



DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT  
 ENVIRONMENTAL COORDINATOR  
 11511 MAIN ST., P.O. BOX 90012  
 BELLEVUE, WA 98009-9012

## DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE

**PROPONENT:** Don Perinchief

**LOCATION OF PROPOSAL:** 355 Shoreland Drive SE

**NAME & DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL:** Perinchief Wall Stabilization

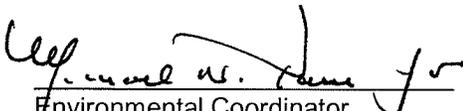
This is a proposal to install stabilization measures on an existing retaining wall that supports access to a residence within a steep slope critical area. Shoreline Exemption 10-123537-WE is associated with this review.

**FILE NUMBER:** 10-123536-LO

The Environmental Coordinator of the City of Bellevue has determined that this proposal does not have a probable significant adverse impact upon the environment. An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(C). This decision was made after the Bellevue Environmental Coordinator reviewed the completed environmental checklist and information filed with the Land Use Division of the Development Services Department. This information is available to the public on request.

- There is no comment period for this DNS. There is a 14-day appeal period. Only persons who submitted written comments before the DNS was issued may appeal the decision. A written appeal must be filed in the City Clerk's office by 5:00 p.m. on \_\_\_\_\_.
- This DNS is issued after using the optional DNS process in WAC 197-11-355. There is no further comment period on the DNS. There is a 14-day appeal period. Only persons who submitted written comments before the DNS was issued may appeal the decision. A written appeal must be filed in the City Clerk's Office by 5 p.m. on 11/18/10.
- This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2) and is subject to a 14-day comment period from the date below. Comments must be submitted by 5 p.m. on \_\_\_\_\_. This DNS is also subject to appeal. A written appeal must be filed in the City Clerk's Office by 5 p.m. on \_\_\_\_\_.

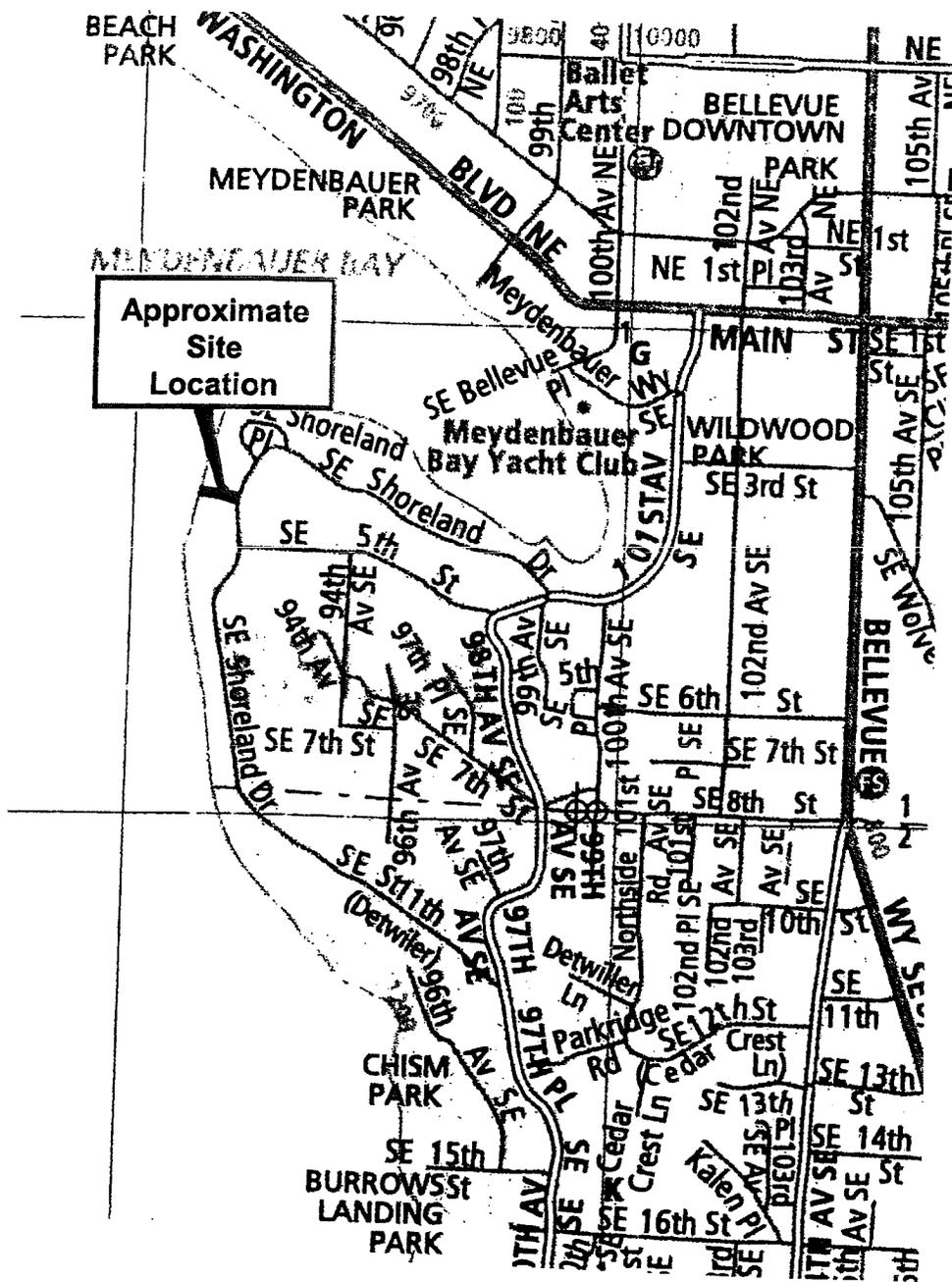
This DNS may be withdrawn at any time if the proposal is modified so that it is likely to have significant adverse environmental impacts; if there is significant new information indicating, or on, a proposals probable significant adverse environmental impacts (unless a non-exempt license has been issued if the proposal is a private project); or if the DNS was procured by misrepresentation or lack of material disclosure.

  
 Environmental Coordinator

10/6/2010  
 Date

**OTHERS TO RECEIVE THIS DOCUMENT:**

- State Department of Fish and Wildlife
- State Department of Ecology,
- Army Corps of Engineers
- Attorney General
- Muckleshoot Indian Tribe



Reference: Based on the 2008 edition of the Thomas Brothers King County Map number 566, grid C-6.

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

MAYDENBAUER POINT, LOT 15 TOGETHER WITH 2<sup>ND</sup> CLASS SHORELANDS AND TOGETHER WITH UN. INT. TRACT "B", "PRIVATE ROAD".





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

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**Proposal Address:** 355 Shoreland Drive SE

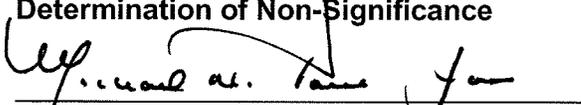
**Proposal Description:** Land Use review of a Critical Areas Land Use Permit for stabilization repair of an existing retaining wall supporting access to a residence within a steep slope critical areas. Shoreline Exemption 10-123537-WE is associated with this review.

**File Number:** 10-123536-LO

**Applicant:** Don Perinchief, Property Owner

**Decisions Included** Critical Areas Land Use Permit  
(Process II. 20.30P)

**Planner:** Reilly Pittman, Land Use Planner

**State Environmental Policy Act  
Threshold Determination:** **Determination of Non-Significance**  
  
Carol V. Helland, Environmental Coordinator  
Development Services Department

**Director's Decision:** **Approval with Conditions**  
Michael A. Brennan, Director  
Development Services Department  
  
By:   
Carol V. Helland, Land Use Director

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**Application Date:** October 4, 2010  
**Notice of Application Date:** October 14, 2010  
**Decision Publication Date:** November 4, 2010  
**Project/SEPA Appeal Deadline:** November 18, 2010

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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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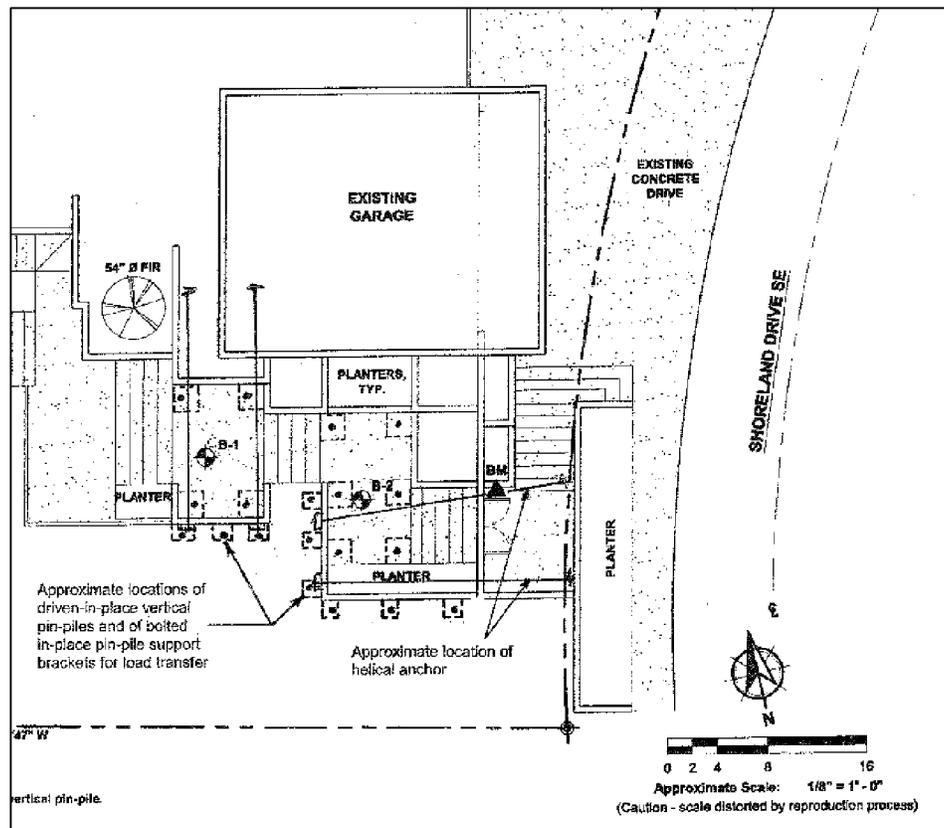
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## I. Proposal Description

The applicant proposes to stabilize an existing retaining wall which supports a walkway to an existing residence. The proposed work is significant enough to be considered stabilization within a steep slope critical area. Therefore, this work requires a Critical Areas Land Use Permit with SEPA review. This project is within 200 feet of Lake Washington and qualifies for an exemption letter from a Shoreline Substantial Development Permit for repair of an existing structure as the actual wall is not expanded and remains in its existing condition. An exemption letter will be issued under associated permit 10-123537-WE.

Stabilization is an allowed use in a critical area per LUC 20.25H.055 provided the City approves a Critical Areas Land Use Permit and the project is in conformance with required performance standards for work within a steep slope. See Figure 1 below for a site plan showing the proposed activities and Attachment 1 for the project plans.

Figure 1



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

### A. Site Description

The project site is located at 355 Shoreland Drive SE in the Southwest Bellevue subarea. The site is located in the SE quadrant of Section 31, Township 25 North, Range 5 East. The site is adjacent to other single-family residences to the north and south, has shoreline frontage on Lake Washington to the west and is adjacent to Shoreland Drive SE to the east. The site has grades of 40 percent or greater, sloping down from Shoreland Drive SE to Lake Washington.

The existing residence occupies roughly the central two thirds of the property, and a single story wood frame garage is located in the northeastern corner of the site and is accessed directly off the edge of the street. Most of the easterly portion of the site, particularly along the southern side of the garage, is occupied by a series of concrete stairs, walkways and retaining walls that provide pedestrian access to the house. The remainder of the site adjacent to these walkways and stairs comprises a relatively steep, and landscaped, slope. See Figure 2 for existing site condition and Figure 3 for views of the slope adjacent to the retaining wall to be stabilized.

Figure 2



Figure 3



Looking East

Looking Southeast at Slope

### B. Zoning

The property is zoned R-4, single-family residential and is located in the Critical Areas Overlay District. The properties to the north and south are also zoned R-4, but the surrounding area to east across Shoreline Drive SE is zoned R-3.5. Properties in the vicinity to the south are zoned R-1.8. The proposed work is allowed in the R-4 zone.

### C. Land Use Context

The property has a Comprehensive plan Land Use Designation of SF-H (Single Family High

Density).

#### **D. Critical Areas On-Site and Regulations**

##### **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.

##### **ii. Critical Areas Overlay District/Critical Areas Land Use Permit**

Stabilization is an allowed use in LUC 20.25H.055, provided certain performance standards are met and a Critical Areas Land Use Permit is approved.

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

##### **A. Zoning District Dimensional Requirements:**

The proposal generally meets the R-4 zoning dimensional requirements found in LUC 20.20.010. The proposed repairs are not expanding the existing structures but are anchoring the wall to the slope with pin piles and helical anchors. The work will require a building permit and/or a clearing and grading permit. See Conditions of Approval in Section X of this report.

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

The City of Bellevue Land Use Code Critical Areas Overlay District (LUC 20.25H) establishes performance standards and procedures that apply to development on any site which contains in whole or in part any portion designated as steep slope critical area. LUC 20.25H.055 establishes certain uses which are allowed in critical areas. The proposed stabilization is an allowed use, provided certain requirements are met. The project is subject to the performance standards found in LUC 20.25H as specified in the table below

<b>Critical Area</b>	<b>Geologic Hazard- Steep Slopes</b>
<b>Performance Standards</b>	20.25H.055.C.3.M 20.25H.125

Staff has reviewed the following documents prepared by the project geotechnical engineer:

- Geotechnical Engineering Study dated July 6, 2010 prepared by Creative Engineering Options Inc.
- Geotechnical Study Addendum A dated August 9, 2010 prepared by the same
- Geotechnical Study Addendum B dated September 29, 2010 prepared by the same

**i. Consistency with Land Use Code 20.25H.055.C.3.M**

The following performance standards, when applicable, shall be incorporated in the design of development on sites with steep slope geologic hazard critical areas, buffers, or structure setbacks. The submitted geotech reports address these performance standards

- a. When Allowed. New or enlarged stabilization measures shall be allowed only to protect existing primary structures and infrastructure, or in connection with uses and development allowed pursuant to subsection B of this section. Stabilization measures shall be allowed only where avoidance measures are not technically feasible.**

This proposal will stabilize existing retaining walls which support pedestrian access to the residence from the garage which is located adjacent to Shoreline Drive SE. Due to the location of the slope avoidance is not possible and stabilization is allowed. The project geotech has reviewed options which included "cantilevered soldier pile wall, demolition of the existing wall structure... ..and the construction of a new engineered concrete retaining wall" (Addendum B, P.2). These options would have required a large amount of equipment and significantly more disturbance than the repairs which are proposed that maintain the existing structures in place by anchoring them. The stabilization will result in a small amount of disturbance affecting an area within three feet of the wall.

- b. Type of Stabilization Measure Used. Where a stabilization measure is allowed, soft stabilization measures shall be used, unless the applicant demonstrates that soft stabilization measures are not technically feasible. An applicant asserting that soft stabilization measures are not technically feasible shall provide the information relating to each of the factors set forth in this section for a determination of technical feasibility by the Director. Only after a determination that soft stabilization measures are not technically feasible shall hard stabilization measures be permitted. The determination of whether a technique or stabilization measure is "technically feasible" shall be made by the Director as part of the decision on the underlying permit after consideration of a report prepared by a qualified professional addressing the following factors:**

- (1) Site conditions, including topography and the location of the primary structure in relation to the critical area;**

- (2) The location of existing infrastructure necessary to support the proposed measure or technique;**
- (3) The level of risk to the primary structure or infrastructure presented by erosion or slope failure and ability of the proposed measure to mitigate that risk;**
- (4) Whether the cost of avoiding disturbance of the critical area or critical area buffer is substantially disproportionate as compared to the environmental impact of proposed disturbance, including any continued impacts on functions and values over time; and**
- (5) The ability of both permanent and temporary disturbance to be mitigated**

The submitted geotechnical reports reviewed the stability of the slopes and the proposed wall stabilization. Generally, due to the slope's proximity to the existing improvements and the safety issues resulting failure of these improvements which are located above the residence, soft stabilization will not stabilize the existing structures and would require significantly more disturbance and slope alteration to establish soft stabilization. The proposal will maintain the existing access configuration and preserve vegetation on the slope and restore a minimal area of disturbance. The geotech has states the "proposed stabilization provides the best and most practical result with the minimum of site disturbance" (Addendum B, P.2). The wall is a hazard mitigation measure and does not stabilize the entire slope which would require several walls, substantial cost, and result in substantial disturbance.

Given that the wall is hazard mitigation and avoids extensive alteration and disturbance of the existing slope, staff concur that the proposed stabilization system will serve the desired purpose of maintaining the existing access. All evaluations and recommendations contained in the geotechnical studies and used in the city's evaluation of the proposal were completed by a licensed qualified professional. Any design or documentation submitted to the city as part of future permit applications related to this project must follow the recommendations of the project geotech. See Conditions of Approval in Section X of this report.

#### **ii. Consistency With LUC 20.25H.125**

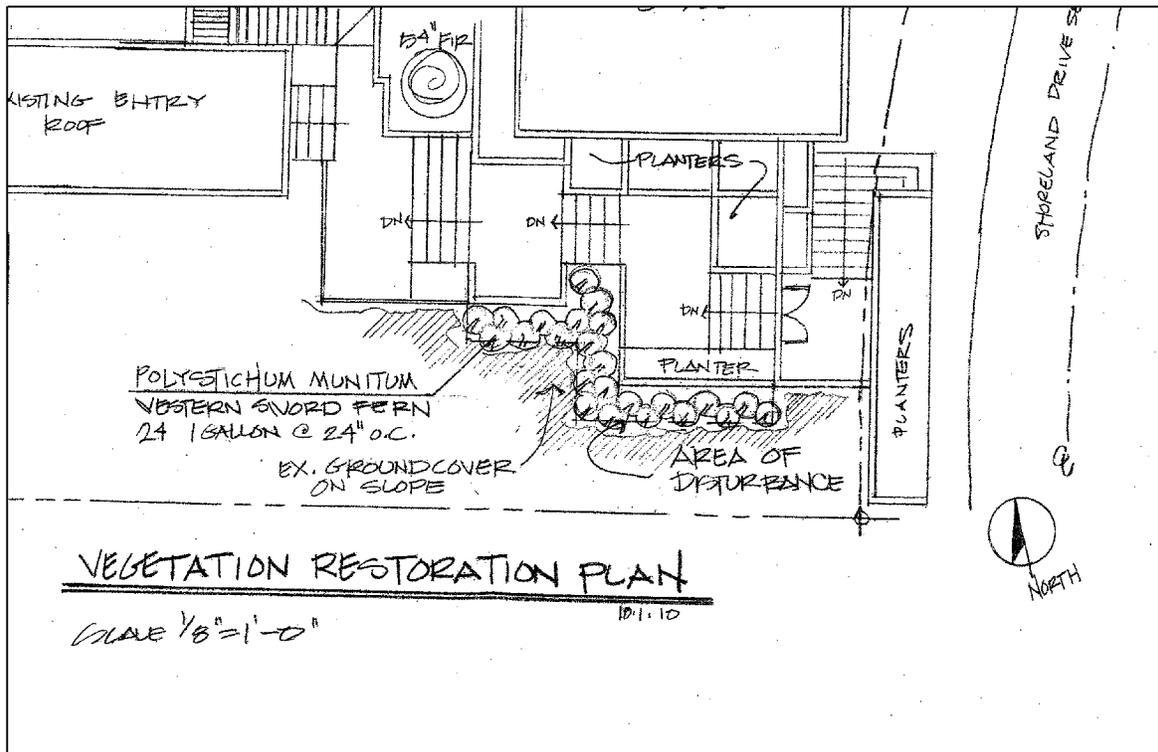
The performance standards found in LUC 20.25H.125 are being met as:

- The proposed stabilization does not alter the natural contours, steep slopes, and vegetation.
- The proposed anchor stabilization will secure the existing walls which will improve safety and risk from wall failure.
- The stabilization is for a retaining wall which maintains the existing steep slopes

and avoids regarding.

- Minimal new impervious surface is being created and is only resulting from the piles and anchors being driven into the wall.
- No buildings are proposed in a critical area and no structures other than the soldier pile wall will disturb the slope.
- No structures are proposed
- Restoration of temporary disturbance is proposed which will be found at the foot of the wall as seen in Figure 4 below. See Conditions of Approval in Section X of this report.

Figure 4



#### IV. Public Notice and Comment

Application Date:	October 4, 2010
Public Notice (500 feet):	October 14, 2010
Minimum Comment Period:	October 28, 2010

The Notice of Application for this project was published the City of Bellevue Weekly Permit Bulletin on October 14, 2010. It was mailed to property owners within 500 feet of the project site. No comments were received.

#### V. Summary of Technical Reviews

##### A. Clearing and Grading

The Clearing and Grading Division of the Development Services Department has reviewed the proposed site development for compliance with Clearing and Grading codes and

standards. The Clearing and Grading staff found no issues with the proposed development and has approved the application.

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

The environmental review indicates no probability of significant adverse environmental impacts occurring as a result of the proposal. The Environmental Checklist submitted with the application adequately discloses expected environmental impacts associated with the project. The City codes and requirements, including the Clear and Grade Code, Utility Code, Land Use Code, Noise Ordinance, Building Code and other construction codes are expected to mitigate potential environmental impacts. Therefore, issuance of a Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) is the appropriate threshold determination under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) requirements.

### **A. Earth, Air, and Water**

The nature of the stabilization result in minimal earth movement and the existing topography will be maintained. Any erosion and sedimentation control requirements and BMPs will be reviewed by the Clearing and Grading Department under development permits. See Conditions of Approval in Section X of this report.

### **B. Plants and Animals**

No significant trees will be removed and no impacts to species of local importance are anticipated. Vegetation to be removed will be ornamental or in most cases invasive and noxious plants. Restoration of temporary disturbance is proposed in an areas within 2 to 3 feet of the toe of the wall where construction will disturb existing vegetation cover. See Conditions of Approval in Section X of this report.

### **D. Noise**

The only noise anticipated as a result of this work will be from construction. Any noise is regulated by Chapter 9.18 BCC. See Conditions of Approval in Section X of this report.

## **VII. Changes to Proposal Due to Staff Review**

No changes were requested.

## **VIII. Decision Criteria**

### **A. 20.25H.145 Critical areas report – Approval of modification.**

**Modifications to geologic hazard critical areas and critical area buffers shall only be approved if the Director determines that the modification:**

- 1. Will not increase the threat of the geological hazard to adjacent properties over conditions that would exist if the provisions of this part were not modified;**

The project geotechnical engineer has reviewed the proposed modifications and found in the geotech report that the proposal is not expected to “disturb, damage, or destabilize” the steep slope” (Addendum B, P. 1).

**2. Will not adversely impact other critical areas;**

The only proposed work in a critical area is for the installation of stabilization measures. This will cause minimal disturbance along the toe of the wall. No other critical areas other than the slope will be impacted.

**3. Is designed so that the hazard to the project is eliminated or mitigated to a level equal to or less than would exist if the provisions of this part were not modified;**

The proposed stabilization is removing the hazard of immediate wall failure to maintain access and protect the existing house (Addendum B, P.1).

**4. Is certified as safe as designed and under anticipated conditions by a qualified engineer or geologist, licensed in the state of Washington;**

The project geotechnical engineer has found that the proposal will avoid “significantly greater detrimental impact,” to the critical area than other methods would create (Addendum B, P.2).

**B. 20.30P.140 Critical Areas Land Use Permit Decision Criteria – Decision Criteria**

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;**

The applicant must obtain a building permit. Plans submitted for the building permit must reflect all work proposed. See Conditions of Approval in Section X of this report.

**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;**

The proposal is consistent with required performance standards for projects in steep slope critical areas and stabilization projects.

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

As discussed in Section III of this report, the applicable performance standards of LUC Section 20.25H are being met.

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

The proposed activity will not affect public services or facilities.

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

The proposed restoration of temporary disturbance is per the planting templates found in the City's Critical Areas Handbook which is acceptable. Restoration will be per the submitted plan found as Attachment 2 of this report. Maintenance and monitoring is required for a period of 1 year and Land Use inspection of the planting, once installed, is required. See Conditions of Approval in Section X of this report.

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

As discussed in this report, the proposal complies with all other applicable requirements of the Land Use Code.

**IX. Conclusion and Decision**

After conducting the various administrative reviews associated with this proposal, including Land Use Code consistency, SEPA, City Code and Standard compliance reviews, the Director of the Development Services Department does hereby **approve with conditions** the stabilization of existing retaining walls within a steep slope. **Approval of this Critical Areas Land Use Permit does not constitute a permit for construction. A building permit, and/or clearing and grading 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 building permit or other necessary development permits within one year of the effective date of the approval.

**X. 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 Title 20	Reilly Pittman, 425-452-4350
Noise Control- BCC 9.18	Reilly Pittman, 425-452-2973

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

- 1. Building Permit or Clearing and Grading Permit Required:** Approval of this Critical Areas Land Use Permit does not constitute an approval of a development permit.

Application for a building permit or clearing and grading permit must be submitted and approved. Plans submitted as part of either permit application shall be consistent with the activity permitted under this approval.

Authority: Land Use Code 20.30P.140  
Reviewer: Reilly Pittman, Development Services Department

2. **Restoration of Temporary Disturbance:** The proposed restoration planting shall be consistent with the plan dated September 1, 2010 which is Attachment 2 of this report. The restoration plan shall be revised to include the following notes:

- **Land Use inspection of planting required.**
- **Maintenance and Monitoring of planting required for at least 1-year following Land Use inspection. A report is required to be submitted to Land Use with photos showing the planting and a description of the maintenance activity at the end of the 1-year monitoring period.**

Authority: Land Use Code 20.30P.140  
Reviewer: Reilly Pittman, Development Services Department

3. **Land Use Inspection:** Following installation of planting the applicant shall contact Land Use staff to inspect the planting area.

Authority: Land Use Code 20.25H.220  
Reviewer: Reilly Pittman, Development Services Department

4. **Maintenance and Monitoring Plan:** Maintenance and monitoring of the planting is required for at least 1-year from the date of the Land Use inspection. After the 1-year monitoring period a report of the planting is required to be submitted to Land Use with photos showing the planting and a description of the maintenance activity.

Authority: Land Use Code 20.25H.220  
Reviewer: Reilly Pittman, Development Services Department

5. **Hold Harmless Agreement:** The applicant shall submit a hold harmless agreement in a form approved by the City Attorney which releases the City from liability for any damage arising from the location of improvements within a critical area buffer in accordance with LUC 20.30P.170. The hold harmless agreement is required to be recorded with King County prior to building permit issuance. Staff will provide the applicant with the hold harmless form.

Authority: Land Use Code 20.30P.170  
Reviewer: Reilly Pittman, Development Services Department

6. **Geotechnical Recommendations:** Construction of the proposed improvements shall

meet all recommendations and performance standards found in the project geotechnical reports which are attached to this report:

- Geotechnical Engineering Study dated July 6, 2010 prepared by Creative Engineering Options Inc.
- Geotechnical Study Addendum A dated August 9, 2010 prepared by the same
- Geotechnical Study Addendum B dated September 29, 2010 prepared by the same

Authority: Land Use Code 20.30P.140

Reviewer: Reilly Pittman, Development Services Department

7. **Noise Control:** Noise related to construction is exempt from the provisions of BCC 9.18 between the hours of 7 am to 6 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: Reilly Pittman, Development Services Department

## XI. Attachments:

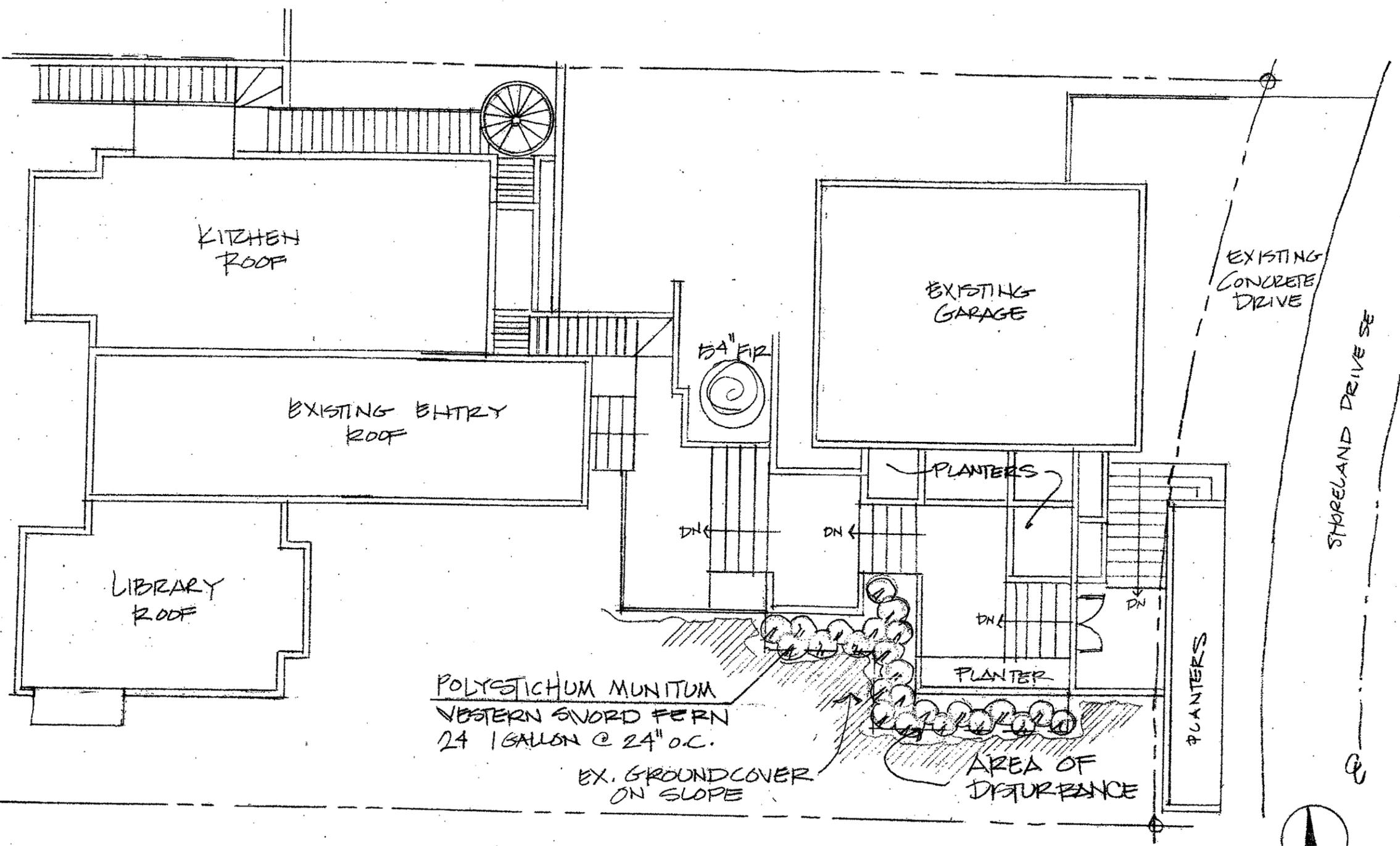
1. Project Plans – Enclosed
2. Restoration Planting Plan – Enclosed
3. Geotechnical Addendum A and Addendum B prepared by Creative Engineering Options Inc.– Enclosed
4. Geotechnical Engineering Study prepared by Creative Engineering Options Inc. – In File
5. Application, plans, SEPA checklist, and other project information – In File





# PLANT LEGEND

QUANTITY	SPECIES	SIZE	SPACING
24	POLYSTICHUM MUNITUM WESTERN SWORD FERN	#1	24" O.C.



POLYSTICHUM MUNITUM  
WESTERN SWORD FERN  
24 1 GALLON @ 24" O.C.

EX. GROUND COVER  
ON SLOPE

## VEGETATION RESTORATION PLAN

SCALE 1/8" = 1'-0"

10.1.10

SHAPIRO RYAN DESIGN  
7315 N. GREEN LAKE DR. N.  
SEATTLE, WA 98103

VEGETATION RESTORATION  
10.1.2010  
1/8" = 1'-0"

PERINCHIEF RESIDENCE  
355 SHORELAND DR. SE  
BELLEVUE, WA 98004

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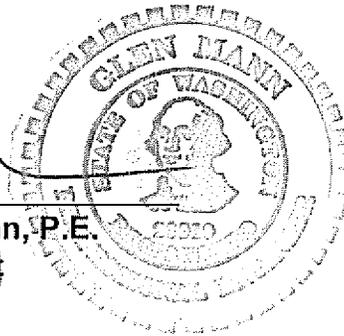


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**ADDENDUM A  
GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING STUDY  
PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL RETAINING  
WALL AND WALKWAY  
STABILIZATION AND REPAIR  
355 SHORELAND DRIVE S.E.  
BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON**

  
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**Glen Mann, P.E.  
President**



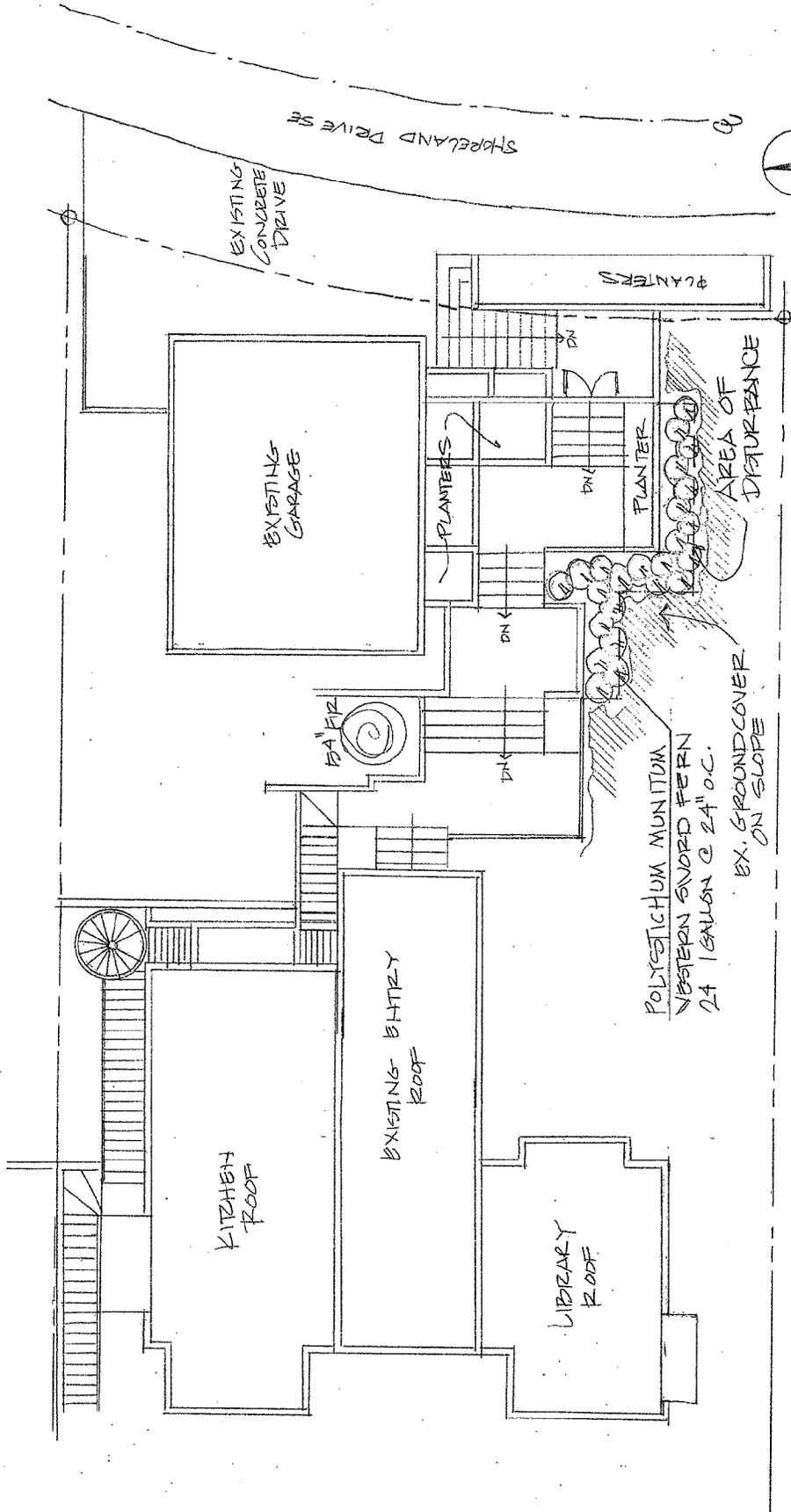
**10-2916**

**August 9, 2010**

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# PLANT LEGEND

QUANTITY	SPECIES	SIZE	SPACING
24	POLYSTICHUM MUNITON	#1	24" o.c.
	WESTERN SWORD FERN		



# VEGETATION RESTORATION PLAN

SCALE 1/8" = 1'-0"

10.1.10

PERINCHIEF RESIDENCE  
355 SHORELAND DR. SE  
BELLEVUE, WA. 98004

VEGETATION RESTORATION  
10.1.2010

5149 RD BRYAN DESIGN  
7315 W. GREEN LAKE DR. N  
SEATTLE, WA. 98103

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**ADDENDUM A  
GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING STUDY  
PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL RETAINING WALL AND  
WALKWAY STABILIZATION AND REPAIR  
355 SHORELAND DRIVE S.E.  
BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON**

10-2916

**INTRODUCTION**

**General**

As requested, this Addendum briefly summarizes our recommendations for the design, installation, and testing of an optional helical tie-back anchor system for the project. Provided the helical anchors meet the recommendations presented below, they may be used in lieu of the previously recommended drilled-in-place and grouted tie-back anchors. Also, as a potential cost saving element it is both practical and feasible to eliminate the use of a shotcrete overlay, and a steel waler beam system, with these anchors. In order to develop load resistance they may be locked off against a suitably sized A36 steel load spreader plate.

**Optional Retaining Wall Anchor System**

**General:** As a practical and reasonably economical repair option we recommend that, instead of using drilled and grouted-in-place tie-back anchors, it is geotechnically feasible to employ a series of screwed-in-place helical plate anchors. In combination with a suitably sized A36 steel load spreader plate this form of tie-back anchor can meet, or possibly exceed, the original design load resistance requirements, and provide more than adequate lateral resistance to the damaged concrete retaining walls without causing any significant wall or site disturbance. This wall anchor system is also environmentally friendly since it can be accomplished entirely with man-portable equipment and materials, and does not generally cause any significant site disturbance [demolition, or excavation into the slope].

The helical plate anchors will be screwed back, and embedded, into the firm "native" soil found at relatively shallow depth where they will gain their lateral resistance. After anchor installation is completed, and the anchors are load tested, the steel load spreader plates will be installed and the anchors "locked off." Subsequently, the steel anchor head and load spreader plate assemblies can be painted to make them

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more aesthetically pleasing. The following paragraphs provide more specific details of this proposed helical plate wall anchorage system. Also, for informational purposes, we have provided a pictorial rendition of the pin-pile and anchor installation locations on plate 1, attached.

**Screwed-in-Place Helical Anchors:** As a geotechnically acceptable option to the originally recommended drilled and grouted-in-place tie-back anchor system it is considered acceptable to employ a series of screwed-in-place helical plate anchors to develop the requisite lateral wall load resistance. Once installed, these helical plate anchors should also be expected to provide a means of enhancing the stability of the upper portion of the site's eastern slope. A typical helical anchor is shown on Plate 2 for your information.

These anchors typically comprise five foot long segments of rounded "square" steel shaft with [in this case] one helical steel plate affixed to the initial segment of shaft which is rotated into the ground with a man-portable hydraulic torque machine. The anchor shafts are inserted into the ground in segments, and additional segments are added using a bolted-in-place coupler until the requisite total anchor length is achieved. The anchors will pass through a hole cored through the existing damaged and deteriorating walls, through the active soil wedge behind the walls, and then into the firm and competent underlying native soils.

Sufficient anchor rod should be left protruding from the face of the existing wall to allow for the installation of the steel load spreader plate as well as the jack assembly for performance of proof loading. Once the anchors have been satisfactorily installed and load tested the previously cored holes should be re-grouted so that the hole is filled. In order to avoid generating a structural "connection" between the anchor shaft and the concrete grout filler we also recommend that the anchor shaft be heavily "greased" or otherwise prevented from forming an anchor-to-grout connection to prevent set-up between the shaft and concrete.

We anticipate that since the bases of each stage of stairway wall will be restrained by the presence of a series of driven-in-place pin-piles and a reinforced concrete grade beam only one row of anchors will be required to maintain stable wall structures. We estimate that the helical anchors nearest each end of any given stage of wall should be installed at least eighteen (18) inches from the ends of the wall structures. This should allow sufficient space to install the steel load spreader plates, and to avoid the potential for "breaking" the ends of the walls when the anchors are loaded.

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**Helical Anchor Design Parameters:** Given that the damaged and deteriorating walls vary in height we have developed a tabulation of the maximum estimated lateral loads below for use in anchor system design. These loads presume a maximum five foot horizontal center-to-center anchor spacing, no groundwater present, and include a 2.0 design factor of safety.

Wall Height [feet]	Design Lateral Anchor Load [kips]
3	2.84
4	5.04
5	7.88
6	11.34

For helical anchor design purposes we recommend the following geotechnical parameters be used:

- Recommended helical anchor shaft dimension = 1-3/4 inches
- **Maximum** manufacturer's allowable permanent anchor load [*presumes helical plate is at > 10.0 feet vertical depth and > 25 feet behind wall*] = 20 kips
- **Maximum** manufacturer's allowable permanent anchor load [*presumes helical plate is at > 8.0 feet vertical depth and > 20 feet behind wall*] = 17 kips
- Minimum recommended helical anchor plate diameter [*use single plate only*] = 12 inches

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- **Minimum** recommended inclination of all anchor rods - measured down from horizontal = 20 degrees
- **Minimum** recommended non-loaded anchor length = 10 feet
- **Minimum** recommended total installed helical anchor length for all walls of six feet to eight feet in height = 25 feet
- **Minimum** recommended total installed helical anchor length for all walls of three feet five feet in height = 20 feet
- Maximum recommended horizontal center-to-center anchor spacing [*but determined by actual wall dimensions*] = 5 feet
- Maximum recommended helical anchor installation torque = 10 foot-kips
- Minimum recommended helical anchor installation torque = 9 foot-kips

Although these helical plate anchors are being designed for a specific maximum estimated load capacity, depending on the specific location of an anchor the applied design load will probably vary, mainly on the low side of the estimated maximum design load. We also recommend that the “unloaded” anchor length, that portion extending back immediately behind the rear face of the shotcrete wall and through the potential active soil wedge, have a *minimum length of ten (10) feet* regardless of the design requirements.

**Helical Anchor Installation:** The first step in helical anchor installation will be to core a hole through the existing concrete retaining wall at each of the predetermined anchor locations. Since the design helical plate will be twelve (12) inches in diameter the cored hole should be at least fourteen (14) inches to allow free and unimpeded anchor passage.

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Next, the initial segment of anchor shaft incorporating the twelve (12) inch diameter helical plate, should be set against the exposed soil at the appropriate installation angle. The helical anchor should then be *carefully* screwed-in-place at the recommended installation angle until only about one foot of shaft is left protruding from the exposed soil face. An additional segment of shaft should then be added and bolted-in-place then the installation process may be continued. This process should be repeated until either the helical anchor plate reaches the minimum recommended design embedment depth [twenty (20) or twenty-five (25) feet depending on wall height], or the hydraulic torque motor achieves the maximum installation torque and begins to twist the anchor shaft. At this point anchor installation is considered complete.

Because these helical anchors are screwed into the ground behind the existing concrete walls it is not possible to observe them. However, it is of considerable assistance to periodically observe the installation operation since this provides an opportunity to note the rate of helical plate [and anchor] penetration (indicative of the soil composition and density), to observe the amount of torque being used for anchor installation, and [where feasible] to observe any soil cuttings being returned from the hole. In our opinion this is of considerable help in determining the location of firm and competent soils along the installed helical anchor length, and in verifying that the design tip location is appropriate.

**Anchor Shaft Twist:** We understand from the anchor manufacturer that one of the means of determining the “refusal” for helical anchor installation is the “twisting” of the anchor shaft once it is embedded in the denser native soils. According to the anchor manufacturer, it is acceptable to develop a maximum of a single twist in the shaft of the anchor without causing a loss of material strength that might be detrimental to the anchor’s long term performance. Again, according to the manufacturer, the visible elastic twist in the anchor shaft is considered to be “normal” and is not [apparently] detrimental to the performance of the installed anchor. Also, keep in mind that the anchors are to be subjected to proof load testing to 133% of the design load and this should also verify that any shaft twist has no detrimental impact.

**Anchor Load Testing:** Because these helical anchors are installed below ground and are not visible, and because they are required to restrain the soil behind the existing retaining walls, we recommend that a randomly selected percentage [typically 15%] of the installed anchors [or a minimum of one anchor per stage of wall] be verification load tested. This allows us to determine that the allowable design capacity can be achieved by loading the selected anchors to 133% of the

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maximum estimated design load. The maximum test load should be maintained on each of the tested anchors for a period of ten (10) minutes to determine if any "creep" action is occurring. The recommended anchor load verification test program is outlined in more detail in this Addendum.

Our field representative should observe the performance of the verification tests and record the anchor movement at each load increment. In our experience we have found that the tested anchor capacity is usually considerably greater than the computed capacity and, thus, develops a much larger factor of safety. On completion of the verification tests we will provide you, the contractor, and the City of Bellevue with copies of the tabulated test data. We have provided a pictorial rendition of the typical anchored wall section for informational purposes on Plate 2, attached.

**Anchor Lock Off:** After the anchors have been successfully tested and the load testing devices removed we recommend that a steel load spreading plate should be slipped over the end of the anchor rod and placed firmly against the face of the concrete wall. Because the diameter of the cored installation hole is so large, estimated at no less than fourteen (14) inches, the steel load spreader plate, comprising A36 steel plate, should be at least two feet square and ½ inch thick. Then the locking nut should be threaded onto the rod and tightened down by hand. Once the nut is firm against the load spreader plate it should be further tightened with a short, approximately two foot long, wrench. The nut should be tightened down to the point where no additional tightening can be achieved by hand without the use of a pry bar. At this point the anchor is considered to be "locked off."

**IT IS CRITICAL THAT NO LOCK NUT IS TIGHTENED WITH THE USE OF A PRY BAR!**

**Helical Anchor Installation And Load Testing Program**

- 1) Randomly select a total of 15% of the helical anchors, or a minimum of one from each stage of anchored wall, and mark for verification load testing.
- 2) After each anchor is installed to the design length install a 24-inch square and ½ inch thick A-36 steel load spreader plate over the free end of each anchor rod, passing the rod through the pre-cut central hole in the plate.

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- 3) Place loading jack assembly over free end of selected anchor rod and butt the base of the jack against the steel load spreader plate. Place nut on rod and tighten down "hand tight" to push the jack firmly in place.
- 4) Apply a "seating" load to the anchor to "set" the nut and washer against the load spreader plate and underlying resistant concrete retaining wall. Then release loading assembly and reset loading jack and movement recording gauges or graphs to zero.
- 5) Set dial gauge on firm and unyielding stand which is NOT attached to the and record the zero gauge reading and note it is the start point for the test.
- 6) Load each anchor to the proof test load, 133% of design anchor load in 0.25DL [design load] increments. Pause at the end of each incremental load application for 2 minutes to determine if creep is occurring and record the dial gauge reading for each load increment. Record anchor movement, then add next incremental load and repeat process.
- 7) Continue anchor loading until a minimum of 133% of the design load is achieved. Record the anchor rod movement, and leave load in-place for a minimum of ten (10) minutes. Record the dial gauge reading at end of ten (10) minute period, record anchor movement and note it is the maximum test load.
- 8) Carefully and slowly release the load to zero and record the dial gauge reading at zero load and note it is the end of the test. Record anchor movement after all load is removed.
- 9) Remove loading jack and gauge assembly from free end of rod.
- 10) Repeat the anchor proof test procedure (steps 1 through 9) for each of the selected anchors.
- 11) After satisfactory completion of proof load test and removal of jack assembly, contractor should temporarily remove the steel load spreader plate and re-grout the open hole around the anchor head, but should make sure there is no structural interconnection between the grout and the steel anchor shaft.
- 12) After the grout has been allowed to set-up, replace the steel load spreader plate over the anchor head and re-grouted hole, add shaped steel washer and

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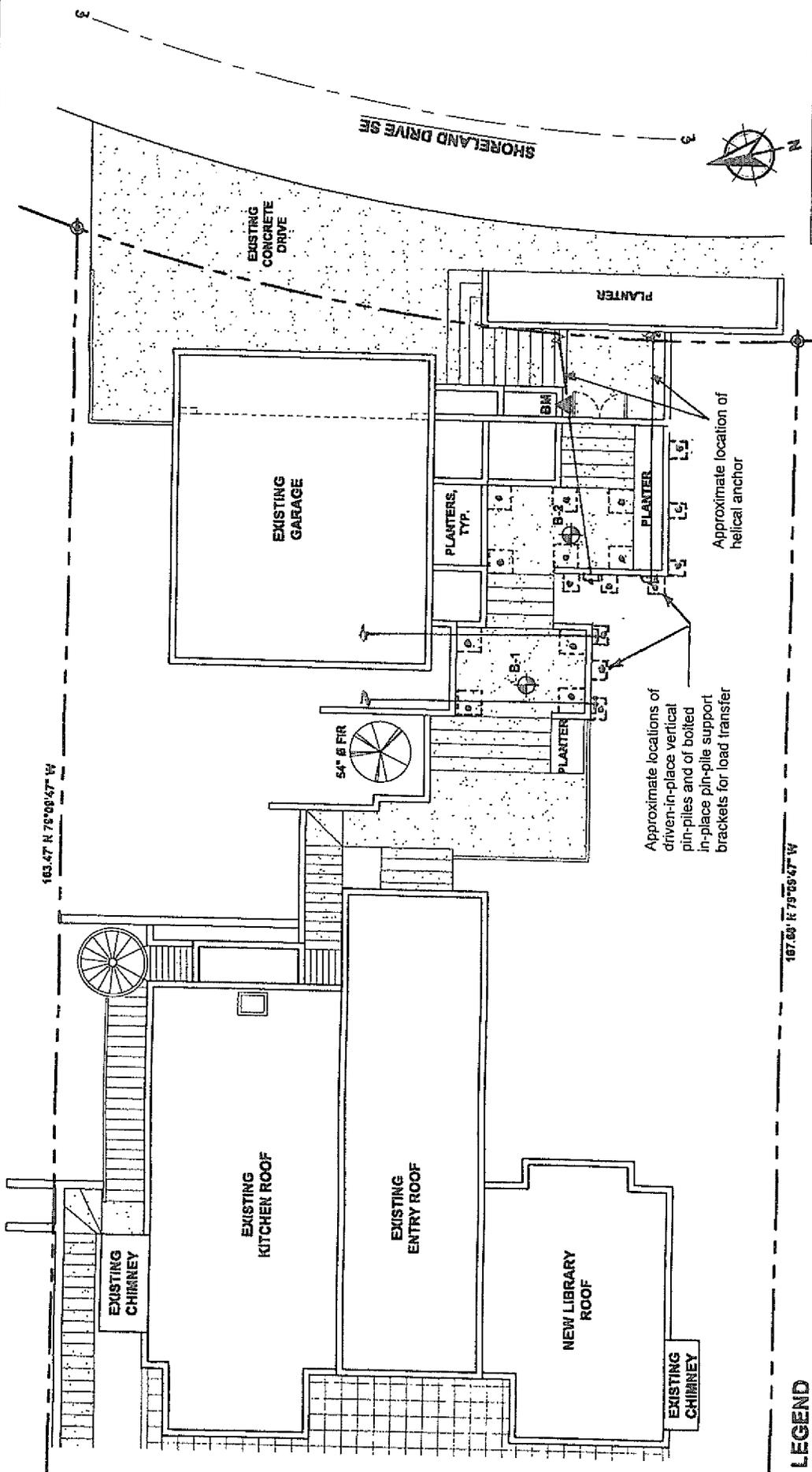
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nut on free end of anchor rod. Tighten the locking nut against the shaped steel washer and load spreader plate until no additional movement of the wrench can be achieved without the use of a "lever" or "pry" bar. Do NOT use a pry bar to tighten the anchor locking nuts.

- 13) Geotechnical engineer shall record results of anchor proof load testing and provide summary report to the client, contractor, and City of Bellevue on completion.

**Modified Pin-Pile Load Support System**

**General:** The originally recommended reinforced concrete grade beam would have required a small amount [approximately 18" in depth and 12" in width] of hand excavation along the base of each wall segment, and the removal and disposal of the excavated soil. Therefore, in an effort to avoid creating any significant disturbance of the site surface in the immediate proximity of the retaining walls that are being repaired we are providing an alternative pin-pile to wall connector. This alternative comprises an A36 steel plate that is bolted-in-place to the existing concrete wall above the existing ground surface. As a result there will be no excavation along the base of any of these retaining walls. We have provided a pictorial representation of the proposed alternative pin-pile load support bracket on Plate 4, attached.



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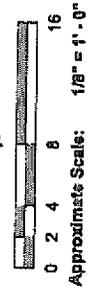
187.88' N 79°08'47" W

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- B-1 Identification number and approximate location of exploratory boring.
- BM Approximate location of temporary bench mark (at assumed elevation of 100 feet)
- Approximate location of vertical pin-pile.

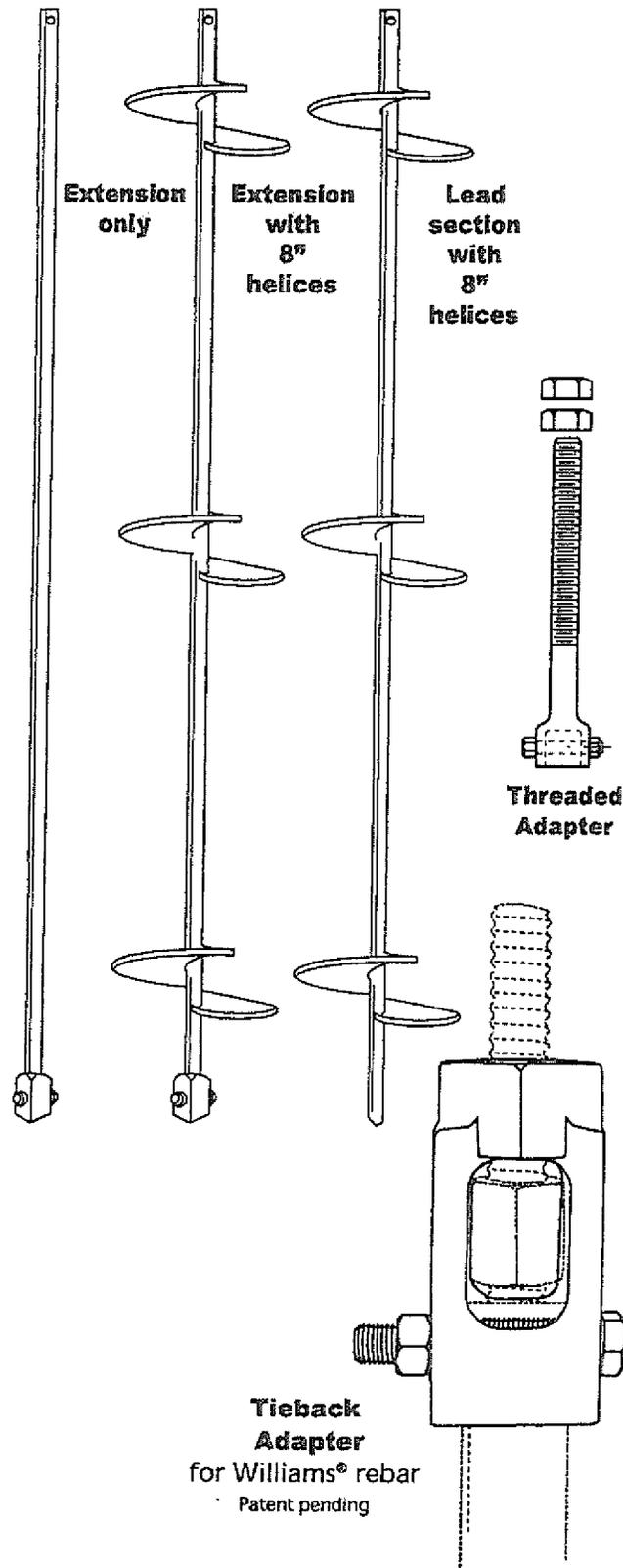
Approximate locations of driven-in-place vertical pin-piles and of bolted in-place pin-pile support brackets for load transfer

Approximate location of helical anchor

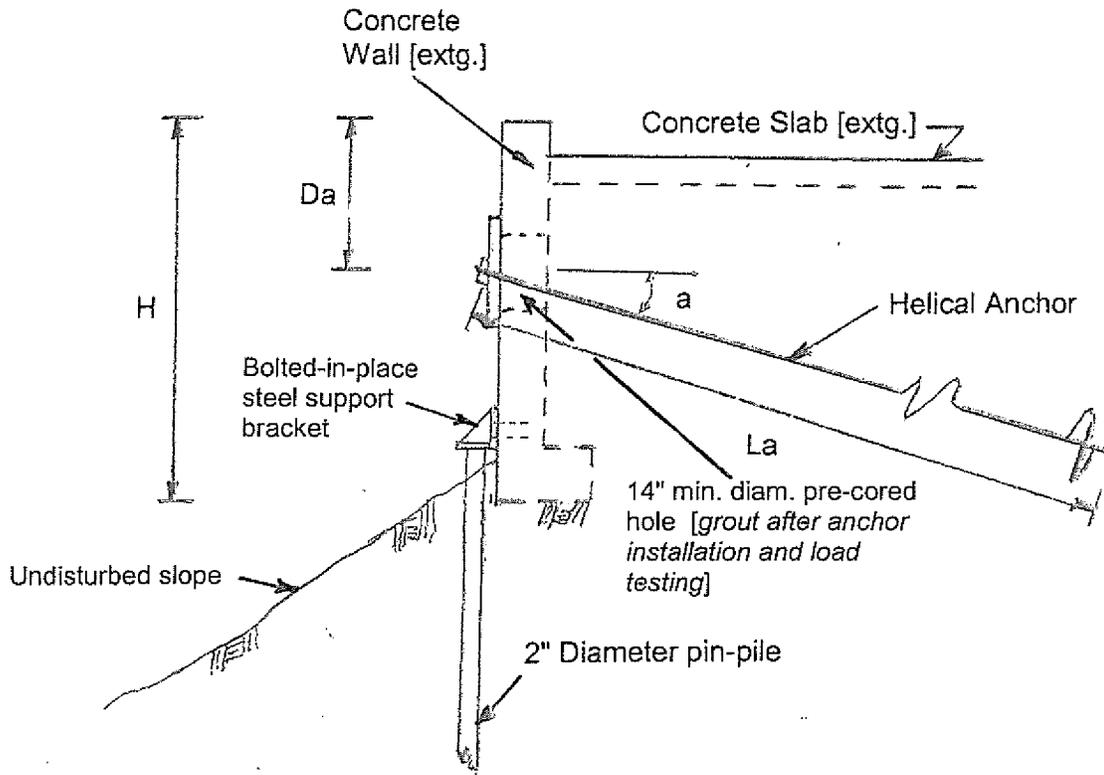


**Anchor and Pin-Pile Location Plan**

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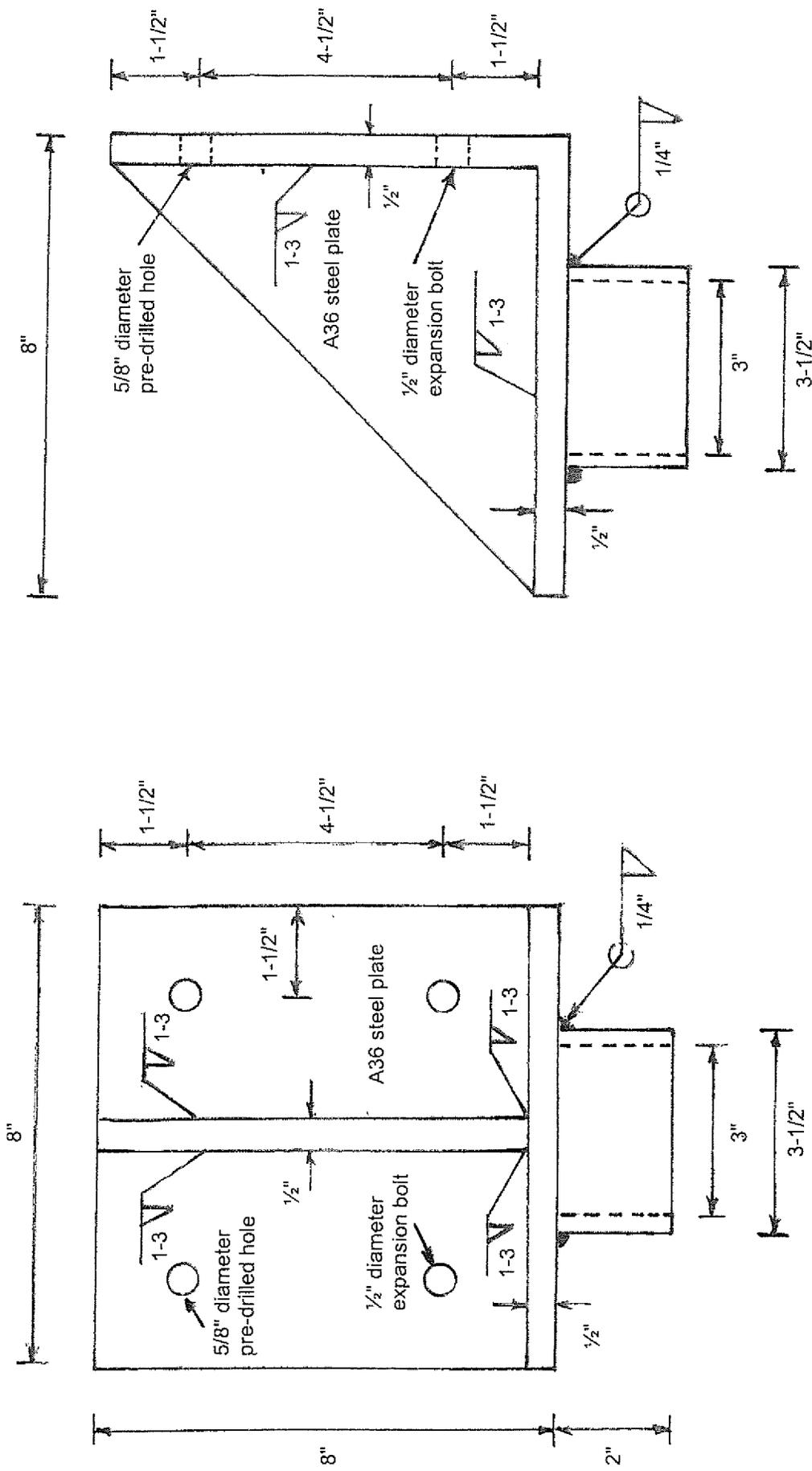


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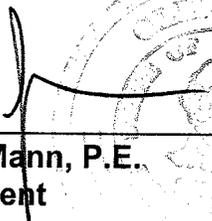
- ◆ Maximum estimated retaining wall height,  $H$  = 5' - 8"
- ◆ Recommended depth to helical anchor head,  $D_a$  = 2 feet
- ◆ Minimum recommended helical anchor length,  $L_a$  = 20 feet
- ◆ Angle of helical anchor installation,  $a$  = 20 degrees
- ◆ Minimum width and depth of A36 steel, bolted in-place pin-pile load support bracket = 8 inches
- ◆ Maximum estimated helical anchor load for wall maximum height of 5' - 8" = 8 kips
- ◆ Maximum allowable permanent helical anchor load at helical plate depth of > 8 feet [per manufacturer] = 17 kips
- ◆ Minimum recommended torque for helical anchor installation = 9 foot-kips
- ◆ Use expanding bolts to attach load bracket to existing concrete wall.

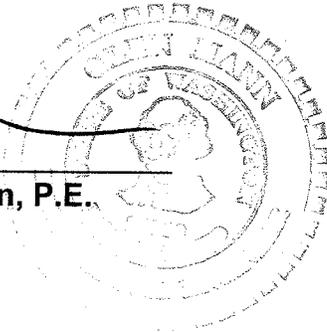


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**Critical Areas Land Use**

As you are aware, the proposed retaining walls and walkways are adjacent to a steep slope critical area which extends down to the eastern shore of Lake Washington. The proposed repair is a stabilizing measure which is intended to prevent the settlement and lateral movement damaged segment of the existing retaining wall and supported walkway slab from further distortion and damage and from potential further movement downslope.

To support the recommended repair we have provided a geotechnical report, and an Addendum A, which outlines not only the details of the proposed repair, but also the nature and condition of the in-situ soil conditions, and the design and construction recommendations for the performance of the proposed repair. This geotechnical report and its Addendum A are being provided separately, but as part of the permit submittal package.

The roughly twenty-five (25) foot long segment of damaged retaining wall is being maintained in-place in its existing location both during the period of repair, and is expected to last for the reasonable post repair lifetime of the residence. The construction repair related "disturbance" of the adjacent site is expected to be minimal and, if any disturbance does occur, it will be limited to the roughly two to three feet immediately in front of the wall only. There will be no intrusion on or into the steep slope, not is the repair expected to disturb, damage, or destabilize the body of the steep slope.

As constructed this retaining wall maintains and stabilizes the site's only access to the existing residence. As such, this retaining wall, walkway, and stairway system is a critical element at this site, and one that must be kept "open" so that the home's occupants can access the building without threat of a wall failure, and without threat to their health and safety.

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As part of our assessment of the retaining wall and walkway damage we evaluated several potential repair options. These included, but were not limited to, installation of a cantilevered soldier pile wall, demolition of the existing wall structure and its replacement with a geogrid reinforced concrete block wall, and the construction of a new engineered concrete retaining wall. Unfortunately, because of the presence of the steep site slope, the location of existing improvements which the wall stabilizes, the constrained [predominantly pedestrian] access conditions, and because virtually all of the options require large construction equipment for installation and would lead to significantly greater detrimental impact [excavation and disturbance] on the site and slope, we elected not to employ any of these other stabilization methods.

In our professional opinion, the proposed wall underpinning and anchorage repair option provides the best and most practical result with the minimum of site disturbance. Given the above, we believe the proposed repair and wall stabilization is appropriate and acceptable under section 20.25H.055 of the Land Use Code [LUC].