NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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SUBSURFACE INVESTIGATION

SOIL AND ROCK LEGEND, TERMS, SYMBOLS, AND ABBREVIATIONS									
SOIL DESCRIPTION		GRADATION			ROCK DESCRIPTION				TERMS AND DEFINITIONS
SOIL IS CONSIDERED TO BE THE UNCONSOLIDATED, SEMI-CONSOLIDATED OR WEATHERED EARTH MATERIALS WHICH CAN BE PENETRATED WITH A CONTINUOUS FLICHT POWER AUGER, AND WHICH YIELDS LESS THAN 180 BLOWS PER FOOT ACCORDING TO STANDARD PENETRATION TEST (AASHTO T206, ASTM D-1586), SOIL CLASSIFICATION IS BASED ON THE AASHTO SYSTEM AND BASIC DESCRIPTIONS GENERALLY SHALL INCLUDE; CONSISTENCY, COLOR, TEXTURE, MOISTURE, ASHTO CLASSIFICATION, AND OTHER PERTINENT FACTORS SUCH AS MINERALGICAL COMPOSITION, ANGULARITY, STRUCTURE, PLASTICITY, ETC. EXAMPLE:		WELL GRADED- INDICATES A GOOD REPRESENTATION OF PARTICLE SIZES FROM FINE TO COARSE 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.			SPT REFUSAL IS PENETRATION BY A SPLIT SPOON SAMPLER EQUAL TO OR LESS THAN 0.1 FOOT PER 60 BLOWS.			ALLUYIUM (ALLUY.) - SOILS WHICH HAVE BEEN TRANSPORTED BY WATER.	
								ADUIFER - A WATER BEARING FORMATION OR STRATA.	
		ANGULARITY OF GRAINS			IN NON-COASTAL PLAIN MATERIAL. THE TRANSITION BETWEEN SOIL AND ROCK IS OFTEN REPRESENTED BY A ZONE OF WEATHERED ROCK.			ARENACEOUS - APPLIED TO ROCKS THAT HAVE BEEN DERIVED FROM SAND OR THAT CONTAIN SAND.	
		THE ANGULARITY OR ROUNDNESS OF SOIL CRAINS ARE DESIGNATED BY THE TERMS; ANGULAR.			ROCK MATERIALS ARE TYPICALLY DIVIDED AS FOLOWS:				ARGILLACEDUS - APPLIED TO ALL ROCKS OR SUBSTANCES COMPOSED OF CLAY MINERALS,
VERY STIFF, GRAY SILTY CLAY, MOIST WITH INTERBEDDED FINE SAND LAYERS, HIGHLY PLASTIC, A-7-6		SUBANGULAR, SUBROUNDED, OR ROUNDED.			WEATHERED NON-COASTAL PLAIN MATERIAL THAT YIELDS SPT N VALUES > 100 BLOWS PER FOOT.			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		l l	MINERALOGICAL COMPOSITION	ON		a a caraca	E GRAIN IGNEOUS AND METAMORPHIC ROO	CK THAT	AT WHICH IS IS ENCOUNTERED, BUT WHICH DOES NOT NECESSARILY RISE TO OR ABOVE THE
GENERAL GRANULAR MATERIALS SILT-CLAY MATERIALS ORGANI			MINERAL NAMES SUCH AS QUARTZ, FELDSPAR, MICA, TALC, KAOLIN, ETC. ARE USED IN DESCRIPTIONS WHENEVER THEY ARE CONSIDERED OF SIGNIFICANCE.			ROCK (CR) WOULD YIELD SPT REFUSAL IF TESTED. ROCK TYPE INCLUDES GRANITE.			GROUND SURFACE.
CLASS. (35% PASSING *200) (35% PASSING *200)					NON-COVETALLINE FINE TO COARSE GRAIN METAMORPHIC AND NON-COASTAL PLAIN			CALCAREOUS (CALC.) - SOILS WHICH CONTAIN APPRECIABLE AMOUNTS OF CALCIUM CARBONATE.	
GROUP A-1 A-3 A-2 A-4 A-5 A-6 A-7 A-1, A-2 CLASS. A-1-a A-1-b A-2-4 A-2-5 A-2-6 A-2-7 A-3	A-4, A-5 A-6, A-7	SLIGHTLY COMPRESSIBI	COMPRESSIBILITY	LESS THAN 30	ROCK (NCR)	F SEDIMENTARY R	OCK THAT WOULD YEILD SPT REFUSAL II LITE, SLATE, SANDSTONE, ETC.	F TESTED. ROCK TYPE	COLLUVIUM - ROCK FRAGMENTS MIXED WITH SOIL DEPOSITED BY GRAVITY ON SLOPE OR AT BOTTOM OF SLOPE.
SYMBOL BOOODSOOD		MODERATELY COMPRESS	SIBLE LIQUID LIMIT	31-50	COASTAL PLAIN			MAY NOT YIELD	CORE RECOVERY (REC.) - TOTAL LENGTH OF ALL MATERIAL RECOVERED IN THE CORE BARREL DIVIDED BY TOTAL
D0000000000000000000000000000000000000		HIGHLY COMPRESSIBLE	PERCENTAGE OF MATERIA	GREATER THAN 50	SEDIMENTARY ROCK	SPT REFUSAL. F	ROCK TYPE INCLUDES LIMESTONE, SANDST C.	TONE, CEMENTED	LENGTH OF CORE RUN AND EXPRESSED AS A PERCENTAGE.
7. PASSING GRANULAR SILT- MUCK,		GRANILAR SILT-CLAY			COASTAL PLAIN SEDIMENTARY ROCK SPT REFUSAL. ROCK TYPE INCLUDES LIMESTONE, SANDSTONE, CEMENTED (CP) SHELL BEDS, ETC. WEATHERING			DIKE - A TABULAR BODY OF IGNEOUS ROCK THAT CUTS ACROSS THE STRUCTURE OF ADJACENT ROCKS OR CUTS MASSIVE ROCK.	
40 30 MX 50 MX 51 MN SOILS	CLAY PEAT	UNGANIC MATERIAL	SOILS SOILS	OTHER MATERIAL	FRESH ROCK	FRESH, CRYSTALS BRIGHT, FEW J	JOINTS MAY SHOW SLIGHT STAINING. ROCI	K RINGS UNDER	DIP - THE ANGLE AT WHICH A STRATUM OR ANY PLANAR FEATURE IS INCLINED FROM THE
■ 200 15 MX 25 MX 10 MX 35 MX 35 MX 35 MX 36 MN 36 MN 36 MN 36 MN 36 MN				ACE 1 - 10% TTLE 10 - 20%		R IF CRYSTALLINE.			HORIZONTAL.
LIGUID LIMIT 40 MX41 MN 40 MX41 MN 40 MX41 MN 40 MX41 MN SOILS W PLASTIC INDEX 6 MX N.P. 10 MX 10 MX 11 MN 11 MN 10 MX 10 MX 11 MN 1		MODERATELY ORGANIC	5 - 10% 12 - 20% 50	ME 20 - 35%			NED, SOME JOINTS MAY SHOW THIN CLAY NCE SHINE BRIGHTLY, ROCK RINGS UNDER		DIP DIRECTION (DIP AZIMUTH) - THE DIRECTION OR BEARING OF THE HORIZONTAL TRACE OF
LITTLE	TE INJUNE!	HIGHLY ORGANIC		SHLY 35% AND ABOVE		CRYSTALLINE NATURE.	ICE SHINE BRIGHTET NOCK KINGS UNDER	HAPPIER BLOWS IF	THE LINE OF DIP, MEASURED CLOCKWISE FROM NORTH.
AMOUNTS	S OF SOILS		GROUND WATER				NED AND DISCOLORATION EXTENDS INTO		FAULT - A FRACTURE OR FRACTURE ZONE ALONG WHICH THERE HAS BEEN DISPLACEMENT OF THE SIDES RELATIVE TO ONE ANOTHER PARALLEL TO THE FRACTURE.
USUAL TYPES STONE FRAGS. FINE SILTY OR CLAYEY SILTY CLAYEY ORGANIC GRAVEL AND SAND SOILS SOILS MATTER	3		VEL IN BORE HOLE IMMEDIATELY AFTER	DRILLING.			.AY. IN GRANITOID ROCKS SOME OCCASIO N. CRYSTALLINE ROCKS RING UNDER HAMM	NAL FELUSPAR	FISSILE - A PROPERTY OF SPLITTING ALONG CLOSELY SPACED PARALLEL PLANES.
MATERIALS SAND SHITE HIS SHITE SOLES		J 72	ATER LEVEL AFTER 24 HOURS.		1		DISCOLORATION AND WEATHERING EFFE		FLOAT - ROCK FRAGMENTS ON SURFACE NEAR THEIR ORIGINAL POSITION AND DISLODGED FROM
AS A EVESTIENT TO COOD SAID TO DOOD FAIR IU							RE DULL AND DISCOLORED, SOME SHOW C	PARENT MATERIAL.	
SUBGRADE					DULL SOUND UNDER HAMMER BLOWS AND SHOWS SIGNIFICANT LOSS OF STRENGTH AS COMPARED WITH FRESH ROCK.			FLOOD PLAIN (F.P.) - LAND BORDERING A STREAM, BUILT OF SEDIMENTS DEPOSITED BY THE STREAM.	
P.I. 0F A-7-5 ≤ L.L 30 : P.I. 0F A-7-6 > L.L 30		HC HOLE CAVE	MISCELLANEOUS SYMBOLS				D OR STAINED. IN GRANITOID ROCKS, ALL		FORMATION (FM.) - A MAPPABLE GEOLOGIC UNIT THAT CAN BE RECOGNIZED AND TRACED IN
CONSISTENCY OR DENSENESS RANGE OF STANDARD RANGE OF	F UNCONFINED						OW KAOLINIZATION. ROCK SHOWS SEVERE OGIST'S PICK. ROCK GIVES "CLUNK" SOUN		THE FIELD.
PRIMARY SOIL TYPE COMPACTIONS OF PENETRATION RESISTENCE COMPRES	SIVE STRENGTH DNS/FT ²)	ROADWAY EMBANKME WITH SOIL DESCRIP		NG DESIGNATIONS	1	TED. WOULD YIELD SPT REFUSA	=		JOINT - FRACTURE IN ROCK ALONG WHICH NO APPRECIABLE MOVEMENT HAS OCCURRED.
VERY LOGGE	34371 1 7	1 収	CPT TEST BORI	S- BULK SAMPLE			ED OR STAINED.ROCK FABRIC CLEAR AN ANITOID ROCKS ALL FELDSPARS ARE KAO		LEDGE - A SHELF-LIKE RIDGE OR PROJECTION OF ROCK WHOSE THICKNESS IS SMALL COMPARED TO
GRANIII AR LODSE 4 TO 10		SS- SPLIT SPOON			EXTENT. SOME FRAGMENTS OF STRONG ROCK USUALLY REMAIN.			ITS LATERAL EXTENT.	
MATERIAL MEDIUM DENSE 10 TO 30	N/H	ARTIFICIAL FILL OT ROADWAY EMBANKME		SAMPLE ST- SHELBY TUBE	1	STED. YIELDS SPT N VALUES > 1			LENS - A BODY OF SOIL OR ROCK THAT THINS OUT IN ONE OR MORE DIRECTIONS. MOTTLED (MOT.) - IRREGULARLY MARKED WITH SPOTS OF DIFFERENT COLORS, MOTTLING IN
(NON-COHESIVE) VERY DENSE >50		NA.		SAMPLE			D OR STAINED. ROCK FABRIC ELEMENTS TO SOIL STATUS, WITH ONLY FRAGMENTS		SOILS USUALLY INDICATES POOR AERATION AND LACK OF GOOD DRAINAGE.
VERY SOFT C2 CFNERALLY SOFT 2 TO 4 @ 3	<0.25 25 TO 0.5	INFERRED SOIL BOL	Ĭ	RS- ROCK SAMPLE			E OF ROCK WEATHERED TO A DEGREE SU		PERCHED WATER - WATER MAINTAINED ABOVE THE NORMAL GROUND WATER LEVEL BY THE PRESENCE OF AN INTERVENING IMPERVIOUS STRATUM.
GENERALLY SOFT 2 TO 4 0.2	INFERRED ROCK LINE - CORE BORING RT- RECOMPACTED				VESTIGES OF THE ORIGINAL ROCK FABRIC REMAIN. <u>IF TESTED, YIELDS SPT N VALUES < 100 BPF</u> COMPLETE ROCK REDUCED TO SOIL. ROCK FABRIC NOT DISCERNIBLE, OR DISCERNIBLE ONLY IN SMALL AND			RESIDUAL SOIL - SOIL FORMED IN PLACE BY THE WEATHERING OF ROCK.	
MATERIAL STIFF 8 TO 15 1 TO 2		TTTTT ALLUVIAL SOIL BOU	INDARY * MONITORING WE	TRIAXIAL SAMPLE CBR - CBR SAMPLE	SCATTERED CONCENTRATIONS, QUARTZ MAY BE PRESENT AS DIKES OR STRINGERS, SAPROLITE IS				ROCK QUALITY DESIGNATION (R.O.D.) - A MEASURE OF ROCK QUALITY DESCRIBED BY: TOTAL LENGTH OF
(COHESIVE) VERY STIFF 15 TO 38 2 TO 4 HARD >38 >4		25/825 DIP/DIP DIRECTION OF ROCK STRUCTURES PIEZOMETER INSTALLATION SLOPE INDICATOR OF NOW INSTALLATION CPT NG0			ALSO AN EXAMPLE.			ROCK SEGMENTS EQUAL TO OR GREATER THAN 4 INCHES DIVIDED BY THE TOTAL LENGTH OF CORE RUN AND	
TEXTURE OR GRAIN SIZE						ROCK HARDNESS			EXPRESSED AS A PERCENTAGE.
U.S. STD. SIEVE SIZE 4 10 40 60 200 270					VERY HARD CANNOT BE SCRATCHED BY KNIFE OR SHARP PICK. BREAKING OF HAND SPECIMENS REQUIRES SEVERAL HARD BLOWS OF THE GEOLOGISTS PICK.			SAPROLITE (SAP.) - RESIDUAL SOIL WHICH RETAINS THE RELIC STRUCTURE OR FABRIC OF THE PARENT ROCK.	
OPENING (MM) 4.76 2.0 0.42 0.25 0.075 0.053			ABBREVIATIONS	EQUIVALENT	1		CK ONLY WITH DIFFICULTY. HARD HAMMEI	R BLOWS REQUIRED	SILL - AN INTRUSIVE BODY OF IGNEOUS ROCK OF APPROXIMATELY UNIFORM THICKNESS AND
BOULDER COBBLE GRAVEL COARSE FINE SI								RELATIVELY THIN COMPARED WITH ITS LATERAL EXTENT, WHICH HAS BEEN EMPLACED PARALLEL TO THE BEDDING OR SCHISTOSITY OF THE INTRUDED ROCKS	
	SL.) (CL.)	AR - AUGER REFUSA BT - BORING TERMI		UREMETER TEST			CK. GOUGES OR GROOVES TO 0.25 INCHES		SLICKENSIDE - POLISHED AND STRIATED SURFACE THAT RESULTS FROM FRICTION ALONG A FAULT OR
GRAIN MM 305 75 2.0 0.25 0.05 0.005		CL CLAY SL SILT, SILTY CPT - COME PENETRATION TEST SLI SLIGHTLY CSE COARSE TCR - TRICONE REFUSAL DMT - DILATOMETER TEST 7 - UNIT WEIGHT			HARD EXCAVATED BY HARD BLOW OF A GEOLOGISTS PICK, HAND SPECIMENS CAN BE DETACHED BY MODERATE BLOWS.			SLIP PLANE.	
SIZE IN. 12" 3"					MEDIUM CAN BE GROOVED OR GOUGED 0.05 INCHES DEEP BY FIRM PRESSURE OF KNIFE OR PICK POINT. CAN BE EXCAVATED IN SMALL CHIPS TO PEICES I INCH MAXIMUM SIZE BY HARD BLOWS OF THE POINT OF A GEOLOGISTS PICK.			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	
SOIL MOISTURE - CORRELATION OF TERMS								A 2 INCH OUTSIDE DIAMETER SPLIT SPOON SAMPLER. SPT REFUSAL IS LESS THAN 0.1 FOOT PENETRATION WITH 60 BLOWS.	
SOIL MOISTURE SCALE FIELD MOISTURE GUIDE FOR FIELD MOISTURE GUIDE FOR FIELD MOISTURE	TURE DESCRIPTION	e - VOID RATIO	A - net ne				BY KNIFE OR PICK. CAN BE EXCAVATED		STRATA CORE RECOVERY (SREC.) - TOTAL LENGTH OF STRATA MATERIAL RECOVERED DIVIDED BY TOTAL LENGTH
		F FINE FOSS FOSSILIFERO	W - MOISTURE DUS V VERY	CONTENT		CHIPS TO SEVERAL INCHES IN S CAN BE BROKEN BY FINGER I	SIZE BY MODERATE BLOWS OF A PICK F PRESSURE.	POINT. SMALL, THIN	OF STRATUM AND EXPRESSED AS A PERCENTAGE.
- SATURATED - USUALLY LIQUID; VERY (SAT.) FROM BELOW THE GROU		FRAC FRACTURED	VST - VANE S	SHEAR TEST	VERY CAN E	E CARVED WITH KNIFE. CAN BE	EXCAVATED READILY WITH POINT OF PI		STRATA ROCK QUALITY DESIGNATION (S.R.Q.D.) - A MEASURE OF ROCK QUALITY DESCRIBED BY: TOTAL LENGTH OF ROCK SEGMENTS WITHIN A STRATUM EQUAL TO OR GREATER THAN 4 INCHES DIVIDED BY THE
LL LIQUID LIMIT		FRAGS FRAGMENTS MED MEDIUM				SOFT OR MORE IN THICKNESS CAN BE BROKEN BY FINGER PRESSURE, CAN BE SCRATCHED READILY BY FINGERNAIL.			TOTAL LENGTH OF ROCK SECTIONS WITHIN A STRATOM EQUAL TO OR GREATER THAN 4 INCHES DIVIDED BY THE
PLASTIC SEMISOLID: REQUIRES D ATTAIN OPTIMUM MOIS			PMENT USED ON SUBJECT F	PROJECT		JRE SPACING	BEDDING		TOPSOIL (T.S.) - SURFACE SOILS USUALLY CONTAINING ORGANIC MATTER.
(PI) PL PLASTIC LIMIT	TUNE			HAMMER TYPE:	TERM	SPACING		THICKNESS	BENCH MARK: NCDOT TRAVERSE STATION REBAR AND CAP STAMPED BL-2.
ON OPTIMUM MOISTURE - MOIST - (M) SOLID: AT OR NEAR O	PTIMUM MOISTURE	DRILL UNITS:	ADVANCING TOOLS: CLAY BITS	AUTOMATIC MANUAL	VERY WIDE	MORE THAN 10 FEET		> 4 FEET 1.5 - 4 FEET	STATION 16+08.25 -L-, 41.22 FT. RT.
OM OPTIMUM MOISTURE - MOIST - (M) SULID; AT OR NEAR U	, mor noistone	MOBILE B	_	L ASTONANTO W	WIDE MODERATELY CLO	3 TO 10 FEET SE 1 TO 3 FEET	THINLY BEDDED	3.16 - 1.5 FEET	ELEVATION: 161.79 FT.
REQUIRES ADDITIONAL	WATER TO	1	6° CONTINUOUS FLIGHT AUGER	CORE SIZE:	CLOSE	0.16 TO 1 FEET		0.03 - 0.16 FEET 008 - 0.03 FEET	NOTES: SEE SURVEY NOTES FOR ADDITIONAL BENCH MARKS.
- DRY - (D) ATTAIN OPTIMUM MOIST		BK-51	8° HOLLOW AUGERS		VERY CLOSE	LESS THAN 0.16 FEET		< 0.008 FEET	TOTAL SOLVE TO LES TOTAL SELECTION THROUGH
PLASTICITY		HARD FACED FINGER BITS CME-45 TUNG CARRIES INSERTS		INDURATION					
PLASTICITY INDEX (PI) DRY STRENGTH		TONG-CHADIDE INSERTS		FOR SEDIMENTARY ROCKS, INDURATION IS THE HARDENING OF THE MATERIAL BY CEMENTING, HEAT, PRESSURE, ETC.					
NONPLASTIC 0-5 VERY L			CASING W/ ADVANCER	□-н	FRIABLE		WITH FINGER FREES NUMEROUS GRAINS		
LOW PLASTICITY		1	TRICONE STEEL TEETH	HAND TOOLS:	7		BLOW BY HAMMER DISINTEGRATES SAMP		
HIGH PLASTICITY 26 OR MORE HIGH		PORTABLE HOIST	TRICONE TUNGCARB.	POST HOLE DIGGER	MODERATEL		CAN BE SEPARATED FROM SAMPLE WITH EASILY WHEN HIT WITH HAMMER.	SIEEL PHUBE;	
COLOR	****	OTHER FLEX TRACK	CORE BIT	M	INDURATED		ARE DIFFICULT TO SEPARATE WITH STE	EL PROBE:	
DESCRIPTIONS MAY INCLUDE COLOR OR COLOR COMBINATIONS (TAN, RED, YEL-BRN, BLUE-GRAY)		Sounding Rob			INDUNATED	DIFFICULT TO BREAK WITH HAMMER.			
MODIFIERS SUCH AS LIGHT, DARK, STREAKED, ETC. ARE USED TO DESCRIBE APPEAR		OTHER GYRO TRACK	OTHER 2-1/4" S.S.A. / 3-1/4" H.S.A. OTHER GEO-PROBE	VANE SHEAR TEST OTHER DUAL MASS DCP	EXTREMELY		HAMMER BLOWS REQUIRED TO BREAK SAM	1PLE;	
L		<u> </u>	OTHER GEU-PROBE	N OTHER BOME PHASE BUP	1	SAMPLE	BREAKS ACROSS GRAINS.		PRINCES AND SELECT

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