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RE: Geotechnical Evaluation
Proposed Residential Development
13710 42nd Avenue SE
Mill Creek, Washington

In accordance with your authorization, Cobalt Geosciences, LLC has prepared this letter to discuss the results of our geotechnical evaluation at the referenced site.

The purpose of our evaluation was to provide recommendations for foundation design, grading, stormwater management, and earthwork.

Site Description

The site is located at 13710 42nd Avenue SE in Mill Creek, Washington. The site consists of one rectangular shaped parcel (No. 28053300202200) with a total area of about 1 acre.

The northeast central portion of the property is developed with a single-family residence and driveway. The remainder of the property is undeveloped and vegetated with grasses, blackberry vines, ivy, ferns, bushes, and variable diameter trees.

The site slopes gently downward from east to west at magnitudes of 5 to 10 percent and relief of about 12 feet.

The property is bordered to the north, west, and south by residential properties and to the east by 42nd Avenue SE.

The project includes construction of up to four new residences, access roadway, driveways and stormwater facilities. Stormwater management may include dispersion, detention, or infiltration facilities depending on feasibility.

Area Geology

The Geologic Map of Washington – Northwest Quadrant indicates that the site is underlain by Vashon Glacial Till.

Vashon Glacial Till consists of nearly impermeable mixtures of silt, sand, gravel, and clay. These materials are typically dense to very dense. Vashon Recessional Outwash often overlies the till. Recessional outwash has not been consolidated by glacial activity and can be permeable.

Soil & Groundwater Conditions

As part of our evaluation, we excavated two test pits within the property to determine the shallow soil and groundwater conditions, where accessible. Several years ago, we excavated two test pits at this site with a subcontracted excavator. We have included these test pit logs for reference.

All of the test pits encountered about 6 to 12 inches of topsoil and grass underlain by 2 to 3 feet of loose to medium dense, silty-fine to medium grained sand with gravel (Weathered Glacial Till). This layer was underlain by dense to very dense, silty-fine to medium grained sand with gravel (Glacial Till), which continued to the termination depths of the test pits.

Groundwater was not encountered during the two test pits excavations on April 28, 2021. Groundwater was encountered in the previous test pits excavated on February 6, 2020. Groundwater was observed in TP-1 at 2.25 feet below grade and in TP-2 at 2.5 feet below grade. Groundwater appears to be perched within weathered native soils.

Erosion Hazard

The Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS) maps for Snohomish County indicate that the site is underlain by Alderwood gravelly sandy loam (0 to 8 percent slopes). These soils would have a slight to moderate erosion potential in a disturbed state depending on the slope magnitude.

It is our opinion that soil erosion potential at this project site can be reduced through landscaping and surface water runoff control. Typically, erosion of exposed soils will be most noticeable during periods of rainfall and may be controlled by the use of normal temporary erosion control measures, such as silt fences, hay bales, mulching, control ditches and diversion trenches. The typical wet weather season, with regard to site grading, is from October 31st to April 1st. Erosion control measures should be in place before the onset of wet weather.

Seismic Hazard

The overall subsurface profile corresponds to a Site Class *D* as defined by Table 1613.5.2 of the International Building Code (IBC). A Site Class *D* applies to an overall profile consisting of stiff/medium dense soils within the upper 100 feet.

We referenced the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) Earthquake Hazards Program Website to obtain values for S_S, S_1, F_a, and F_v. The USGS website includes the most updated published data on seismic conditions. The following tables provide seismic parameters from the USGS web site with referenced parameters from ASCE 7-10 and 7-16.

Seismic Design Parameters (ASCE 7-10)

Site Class	Spectral Acceleration at 0.2 sec. (g)	Spectral Acceleration at 1.0 sec. (g)	Site Coefficients		Design Spectral Response Parameters		Design PGA
			F_a	F_v	S_{DS}	S_{D1}	
D	1.384	0.535	1.0	1.5	0.923	0.535	0.583

Seismic Design Parameters (ASCE 7-16)

Site Class	Spectral Acceleration at 0.2 sec. (g)	Spectral Acceleration at 1.0 sec. (g)	Site Coefficients		Design Spectral Response Parameters		Design PGA
			F_a	F_v	S_{DS}	S_{D1}	
D	1.348	0.478	1.0	Null	1.079	Null	0.582

Additional seismic considerations include liquefaction potential and amplification of ground motions by soft/loose soil deposits. The liquefaction potential is highest for loose sand with a high groundwater table. The site has a low likelihood of liquefaction. For items listed as "Null" see Section 11.4.8 of the ASCE.

Conclusions and Recommendations

General

The site is underlain by weathered and unweathered glacial till. The proposed residences may be supported on shallow foundation systems bearing on medium dense or firmer native soils or on structural fill placed on the native soils. Local overexcavation or recompaction of loose weathered native soils may be necessary depending on the proposed elevations and locations of the new footings.

Widespread infiltration is not feasible due to the shallow soil and groundwater conditions. In general, dispersion trenches, rock pads, rain gardens, detention systems, and permeable pavements are feasible depending on their location and elevation. Permeable pavements and rain gardens typically require at least 12 inches of clearance above groundwater and restrictive layers. If minimal cuts are proposed, these systems should be feasible. We can provide additional recommendations once civil plans are prepared.

Site Preparation

Trees, shrubs and other vegetation should be removed prior to stripping of surficial organic-rich soil and fill. Based on observations from the site investigation program, it is anticipated that the stripping depth will be 6 to 12 inches. Deeper excavations will be necessary in areas of existing foundation systems, below large trees, and in any areas underlain by undocumented fill.

The native soils consist of silty-sand with gravel. Most of the native soils may be used as structural fill provided they achieve compaction requirements and are within 3 percent of the optimum moisture. Some of these soils may only be suitable for use as fill during the summer months, as they will be above the optimum moisture levels in their current state. These soils are variably moisture sensitive and may degrade during periods of wet weather and under equipment traffic.

Imported structural fill should consist of a sand and gravel mixture with a maximum grain size of 3 inches and less than 5 percent fines (material passing the U.S. Standard No. 200 Sieve). Structural fill should be placed in maximum lift thicknesses of 12 inches and should be compacted to a minimum of 95 percent of the modified proctor maximum dry density, as determined by the ASTM D 1557 test method.

Temporary Excavations

Based on our understanding of the project, we anticipate that the grading could include local cuts on the order of approximately 4 feet or less for foundation and utility placement. Any deeper excavations should be sloped no steeper than 1.5H:1V (Horizontal:Vertical) in loose native soils and fill, 1H:1V in medium dense native soils and 3/4H:1V in dense to very dense soils. If an excavation is subject to heavy vibration or surcharge loads, we recommend that the excavations be sloped no steeper than 2H:1V, where room permits.

Temporary cuts should be in accordance with the Washington Administrative Code (WAC) Part N, Excavation, Trenching, and Shoring. Temporary slopes should be visually inspected daily by a qualified person during construction activities and the inspections should be documented in daily reports. The contractor is responsible for maintaining the stability of the temporary cut slopes and reducing slope erosion during construction.

Temporary cut slopes should be covered with visqueen to help reduce erosion during wet weather, and the slopes should be closely monitored until the permanent retaining systems or slope configurations are complete. Materials should not be stored or equipment operated within 10 feet of the top of any temporary cut slope.

Soil conditions may not be completely known from the geotechnical investigation. In the case of temporary cuts, the existing soil conditions may not be completely revealed until the excavation work exposes the soil. Typically, as excavation work progresses the maximum inclination of temporary slopes will need to be re-evaluated by the geotechnical engineer so that supplemental recommendations can be made. Soil and groundwater conditions can be highly variable. Scheduling for soil work will need to be adjustable, to deal with unanticipated conditions, so that the project can proceed and required deadlines can be met.

If any variations or undesirable conditions are encountered during construction, we should be notified so that supplemental recommendations can be made. If room constraints or groundwater conditions do not permit temporary slopes to be cut to the maximum angles allowed by the WAC, temporary shoring systems may be required. The contractor should be responsible for developing temporary shoring systems, if needed. We recommend that Cobalt Geosciences and the project structural engineer review temporary shoring designs prior to installation, to verify the suitability of the proposed systems.

Foundation Design

The proposed residential structures may be supported on shallow spread footing foundation systems bearing on undisturbed dense or firmer native soils or on properly compacted structural fill placed on the suitable native soils. Any undocumented fill and/or loose native soils should be removed and replaced with structural fill below foundation elements. Structural fill below footings should consist of clean angular rock 5/8 to 4 inches in size. It may be feasible to recompact loose outwash soils in lieu of overexcavation and replacement. We should verify soil conditions during foundation excavation work.

For shallow foundation support, we recommend widths of at least 16 and 24 inches, respectively, for continuous wall and isolated column footings supporting the proposed structure. Provided that the footings are supported as recommended above, a net allowable bearing pressure of 2,000 pounds per square foot (psf) may be used for design. If detention vaults are utilized, a bearing pressure of 5,000 psf may be used for systems set at least 5 feet below grade.

A 1/3 increase in the above value may be used for short duration loads, such as those imposed by wind and seismic events. Structural fill placed on bearing, native subgrade should be compacted to at least 95 percent of the maximum dry density based on ASTM Test Method D1557. Footing excavations should be inspected to verify that the foundations will bear on suitable material.

Exterior footings should have a minimum depth of 18 inches below pad subgrade (soil grade) or adjacent exterior grade, whichever is lower. Interior footings should have a minimum depth of 12 inches below pad subgrade (soil grade) or adjacent exterior grade, whichever is lower.

If constructed as recommended, the total foundation settlement is not expected to exceed 1 inch. Differential settlement, along a 25-foot exterior wall footing, or between adjoining column footings, should be less than ½ inch. This translates to an angular distortion of 0.002. Most settlement is expected to occur during construction, as the loads are applied. However, additional post-construction settlement may occur if the foundation soils are flooded or saturated. All footing excavations should be observed by a qualified geotechnical consultant.

Resistance to lateral footing displacement can be determined using an allowable friction factor of 0.40 acting between the base of foundations and the supporting subgrades. Lateral resistance for footings can also be developed using an allowable equivalent fluid passive pressure of 225 pounds per cubic foot (pcf) acting against the appropriate vertical footing faces (neglect the upper 12 inches below grade in exterior areas). The frictional and passive resistance of the soil may be combined without reduction in determining the total lateral resistance.

Care should be taken to prevent wetting or drying of the bearing materials during construction. Any extremely wet or dry materials, or any loose or disturbed materials at the bottom of the footing excavations, should be removed prior to placing concrete. The potential for wetting or drying of the bearing materials can be reduced by pouring concrete as soon as possible after completing the footing excavation and evaluating the bearing surface by the geotechnical engineer or his representative.

Concrete Retaining Walls

The following table, titled **Wall Design Criteria**, presents the recommended soil related design parameters for retaining walls with a level backslope. Contact Cobalt if an alternate retaining wall system is used. This has been included for new cast in place walls.

Wall Design Criteria	
"At-rest" Conditions (Lateral Earth Pressure – EFD^{+})	55 pcf (Equivalent Fluid Density)
"Active" Conditions (Lateral Earth Pressure – EFD^{+})	35 pcf (Equivalent Fluid Density)
Seismic Increase for "At-rest" Conditions (Lateral Earth Pressure)	21H* (Uniform Distribution) 1 in 2,500 year event
Seismic Increase for "At-rest" Conditions (Lateral Earth Pressure)	14H* (Uniform Distribution) 1 in 500 year event

Seismic Increase for "Active" Conditions (Lateral Earth Pressure)	7H* (Uniform Distribution)
Passive Earth Pressure on Low Side of Wall (Allowable, includes F.S. = 1.5)	Neglect upper 2 feet, then 300 pcf EFD+
Soil-Footing Coefficient of Sliding Friction (Allowable; includes F.S. = 1.5)	0.40

*H is the height of the wall; Increase based on one in 500 year seismic event (10 percent probability of being exceeded in 50 years),
+EFD – Equivalent Fluid Density

The stated lateral earth pressures do not include the effects of hydrostatic pressure generated by water accumulation behind the retaining walls. Uniform horizontal lateral active and at-rest pressures on the retaining walls from vertical surcharges behind the wall may be calculated using active and at-rest lateral earth pressure coefficients of 0.3 and 0.5, respectively. A soil unit weight of 125 pcf may be used to calculate vertical earth surcharges.

To reduce the potential for the buildup of water pressure against the walls, continuous footing drains (with cleanouts) should be provided at the bases of the walls. The footing drains should consist of a minimum 4-inch diameter perforated pipe, sloped to drain, with perforations placed down and enveloped by a minimum 6 inches of pea gravel in all directions.

The backfill adjacent to and extending a lateral distance behind the walls at least 2 feet should consist of free-draining granular material. All free draining backfill should contain less than 3 percent fines (passing the U.S. Standard No. 200 Sieve) based upon the fraction passing the U.S. Standard No. 4 Sieve with at least 30 percent of the material being retained on the U.S. Standard No. 4 Sieve. The primary purpose of the free-draining material is the reduction of hydrostatic pressure. Some potential for the moisture to contact the back face of the wall may exist, even with treatment, which may require that more extensive waterproofing be specified for walls, which require interior moisture sensitive finishes.

We recommend that the backfill be compacted to at least 90 percent of the maximum dry density based on ASTM Test Method D1557. In place density tests should be performed to verify adequate compaction. Soil compactors place transient surcharges on the backfill. Consequently, only light hand operated equipment is recommended within 3 feet of walls so that excessive stress is not imposed on the walls.

Stormwater Management Feasibility

The site is underlain by weathered to unweathered glacial till. These materials are not conducive for infiltration of runoff. The unweathered glacial till acts as a restrictive layer which prevent vertical infiltration of runoff.

Widespread infiltration is not feasible due to the shallow soil and groundwater conditions. While groundwater was not present in April 2021; groundwater was observed in shallow test pits conducted in February 2020. There is inadequate clearance above groundwater and a restrictive layer for widespread infiltration.

In general, dispersion trenches, rock pads, rain gardens, detention systems, and permeable pavements are feasible depending on their location and elevation. Permeable pavements and rain gardens typically require at least 12 inches of clearance above groundwater and restrictive layers. If minimal cuts are proposed, these systems should be feasible.

In February 2020, we conducted a shallow infiltration test in the upper weathered till in case rain gardens or permeable pavements were to be utilized. The upper weathered glacial till soils have a permeability/infiltration rate of 0.31 inches per hour. This rate includes correction factors for site variability (0.9), influent control (0.9), and testing (0.5). The unfactored rate was 0.77 inches per hour just below the topsoil and vegetation, approximately 18 inches below grade. This rate can be used for permeable pavements and rain gardens only, with a bottom elevation at least 12 inches above groundwater or restrictive layers. The weathered soils are consistent with Loamy Sand if the USDA soil type is utilized.

We generally recommend that permeable pavements be supported on at least 8 inches of 5/8 inch clean angular rock. The pavements should be at least 4.5 inches thick and used in light duty traffic or parking areas only. The underlying subgrade should be verified to be firm by the geotechnical engineer but NOT compacted or recompacted using equipment.

We can provide additional recommendations once civil plans are prepared. We should be provided with final plans for review to determine if the intent of our recommendations has been incorporated or if additional modifications are needed.

Slab-on-Grade

We recommend that the upper 18 inches of the existing fill and/or native soils within slab areas be re-compacted to at least 95 percent of the modified proctor (ASTM D1557 Test Method).

Often, a vapor barrier is considered below concrete slab areas. However, the usage of a vapor barrier could result in curling of the concrete slab at joints. Floor covers sensitive to moisture typically requires the usage of a vapor barrier. A materials or structural engineer should be consulted regarding the detailing of the vapor barrier below concrete slabs. Exterior slabs typically do not utilize vapor barriers.

The American Concrete Institutes ACI 360R-06 Design of Slabs on Grade and ACI 302.1R-04 Guide for Concrete Floor and Slab Construction are recommended references for vapor barrier selection and floor slab detailing.

Slabs on grade may be designed using a coefficient of subgrade reaction of 210 pounds per cubic inch (pci) assuming the slab-on-grade base course is underlain by structural fill placed and compacted as outlined in Section 8.1. A 4- to 6-inch-thick capillary break layer should be placed over the prepared subgrade. This material should consist of pea gravel or 5/8 inch clean angular rock.

A perimeter drainage system is recommended unless interior slab areas are elevated a minimum of 12 inches above adjacent exterior grades. If installed, a perimeter drainage system should consist of a 4-inch diameter perforated drain pipe surrounded by a minimum 6 inches of drain rock wrapped in a non-woven geosynthetic filter fabric to reduce migration of soil particles into the drainage system. The perimeter drainage system should discharge by gravity flow to a suitable stormwater system.

Exterior grades surrounding buildings should be sloped at a minimum of one percent to facilitate surface water flow away from the building and preferably with a relatively impermeable surface cover immediately adjacent to the building.

Erosion and Sediment Control

Erosion and sediment control (ESC) is used to reduce the transportation of eroded sediment to wetlands, streams, lakes, drainage systems, and adjacent properties. Erosion and sediment control measures should be implemented, and these measures should be in general accordance with local regulations. At a minimum, the following basic recommendations should be incorporated into the design of the erosion and sediment control features for the site:

- Schedule the soil, foundation, utility, and other work requiring excavation or the disturbance of the site soils, to take place during the dry season (generally May through September). However, provided precautions are taken using Best Management Practices (BMP's), grading activities can be completed during the wet season (generally October through April).
- All site work should be completed and stabilized as quickly as possible.
- Additional perimeter erosion and sediment control features may be required to reduce the possibility of sediment entering the surface water. This may include additional silt fences, silt fences with a higher Apparent Opening Size (AOS), construction of a berm, or other filtration systems.
- Any runoff generated by dewatering discharge should be treated through construction of a sediment trap if there is sufficient space. If space is limited other filtration methods will need to be incorporated.

Groundwater Influence on Construction

If groundwater is encountered, we anticipate that sump excavations and small diameter pumps systems will adequately de-water short-term excavations, if required. Any system should be designed by the contractor. We can provide additional recommendations upon request.

Utilities

Utility trenches should be excavated according to accepted engineering practices following OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration) standards, by a contractor experienced in such work. The contractor is responsible for the safety of open trenches. Traffic and vibration adjacent to trench walls should be reduced; cyclic wetting and drying of excavation side slopes should be avoided. Depending upon the location and depth of some utility trenches, groundwater flow into open excavations could be experienced, especially during or shortly following periods of precipitation.

In general, silty soils were encountered at shallow depths in the explorations at this site. These soils have low cohesion and density and will have a tendency to cave or slough in excavations. Shoring or sloping back trench sidewalls is required within these soils in excavations greater than 4 feet deep.

All utility trench backfill should consist of imported structural fill or suitable on site soils. Utility trench backfill placed in or adjacent to buildings and exterior slabs should be compacted to at least 95 percent of the maximum dry density based on ASTM Test Method D1557. The upper 5 feet of utility trench backfill placed in pavement areas should be compacted to at least 95 percent of the maximum dry density based on ASTM Test Method D1557. Below 5 feet, utility trench backfill in pavement areas should be compacted to at least 90 percent of the maximum dry density based on ASTM Test Method D1557. Pipe bedding should be in accordance with the pipe manufacturer's recommendations.

The contractor is responsible for removing all water-sensitive soils from the trenches regardless of the backfill location and compaction requirements. Depending on the depth and location of the proposed utilities, we anticipate the need to re-compact existing fill soils below the utility structures and pipes. The contractor should use appropriate equipment and methods to avoid damage to the utilities and/or structures during fill placement and compaction procedures.

Pavements

The near surface subgrade soils generally consist of silty sand with gravel. These soils are rated as good for pavement subgrade material (depending on silt content and moisture conditions). We estimate that the subgrade will have a California Bearing Ratio (CBR) value of 10 and a modulus of subgrade reaction value of k = 200 pci, provided the subgrade is prepared in general accordance with our recommendations.

We recommend that at a minimum, 12 inches of the existing subgrade material be moisture conditioned (as necessary) and re-compacted to prepare for the construction of pavement sections. Deeper levels of recompaction or overexcavation and replacement may be necessary in areas where fill and/or very poor (soft/loose) soils are present.

The subgrade should be compacted to at least 95 percent of the maximum dry density as determined by ASTM Test Method D1557. In place density tests should be performed to verify proper moisture content and adequate compaction.

The recommended flexible and rigid pavement sections are based on design CBR and modulus of subgrade reaction (k) values that are achieved, only following proper subgrade preparation. It should be noted that subgrade soils that have relatively high silt contents will likely be highly sensitive to moisture conditions. The subgrade strength and performance characteristics of a silty subgrade material may be dramatically reduced if this material becomes wet.

Based on our knowledge of the proposed project, we expect the traffic to range from light duty (passenger automobiles) to heavy duty (delivery trucks). The following tables show the recommended pavement sections for light duty and heavy duty use.

ASPHALTIC CONCRETE (FLEXIBLE) PAVEMENT

LIGHT DUTY

Asphaltic Concrete	Aggregate Base*	Compacted Subgrade* **
2.5 in.	6.0 in.	12.0 in.

HEAVY DUTY

Asphaltic Concrete	Aggregate Base*	Compacted Subgrade* **
3.5 in.	6.0 in.	12.0 in.

PORTLAND CEMENT CONCRETE (RIGID) PAVEMENT

Min. PCC Depth	Aggregate Base*	Compacted Subgrade* **
6.0 in.	6.0 in.	12.0 in.

** 95% compaction based on ASTM Test Method D1557*

*** A proof roll may be performed in lieu of in place density tests*

The asphaltic concrete depth in the flexible pavement tables should be a surface course type asphalt, such as Washington Department of Transportation (WSDOT) ½ inch HMA. The rigid pavement design is based on a Portland Cement Concrete (PCC) mix that has a 28 day compressive strength of 4,000 pounds per square inch (psi). The design is also based on a concrete flexural strength or modulus of rupture of 550 psi.

CONSTRUCTION FIELD REVIEWS

Cobalt Geosciences should be retained to provide part time field review during construction in order to verify that the soil conditions encountered are consistent with our design assumptions and that the intent of our recommendations is being met. This will require field and engineering review to:

- Monitor and test structural fill placement and soil compaction
- Observe bearing capacity at foundation locations
- Observe slab-on-grade preparation
- Monitor subgrade preparation of roadways
- Observe excavation stability

Geotechnical design services should also be anticipated during the subsequent final design phase to support the structural design and address specific issues arising during this phase. Field and engineering review services will also be required during the construction phase in order to provide a Final Letter for the project.

CLOSURE

This report was prepared for the exclusive use of Chris Brooks and his appointed consultants. Any use of this report or the material contained herein by third parties, or for other than the intended purpose, should first be approved in writing by Cobalt Geosciences, LLC.

The recommendations contained in this report are based on assumed continuity of soils with those of our test holes, and assumed structural loads. Cobalt Geosciences should be provided with final architectural and civil drawings when they become available in order that we may review our design recommendations and advise of any revisions, if necessary.

Use of this report is subject to the Statement of General Conditions provided in Appendix A. It is the responsibility of Chris Brooks who is identified as "the Client" within the Statement of General Conditions, and its agents to review the conditions and to notify Cobalt Geosciences should any of these not be satisfied.

Sincerely,

Cobalt Geosciences, LLC

6/4/2021
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Statement of General Conditions

USE OF THIS REPORT: This report has been prepared for the sole benefit of the Client or its agent and may not be used by any third party without the express written consent of Cobalt Geosciences and the Client. Any use which a third party makes of this report is the responsibility of such third party.

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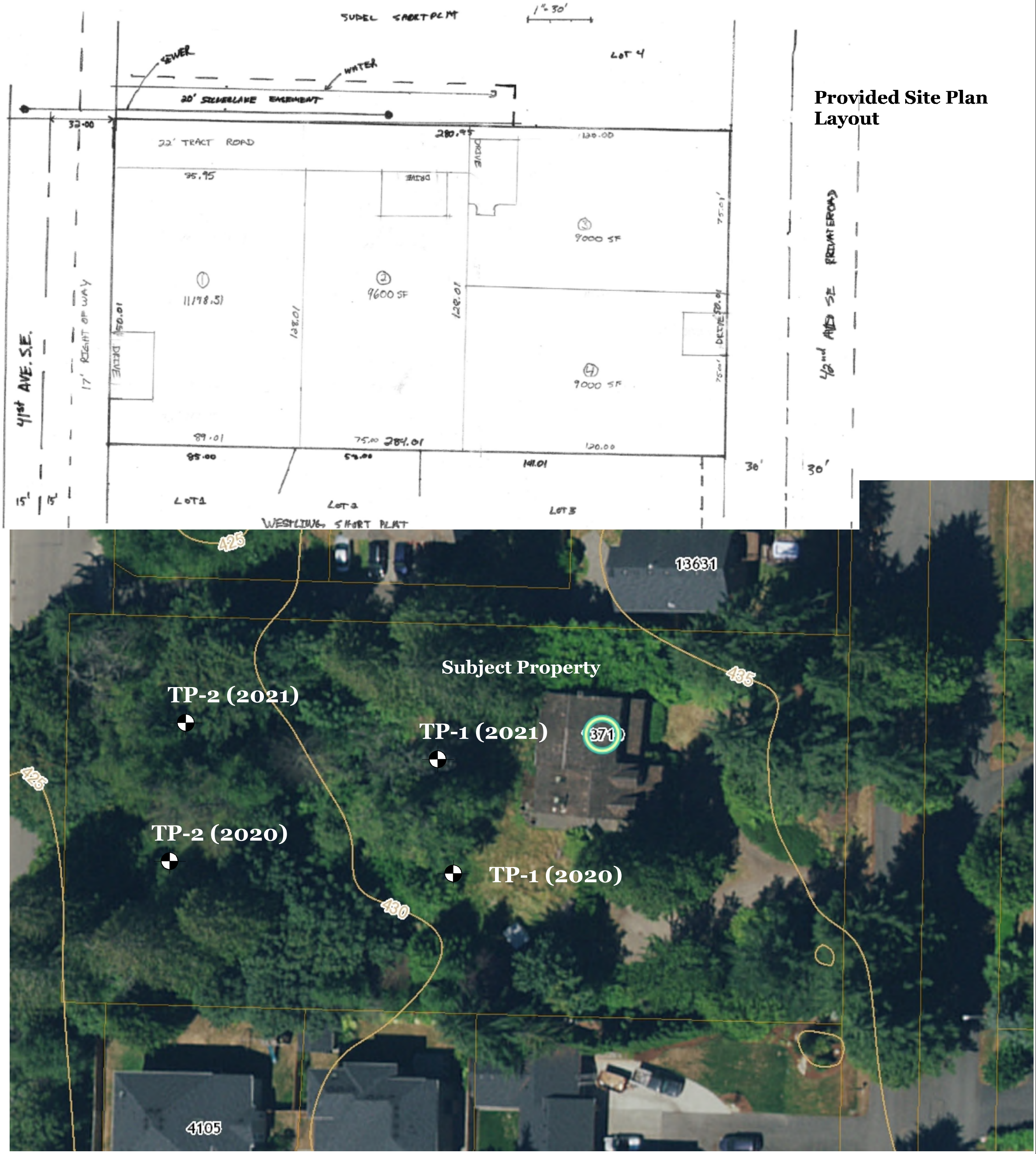

Aerial Photo from Snohomish County Website/GIS

TP-1 — **Approximate Test Pit Location**

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Not to Scale

COBALT GEOSCIENCES	Proposed Residential Development 13710 42nd Avenue SE Mill Creek, Washington	**SITE PLAN** **FIGURE 1**	Cobalt Geosciences, LLC P.O. Box 82243 Kenmore, WA 98028 (206) 331-1097 www.cobaltgeo.com cobaltgeo@gmail.com

Unified Soil Classification System (USCS)

MAJOR DIVISIONS			SYMBOL	TYPICAL DESCRIPTION
COARSE GRAINED SOILS (more than 50% retained on No. 200 sieve)	Gravels (more than 50% of coarse fraction retained on No. 4 sieve)	Clean Gravels (less than 5% fines)	GW	Well-graded gravels, gravels, gravel-sand mixtures, little or no fines
			GP	Poorly graded gravels, gravel-sand mixtures, little or no fines
		Gravels with Fines (more than 12% fines)	GM	Silty gravels, gravel-sand-silt mixtures
			GC	Clayey gravels, gravel-sand-clay mixtures
	Sands (50% or more of coarse fraction passes the No. 4 sieve)	Clean Sands (less than 5% fines)	SW	Well-graded sands, gravelly sands, little or no fines
			SP	Poorly graded sand, gravelly sands, little or no fines
		Sands with Fines (more than 12% fines)	SM	Silty sands, sand-silt mixtures
			SC	Clayey sands, sand-clay mixtures
FINE GRAINED SOILS (50% or more passes the No. 200 sieve)	Silts and Clays (liquid limit less than 50)	Inorganic	ML	Inorganic silts of low to medium plasticity, sandy silts, gravelly silts, or clayey silts with slight plasticity
			CL	Inorganic clays of low to medium plasticity, gravelly clays, sandy clays silty clays, lean clays
		Organic	OL	Organic silts and organic silty clays of low plasticity
	Silts and Clays (liquid limit 50 or more)	Inorganic	MH	Inorganic silts, micaceous or diatomaceous fine sands or silty soils, elastic silt
			CH	Inorganic clays of medium to high plasticity, sandy fat clay, or gravelly fat clay
		Organic	OH	Organic clays of medium to high plasticity, organic silts
HIGHLY ORGANIC SOILS	Primarily organic matter, dark in color, and organic odor		PT	Peat, humus, swamp soils with high organic content (ASTM D4427)

Classification of Soil Constituents

MAJOR constituents compose more than 50 percent, by weight, of the soil. Major constituents are capitalized (i.e., SAND).

Minor constituents compose 12 to 50 percent of the soil and precede the major constituents (i.e., silty SAND). Minor constituents preceded by "slightly" compose 5 to 12 percent of the soil (i.e., slightly silty SAND).

Trace constituents compose 0 to 5 percent of the soil (i.e., slightly silty SAND, trace gravel).

Relative Density (Coarse Grained Soils)

N, SPT, Blows/FT	Relative Density
0 - 4	Very loose
4 - 10	Loose
10 - 30	Medium dense
30 - 50	Dense
Over 50	Very dense

Consistency (Fine Grained Soils)

N, SPT, Blows/FT	Relative Consistency
Under 2	Very soft
2 - 4	Soft
4 - 8	Medium stiff
8 - 15	Stiff
15 - 30	Very stiff
Over 30	Hard

Grain Size Definitions

Description	Sieve Number and/or Size
Fines	<#200 (0.08 mm)
Sand	
-Fine	#200 to #40 (0.08 to 0.4 mm)
-Medium	#40 to #10 (0.4 to 2 mm)
-Coarse	#10 to #4 (2 to 5 mm)
Gravel	
-Fine	#4 to 3/4 inch (5 to 19 mm)
-Coarse	3/4 to 3 inches (19 to 76 mm)
Cobbles	3 to 12 inches (75 to 305 mm)
Boulders	>12 inches (305 mm)

Moisture Content Definitions

Dry	Absence of moisture, dusty, dry to the touch
Moist	Damp but no visible water
Wet	Visible free water, from below water table

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Soil Classification Chart

Figure C1

Test Pit TP-1

Date: April 28, 2021	Depth: 5'	Groundwater: None
Contractor: Client provided	Elevation: N/A	Logged By: PH Checked By: SC

Depth (Feet)	Interval	Graphic Log	USCS Symbol	Material Description	Groundwater	Moisture Content (%) Plastic Limit / Liquid Limit; DCP Equivalent N-Value 0 10 20 30 40 50
				Topsoil/Grass		
1–3	■		SM	Loose to medium dense, silty-fine to medium grained sand with gravel, mottled reddish brown to yellowish brown, moist to wet. (Weathered Glacial Till)		
4–5	■		SM	Dense to very dense, silty-fine to medium grained sand with gravel, grayish brown, moist. (Glacial Till)		
5				End of Test Pit 5'		
6						
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8						
9						
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Test Pit TP-2

Date: April 28, 2021	Depth: 4'	Groundwater: None
Contractor: Client provided	Elevation: N/A	Logged By: PH Checked By: SC

Depth (Feet)	Interval	Graphic Log	USCS Symbol	Material Description	Groundwater	Moisture Content (%) Plastic Limit / Liquid Limit; DCP Equivalent N-Value 0 10 20 30 40 50
				Topsoil/Grass		
1–2	■		SM	Loose to medium dense, silty-fine to medium grained sand with gravel, mottled reddish brown to yellowish brown, moist. (Weathered Glacial Till)		
3–4	■		SM	Dense to very dense, silty-fine to medium grained sand with gravel, grayish brown, moist. (Glacial Till)		
4				End of Test Pit 4'		
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Proposed Short Plat
13710 42nd Avenue SE
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Test Pit Logs

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Test Pit TP-1

Date: February 6, 2020	Depth: 5.5'	Groundwater: 2.25'
Contractor: Jim	Elevation: N/A	Logged By: PH Checked By: SC

Depth (Feet)	Interval	Graphic Log	USCS Symbol	Material Description	Groundwater	Moisture Content (%) Plastic Limit / Liquid Limit; DCP Equivalent N-Value 0 10 20 30 40 50
0–1				Topsoil/Grass		
1–3	■		SM	Loose to medium dense, silty-fine to medium grained sand with gravel, mottled reddish brown to yellowish brown, moist to wet. (Weathered Glacial Till)	▽	
3–5.5	■		SM	Dense to very dense, silty-fine to medium grained sand with gravel, grayish brown, moist. (Glacial Till)		
5.5				End of Test Pit 5.5'		

Depth scale: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Test Pit TP-2

Date: February 6, 2020	Depth: 7'	Groundwater: 2.5'
Contractor: Jim	Elevation: N/A	Logged By: PH Checked By: SC

Depth (Feet)	Interval	Graphic Log	USCS Symbol	Material Description	Groundwater	Moisture Content (%) Plastic Limit / Liquid Limit; DCP Equivalent N-Value 0 10 20 30 40 50
0–0.5				Topsoil/Grass		
0.5–3.5	■		SM	Loose to medium dense, silty-fine to medium grained sand with gravel, mottled reddish brown to yellowish brown, moist to wet. (Weathered Glacial Till)	▽	
3.5–7	■		SM	Dense to very dense, silty-fine to medium grained sand with gravel, grayish brown, moist. (Glacial Till)		
7				End of Test Pit 7'		

Depth scale: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

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