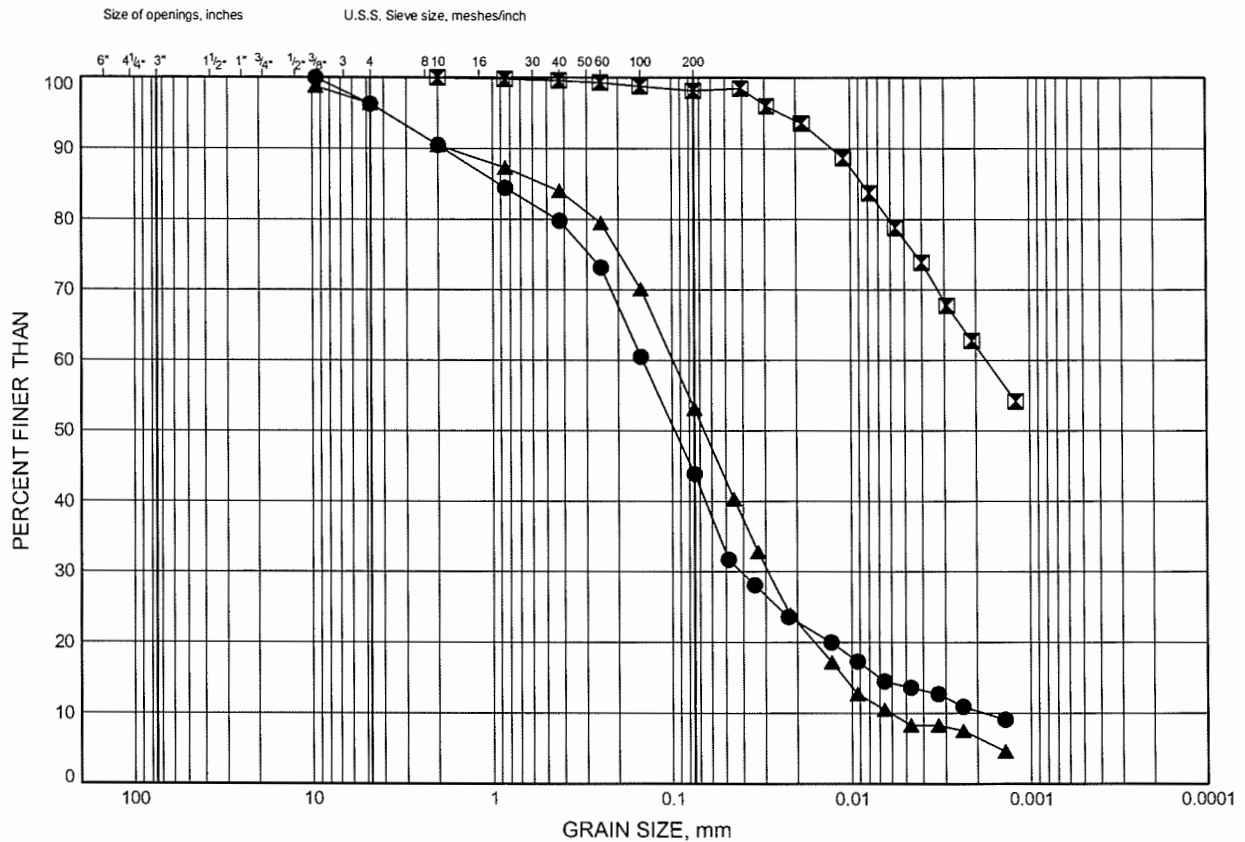
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## GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION

FIGURE B3

### SAND AND SILT TILL TO SILTY CLAY TILL



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

SYMBOL	BH	DEPTH (m)	ELEV. (m)
●	06-70	7.85	297.95
⊠	06-71	6.40	297.60
▲	06-73	4.88	280.25

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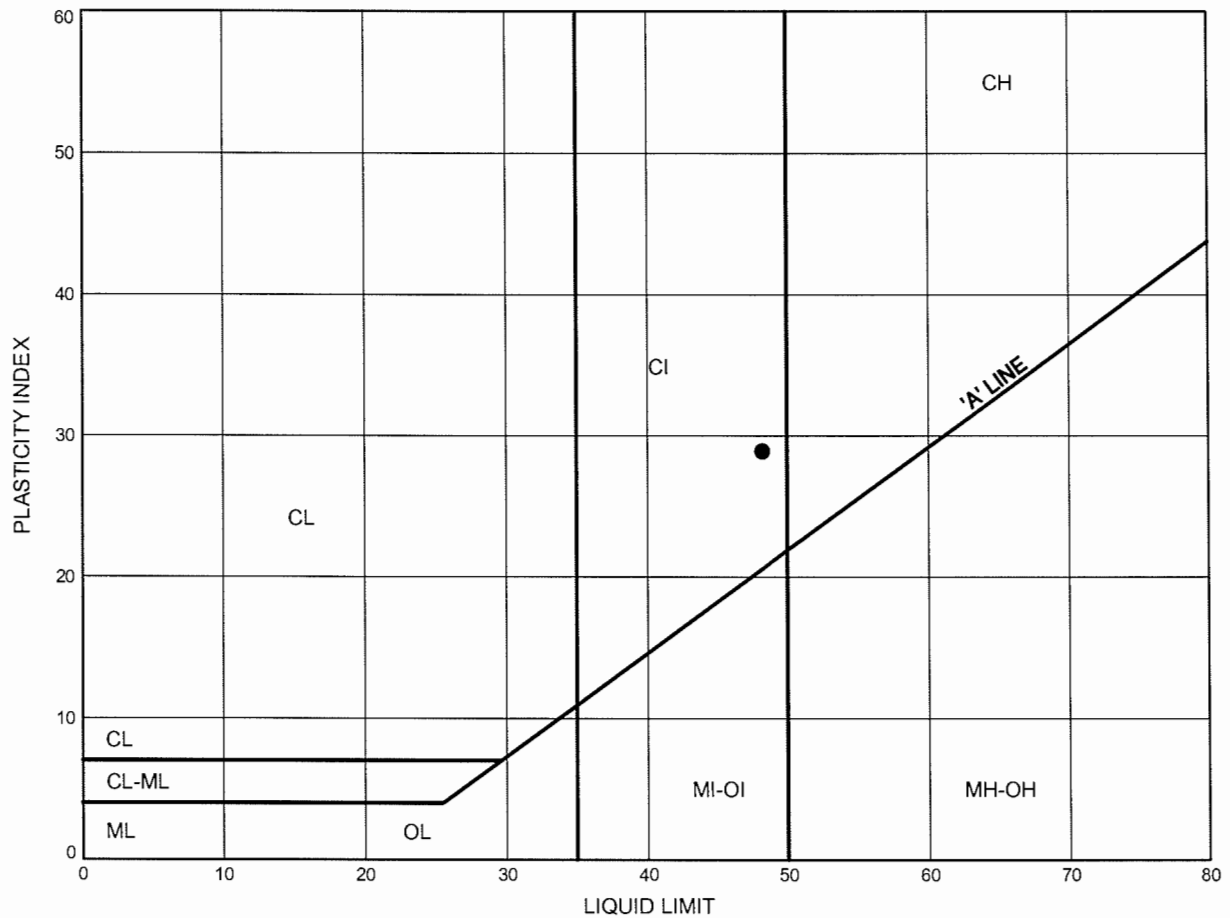


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FIGURE B4

**SILTY CLAY TILL**



SYMBOL	BH	DEPTH (m)	ELEV. (m)
●	06-71	6.40	297.60

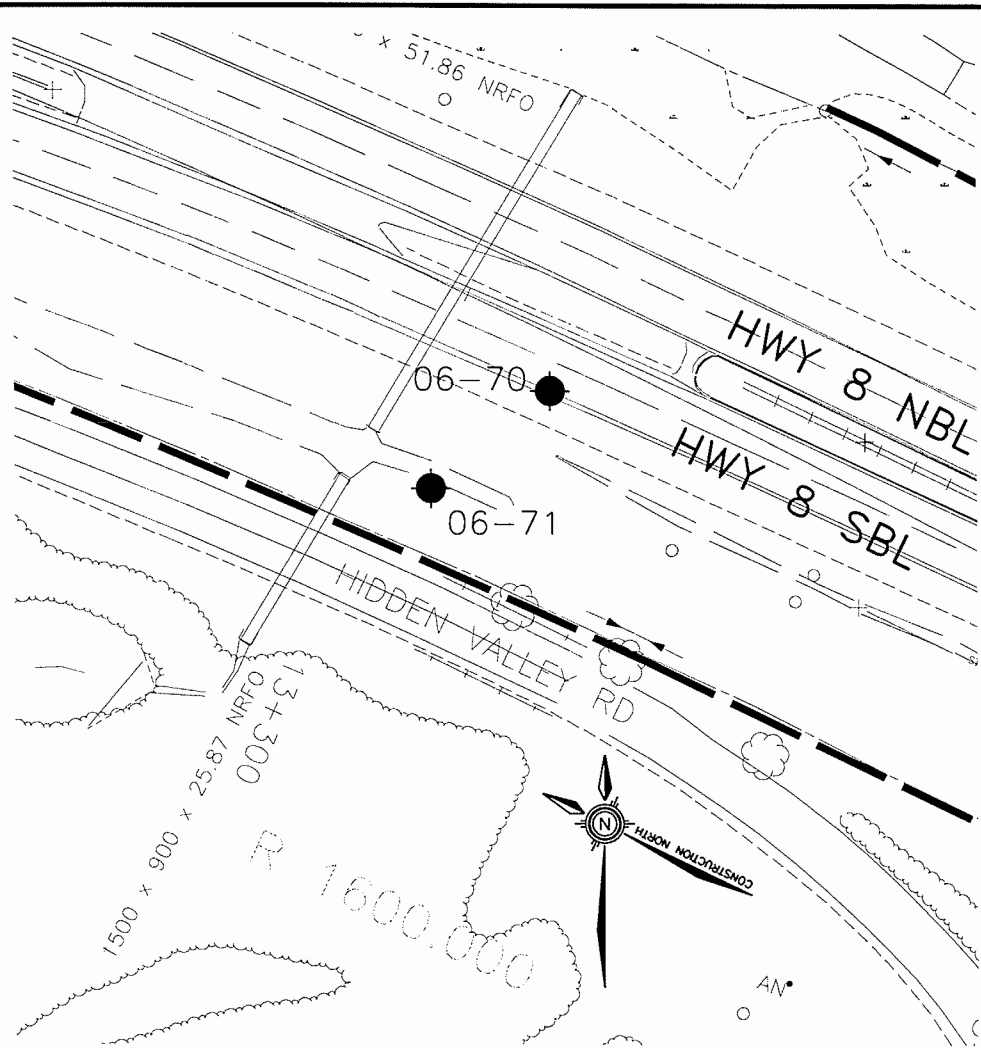
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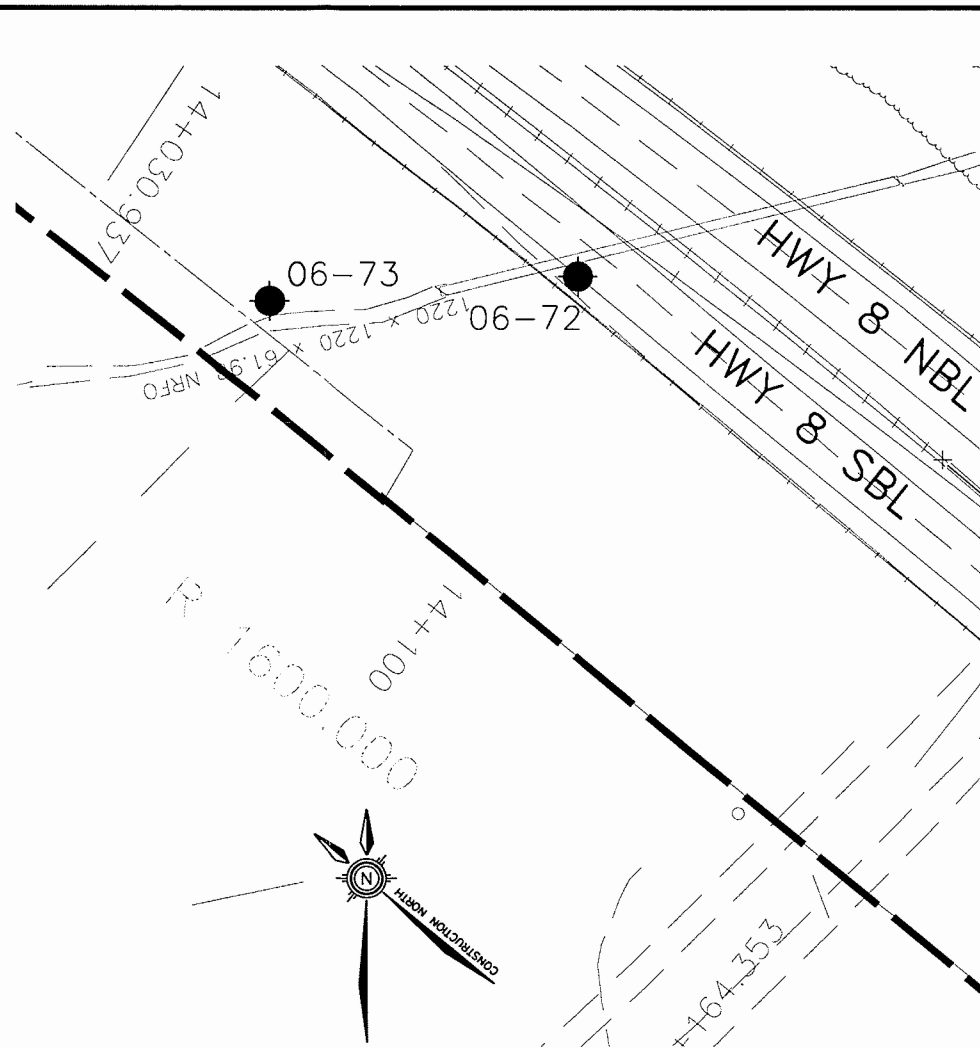
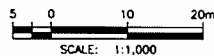
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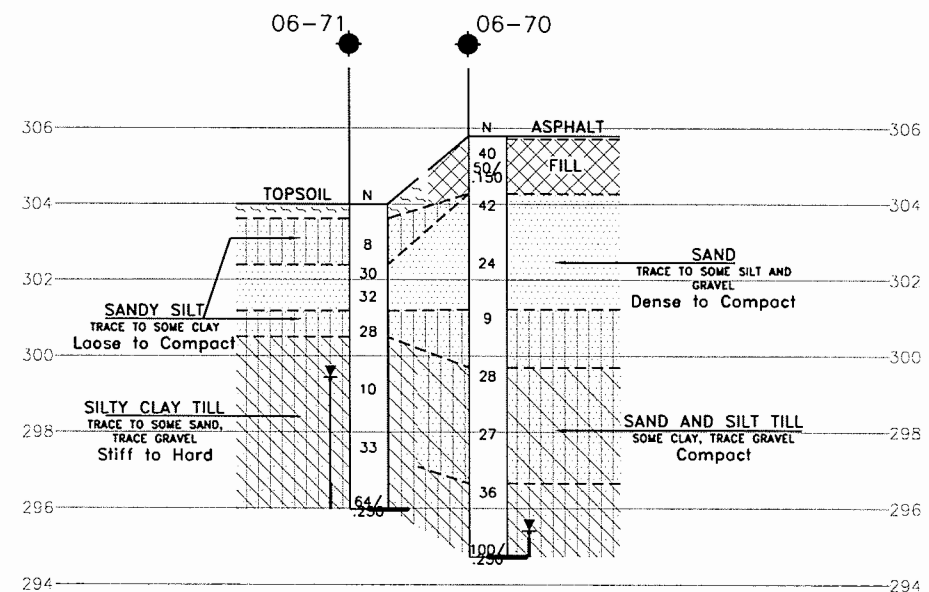
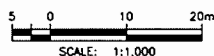
### **Borehole Locations and Soil Strata Drawing**



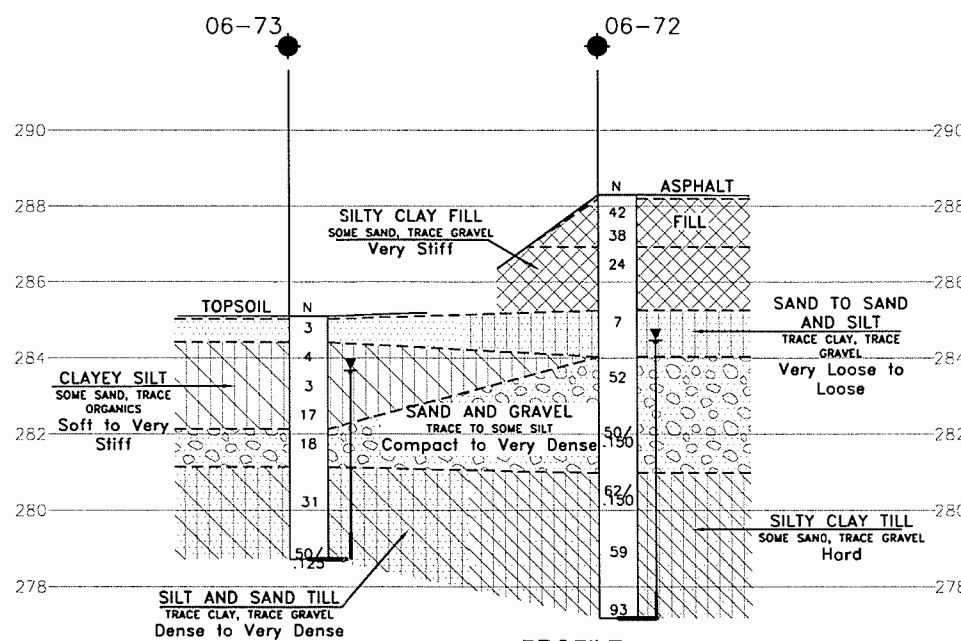
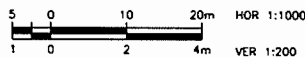
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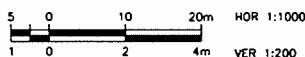
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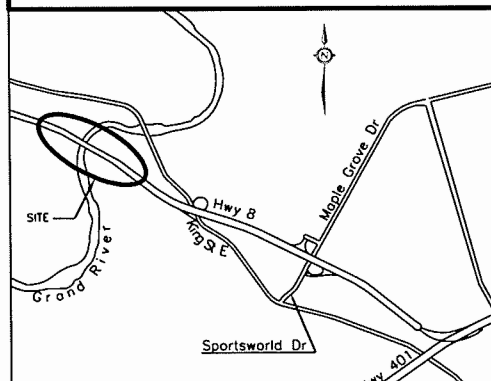
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KEYPLAN

LEGEND

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

NO	ELEVATION	NORTHING	EASTING
06-70	305.8	4 809 565.4	230 184.4
06-71	304.0	4 809 552.6	230 168.7
06-72	288.3	4 809 160.7	230 842.7
06-73	285.1	4 809 157.6	230 802.1

NOTES

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

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100 mm ON ORIGINAL DRAWING

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