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## SUBSURFACE INVESTIGATION

	SOIL AND ROCK LEGEND, TI	ERMS, SYMBOLS, AND ABBREVIATIONS	
SOIL DESCRIPTION	GRADATION <u>WELL GRADED</u> INDICATES A GOOD REPRESENTATION OF PARTICLE SIZES FROM FINE TO COARSE	ROCK DESCRIPTION  HARD ROCK IS NON-COASTAL PLAIN MATERIAL THAT WHEN TESTED, WOULD YIELD SPT REFUSAL, AN INFERRED	TERMS AND DEFINITIONS
SOIL IS CONSIDERED TO BE THE UNCONSOLIDATED, SEMI-CONSOLIDATED OR WEATHERED EARTH MATERIALS WHICH CAN BE PENETRATED WITH A CONTINUOUS FLIGHT POWER AUGER, AND WHICH YIELDS LESS THAN 1800 BLOWS PER FOOT ACCORDING TO STANDARD PENETRATION TEST (AASHTO 7206, ASTM DO-1586). SOIL CLASSIFICATION IS BASED ON THE AASHTO SYSTEM AND BASIC DESCRIPTIONS GENERALLY SHALL INCLUDE: CONSISTENCY, COLOR, TEXTURE, MOISTURE, AASHTO CLASSIFICATION, AND OTHER PERTINENT FACTORS SUCH AS MINERALOGICAL COMPOSITION, ANDULARITY, STRUCTURE, PLASTICITY, ETC. EXAMPLE:  **VERY STIFF, GRAY SILTY CLAY, MOIST WITH INTERBEDDED FINE SAND LAYERS, HIGHLY PLASTC, A7-6	UNIFORM INDICATES THAT SOIL PARTICLES ARE ALL APPROXIMATELY THE SAME SIZE. (ALSO POORLY GRADED)  GAP-GRADED. INDICATES A MIXTURE OF UNIFORM PARTICLES OF TWO OR MORE SIZES.  ANGULARITY OF GRAINS  THE ANGULARITY OR ROUNDNESS OF SOIL GRAINS ARE DESIGNATED BY THE TERMS; ANGULAR, SUBANGULAR, SUBROUNDED. OR ROUNDED.	ROCK LINE INDICATES THE LEVEL AT WHICH NON-COASTAL PLAIN MATERIAL WOULD YIELD STT REFUSAL.  SPT REFUSAL IS PENETRATION BY A SPLIT SPOON SAMPLER EDUAL TO OR LESS THAN 0.1 FOOT PER 60 BLOWS.  IN NON-COASTAL PLAIN MATERIAL, THE TRANSITION BETWEEN SOIL AND ROCK IS OFTEN REPRESENTED BY A ZONE OF WEATHERED ROCK.  ROCK MATERIALS ARE TYPICALLY DIVIDED AS FOLOWS:  WEATHERED  NON-COASTAL PLAIN MATERIAL THAT YIELDS SPT N VALUES > 100 BLOWS ROCK (WR)	ALLUYIUM (ALLUY.) - SOILS WHICH HAVE BEEN TRANSPORTED BY WATER.  ADUIFER - A WATER BEARING FORMATION OR STRATA.  ARENACEOUS - APPLIED TO ROCKS THAT HAVE BEEN DERIVED FROM SAND OR THAT CONTAIN SAND,  ARGILLACEOUS - APPLIED TO ALL ROCKS OR SUBSTANCES COMPOSED OF CLAY MINERALS,  OR HAVING A NOTABLE PROPORTION OF CLAY IN THEIR COMPOSITION, AS SHALE, SLATE, ETC.  ARTESIAN - GROUND WATER THAT IS UNDER SUFFICIENT PRESSURE TO RISE ABOVE THE LEVEL
SOIL LEGEND AND AASHTO CLASSIFICATION	MINERALOGICAL COMPOSITION  MINERAL NAMES SUCH AS DUARTZ, FELDSPAR, MICA, TALC, KAOLIN, ETC. ARE USED IN DESCRIPTIONS WHENEVER THEY ARE CONSIDERED OF SIGNIFICANCE.  COMPRESSIBILITY	CRYSTALLINE ROCK (CR) FINE TO COARSE GRAIN IGNEOUS AND METAMORPHIC ROCK THAT WOULD VIELD SPT REFUSAL IF TESTED. ROCK TYPE INCLUDES GRANITE. GRIESS, GABBRO, SCHIST, ETC.  NON-CRYSTALLINE FINE TO COARSE GRAIN METAMORPHIC AND NON-COASTAL PLAIN FINE TO COARSE GRAIN METAMORPHIC AND NON-COASTAL PLAIN	AT WHICH IS IS ENCOUNTERED, BUT WHICH DOES NOT NECESSARILY RISE TO OR ABOVE THE CEVEL GROUND SURFACE.  CALCAREOUS (CALC.) - SOILS WHICH CONTAIN APPRECIABLE AMOUNTS OF CALCIUM CARBONATE.  COLLUVIUM - ROCK FRAGMENTS MIXED WITH SOIL DEPOSITED BY GRAVITY ON SLOPE OR AT BOTTOM
CLASS, A-1-a A-1-b A-2-4 A-2-5 A-2-6 A-2-7 A-7-8 A-3 A-6, A-7 SYMBOL 8888 88888 8888 8888 8888 8888 8888	SLIGHTLY COMPRESSIBLE LIDUID LIMIT LESS THAN 30 MODERATELY COMPRESSIBLE LIDUID LIMIT 31-50 HIGHLY COMPRESSIBLE LIDUID LIMIT GREATER THAN 50	COASTAL PLAIN  COASTAL PLAIN  SEDIMENTARY ROCK  SPI REFUSAL, ROCK TYPE INCLUDES LIMESTONE, SANDSTONE, CEMENTED	OF SLOPE.  CORE RECOVERY (REC.) - TOTAL LENGTH OF ALL MATERIAL RECOVERED IN THE CORE BARREL DIVIDED BY TOTAL LENGTH OF CORE RUN AND EXPRESSED AS A PERCENTAGE.
( PASSING   GRANULAR SILT   MUCK,	PERCENTAGE OF MATERIAL  GRANULAR SILT-CLAY	(CP) SHELL BEDS. ETC. WEATHERING	DIKE - A TABULAR BODY OF IGNEOUS ROCK THAT CUTS ACROSS THE STRUCTURE OF ADJACENT
# 40 30 MX50 MX51 MN SOILS PEAT SOILS SOILS PEAT SOILS	ORGANIC MATERIAL         SOILS         SOILS         OTHER MATERIAL           TRACE OF ORGANIC MATTER         2 - 3%         3 - 5%         TRACE         1 - 10%           LITTLE ORGANIC MATTER         3 - 5%         5 - 12%         LITTLE         10 - 20%	FRESH ROCK FRESH, CRYSTALS BRIGHT, FEW JOINTS MAY SHOW SLIGHT STAINING, ROCK RINGS UNDER HAMMER IF CRYSTALLINE.	ROCKS OR CUTS MASSIVE ROCK.  DIP - THE ANGLE AT WHICH A STRATUM OR ANY PLANAR FEATURE IS INCLINED FROM THE HORIZONTAL.
10010 LIMIT	MODERATELY ORGANIC         5 - 10%         12 - 20%         SOME         20 - 35%           HIGHLY ORGANIC         >10%         >20%         HIGHLY         35%         AND ABOVE	VERY SLIGHT ROCK GENERALLY FRESH, JOINTS STAINED, SOME JOINTS MAY SHOW THIN CLAY COATINGS IF OPEN, (V. SLI.) CRYSTALS ON A BROKEN SPECIMEN FACE SHINE BRIGHTLY, ROCK RINGS UNDER HAMMER BLOWS IF OF A CRYSTALLINE NATURE.	DIP DIRECTION (DIP AZIMUTH) - THE DIRECTION OR BEARING OF THE HORIZONTAL TRACE OF THE LINE OF DIP, MEASURED CLOCKWISE FROM NORTH.
GROUP INDEX 0 0 0 4 MX 8 MX 12 MX 16 MX No MX  USUAL TYPES STONE FRACS. OF MAJOR GRAVEL AND SAND GRAVEL AND SAND SOILS  ORGANIC MATTER  MODERATE AMOUNTS OF ORGANIC ORGANIC MATTER	GROUND WATER   ✓ WATER LEVEL IN BORE HOLE IMMEDIATELY AFTER DRILLING.	SLIGHT ROCK GENERALLY FRESH, JOINTS STAINED AND DISCOLORATION EXTENDS INTO ROCK UP TO (SLI) 1 INCH. OPEN JOINTS MAY CONTAIN CLAY, IN GRANITOID ROCKS SOME OCCASIONAL FELDSPAR CRYSTALS ARE DULL AND DISCOLORED, CRYSTALLINE ROCKS RING UNDER HAMMER BLOWS.	FAULT - A FRACTURE OR FRACTURE ZONE ALONG WHICH THERE HAS BEEN DISPLACEMENT OF THE SIDES RELATIVE TO ONE ANOTHER PARALLEL TO THE FRACTURE.  FISSILE - A PROPERTY OF SPLITTING ALONG CLOSELY SPACED PARALLEL PLANES.
MATERIALS SAND SAND ON THE HIND SHIND SOLES SOLES  SEN. RATING AS A EXCELLENT TO GOOD FAIR TO POOR POOR UNSUITABLE	$lacksquare$ static water level after 24 hours. $\footnote{$lacksymbol{ abla}_{PW}$}$ perched water saturated zone or water bearing strata	MODERATE SIGNIFICANT PORTIONS OF ROCK SHOW DISCOLORATION AND WEATHERING EFFECTS. IN GRANITOID ROCKS, MOST FELDSPARS ARE DULL AND DISCOLORED, SOME SHOW CLAY, ROCK HAS DULL SOUND UNDER HAMMER BLOWS AND SHOWS SIGNIFICANT LOSS OF STRENGTH AS COMPARED	$rac{FLOAT}{PARENT}$ - ROCK FRAGMENTS ON SURFACE NEAR THEIR ORIGINAL POSITION AND DISLODGED FROM PARENT MATERIAL.
SUBGRADE   P.I. OF A-7-5 ≤ L.L 30 : P.I. OF A-7-6 > L.L 30	SPRING OR SEEPAGE	WITH FRESH ROCK.  MODERATELY ALL ROCK EXCEPT QUARTZ DISCOLORED OR STAINED. IN GRANITOID ROCKS, ALL FELDSPARS DULL	FLOOD PLAIN (F.P.) - LAND BORDERING A STREAM, BUILT OF SEDIMENTS DEPOSITED BY THE STREAM.
CONSISTENCY OR DENSENESS  COMPACTNESS OR RANGE OF STANDARD RANGE OF UNCONFINED	MISCELLANEOUS SYMBOLS  ROADWAY EMBANKMENT SPT CPT DATE TEST BORING SAMPLE WITH SOIL DESCRIPTION ST PART DESCRIPTIONS	SEVERE AND DISCOLORED AND A MAJORITY SHOW KAOLINIZATION. ROCK SHOWS SEVERE LOSS OF STRENGTH  (MOD, SEV.) AND CAN BE EXCAVATED WITH A GEOLOGIST'S PICK. ROCK GIVES 'CLUNK' SOUND WHEN STRUCK.  IF IESIED, WOULD YIELD SPT REFUSA.	FORMATION (FM.) - A MAPPABLE GEOLOGIC UNIT THAT CAN BE RECOGNIZED AND TRACED IN THE FIELD.
CONSISTENCY (N-VALUE) (TONS/FT2 )	DESIGNATIONS	SEVERE ALL ROCKS EXCEPT QUARTZ DISCOLORED OR STAINED, ROCK FABRIC CLEAR AND EVIDENT BUT REDUCE	JOINT - FRACTURE IN ROCK ALONG WHICH NO APPRECIABLE MOVEMENT HAS OCCURRED.    LEDGE - A SHELF-LIKE RIDGE OR PROJECTION OF ROCK WHOSE THICKNESS IS SMALL COMPARED TO
GENERALLY VERY LOOSE (4 GRANULAR MEDIUM DENSE 10 TO 30 MATERIAL OFFICE 10 TO 30 N/A	SOIL SYMBOL ARTIFICIAL FILL OTHER THAN CORE BORING SS- BULK SAMPLE  ARTIFICIAL FILL OTHER THAN CORE BORING SS- SPLIT SPOON  SOURCE SAMPLE  SOURCE SOURCE STANDING SAMPLE  SOURCE SOURCE SAMPLE  SOURCE SOURCE STANDING SAMPLE  SOURCE SOURCE SOURCE STANDING STANDING SAMPLE  SOURCE SOURCE STANDING STANDING SAMPLE  SOURCE SOURCE SOURCE STANDING STANDING SAMPLE  SOURCE SOURCE STANDING STANDING STANDING SAMPLE  SOURCE SOURCE STANDING STANDING STANDING STANDING SAMPLE  SOURCE STANDING	(SEV.) IN STRENGTH TO STRONG SOIL. IN GRANITOID ROCKS ALL FELDSPARS ARE KAOLINIZED TO SOME EXTENT, SOME FRAGMENTS OF STRONG ROCK USUALLY REMAIN.  IF TESTED, YIELDS SPT N VALUES > 100 BPF	ITS LATERAL EXTENT.  LENS - A BODY OF SOIL OR ROCK THAT THINS OUT IN ONE OR MORE DIRECTIONS.
DENSE   30 TO 50   VERY DENSE   >50	ROADWAY EMBANKMENTS  SAMPLE  ST- SHELBY TUBE  MONITORING WELL  SAMPLE	VERY SEVERE ALL ROCK EXCEPT DUARTZ DISCOLORED OR STAINED, ROCK FABRIC ELEMENTS ARE DISCERNIBLE BUT  THE MASS IS EFFECTIVELY REDUCED TO SOIL STATUS, WITH ONLY FRAGMENTS OF STRONG ROCK REMAINING, SAPROLITE IS AN EXAMPLE OF ROCK WEATHERED TO A DEGREE SUCH THAT ONLY MINOR	MOTTLED (MOT.) - IRREGULARLY MARKED WITH SPOTS OF DIFFERENT COLORS, MOTTLING IN SOILS USUALLY INDICATES POOR AERATION AND LACK OF GOOD DRAINAGE.  PERCHED WATER - WATER MAINTAINED ABOVE THE NORMAL GROUND WATER LEVEL BY THE PRESENCE OF AN
GENERALLY SOFT 2 TO 4 0.25 TO 0.5 SILT-CLAY MEDIUM STIFF 4 TO 8 0.5 TO 1 MATERIAL STIFF 8 TO 15 1 TO 2	INFERRED ROCK LINE  PIEZOMETER  RS- ROCK SAMPLE  TITTIT ALLUVIAL SOIL BOUNDARY  RT- RECOMPACTED	VESTIGES OF THE ORIGINAL ROCK FABRIC REMAIN. <u>IF TESTED, YIELDS SPT N VALUES &lt; 100 BPF</u> COMPLETE ROCK REDUCED TO SOIL. ROCK FABRIC NOT DISCERNIBLE, OR DISCERNIBLE ONLY IN SMALL AND SCATTERED CONCENTRATIONS, DUARTZ MAY BE PRESENT AS DIKES OR STRINGERS, SAPROLITE IS	INTERVENING IMPERVIOUS STRATUM. <u>RESIDUAL SOIL</u> - SOIL FORMED IN PLACE BY THE WEATHERING OF ROCK.
(COHESIVE) VERY STIFF 15 TO 30 2 TO 4 HARD >30 >4	SLOPE INDICATOR TRIAXIAL SAMPLE  25/025 DIP/DIP DIRECTION OF INSTALLATION CBR - CBR SAMPLE	ALSO AN EXAMPLE.  ROCK HARDNESS	ROCK DUALITY DESIGNATION (R.D.D.) - A MEASURE OF ROCK DUALITY DESCRIBED BY: TOTAL LENGTH OF ROCK SEGMENTS EDUAL TO OR GREATER THAN 4 INCHES DIVIDED BY THE TOTAL LENGTH OF CORE RUN AND EXPRESSED AS A PERCENTAGE.
TEXTURE OR GRAIN SIZE	ROCK STRUCTURES  SPT N-VALUE  ST DEFIISAL	VERY HARD CANNOT BE SCRATCHED BY KNIFE OR SHARP PICK. BREAKING OF HAND SPECIMENS REDUIRES	SAPROLITE (SAP.) - RESIDUAL SOIL WHICH RETAINS THE RELIC STRUCTURE OR FABRIC OF THE PARENT ROCK.
U.S. STD. SIEVE SIZE 4 10 40 60 200 270  OPENING (MM) 4.76 2.0 0.42 0.25 0.075 0.053  COARSE FINE	ABBREVIATIONS	SEVERAL HARD BLOWS OF THE GEOLOGISTS PICK.  HARD CAN BE SCRATCHED BY KNIFE OR PICK ONLY WITH DIFFICULTY, HARD HAMMER BLOWS REDUIRED TO DETACH HAND SPECIMEN.	SILL - AN INTRUSIVE BODY OF IGNEOUS ROCK OF APPROXIMATELY UNIFORM THICKNESS AND RELATIVELY THIN COMPARED WITH ITS LATERAL EXTENT, WHICH HAS BEEN EMPLACED PARALLEL
BOULDER CUBBLE GRAVEL SAND SAND SILT CLAY (BLDR.) (COB.) (GR.) (CSE. SD.) (F. SD.) (SL.) (CL.)	AR - AUGER REFUSAL MOD - MODERATLY CL CLAY PMT - PRESSUREMETER TEST CPT - CONE PENETRATION TEST SD SAND, SANDY	MODERATELY CAN BE SCRATCHED BY KNIFE OR PICK. GOUGES OR GROOVES TO 0.25 INCHES DEEP CAN BE HARD EXCAVATED BY HARD BLOW OF A GEOLOGISTS PICK, HAND SPECIMENS CAN BE DETACHED	TO THE BEDOING OR SCHISTOSITY OF THE INTRUDED ROCKS <u>SLICKENSIDE</u> - POLISHED AND STRIATED SURFACE THAT RESULTS FROM FRICTION ALONG A FAULT OR <u>SLIP</u> PLANE.
GRAIN	CSE COARSE SL SILT, SILTY C.T CORING TERMINATED SLI - SLIGHTLY DMT - DILATOMETER TEST TCR - TRICONE REFUSAL	BY MODERATE BLOWS.  MEDIUM CAN BE GROOVED OR GOUGED 0.05 INCHES DEEP BY FIRM PRESSURE OF KNIFE OR PICK POINT.  HARD CAN BE EXCAVATED IN SMALL CHIPS TO PEICES I INCH MAXIMUM SIZE BY HARD BLOWS OF THE	STANDARD PENETRATION TEST (PENETRATION RESISTANCE) (SPT) - NUMBER OF BLOWS (N OR B.P.F.) OF A 140 LB. HAMMER FALLING 30 INCHES REQUIRED TO PRODUCE A PENETRATION OF 1 FOOT INTO SOIL WITH A 2 INCH OUTSIDE DIAMETER SPLIT SPOON SAMPLER. SPT REFUSAL IS LESS THAN B. 1007 PENETRATION
SOIL MOISTURE SCALE FIELD MOISTURE GUIDE FOR FIELD MOISTURE DESCRIPTION  OBSCRIPTION	DPT - DYNAMIC PENETRATION TEST	POINT OF A GEOLOGISTS PICK.  SOFT CAN BE GROVED OR GOUGED READILY BY KNIFE OR PICK. CAN BE EXCAVATED IN FRAGMENTS FROM CHIPS TO SEVERAL INCHES IN SIZE BY MODERATE BLOWS OF A PICK POINT, SMALL, THIN	WITH 60 BLOWS.  STRATA CORE RECOVERY (SREC.) - TOTAL LENGTH OF STRATA MATERIAL RECOVERED DIVIDED BY TOTAL LENGTH OF STRATUM AND EXPRESSED AS A PERCENTAGE.
- SATURATED - USUALLY LIDUID; VERY WET, USUALLY (SAT.) FROM BELOW THE GROUND WATER TABLE	FRAC FRACTURED W - MOISTURE CONTENT FRAGS FRAGMENTS WEATH - WEATHERED HSA - HOLLOW STEM AUGER V VERY	PIECES CAN BE BROKEN BY FINGER PRESSURE.  VERY CAN BE CARVED WITH KNIFE, CAN BE EXCAVATED READILY WITH POINT OF PICK, PIECES I INCH SOFT OR MORE IN THICKNESS CAN BE BROKEN BY FINGER PRESSURE, CAN BE SCRATCHED READILY BY	STRATA ROCK <u>DUALITY DESIGNATION (S.R.D.D.)</u> - A MEASURE OF ROCK <u>DUALITY DESCRIBED BY:</u> TOTAL LENGTH OF ROCK SEGMENTS WITHIN A STRATUM EQUAL TO OR GREATER THAN 4 INCHES DIVIDED BY THE TOTAL LENGTH OF STRATA AND EXPRESSED AS A PERCENTAGE.
PLASTIC SEMISOLID; REQUIRES DRYING TO ATTAIN OPTIMUM MOISTURE	MED MEDIUM VST - VANE SHEAR TEST  EQUIPMENT USED ON SUBJECT PROJECT	FINGERNAIL.  FRACTURE SPACING BEDDING	TOPSOIL (T.S.) - SURFACE SOILS USUALLY CONTAINING ORGANIC MATTER.
PLASTIC LIMIT	DRILL UNITS: ADVANCING TOOLS: HAMMER TYPE:	TERM SPACING TERM THICKNESS  VERY THICKLY BEDDED > 4 FEET	BENCH MARK: BL-3, STA, 5+00, MONUMENT
OM OPTIMUM MOISTURE - MOIST - (M) SULID; AT UR NEAR OPTIMUM MOISTURE SL SHRINKAGE LIMIT	MOBILE B- CLAY BITS	MIDE 3 TO 10 FEET THINLY BEDDED 0.16 - 1.5 FEET VERY TURNLY PERDED 0.03 - 0.16 FEET	ELEVATION: 2680.21
- DRY - (D) REDUIRES ADDITIONAL WATER TO ATTAIN OPTIMUM MOISTURE	6 CONTINUOUS FLIGHT AUGER CORE SIZE:  8 HOLLOW AUGERS	VERY CLOSE LESS THAN 0.16 FEET THICKLY LAMINATED 0.008 - 0.03 FEET THINLY LAMINATED < 0.008 FEET	NOTES:
PLASTICITY  PLASTICITY INDEX (PI) DRY STRENGTH	CME-45 HARD FACED FINGER BITS -N	INDURATION  FOR SEDIMENTARY ROCKS, INDURATION IS THE HARDENING OF THE MATERIAL BY CEMENTING, HEAT, PRESSURE, ETC.	<del>-</del>
NONPLASTIC 0-5 VERY LOW	☐ CME-550 ☐ TUNGCARBIDE INSERTS ☐ -HQ3	FRIABLE RUBBING WITH FINGER FREES NUMEROUS GRAINS;	
LOW PLASTICITY 6-15 SLIGHT MED. PLASTICITY 16-25 MEDIUM HIGH PLASTICITY 26 OR MORE HIGH	CASING W/ ADVANCER HAND TOOLS: PORTABLE HOIST TRICONE STEEL TEETH POST HOLE DIGGER	GENTLE BLOW BY HAMMER DISINTEGRATES SAMPLE.  MODERATELY INDURATED  GRAINS CAN BE SEPARATED FROM SAMPLE WITH STEEL PROBE:  BREAKS EASILY WHEN HIT WITH HAMMER.	
COLOR	OTHER D-50 TRICONE 'TUNGCARB. HAND AUGER SOUNDING ROD	INDURATED GRAINS ARE DIFFICULT TO SEPARATE WITH STEEL PROBE;	
DESCRIPTIONS MAY INCLUDE COLOR OR COLOR COMBINATIONS (TAN, RED. YEL-BRN, BLUE-GRAY) MODIFIERS SUCH AS LIGHT, DARK, STREAKED, ETC. ARE USED TO DESCRIBE APPEARANCE.	CORE BIT  OTHER  OTHER  OTHER  OTHER  OTHER	DIFFICULT TO BREAK WITH HAMMER.  EXTREMELY INDURATED SHARP HAMMER BLOWS REQUIRED TO BREAK SAMPLE:  SAMPLE BREAKS ACROSS GRAINS.	
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