



**City of Bellevue  
Development Services Department  
Land Use Staff Report**

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**Proposal Name:** Tellefson Residence

**Proposal Address:** 20 Cascade Key

**Proposal Description:** Approval of a Critical Areas Land Use Permit to construct an addition to an existing single-family residence. The proposal includes a request to modify the toe-of-slope steep slope structure setback to a minimum distance of 40 feet.

**File Number:** 16-128770-LO

**Applicant:** Brian Bellissimo

**Decisions Included:** Critical Areas Land Use Permit  
(Process II. LUC 20.30G & 20.30P)

**Planner:** Drew Folsom, Planner

**State Environmental Policy Act  
Threshold Determination:** Exempt per WAC 197-11-800

**Director's Decision:** Approval with Conditions

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Carol V. Helland, Land Use Director  
Development Services Department

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Critical Areas Application Date:	April 4, 2016
Notice of Application Publication Date:	June 2, 2016
Decision Publication Date:	August 11, 2016
Project Appeal Deadline:	August 25, 2016

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For information on how to appeal a proposal, visit Development Services Center at City Hall or call (425) 452-6800. Comments on State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Determinations can be made with or without appealing the proposal within the noted comment period for a SEPA Determination. Appeal of the Decision must be received in the City's Clerk's Office by 5 PM on the date noted for appeal of the decision.

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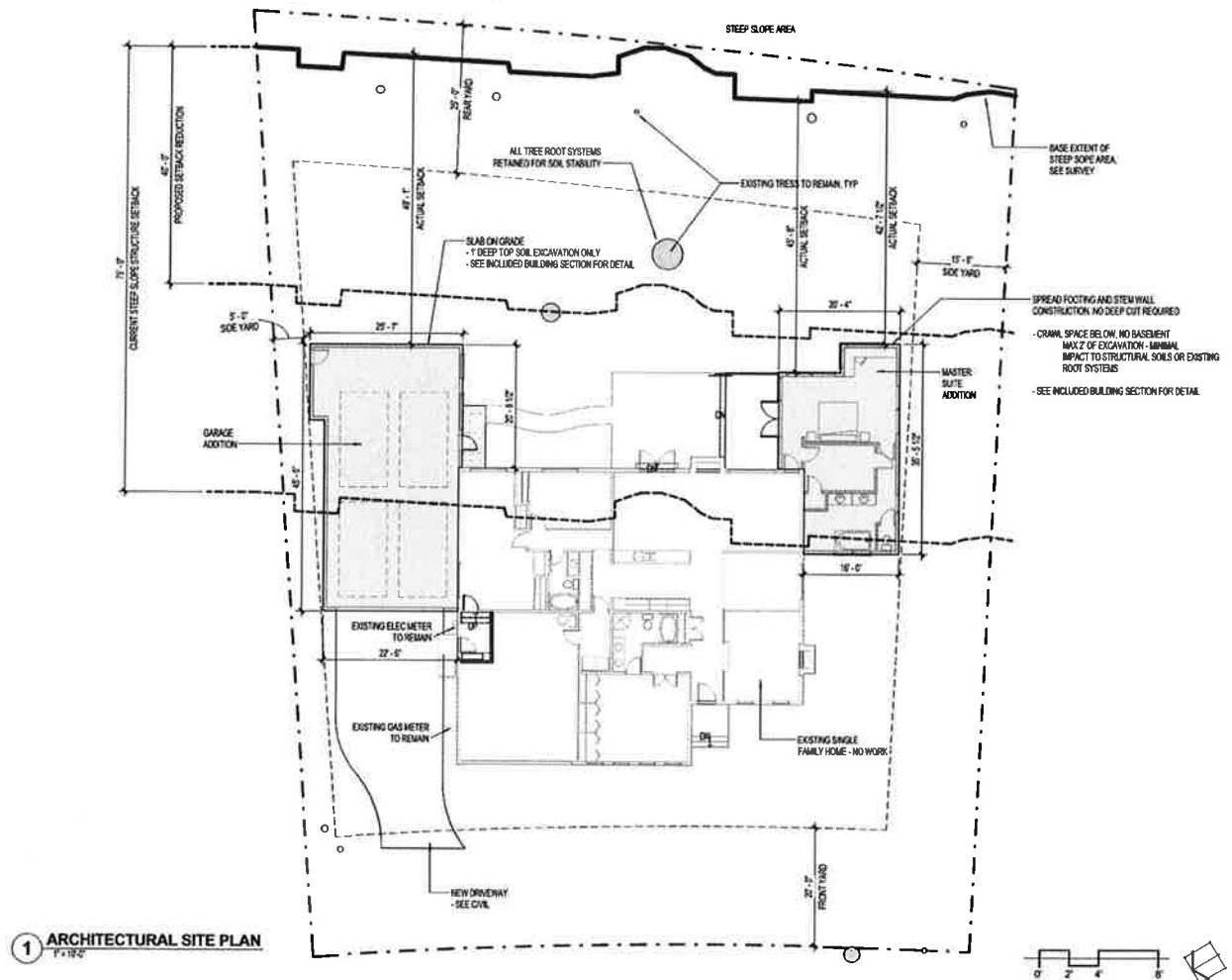
1. Development Plans
2. Geotechnical Report

## I. Proposal Description

The applicant is requesting a Critical Areas Land Use Permit to modify the toe-of-slope steep slope structure setback to a minimum distance of 40 feet in order to construct an addition to an existing single-family residence.

The Land Use Code allows for modifications of critical areas structure setbacks if the performance standards for each critical area are addressed and the decision criteria in LUC 20.25H.255.A and LUC 20.30P are met. This application meets those requirements and the request is evaluated below.

Figure 1 Site Plan



## II. Site Description, Zoning, Land Use and Critical Areas

### A. Site Description

The property is located at 20 Cascade Key. The property is approximately 18,143 square feet. Vehicle access is from Cascade Key located to the west. Properties to the west, north and south of the property are developed with single-family residences.

The site contains several significant trees, predominately located along the east property boundary; the remaining area is developed with the single-family residence, driveway, landscape bushes, and mowed lawn. The majority of the site slopes gradually upward from west to east. The eastern boundary of the property is adjacent to the edge of the BNSF Railroad right-of-way. The BNSF railroad is located on a steep, raised hill, approximately 20 feet in height, east of the property. A Type-F stream, Coal Creek, and a tributary are located downslope and east of the railroad corridor. Above and further east is the western edge of the Interstate-405.

Figure 2: Site Aerial



### B. Zoning

The property is zoned R-2.5. The property is also within the Critical Areas Overlay District.

### C. Land Use Context

The property is located in the Factoria Subarea of the City and has a Comprehensive Plan land use designation of SF-M (Single Family Medium Density).

#### **D. Critical Areas Functions and Values**

##### **i. Geologic Hazard Areas**

Geologic hazards pose a threat to the health and safety of citizens when commercial, residential, or industrial development is inappropriately sited in areas of significant hazard. Some geologic hazards can be reduced or mitigated by engineering, design, or modified construction practices. When technology cannot reduce risks to acceptable levels, building in geologically hazardous areas is best avoided (WAC 365-190).

Steep slopes may serve several other functions and possess other values for the City and its residents. Several of Bellevue's remaining large blocks of forest are located in steep slope areas, providing habitat for a variety of wildlife species and important linkages between habitat areas in the City. These steep slope areas also act as conduits for groundwater, which drains from hillsides to provide a water source for the City's wetlands and stream systems. Vegetated steep slopes also provide a visual amenity in the City, providing a "green" backdrop for urbanized areas enhancing property values and buffering urban development.

#### **III. Consistency with Land Use Code Requirements:**

##### **A. Zoning District Dimensional Requirements (LUC 20.20.010):**

The site is located in the R-2.5 zoning district.

##### **B. Critical Areas Requirements LUC 20.25H:**

Geologic Hazards

##### **20.25H.125 Performance standards for landslide hazards and steep slopes**

The applicant is not proposing any development or construction within the critical area or critical area buffer. The applicant's geotechnical engineer has evaluated the slope and the proposed construction and recommends that the structure can safely be located within 40 feet of the toe of the steep slope without risk. No modification to the slope or top of slope buffer is proposed or allowed as part of this permit.

##### **C. Consistency with Critical Areas Report LUC 20.25.230.**

The applicant supplied a complete critical areas report in support of the proposed steep slope structure setback of 40 feet. The report met the minimum requirements in LUC 20.25H.250, and contained supporting information from a qualified geotechnical engineer that evaluated the steep slope critical area. The GeotCritical Areas Report Criteria for Steep Slope Critical Area Structure Setback reductions were met.

#### IV. Public Notice and Comment

Application Date:	April 4, 2106
Public Notice (500 feet):	June 2, 2016
Minimum Comment Period:	June 16, 2016

The Notice of Application for this project was published in the City of Bellevue weekly permit bulletin on June 2, 2016. It was mailed to property owners within 500 feet of the project site. No comments have been received from the public as of the writing of this staff report.

#### V. Summary of Technical Reviews

##### **Clearing and Grading:**

The Clearing and Grading Division of the Development Services Department has reviewed the proposed development for compliance with Clearing and Grading codes and standards. The Clearing and Grading staff found no issues with the proposed development.

#### VI. State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA)

The proposal is categorically exempt from SEPA review per WAC 197-11-800 for minor new construction of a single-family residence.

#### VII. Decision Criteria

##### **A. Critical Areas Report Decision Criteria- General Criteria LUC 20.25H.255**

The Director may approve, or approve with modifications, the proposed modification where the applicant demonstrates:

**1. The modifications and performance standards included in the proposal lead to levels of protection of critical area functions and values at least as protective as application of the regulations and standards of this code;**

**Finding:** The modification of the steep slope critical area structure setback is at least as protective of the critical area functions and values because the area modified consists of pavement, open ground, or maintained lawn.

**2. Adequate resources to ensure completion of any required mitigation and monitoring efforts;**

**Finding:** This is a proposal to reduce a steep slope structure setback. No mitigation is required and no resources are needed aside from retention of the minimum 40-foot setback recommended by the geotechnical engineer of record (reference Geotechnical Report in Attachment \*).

**3. The modifications and performance standards included in the proposal are not detrimental to the functions and values of critical area and critical area buffers off-site; and**

**Finding:** This is a proposal to reduce a steep slope structure setback. No impact to functions is expected. No mitigation is required.

**4. The resulting development is compatible with other uses and development in the same land use district.**

**Finding:** The resulting development of an addition to an existing single-family residential structure on the property is compatible with the other single-family residential structures in the neighborhood surrounding the subject property.

**B. Critical Areas Land Use Permit Decision Criteria 20.30P**

The Director may approve or approve with modifications an application for a critical areas land use permit if:

**1. The proposal obtains all other permits required by the Land Use Code;**

**Finding:** The applicant is required to obtain a single-family building permit for the construction of the proposed addition.

**2. The proposal utilizes to the maximum extent possible the best available construction, design and development techniques which result in the least impact on the critical area and critical area buffer;**

**Finding:** The proposal is standard design and construction techniques for residential development. The construction techniques, along with required clearing and grading development standards will ensure the least impact on the steep slope critical area. In addition, the applicant shall implement all of the recommendations provided by the Geotechnical Engineering Report prepared by Steven Evans and Michael Xue, PanGeo Incorporated, dated January 15, 2016 (Attachment \*) See Section IX for condition of approval.

**3. The proposal incorporates the performance standards of Part 20.25H to the maximum extent applicable, and ;**

**Finding:** With exception of the requested modifications to the steep slope critical area structure setback, the proposal is incorporating the other applicable performance standards of Part 20.25H. This is a proposal to reduce a steep slope structure setback. No impact to functions is expected. See Section IX for conditions of approval.

**4. The proposal will be served by adequate public facilities including street, fire protection, and utilities; and;**

**Finding:** The property is currently served by adequate public facilities. Nothing in the

proposal will increase the need for public facilities on the property.

**5. The proposal includes a mitigation or restoration plan consistent with the requirements of LUC Section 20.25H.210; and**

**Finding:** This is a proposal to reduce a steep slope structure setback. No impact to functions is expected. No mitigation is required. The applicant shall submit a hold harmless agreement prior to the issuance of the building permit.

**6. The proposal complies with other applicable requirements of this code.**

**Finding:** As discussed in Section III and V of this report, the proposal complies with all other applicable requirements of the Land Use Code.

**VIII. Conclusion and Decision**

After conducting the various administrative reviews associated with this proposal, including Land Use Code consistency, City Code and Standard compliance reviews, the Director of the Development Services Department does hereby **approve with conditions the Critical Areas Land Use Permit to modify a toe of slope structure setback to construct an addition to a single family residence**. Approval of the Critical Areas Land Use Permit does not constitute a permit for construction. A building permit is required and all plans are subject to review for compliance with applicable City of Bellevue codes and standards.

**Note- Expiration of Approval:** In accordance with LUC 20.30P.150 a Critical Areas Land Use Permit automatically expires and is void if the applicant fails to file for a Single Family Addition Building Permit or other necessary development permits within one year of the effective date of the approval.

**IX. Conditions of Approval**

**The applicant shall comply with all applicable Bellevue City Codes and Ordinances including but not limited to:**

<u>Applicable Ordinances</u>	<u>Contact Person</u>
Clearing and Grading Code- BCC 23.76	Savina Uzunow, 425-452-7860
Land Use Code- BCC 20.25H	Drew Folsom, 425-452-4441
Noise Control- BCC 9.18	Drew Folsom, 425-452-4441

**The following conditions are imposed under the Bellevue City Code or SEPA authority referenced:**

1. **Geotechnical Recommendations and Inspection:** The project shall be constructed incorporating the recommendations described by the Geotechnical Engineer of record. The Engineer shall verify implementation of the recommended procedures and practices in the geotechnical report Attachment 2. A report verifying



implementation and inspection shall be submitted to Drew Folsom at [dfolsom@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:dfolsom@bellevuewa.gov) or to the address below:

Environmental Planning Manager  
Development Services Department  
City of Bellevue  
PO Box 90012  
Bellevue, WA 98009-9012

Authority: Land Use Code 20.30P.140  
Reviewer: Drew Folsom, Development Services Department

**2. Hold Harmless Agreement:** Prior to building permit approval, the applicant or property owner shall submit a hold harmless agreement releasing the City of Bellevue from any and all liability associated with site development. The agreement must meet city requirements and must be reviewed by the City Attorney's Office for formal approval.

Authority: Land Use Code 20.30P.170  
Reviewer: Drew Folsom, Development Services Department

**3. Rainy Season restrictions:** No clearing and grading activity may occur during the rainy season, which is defined as October 1 through April 30 without written authorization of the Development Services Department. Should approval be granted for work during the rainy season, increased erosion and sedimentation measures, representing the best available technology must be implemented prior to beginning or resuming site work.

Authority: Bellevue City Code 23.76.093.A,  
Reviewer: Savina Uzunow, Clearing and Grading

**4. Noise Control:** Noise related to construction is exempt from the provisions of BCC 9.18 between the hours of 7 am to 8 pm Monday through Friday and 9 am to 6 pm on Saturdays, except for Federal holidays and as further defined by the Bellevue City Code. Noise emanating from construction is prohibited on Sundays or legal holidays unless expanded hours of operation are specifically authorized in advance. Requests for construction hour extension must be done in advance with submittal of a construction noise expanded exempt hours permit.

Authority: Bellevue City Code 9.18  
Reviewer: Drew Folsom, Land Use



VICINITY MAP - NTS

**PROJECT TEAM**

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**PROJECT ADDRESS**

20 CASCADE KEY - BELLEVUE, WA

**TAX ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBERS**

606530-0100

**PROJECT NUMBER**

BLDG PERMIT # 6429885

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

NEWPORT DIV # 2  
PLAT BLOCK: 1  
PLAT LOT: 10

**PROJECT SUMMARY**

CONSTRUCTION OF NEW 576 SF MASTER SUITE ADDITION AND 1000 SF GARAGE  
ADDITION TO EXISTING, SINGLE STORY HOME.

**GOVERNING CODES**

**ZONING CODE:** CITY OF BELLEVUE LAND USE CODE

**ZONE:** R2.5  
**LOT AREA:** 18,143 SF

**BUILDING CODE:** 2012 INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE

**ENERGY CODE:** 2012 WASHINGTON STATE RESIDENTIAL PROVISIONS

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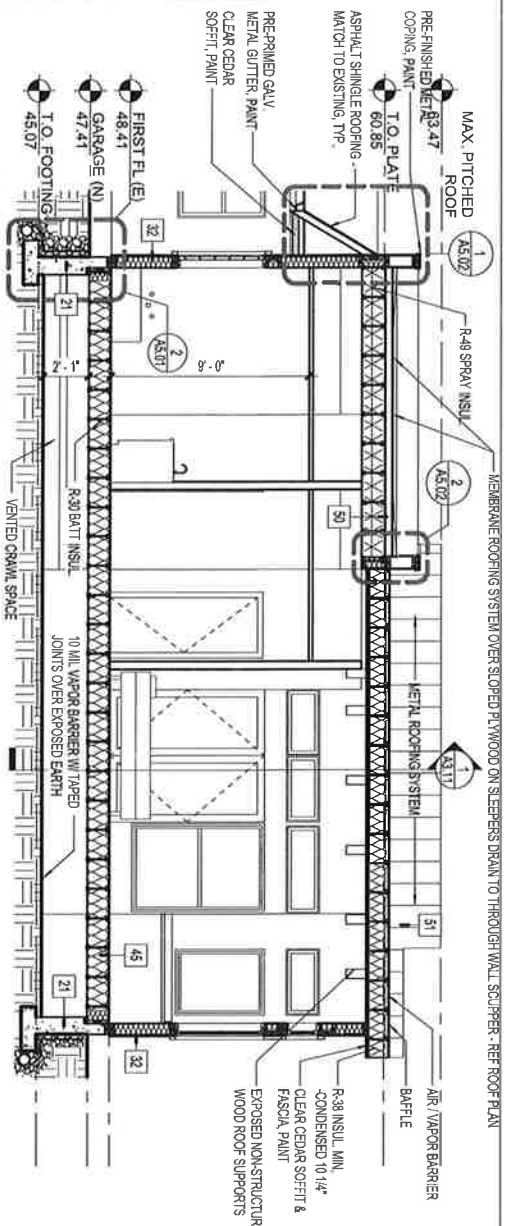
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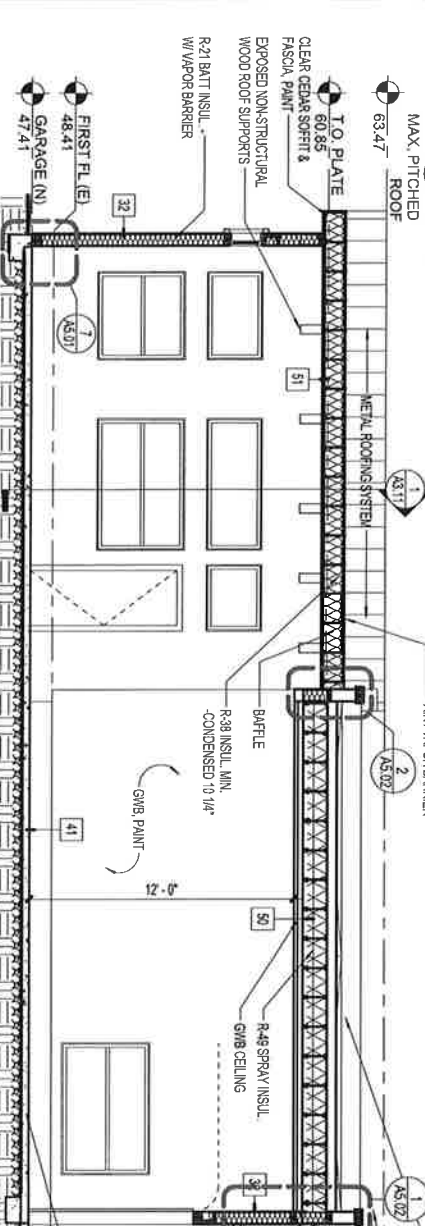
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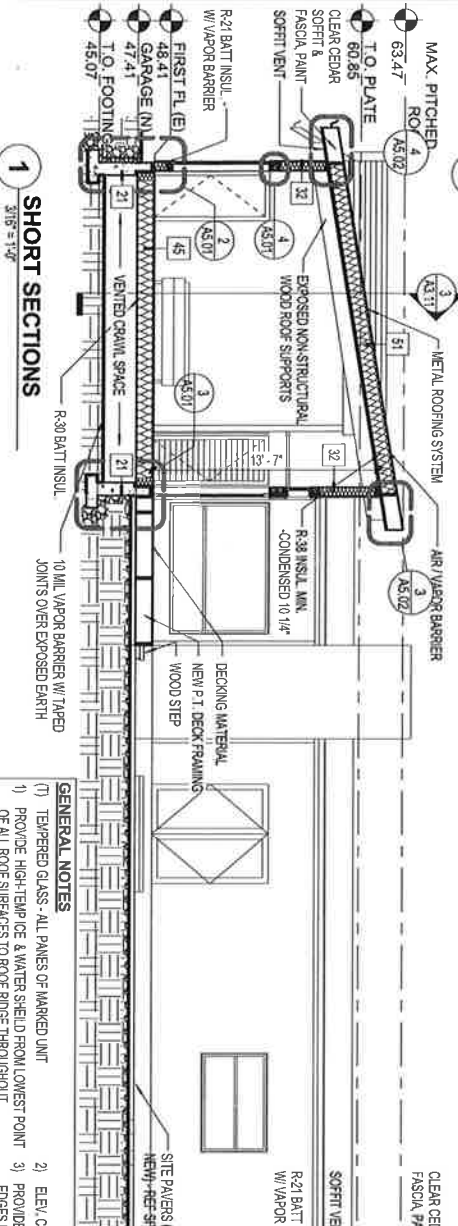
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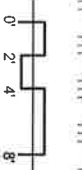
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### 1 SHORT SECTIONS

3/16" = 1'-0"

- GENERAL NOTES**
- (1) TEMPERED GLASS - ALL PANE OF MARKED UNIT
  - (2) ELEV. CALCULATED TO TOP OF SUB-DOOR
  - (3) PROVIDE GALV. EXPANSION JOINTS & DRIP EDGES PER STUCCO BUREAU, TYP.
  - (4) PROVIDE HIGH-TEMP. ICE & WATER SHIELD FROM LOWEST POINT OF ALL ROOF SURFACES TO ROOF RIDGE THROUGHOUT



ORIGINAL SHEET SIZE 10" x 24"

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## 20 CASCADE KEY

Bellevue, WA

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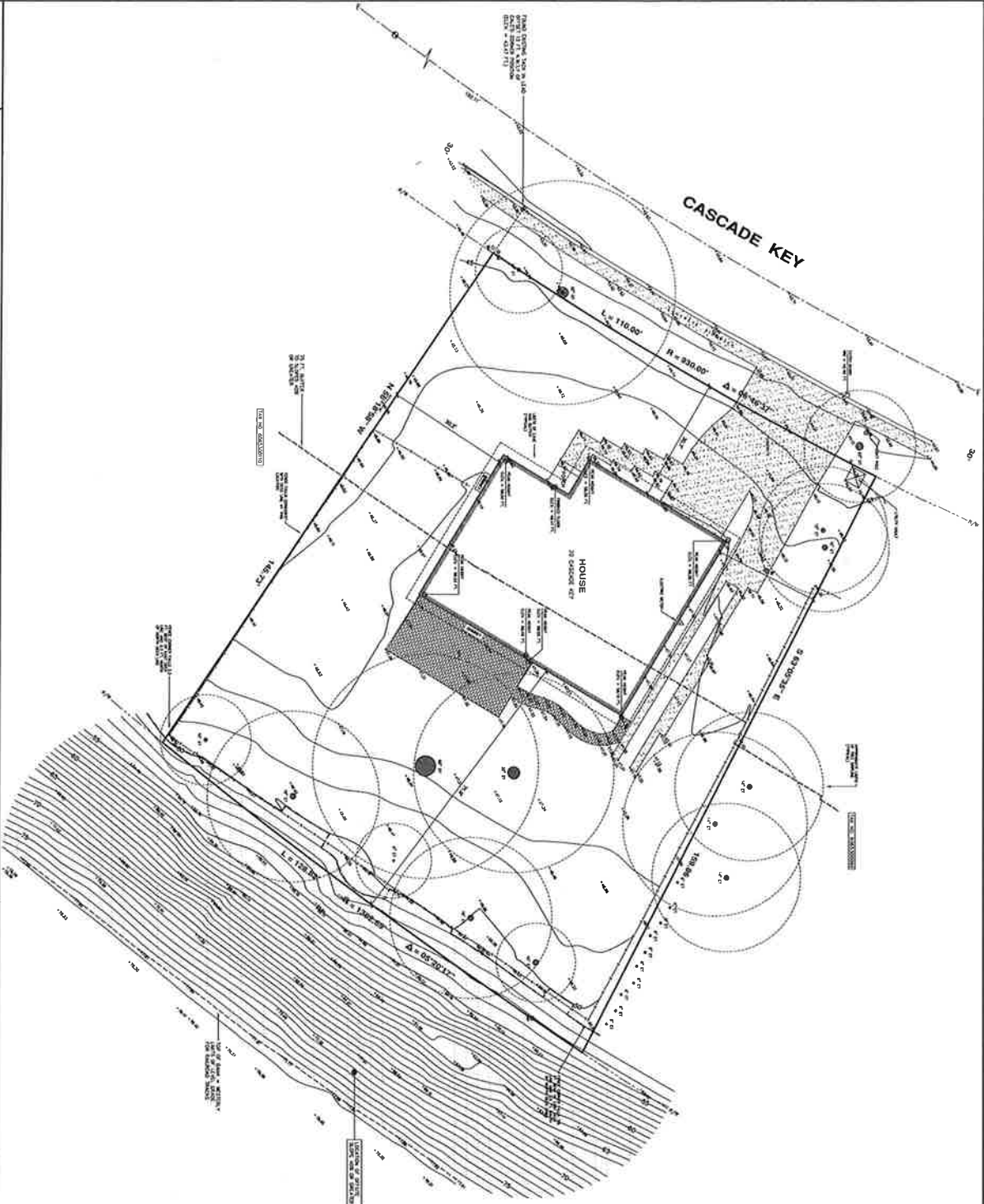
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**TOPOGRAPHIC DETAIL**  
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PROJECT # 15-1227  
DRAWING 15-122702.DWG  
DATE: 04/15/2015  
DRAWN BY: SLL



**NOTES**

1. THIS SURVEY WAS PERFORMED BY FIELD TRAVERSE USING A TOTAL STATION. THEODOLITE SUPPLEMENTED WITH A 100 FT. STEEL TAPE. THIS SURVEY MEETS OR EXCEEDS THE STANDARDS FOR LAND BOUNDARY SURVEYS AS SET FORTH IN WAC CHAPTER 32A-105-030.
2. CONTOUR INTERVAL = 1 FT.
3. ELEVATION DATUM = NAD83, AS PER DIRECT OBSERVATIONS USING GPS EQUIPMENT ON NOVEMBER 11, 2015.
4. HORIZONTAL DATUM = NAD 83, AS PER DIRECT OBSERVATIONS USING GPS EQUIPMENT ON NOVEMBER 11, 2015.
5. PARCEL AREA = 10,152.50 FT<sup>2</sup>.
6. THIS SURVEY WAS PERFORMED WITHOUT THE BENEFIT OF A CURRENT TITLE REPORT. THEREFORE EXISTENCE AFFECTING THE PROPERTY, IF ANY, ARE NOT SHOWN HEREON.
7. TAX PARCEL NO. 5063300700.
8. TREE DIAMETERS AND DRINKS DISPLAYED HEREON ARE APPROXIMATE FOR SPECIFIC SEASONS AND DIAMETERS. TREES SHOULD BE EVALUATED BY A CERTIFIED ARBORIST.

January 15, 2016  
File No. 15-321

Mr. Jon Tellefson  
Seascope Homes  
P. O. Box 40568  
Bellevue, WA 98015

**Subject:       Geotechnical Engineering Report  
                  Proposed Additions  
                  20 Cascade Key, Bellevue, Washington**

Dear Mr. Tellefson,

As requested, PanGEO has completed a geotechnical engineering study for the proposed development. This study was performed in general accordance with our mutually agreed scope of work outlined in our proposal dated December 15, 2015, which was approved by you on the same day. Our service scope included reviewing readily available geologic data in the project vicinity, drilling two test borings, conducting a site reconnaissance, performing engineering analysis, and developing the conclusions and recommendations presented in this report.

#### **SITE AND PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The subject property is an approximately 18,500 square foot lot located at 20 Cascade Key in Bellevue, Washington (see Vicinity Map, Figure 1). The site is roughly rectangular in shape, and borders Cascade Key to the west, King County Park property to the east, and existing single-family residences to the north and south. The site is currently occupied by a one-story house in the central portion of the lot. The existing site grade is practically level.

We understand that you plan to construct two additions, one on the north side and one on the south side of the existing house, for a total about 2,000 square feet (see Figure 2). We further understand that the additions will be one-story wood frame structures with foundations near the existing grade.

The conclusions and recommendations outlined and provided in this report are based on our understanding of the proposed development, which is in turn based on the project information provided. If the above project description is incorrect, or the project information changes, we should be consulted to review the recommendations contained in this study and make modifications, if needed.

## **SUBSURFACE EXPLORATIONS**

Two test borings (B-1 and B-2) were drilled at the site on December 28, 2015 using a track mounted drill rig owned and operated by Bore-Tec, Inc. of Spangle, Washington. The borings were drilled to a depth of about 36½ feet below the existing grade in both borings. The approximate boring locations were taped in the field from on-site features, and are shown on Figure 2.

The drill rig was equipped with 6-inch outside diameter hollow stem augers. Soil samples were obtained from the borings at 2½- and 5-foot depth intervals in general accordance with Standard Penetration Test (SPT) sampling methods (ASTM test method D-1586) in which the samples are obtained using a 2-inch outside diameter split-spoon sampler. The sampler was driven into the soil a distance of 18 inches using a 140-pound weight freely falling a distance of 30 inches. The number of blows required for each 6-inch increment of sampler penetration was recorded. The number of blows required to achieve the last 12 inches of sample penetration is defined as the SPT N-value. The N-value provides an empirical measure of the relative density of cohesionless soil, or the relative consistency of fine-grained soils.

A geologist from PanGEO was present during the field exploration to observe the drilling, assist in sampling, and to describe and document the soil samples obtained from the borings. The soil samples were described and field classified in general accordance with the symbols and terms outlined in Figure A-1, and the summary boring logs are included as Figure A-2 and A-3 at the end of this report.

## **SUBSURFACE CONDITIONS**

### **SITE GEOLOGY**

According to the Geologic Map of King County, Washington (Booth, et al., 2007), the site is underlain by Alluvium (Qal). Alluvium (Qal) is described by Booth, et al. as horizontally

bedded, sand, silt, and gravel deposited by streams and running water. Alluvium is typically loose to dense in density and soft to stiff in consistency, and may locally contain soft fine-grained and peat lenses. The subsurface condition encountered in our exploration at the project site is generally consistent with mapped geology.

## **SOIL AND GROUNDWATER**

The soils observed in our borings generally consisted of fill overlying alluvium. The following is a brief description of the soils encountered in the borings advanced at the site. Please refer to the summary boring logs (Figure A-2 and A-3) for details.

***Unit 1- Fill:*** Fill was encountered in both borings from surface to about 4½ feet below the surface. The fill generally consisted of loose, silt, silty sand to sandy gravel with organics and charcoal.

***Unit 2 - Alluvium:*** Below the fill, both borings encountered interbedded layers of loose to dense sand, silty, and soft to very stiff silt and clay that extended to the maximum exploration depth of about 36½ below the surface. This unit appeared to be consistent with the mapped Alluvium deposit.

Groundwater was encountered at about 5 feet during drilling below the ground surface in both borings. It should be noted that the groundwater level at the site will vary depending on the season, tidal fluctuations, local subsurface conditions, and other factors. Groundwater levels and seepage rates are normally highest during the winter and early spring.

## **GEOTECHNICAL DESIGN RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **SOIL LIQUEFACTION EVALUATION**

According to the City of Bellevue, the site is located in a Liquefaction Hazards area. Soil liquefaction is a condition where saturated cohesionless soils undergo a substantial loss of strength due to the build-up of excess pore water pressures resulting from cyclic stress applications induced by earthquakes. Soils most susceptible to liquefaction are loose, uniformly graded sands and loose silts with little cohesion.

The existing wood frame buildings in the project areas, including the existing building at the subject site, have performed well during the 2001 Nisqually earthquake. As such, it is our



opinion that the proposed wood frame addition structures will likely perform reasonably well during future earthquakes with the magnitude similar to 2001 Nisqually earthquake.

During a 2,475-year IBC-code level earthquake, however, our analysis indicated that the intermittent soil layers has a moderate to high potential for soil liquefaction. We evaluated the soil liquefaction potential using a 2,475-year event, which is consistent with the 2012 IBC design earthquake, and it appears that the potentially liquefiable layers are likely from the groundwater table (i.e. 5 feet) to about 25 to 30 feet. We estimate that three to four inches of ground settlement may occur as a result of soil liquefaction during the IBC-level design event. The estimated ground settlement could potentially result in architectural and structural damages. However, because of the presence of the soil crest between the bottom of the footing and the groundwater and structural fill recommended below the foundations, a significant loss of bearing capacity is not anticipated.

It is our opinion that the proposed additions may be founded on conventional continuous footings or mat foundations to mitigate the risk of differential settlements. We also recommend placing at least 12 inches of granular structural fill below the foundations. A layer of geogrid or high-strength woven geotextile should be placed on the native soil prior to placement of structural fill. Additional design recommendations are include in the “Building Foundations” section of this report.

It should be noted that, even with these measures, some damages may still occur during an IBC-code level earthquake. However, in our opinion, egress from the buildings should not be severely impacted.

The owner should be aware of the potential risk and is willing to accept such risk. If a higher level of building foundation performance is desired, use of deep foundations will be required. PanGEO can provide additional design input if requested.

Based on the site topography and soil conditions, the potential for seismic-induced landsliding and lateral spreading is considered to be low. And it is our opinion that special design considerations associated with seismic-induced landsliding and lateral spreading are not necessary for this project.

#### **SITE CLASS AND SEISMIC DESIGN PARAMETERS**

We anticipate that the seismic evaluation of the structures will be accomplished in accordance with the 2012 International Building Code (IBC). The IBC seismic design parameters are in part based on the site soil conditions and site classifications. Based on 2012 IBC and the publication ASCE 7-02, it is our opinion that Site Class E is appropriate for the project site.

The Table 1 below provides seismic design parameters for the site that are in conformance with the 2012 edition of the International Building Code (IBC), which specifies a design earthquake having a 2% probability of occurrence in 50 years (return interval of 2,475 years), and the 2008 USGS seismic hazard maps.

**Table 1 - 2012 IBC Seismic Design Parameters**

Site Class	Spectral Acceleration at 0.2 sec. (g)  S <sub>s</sub>	Spectral Acceleration at 1.0 sec. (g)  S <sub>1</sub>	Site Coefficients		Design Spectral Response Parameters	
			F <sub>a</sub>	F <sub>v</sub>	S <sub>DS</sub>	S <sub>DI</sub>
E	1.365	0.529	0.9	2.4	0.819	0.846

#### **BUILDING FOUNDATIONS**

Based on the subsurface conditions at the site and our understanding of the project design, it is our opinion that conventional continuous footings or mat foundations is appropriate to support the proposed additions. Individual spread footings is not recommended. The following sections present our design recommendations for the design of continuous footings and mat foundations. Deep foundations, such as pin piles, will provide a higher level of foundation performance comparing to the shallow foundation. If deep foundation options are preferred, PanGEO can provide additional recommendation as requested.

The continuous footings and mat foundations should be founded on at least 12 inches of compacted structural fill. The structural fill may be placed on the native alluvial soils re-compacted to a firm and unyielding condition. If the existing soil at the bottom of 12-inch structural fill level cannot be adequately compacted, additional over-excavation may be needed. The needs for additional over-excavation should be determined by PanGEO, based on the actual

conditions observed during construction. A layer of geogrid or high-strength woven geotextile should be placed on the firm native soil prior to placement of structural fill.

The structural fill should extend horizontally a minimum of 6 inches beyond the edge of the footings. Exterior foundation elements should be placed at a minimum depth of 18 inches below final exterior grade. Interior foundations should be placed at a minimum depth of 12 inches below the top of slab. Continuous footings should have a minimum widths of 24 inches.

We recommend that an allowable soil bearing pressure of 1,200 pounds per square feet (psf) be used for foundation design. The recommended allowable bearing pressure is for dead plus live loads. For allowable stress design, the recommended bearing pressure may be increased by one-third for transient loading, such as wind or seismic forces.

Provided the mat slab subgrade is prepared as described above, mat foundation settlement is estimated to be approximately one inch with differential settlement on the order of ½ inch during the static loading condition. Settlement for shallow foundations due to seismic shaking may be on the order of 1 to 2 inch during an IBC code-level design earthquake.

**Lateral Resistance** – Lateral loads on the structures may be resisted by passive earth pressure developed against the embedded portion of the foundation system and by frictional resistance between the bottom of the foundation and the supporting subgrade soils. For footings bearing on the recompacted sand/structural fill, a frictional coefficient of 0.3 may be used to evaluate sliding resistance developed between the concrete and the compacted subgrade soil. Passive soil resistance may be calculated using an equivalent fluid weight of 250 pcf, assuming properly compacted structural fill will be placed against the footings. The above values include a factor of safety of 1.5. Unless covered by pavements or slabs, the passive resistance in the upper 12 inches of soil should be neglected.

**Perimeter Footing Drain** – Footing drains should be installed around the perimeter of the building, at or just below the invert of the footings. Under no circumstances should roof downspout drain lines be connected to the footing drain systems. Roof downspouts must be separately tightlined to appropriate discharge locations. Cleanouts should be installed at strategic locations to allow for periodic maintenance of the footing drain and downspout tightline systems.

**Foundation Subgrade Preparation and Over-excavation** – All foundation subgrade should be properly prepared and compacted to a dense condition prior to placing structural fill and form setting and rebar placement. As previously indicated, a minimum of 12 inches compacted structural fill should be placed below the footings. The exposed subgrade at the bottom of 12-inch structural fill should be properly compacted prior to structural fill placement. A layer of geogrid or high-strength woven geotextile should be placed on the native soil prior to placement of structural fill. The adequacy of footing subgrade should be verified by a representative of PanGEO, prior to placing forms or rebar.

#### **RETAINING WALL DESIGN PARAMETERS**

Retaining walls, if needed, should be properly designed to resist the lateral earth pressures exerted by the soils behind the walls. Proper drainage provisions should also be provided behind the walls to intercept and remove groundwater that may be present behind the wall. Our geotechnical recommendations for the design and construction of the retaining/basement walls are presented below.

##### ***Lateral Earth Pressures***

Concrete cantilever walls should be designed for an equivalent fluid pressure of 35 pcf for level backfills behind the walls assuming the walls are free to rotate. If walls are to be restrained at the top from free movement, equivalent fluid pressures of 45 pcf should be used for level backfills behind the walls.

Permanent walls should be designed for an additional uniform lateral pressure of  $6H$  psf for seismic loading, where  $H$  corresponds to the buried depth of the wall. The recommended lateral pressures assume that the backfill behind the wall consists of a free draining and properly compacted fill with adequate drainage provisions.

##### ***Surcharge***

Surcharge loads, where present, should also be included in the design of retaining walls. We recommend that a lateral load coefficient of 0.3 be used to compute the lateral pressure on the wall face resulting from surcharge loads located within a horizontal distance of one-half wall height.

### ***Lateral Resistance***

Lateral forces from seismic loading and unbalanced lateral earth pressures may be resisted by a combination of passive earth pressures acting against the embedded portions of the foundations and by friction acting on the base of the foundations. Passive resistance values may be determined using an equivalent fluid weight of 300 pcf. This value includes a factor of safety of 1.5, assuming the footing is poured against dense native sand, re-compacted on-site sandy soil or properly compacted structural fill adjacent to the sides of footing. A friction coefficient of 0.35 may be used to determine the frictional resistance at the base of the footings. The coefficient includes a factor safety of 1.5.

### ***Wall Drainage***

Provisions for wall drainage should consist of a 4-inch diameter perforated drainpipe placed behind and at the base of the wall footings, embedded in 12 to 18 inches of clean crushed rock or pea gravel wrapped with a layer of filter fabric. Where applicable, in-lieu of conventional footing drains, weep holes (2" diameter and 10 feet on center) may be used for site retaining walls. A minimum 18-inch wide zone of free draining granular soils (i.e. pea gravel or washed rock) is recommended to be placed adjacent to the wall for the full height of the wall. Alternatively, a composite drainage material, such as Miradrain 6000, may be used in lieu of the clean crushed rock or pea gravel. The drainpipe at the base of the wall should be graded to direct water to a suitable outlet.

### ***Wall Backfill***

In our opinion, the on-site sandy soil, excluding organic-rich soils, may be re-used as wall backfill provided they can be compacted to a dense condition and proper wall drainage discussed above is installed. Fine-grained soil, such as silt and clay if encountered at the site, should not be used as wall backfill. Use of on-site soil as wall backfill should be approved by the project geotechnical engineer. Imported wall backfill should consist of free draining granular material, such as Seattle Type 17 or WSDOT Gravel Borrow. In areas where the space is limited between the wall and the face of excavation, pea gravel may be used as backfill without compaction.

Wall backfill should be moisture conditioned to within about 3 percent of optimum moisture content, placed in loose, horizontal lifts less than 8 inches in thickness, and systematically compacted to a dense and relatively unyielding condition and to at least 95 percent of the

maximum dry density, as determined using test method ASTM D 1557. Within 5 feet of the wall, the backfill should be compacted with hand-operated equipment to at least 90 percent of the maximum dry density.

## **CONSTRUCTION CONSIDERATIONS**

### **TEMPORARY EXCAVATIONS**

Temporary excavations will likely be less than 4 feet for the proposed project. We anticipate the excavations to mainly encounter loose to medium dense silt and sand. All temporary excavations should be performed in accordance with Part N of WAC (Washington Administrative Code) 296-155. The contractor is responsible for maintaining safe excavation slopes and/or shoring.

All temporary excavations deeper than a total of 4 feet should be sloped or shored. In the event that temporary excavations deeper than 4 feet are needed, for planning purposes, they should be sloped 1H:1V or flatter, or properly shored. The temporary cut slopes should be re-evaluated in the field during construction based on actual observed soil conditions, and may need to be flattered in the wet seasons. We also recommend that heavy construction equipment, building materials, excavated soil, and vehicular traffic should not be allowed within a distance equal to  $1/3$  the slope height from the top of any excavation.

### **MATERIAL REUSE AND STRUCTURAL FILL**

In the context of this report, structural fill is defined as compacted fill placed under footings or other load-bearing areas. In our opinion, the on-site soils are not suitable to be used as structural fill, but can be used as wall backfill and general fill in the non-structural areas. Structural fill should consist of imported, well-graded, granular material, such as WSDOT CSBC or gravel borrow. Well-graded recycled concrete may also be considered as a source of structural fill. Use of recycled concrete as structural fill should be approved by the geotechnical engineer. The on-site soil may be used as general fill in the non-structural and landscaping areas. If use of the on-site soil is planned, the excavated soil should be stockpiled and protected with plastic sheeting to prevent softening from rainfall in the wet season.

#### **STRUCTURAL FILL PLACEMENT AND COMPACTION**

Structural fill should be moisture conditioned to within about 3 percent of optimum moisture content, placed in loose, horizontal lifts less than 8 inches in thickness, and systematically compacted to a dense and relatively unyielding condition and to at least 95 percent of the maximum dry density, as determined using test method ASTM D 1557.

Depending on the type of compaction equipment used and depending on the type of fill material, it may be necessary to decrease the thickness of each lift in order to achieve adequate compaction. PanGEO can provide additional recommendations regarding structural fill and compaction during construction.

#### **WET WEATHER EARTHWORK**

In our opinion, the proposed site construction may be accomplished during wet weather (such as in winter) without adversely affecting the site stability. However, earthwork construction performed during the drier summer months likely will be more economical. Winter construction will require the implementation of best management erosion and sedimentation control practices to reduce the chance of off-site sediment transport. Some of the site soils contain a high percentage of fines and are moisture sensitive. Any footing subgrade soils that become softened either by disturbance or rainfall should be removed and replaced with structural fill, Controlled Density Fill (CDF), or lean-mix concrete. General recommendations relative to earthwork performed in wet conditions are presented below:

- Site stripping, excavation and subgrade preparation should be followed promptly by the placement and compaction of clean structural fill or CDF;
- The size and type of construction equipment used may have to be limited to prevent soil disturbance;
- The ground surface within the construction area should be graded to promote run-off of surface water and to prevent the ponding of water;
- Bales of straw and/or geotextile silt fences should be strategically located to control erosion and the movement of soil;
- Structural fill should consist of less than 5% fines; and

- Excavation slopes should be covered with plastic sheets.

#### **SURFACE DRAINAGE AND EROSION CONSIDERATIONS**

Surface runoff can be controlled during construction by careful grading practices. Typically, this includes the construction of shallow, upgrade perimeter ditches or low earthen berms in conjunction with silt fences to collect runoff and prevent water from entering excavations or to prevent runoff from the construction area from leaving the immediate work site. Temporary erosion control may require the use of hay bales on the downhill side of the project to prevent water from leaving the site and potential storm water detention to trap sand and silt before the water is discharged to a suitable outlet. All collected water should be directed under control to a positive and permanent discharge system.

Permanent control of surface water should be incorporated in the final grading design. Adequate surface gradients and drainage systems should be incorporated into the design such that surface runoff is directed away from structures. Potential problems associated with erosion may also be reduced by establishing vegetation within disturbed areas immediately following grading operations.

#### **ADDITIONAL SERVICES**

To confirm that our recommendations are properly incorporated into the design and construction of the proposed addition, PanGEO should be retained to conduct a review of the final project plans and specifications, and to monitor the construction of geotechnical elements. The City of Seattle DPD, as part of the permitting process, will also require geotechnical construction inspection services. PanGEO can provide you a cost estimate for construction monitoring services at a later date.

We anticipate that the following additional services will be required:

- Review final project plans and specifications
- Verify the adequacy of soil bearing;
- Verify the adequacy of subsurface drainage installation;
- Confirm the adequacy of the compaction of structural backfill; and



- Other consultation as may be required during construction

Modifications to our recommendations presented in this report may be necessary, based on the actual conditions encountered during construction.

### **CLOSURE**

We have prepared this report for Seascope homes LLC and the project design team. Recommendations contained in this report are based on a site reconnaissance, a subsurface exploration program, review of pertinent subsurface information, and our understanding of the project. The study was performed using a mutually agreed-upon scope of work.

Variations in soil conditions may exist between the locations of the explorations and the actual conditions underlying the site. The nature and extent of soil variations may not be evident until construction occurs. If any soil conditions are encountered at the site that are different from those described in this report, we should be notified immediately to review the applicability of our recommendations. Additionally, we should also be notified to review the applicability of our recommendations if there are any changes in the project scope.

The scope of our work does not include services related to construction safety precautions. Our recommendations are not intended to direct the contractors' methods, techniques, sequences or procedures, except as specifically described in our report for consideration in design. Additionally, the scope of our work specifically excludes the assessment of environmental characteristics, particularly those involving hazardous substances. We are not mold consultants nor are our recommendations to be interpreted as being preventative of mold development. A mold specialist should be consulted for all mold-related issues.

This report has been prepared for planning and design purposes for specific application to the proposed project in accordance with the generally accepted standards of local practice at the time this report was written. No warranty, express or implied, is made.

This report may be used only by the client and for the purposes stated, within a reasonable time from its issuance. Land use, site conditions (both off and on-site), or other factors including advances in our understanding of applied science, may change over time and could materially affect our findings. Therefore, this report should not be relied upon after 24 months from its issuance. PanGEO should be notified if the project is delayed by more than 24 months from the

date of this report so that we may review the applicability of our conclusions considering the time lapse.

It is the client's responsibility to see that all parties to this project, including the designer, contractor, subcontractors, etc., are made aware of this report in its entirety. The use of information contained in this report for bidding purposes should be done at the contractor's option and risk. Any party other than the client who wishes to use this report shall notify PanGEO of such intended use and for permission to copy this report. Based on the intended use of the report, PanGEO may require that additional work be performed and that an updated report be reissued. Noncompliance with any of these requirements will release PanGEO from any liability resulting from the use this report.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of service.

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**Enclosures:**

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| Figure 1 | Vicinity Map              |
| Figure 2 | Site and Exploration Plan |

**Appendix A      Summary Boring Logs**

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| Figure A-1 | Terms and Symbols for Boring and Test Pit Logs |
| Figure A-2 | Log of Test Boring B-1                         |
| Figure A-3 | Log of Test Boring H-2                         |

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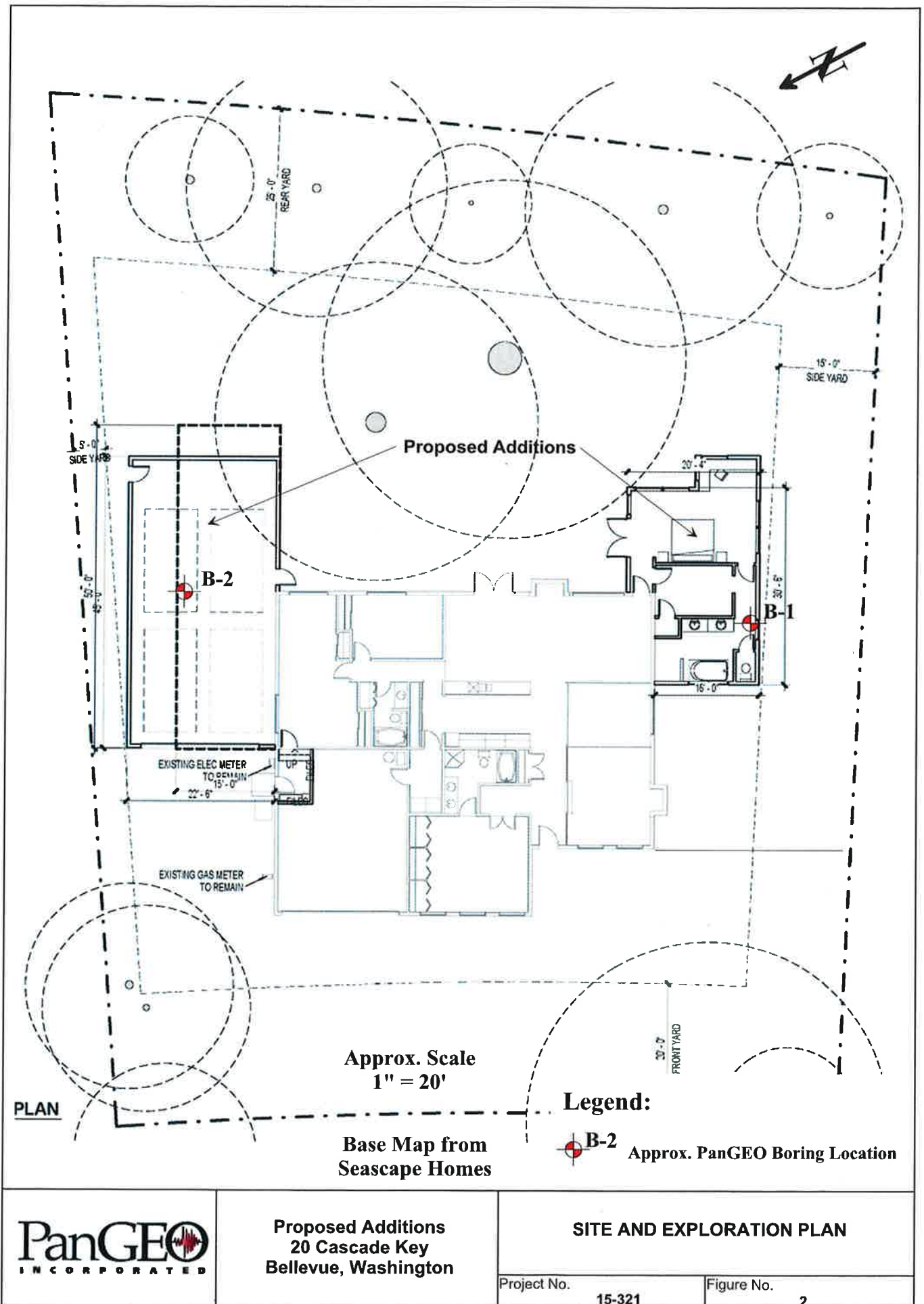
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**APPENDIX A**

**SUMMARY BORING LOGS**

## RELATIVE DENSITY / CONSISTENCY

SAND / GRAVEL			SILT / CLAY		
Density	SPT N-values	Approx. Relative Density (%)	Consistency	SPT N-values	Approx. Undrained Shear Strength (psf)
Very Loose	<4	<15	Very Soft	<2	<250
Loose	4 to 10	15 - 35	Soft	2 to 4	250 - 500
Med. Dense	10 to 30	35 - 65	Med. Stiff	4 to 8	500 - 1000
Dense	30 to 50	65 - 85	Stiff	8 to 15	1000 - 2000
Very Dense	>50	85 - 100	Very Stiff	15 to 30	2000 - 4000
			Hard	>30	>4000

## UNIFIED SOIL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM

MAJOR DIVISIONS		GROUP DESCRIPTIONS	
<b>Gravel</b> 50% or more of the coarse fraction retained on the #4 sieve. Use dual symbols (eg. GP-GM) for 5% to 12% fines.	GRAVEL (<5% fines)	GW: Well-graded GRAVEL	
	GRAVEL (>12% fines)	GP: Poorly-graded GRAVEL	
<b>Sand</b> 50% or more of the coarse fraction passing the #4 sieve. Use dual symbols (eg. SP-SM) for 5% to 12% fines.	SAND (<5% fines)	GM: Silty GRAVEL	
	SAND (>12% fines)	GC: Clayey GRAVEL	
		SW: Well-graded SAND	
		SP: Poorly-graded SAND	
<b>Silt and Clay</b> 50% or more passing #200 sieve		SM: Silty SAND	
		SC: Clayey SAND	
		ML: SILT	
	Liquid Limit < 50	CL: Lean CLAY	
		OL: Organic SILT or CLAY	
	Liquid Limit > 50	MH: Elastic SILT	
<b>Highly Organic Soils</b>		CH: Fat CLAY	
		OH: Organic SILT or CLAY	
		PT: PEAT	

**Notes:** 1. Soil exploration logs contain material descriptions based on visual observation and field tests using a system modified from the Uniform Soil Classification System (USCS). Where necessary laboratory tests have been conducted (as noted in the "Other Tests" column), unit descriptions may include a classification. Please refer to the discussions in the report text for a more complete description of the subsurface conditions.

2. The graphic symbols given above are not inclusive of all symbols that may appear on the borehole logs. Other symbols may be used where field observations indicated mixed soil constituents or dual constituent materials.

## DESCRIPTIONS OF SOIL STRUCTURES

<b>Layered:</b> Units of material distinguished by color and/or composition from material units above and below	<b>Fissured:</b> Breaks along defined planes
<b>Laminated:</b> Layers of soil typically 0.05 to 1mm thick, max. 1 cm	<b>Slickensided:</b> Fracture planes that are polished or glossy
<b>Lens:</b> Layer of soil that pinches out laterally	<b>Blocky:</b> Angular soil lumps that resist breakdown
<b>Interlayered:</b> Alternating layers of differing soil material	<b>Disrupted:</b> Soil that is broken and mixed
<b>Pocket:</b> Erratic, discontinuous deposit of limited extent	<b>Scattered:</b> Less than one per foot
<b>Homogeneous:</b> Soil with uniform color and composition throughout	<b>Numerous:</b> More than one per foot
	<b>BCN:</b> Angle between bedding plane and a plane normal to core axis

## COMPONENT DEFINITIONS

COMPONENT	SIZE / SIEVE RANGE	COMPONENT	SIZE / SIEVE RANGE
Boulder:	> 12 inches	Sand	
Cobbles:	3 to 12 inches	Coarse Sand:	#4 to #10 sieve (4.5 to 2.0 mm)
Gravel		Medium Sand:	#10 to #40 sieve (2.0 to 0.42 mm)
Coarse Gravel:	3 to 3/4 inches	Fine Sand:	#40 to #200 sieve (0.42 to 0.074 mm)
Fine Gravel:	3/4 inches to #4 sieve	Silt	0.074 to 0.002 mm
		Clay	<0.002 mm

## TEST SYMBOLS

for In Situ and Laboratory Tests listed in "Other Tests" column.

ATT	Atterberg Limit Test
Comp	Compaction Tests
Con	Consolidation
DD	Dry Density
DS	Direct Shear
%F	Fines Content
GS	Grain Size
Perm	Permeability
PP	Pocket Penetrometer
R	R-value
SG	Specific Gravity
TV	Torvane
TXC	Triaxial Compression
UCC	Unconfined Compression

## SYMBOLS

Sample/In Situ test types and intervals

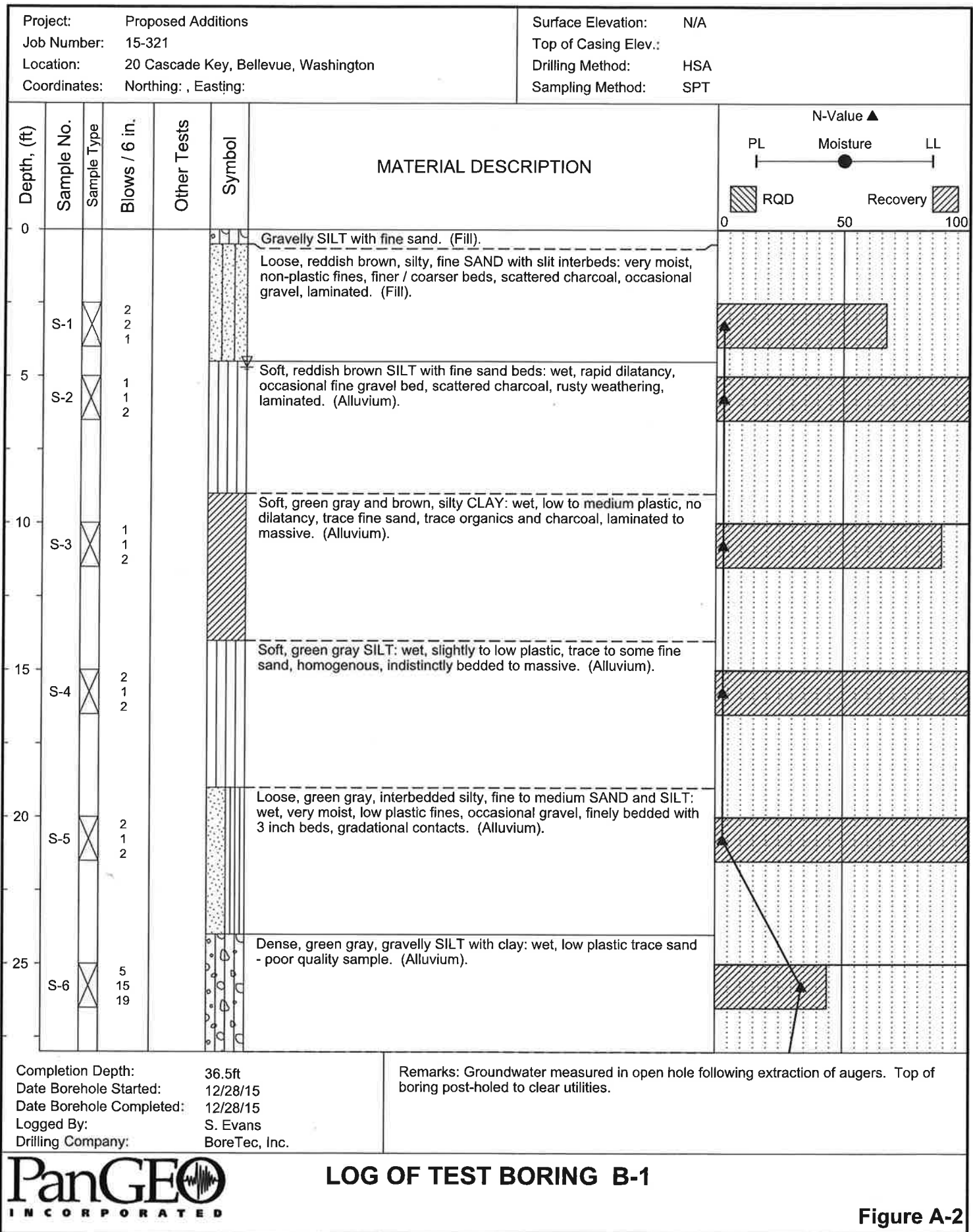
	2-inch OD Split Spoon, SPT (140-lb. hammer, 30" drop)
	3.25-inch OD Split Spoon (300-lb hammer, 30" drop)
	Non-standard penetration test (see boring log for details)
	Thin wall (Shelby) tube
	Grab
	Rock core
	Vane Shear

## MONITORING WELL

	Groundwater Level at time of drilling (ATD)
	Static Groundwater Level
	Cement / Concrete Seal
	Bentonite grout / seal
	Silica sand backfill
	Slotted tip
	Slough
	Bottom of Boring

## MOISTURE CONTENT

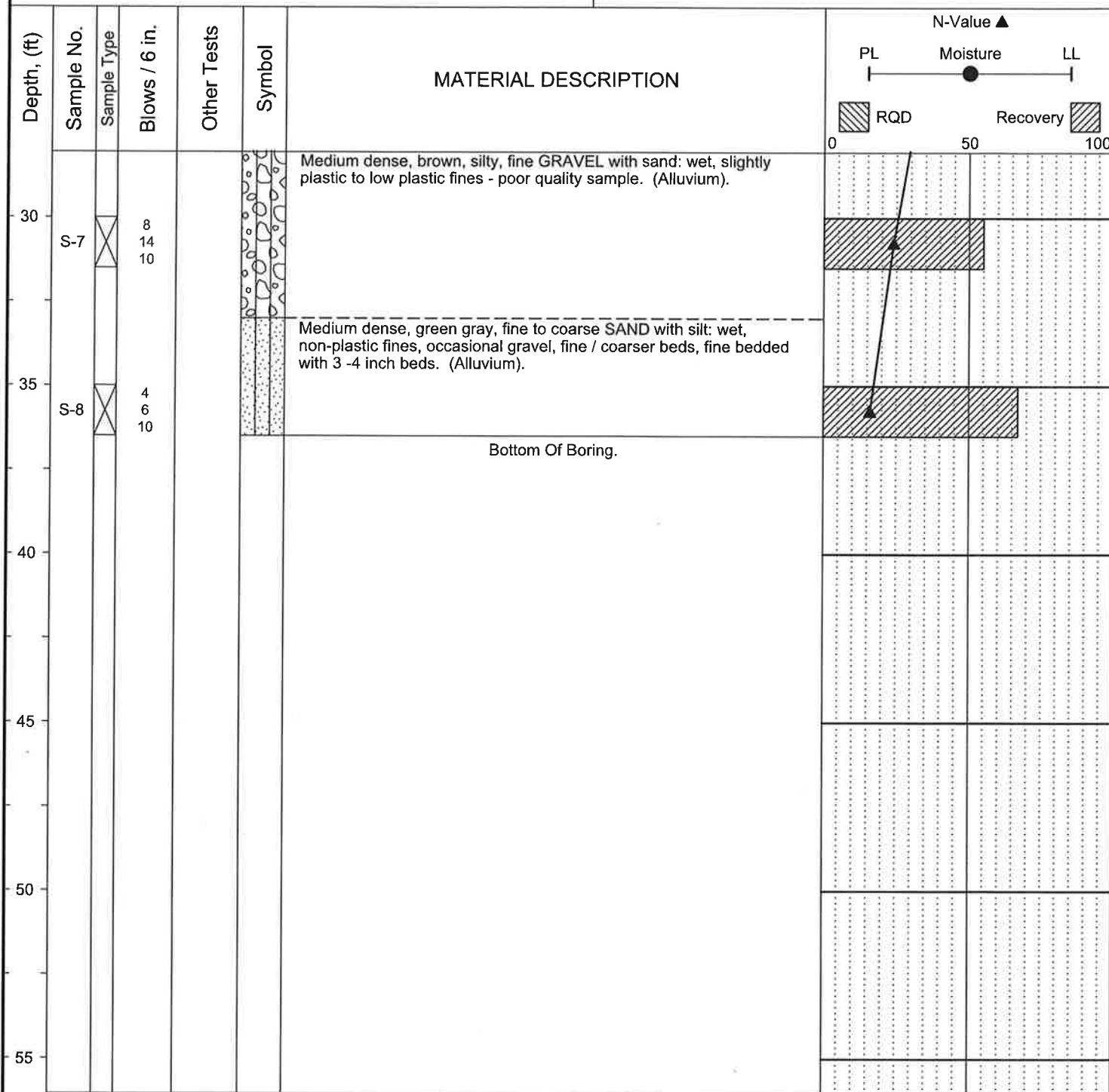
Dry	Dusty, dry to the touch
Moist	Damp but no visible water
Wet	Visible free water



The stratification lines represent approximate boundaries. The transition may be gradual.



<b>Project:</b> Proposed Additions <b>Job Number:</b> 15-321 <b>Location:</b> 20 Cascade Key, Bellevue, Washington <b>Coordinates:</b> Northing: , Easting:	<b>Surface Elevation:</b> N/A <b>Top of Casing Elev.:</b> <b>Drilling Method:</b> HSA <b>Sampling Method:</b> SPT
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Completion Depth: 36.5ft  
 Date Borehole Started: 12/28/15  
 Date Borehole Completed: 12/28/15  
 Logged By: S. Evans  
 Drilling Company: BoreTec, Inc.

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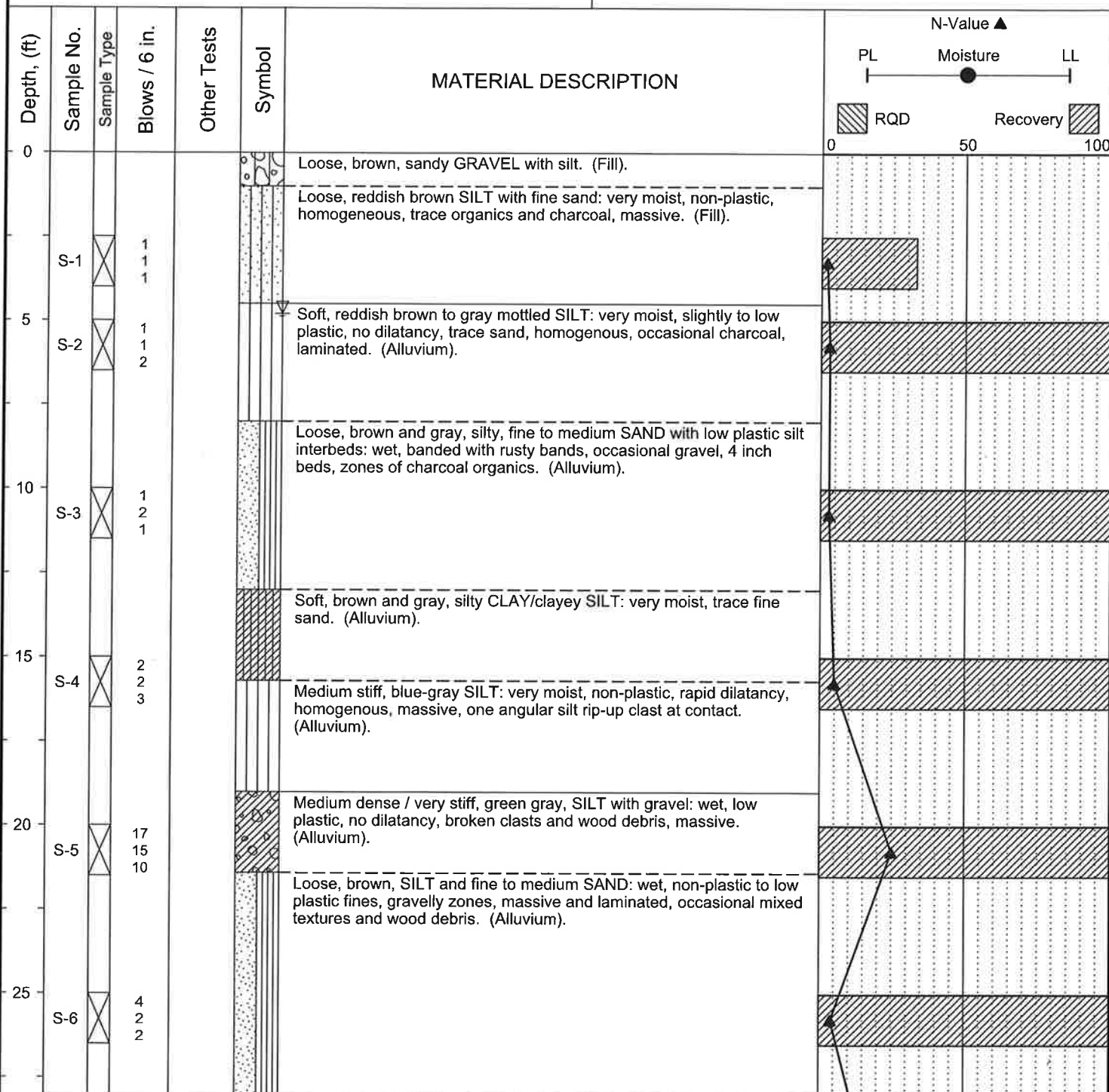


## LOG OF TEST BORING B-1

**Figure A-2**

The stratification lines represent approximate boundaries. The transition may be gradual.

Project:	Proposed Additions	Surface Elevation:	N/A
Job Number:	15-321	Top of Casing Elev.:	
Location:	20 Cascade Key, Bellevue, Washington	Drilling Method:	HSA
Coordinates:	Northing: , Easting:	Sampling Method:	SPT



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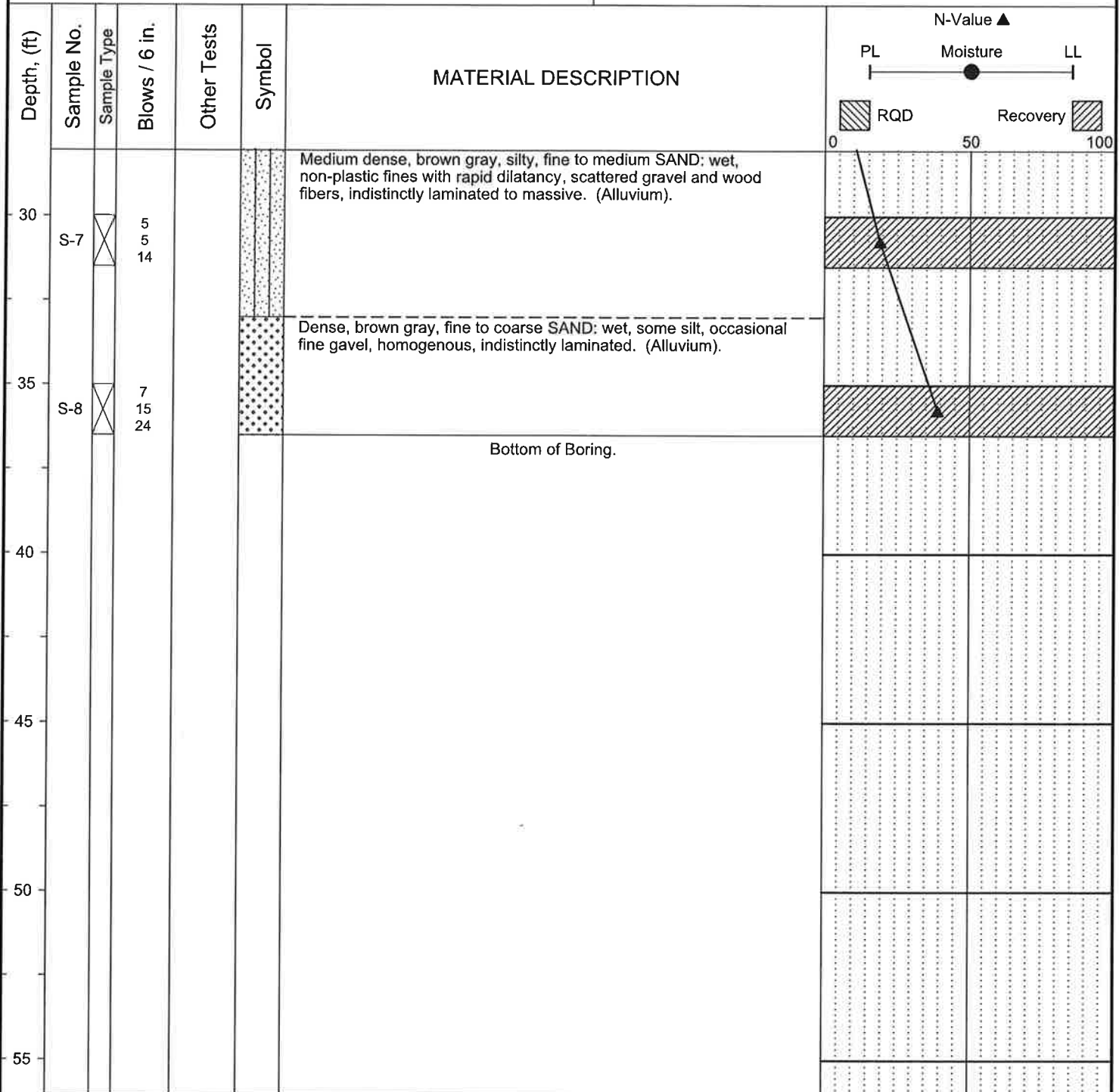


## LOG OF TEST BORING B-2

Figure A-3

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Project:	Proposed Additions	Surface Elevation:	N/A
Job Number:	15-321	Top of Casing Elev.:	
Location:	20 Cascade Key, Bellevue, Washington	Drilling Method:	HSA
Coordinates:	Northing: , Easting:	Sampling Method:	SPT



Completion Depth: 36.5ft  
 Date Borehole Started: 12/28/15  
 Date Borehole Completed: 12/28/15  
 Logged By: S. Evans  
 Drilling Company: BoreTec, Inc.

Remarks: Groundwater measured in open hole following extraction of augers. Top of boring post-holed to clear utilities.



## LOG OF TEST BORING B-2

Figure A-3

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