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June 3, 2019

Johnson, Mirmiran and Thompson (JMT)  
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Attention: Mr. James Maloney

RE: Geotechnical Evaluation for  
Nelson Community Center Expansion at:  
301 W. Cumberland Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19133  
AEG Project No. 18093

Dear Mr. Maloney:

The subsurface investigation and preparation of this report was performed by American Engineers Group, LLC (AEG) as a subconsultant to JMT. AEG provided full-time drilling inspection, and geotechnical drilling operations were performed by CGC Geoservices, LLC. (CGC), subcontracted to AEG.

This letter report presents the results of subsurface investigations and geotechnical evaluations to confirm the bearing stratum to be used for the design of the foundations for the proposed addition to the existing building at the Nelson Community Center in Philadelphia, PA. This work is performed as a part of the Rebuild Philadelphia initiative.

## **Subsurface Investigation**

One (1) test boring was performed to confirm the subsurface conditions at the site. The boring was drilled to confirm the presence of a layer of "gray clay" noted on the design plans as the proposed bearing stratum for the drilled pier foundations. Due to the completion of site improvements prior to the drilling operations, the boring was drilled from the sidewalk along N. Orianna Street, approximately 2.0 feet from the edge of the existing community center fence and approximately 10.0 feet from the proposed addition, with an estimated elevation of 0.0 feet. Refer to the attached Boring Location Plan.

The boring encountered a layer of fill immediately below the 0.5-foot thick concrete sidewalk. The fill was very loose to loose and visually classified as silty sand with gravel. Between elevations -6.0 and -11.5 feet a layer of alluvial gray silty clay was encountered, which is presumed to be the "gray clay" layer noted in the design plans. This material was medium to hard. Medium to very dense residuum material was encountered below the alluvial material. This stratum was laboratory classified as Silty Sand with Gravel [SM, A-2-4(0)]. Refer to the attached boring log.



## Laboratory Testing

One (1) representative sample of the on-site soils was tested to confirm the field classification. According to the design plans, the proposed bottom of drilled pier elevation is at elevation -11.0 feet. The boring performed during this investigation indicated that the bottom of the “gray clay” layer was at elevation -11.5 feet; therefore, the residuum material below the “gray clay” was laboratory classified to confirm the visual classification of silty sand, which allows for a higher presumptive bearing capacity in accordance with the International building code (IBC) Table 1806.2. The following table presents the results of the soil laboratory testing. Refer to the attached lab testing results.

### SOIL LABORATORY TESTING SUMMARY

Sample Depth (feet)	Classification	Natural Moisture Content (%)	LL (%)	PI (%)	Silt and Clay (%)
12.0-22.0	silty SAND with gravel [SM, A-2-4(0)]	17.4	NP	NP	27.1

## Site Recommendations

The foundation plans provided by JMT indicate that the proposed drilled pier foundation is proposed to bear on the alluvial “gray clay”, with a bottom of shaft elevation of -11.0 feet. This material was confirmed in the boring from elevations -6.0 to -11.5 feet. The subsurface conditions assumed in the design plans were confirmed by the subject boring and 1,500 psf is an appropriate bearing capacity at -11.0 feet according to the IBC Table 1806.2. Silty sand was encountered at elevation -11.5 feet, 0.5 feet below the currently proposed bottom of drilled pier elevation. Per the IBC Table 1806.2, silty sand has a presumptive bearing capacity of 2,000 psf, while clay has a value of 1,500 psf. Extending the bottom of pier elevation to a minimum of -12.0 feet to bear on the residuum would increase the end bearing capacity of the piers and may allow for more cost effective foundation design.

## General

The evaluations and recommendations presented in this report are based on the information available to AEG at the time of the writing of this report and the on-site surface and subsurface conditions that existed at the time the investigations were performed. A further assumption has been made that the conditions encountered in the limited subsurface investigation program are representative of the subsurface in general. If subsurface conditions are encountered during construction that vary significantly from those reported herein, the project Geotechnical Engineer should be contacted immediately so that the impact of any unanticipated conditions can be properly evaluated.



Thank you for the opportunity for AEG to be of service. Please contact the undersigned with any questions.

Respectfully submitted,  
**American Engineers Group, LLC**

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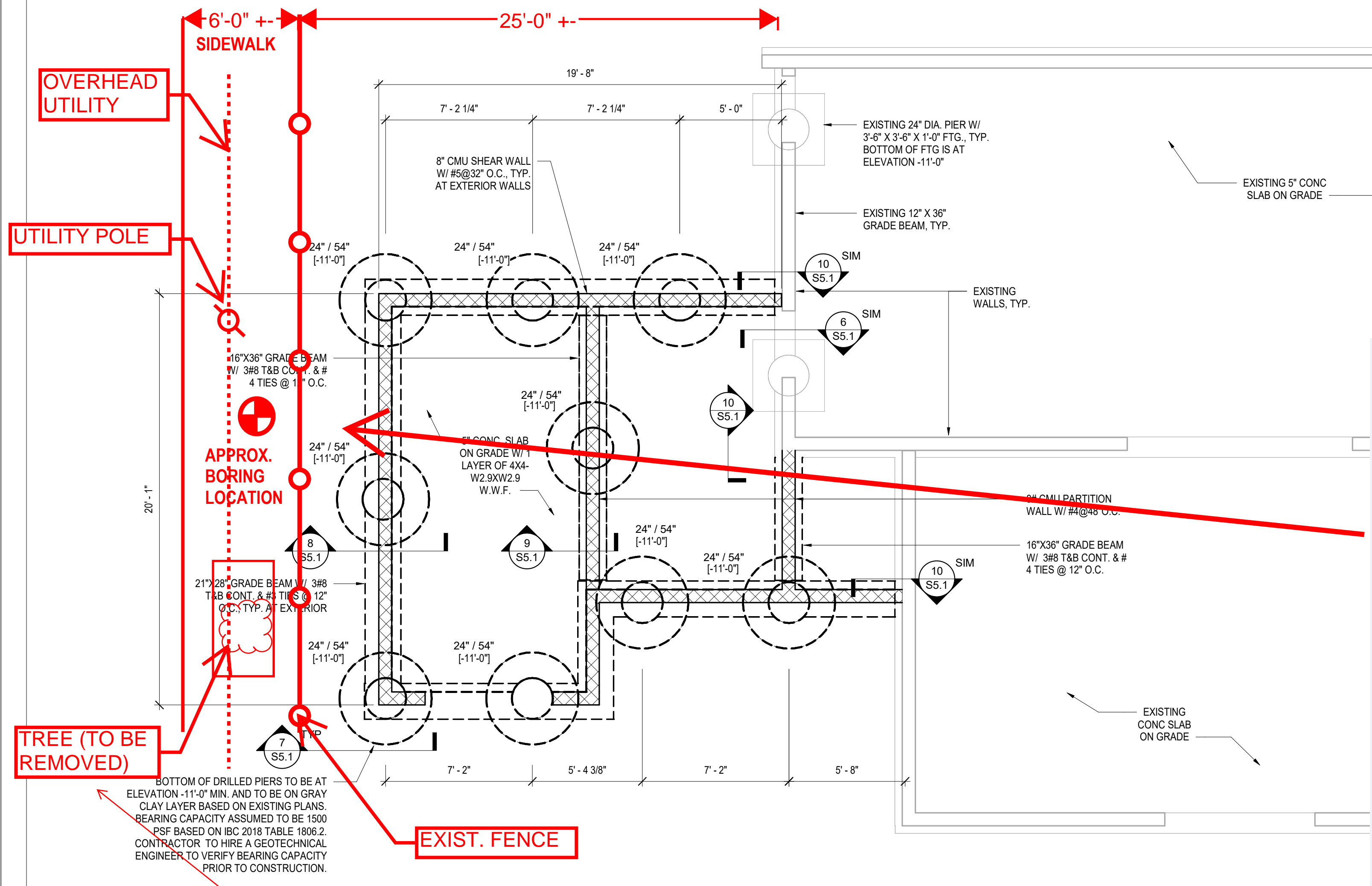
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Attachments:  
Boring Location Map  
Typed Boring Logs  
Laboratory Testing Results  
IBC Table 1806.2

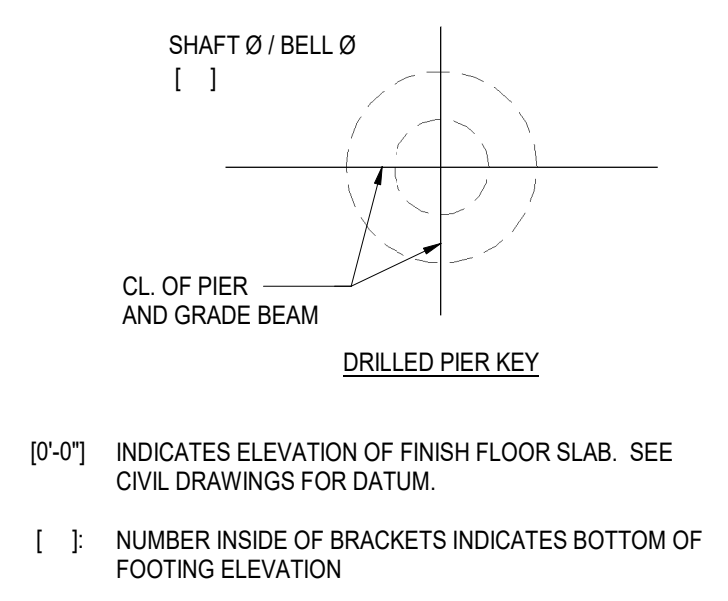
# **BORING LOCATION MAP**





PICTURE OF BORING LOCATION

**FOUNDATION PLAN NOTES**



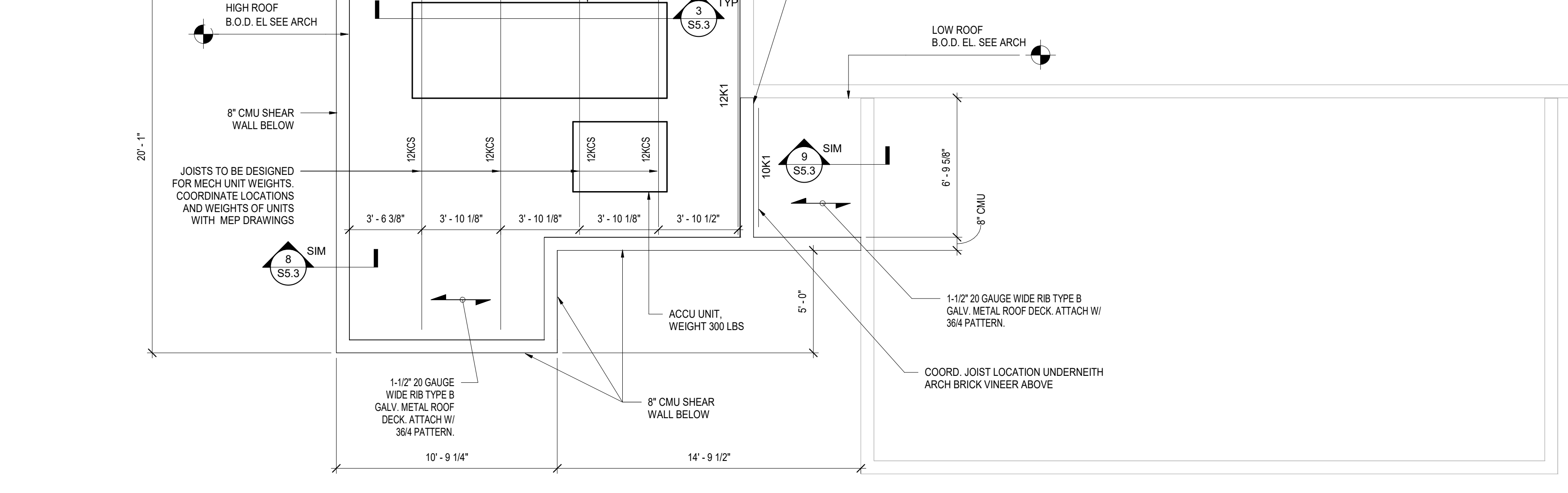
- NOTE: CONTRACTOR SHALL COORDINATE EXACT LOCATIONS OF ALL FLOOR JOINTS WITH THE ARCHITECTURAL JOINTS IN FINISHES. ALL FLOOR JOINTS SHOULD COINCIDE DIRECTLY UNDER A JOINT IN THE ARCHITECTURAL FINISH ABOVE. SEE ARCHITECTURAL DRAWINGS.
- NOTE: FOOTINGS HAVE NOT BEEN DROPPED FOR CIVIL, PLUMBING, OR ELECTRICAL LINES. SEE GENERAL NOTES FOR CRITERIA.
- NOTE: UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE ON PLANS, BOTTOM OF GRADE BEAM SHALL BE [-3'-0"] BELOW FINISH FLOOR SLAB.
- NOTE: MAXIMUM SPACING OF VERTICAL CONTROL JOINTS IN EXTERIOR MASONRY VENEER IS 16'-0" FROM CORNERS AND 32'-0" FOR INTERMEDIATE VERTICAL JOINTS. SEE ARCHITECT FOR EXACT LOCATIONS.
- NOTE: UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE FOUNDATION SLAB IS 5" CONCRETE SLAB ON A POLYETHYLENE VAPOR BARRIER (SEE ARCHITECT) ON 4" GRAVEL ON GRADE REINFORCED WITH W.W.F. 6x6-W2.9xW2.9.
- NOTE: GENERAL CONTRACTOR SHALL ENGAGE A SURVEYOR TO PROVIDE LOCATIONS OF ALL EXISTING UTILITIES, TRENCHES, ETC. TO ENSURE THAT NEW FOUNDATIONS WILL NOT INTERFERE, UNDERMINE, OR BEAR ON EXISTING UTILITIES.

**FRAMING PLAN NOTES**

- NOTE: SEE ARCHITECT AND PLUMBING DRAWINGS FOR LOCATIONS OF ROOF DRAINS.
- NOTE: FOR FRAMING AROUND THE PERIMETER OF A MECHANICAL UNIT, SEE TYPICAL DETAIL.
- NOTE: CONTRACTOR COORDINATE LOCATION OF OPENINGS AND WEIGHTS OF MECHANICAL UNITS, WITH THE MECHANICAL DRAWINGS. IF WEIGHTS EXCEED WHAT IS SHOWN ON THE STRUCTURAL PLAN, THEN NOTIFY THE STRUCTURAL ENGINEER OF THE CHANGE PRIOR TO ANY DETAILING OR FABRICATION OF JOIST, DECK OR STEEL.



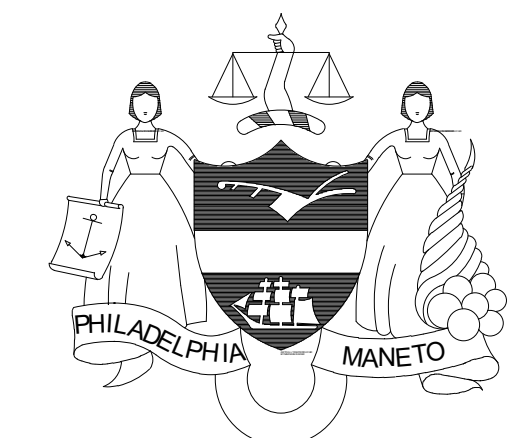
PICTURE OF TREE TO BE REMOVED



2 ROOF 1/4" = 1'-0"

RELEASED FOR CLIENT REVIEW 03/08/19

REVISIONS		
ISSUE	DATE	DESCRIPTION



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**PROJECT TITLE**  
 NELSON PLAYGROUND

**DRAWING TITLE**  
 STRUCTURAL PLANS

PROJECT NO. 18-00355-001	DRAWING NO. <b>S1.1</b>
DATE: 03.08.2019	SCALE: AS NOTED
DRAWN BY: SB	CHECKED BY: CR

NOTE: ALL DIMENSIONS AND CONDITIONS SHALL BE VERIFIED BY THE CONTRACTOR AT THE SITE BEFORE PROCEEDING WITH THE WORK.

**PJM SKETCH 5/21/19**



# **TYPED BORING LOGS**

**ENGINEER'S LOG**

Boring **B-1** ECMS

District: \_\_\_\_\_ County: Philadelphia

SR \_\_\_\_\_ Section \_\_\_\_\_

Baseline: \_\_\_\_\_

Sta. \_\_\_\_\_ Offset \_\_\_\_\_

Segment \_\_\_\_\_ Offset \_\_\_\_\_

Coordinates:

Lat. \_\_\_\_\_ Long. \_\_\_\_\_

E \_\_\_\_\_ N \_\_\_\_\_

Ground Elev. 0.0 ft.

Water Level Elev./Elapsed Time:

∇ Initial NR Elapsed NR

▼ Final NR Elapsed NR

Driller: Eric Blemings

Company: CGC Geoservices, LLC

Drilling Start: 05/23/2019 9:30 am

Drilling Complete: 05/23/2019 10:40 am

Grouting Complete: 05/23/2019 11:00 am

Rig: Truck Mounted Rig

Hammer Type: Automatic

SPT Hammer Efficiency:

Assumed 0.8 Measured \_\_\_\_\_

Hammer Calibration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Hole Type: Continuous SPT

Casing Type: Hollow Stem Auger

Casing I.D.: 3.25 in Casing Depth: 38.0 ft.

Rock Core Method: \_\_\_\_\_

Inspector: Kyle Eshelman/Logan Gabler

Inspector Cert. No. 422-17

PG/PE Seal, Signature and Date

Final Log Checked and Approved

By: Craig Welfer

Date: 6/3/2019

Lab Testing Performed on Sample

NOTE: N values and all graphical plots are for information only.

ELEV.	GRAPHIC	MATERIAL DESCRIPTION COMMENTS - OBSERVATIONS	AASHTO / USCS	SAMPLE DEPTH	SAMPLE No.	BLOW COUNTS (Blows/ 0.5ft)	N <sub>60</sub> --- RQD %	REC (ft.)	REC (%)	◇ RQD % ◇			
										Soil/Rock Rec. %	Soil/Rock Rec. %		
										▲ SPT (N <sub>60</sub> ) ▲			
										10	20	30	40
		<b>CEMENT CONCRETE.</b>		0.5									
		<b>GRAVEL, subbase.</b> 0.5'/El. -0.5'			S-1	3-2-2	5	0.3	20				
		<b>SAND, some Silt, little Gravel, trace Clay,</b> very loose to loose, damp to wet, brown and black, fill, <i>wet from pavement core.</i>  Advanced unsampled through 0.5' thick concrete sidewalk then S-1 spoon was driven 1.5'. 2-foot spoon sampling started at S-2.	a-1-b / sm	2.0	S-2	3-3-2-2	7	1.0	50				
-5				4.0	S-3	1-1-1-1	3	0.7	35				
		<b>CLAY, some Silt, trace Sand, medium to</b> hard, damp to wet, gray and green, alluvium, <i>wet from pavement core water that pooled</i> <i>on sidewalk and drained into the open</i> <i>boring.</i>	a-6 / cl	6.0	S-4	2-2-2-2	5	0.5	25				
				8.0	S-5	4-4-7-7	15	1.2	60				
-10				10.0	S-6	8-18-9-7	36	1.2	60				
				11.5'/El. -11.5'									
		<b>SAND, some Gravel, some Silt, trace Clay,</b> contains rock fragments, micaceous, medium dense to very dense, damp, brown to gray, residuum.  13.5': Color change from gray to brown.	A-2-4 / SM	12.0	S-7	7-6-8-8	19	1.2	60				
				14.0									

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**ENGINEER'S LOG**

Boring **B-1** ECMS


District: \_\_\_\_\_ County: Philadelphia

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SR \_\_\_\_\_ Section \_\_\_\_\_

Sta. \_\_\_\_\_ Offset \_\_\_\_\_

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										Soil	Rock
		<b>SAND</b> , some Gravel, some Silt, trace Clay, contains rock fragments, micaceous, medium dense to very dense, damp, brown to gray, residuum. <i>(Layer continued from the previous page.)</i>		16.0	S-8	5-6-7-8	17	1.6	80		
				18.0	S-9	7-8-10-10	24	1.0	50		
				20.0	S-10	14-14-16-17	40	0.0	0		
		S-11: Rock fragments.		22.0	S-11	11-12-20-22	43	1.4	70		
				24.0	S-12	13-20-15-13	47	1.0	50		
			A-2-4 / SM	26.0	S-13	7-16-18-20	45	2.0	100		
		27.0': Color change from brown to gray.		28.0	S-14	11-13-18-15	41	1.8	90		
				30.0	S-15	15-13-17-25	40	1.7	85		
				32.0	S-16	25-26-25-20	68	1.5	75		
				34.0	S-17	16-32-34-35	88	1.2	60		

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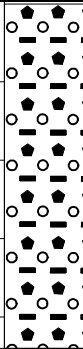
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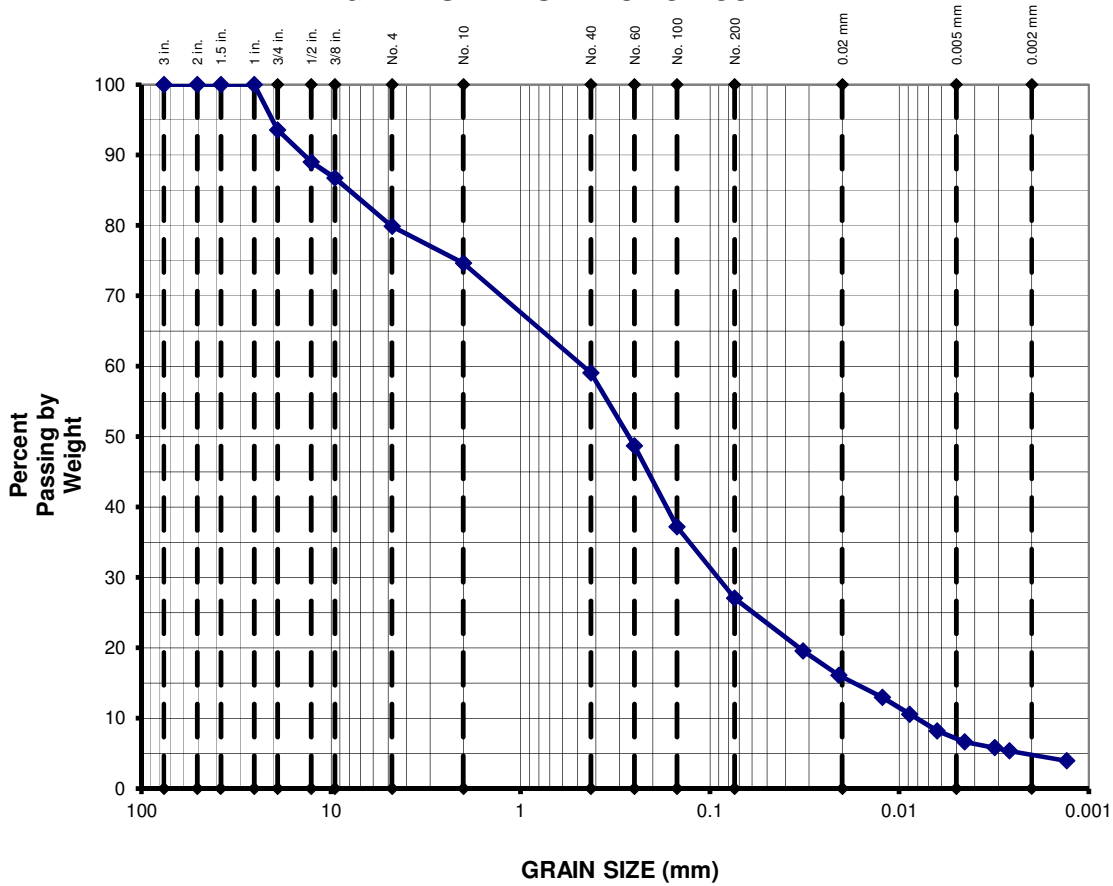
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										Soil/Rock Rec. %	Soil/Rock Rec. %
											⊕ 10 20 30 40 ⊕ ▲ SPT (N <sub>60</sub> ) ▲ ⊕ 10 20 30 40 ⊕
		<b>SAND</b> , some Gravel, some Silt, trace Clay, contains rock fragments, micaceous, medium dense to very dense, damp, brown to gray, residuum. <i>(Layer continued from the previous page.)</i> 36.0': Significant increase in coarse material.	A-2-4 / SM	36.0	S-18	8-14-19-15	44	1.2	60		⊕
				38.0	S-19	34-36-38-37	99	1.0	50		⊕
		39.4'/El. -39.4		39.4	S-20	33-33-50/.4'	111	1.0	71		⊕
-40		Bottom of boring.									⊕
-45											
-50											

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# **LABORATORY TESTING RESULTS**

### GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION CURVE



GRAVEL		SAND			FINES	
COARSE	FINE	COARSE	MEDIUM	FINE	SILT	CLAY
20.1%		52.8%			27.1%	
6.4%	13.7%	5.3%	15.6%	32.0%	20.0%	7.1%

GRAVEL			SAND		FINES	
COARSE	MEDIUM	FINE	COARSE	FINE	SILT	CLAY
	25.4%		47.6%		27.1%	
0.0%	13.2%	12.1%	15.6%	32.0%	22.3%	4.8%

<b>Project:</b>	Nelson Community Center	<b>Soil Type:</b> silty SAND with gravel
<b>Boring No.:</b>	B-1	
<b>Station:</b>	-	<b>USCS Classification:</b> SM
<b>Offset:</b>	-	<b>AASHTO Classification:</b> A-2-4 (0)
<b>Sample No.:</b>	S-7 to S-11	LL = NP      PL = NP
<b>Depth:</b>	12.0-22.0 ft	PI = NP      w = 17.4%
<b>Spec. Grav.:</b>	2.7 (assumed)	



Classification Testing Results

**USCS & AASHTO**

By: JDP      Ckd: DFP

6/3/2019

**IBC TABLE 1806.2**





Project: Nelson Community Cener  
 AEG No.: 18093  
 Sheet 1 of 1  
 Des By: KME Date 6/3/2019  
 Ckd By: ESW Date 6/3/2019

**IBC, Table 1806.2:**

**TABLE 1806.2  
 PRESUMPTIVE LOAD-BEARING VALUES**

CLASS OF MATERIALS	VERTICAL FOUNDATION PRESSURE (psf)	LATERAL BEARING PRESSURE (psf/ft below natural grade)	LATERAL SLIDING RESISTANCE	
			Coefficient of friction <sup>a</sup>	Cohesion (psf) <sup>b</sup>
1. Crystalline bedrock	12,000	1,200	0.70	—
2. Sedimentary and foliated rock	4,000	400	0.35	—
3. Sandy gravel and gravel (GW and GP)	3,000	200	0.35	—
4. Sand, silty sand, clayey sand, silty gravel and clayey gravel (SW, SP, SM, SC, GM and GC)	2,000	150	0.25	—
5. Clay, sandy clay, silty clay, clayey silt, silt and sandy silt (CL, ML, MH and CH)	1,500	100	—	130

For SI: 1 pound per square foot = 0.0479kPa, 1 pound per square foot per foot = 0.157 kPa/m.

a.Coefficient to be multiplied by the dead load.

b.Cohesion value to be multiplied by the contact area, as limited by Section 1806.3.2 .

The currently proposed "gray clay" bearing stratum was confirmed during drilling operations, which indicates that the presumptive bearing capacity of 1,500 psf is appropriate at the proposed bottom of drilled pier elevation of -11.0 feet. At elevation -11.5 feet laboratory classified Silty Sand with Gravel [SM, A-2-4(0)] was encountered and would provide a higher bearing capacity of 2,000 psf.