

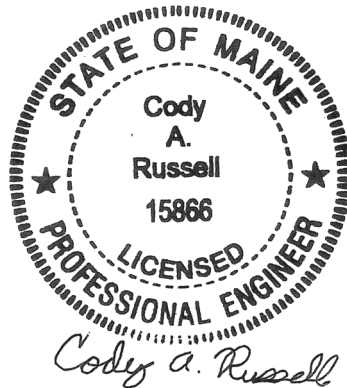
**MAINE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
HIGHWAY PROGRAM
GEOTECHNICAL SECTION
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

GEOTECHNICAL DESIGN REPORT

For the Replacement of:

**CROSS CULVERT #XC-137321
ROUTE 161
NEW SWEDEN, MAINE**

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PROJECT DETAILS

The purpose of this Geotechnical Design Report is to present subsurface information and make geotechnical design and construction recommendations for the replacement of an existing 48-inch diameter, 84-foot long corrugated metal pipe (CMP) cross culvert (#XC-137321) on Route 161 in New Sweden. The invert of the existing culvert has rusted out. The culvert is located approximately 0.96 of a mile north of Jepson Road as shown on the attached Location Map. Route 161 is a Highway Corridor Priority 2 road.

The proposed replacement structure will be a 96-inch diameter, 105-foot-long Polymer Coated Steel Pipe culvert on a skew of approximately 10.2 degrees to the roadway centerline. The invert of the proposed culvert is approximately 15 feet below the existing road grade at the roadway centerline. The roadway embankment slopes at the proposed culvert inlet and outlet shall be no steeper than 2H:1V to protect against erosion.

SUBSURFACE INVESTIGATION

One (1) boring (HB-NSWE-101) and one (1) probe (HB-NSWE-102) were drilled for this project on September 14, 2016 by the MaineDOT drill crew using a trailer mounted drill rig. Exploration locations are shown on the attached Boring Location Plan & Interpretive Subsurface Profile with Boring Logs. Details and sampling methods used, field data obtained, and soil and groundwater conditions encountered are shown on the attached boring logs.

Boring HB-NSWE-101 and probe HB-NSWE-102 were drilled using solid stem auger drilling techniques. Soil samples were obtained in boring HB-NSWE-101 at 5-foot intervals using Standard Penetration Test (SPT) methods. No soils samples were obtained in probe HB-NSWE-102. The MaineDOT drill rig is equipped with an automatic hammer to drive the split spoon. The MaineDOT calibrated automatic hammer delivers approximately 57 percent more energy during driving than the standard rope and cathead system. All N-values discussed in this report are corrected values (N_{60}) computed by applying an average energy transfer factor of 0.943 to the raw field N-values.

The MaineDOT Geotechnical Team member selected the boring and probe locations, drilling methods, designated type and depth of sampling, reviewed field logs for accuracy and identified field and laboratory testing requirements. A NorthEast Transportation Training and Certification (NETTCP) certified Subsurface Investigator logged the subsurface conditions encountered. The borings were located in the field by taping to surveyed site features after completion of the drilling program.

LABORATORY TESTING

A laboratory testing program was conducted to assist in soil classification, evaluation of engineering properties of the soils and geologic assessment of the project site. Laboratory testing consisted of two (2) standard grain size analyses with natural water content, one (1) grain size analyses with hydrometer and natural water content. The results of the laboratory testing program

are discussed in the following section and are shown on the attached boring logs, Laboratory Testing Summary Sheet, and Grain Size Distribution Curves.

SUBSURFACE CONDITIONS

Subsurface conditions encountered at the test boring generally consisted of fill sand and silt underlain by glacial till. An interpretive subsurface profile depicting the generalized soil stratigraphy at the boring location is shown on the attached Boring Location Plan & Interpretive Subsurface Profile with Boring Logs.

Boring HB-NSWE-101 was drilled to a depth of approximately 17.0 feet below ground surface (bgs) and did not encounter a refusal surface. Probe HB-NSWE-102 was drilled to a depth of approximately 20.0 feet bgs and did not encounter a refusal surface.

The table below summarizes the field and laboratory information obtained in boring HB-NSWE-101:

Approx. Depth BGS ¹ (feet)	Soil Description	AASHTO ² Classification	USCS ³	WC% ⁴
0.0 – 0.4	Pavement			
0.4 – 5.0	Fill: Brown, damp, fine to coarse sand, some gravel, some silt.	A-1-b	SM	6.1
5.0 – 9.0	Olive, damp, silt, some fine to coarse sand, some gravel, trace organics.	A-4	SM	19.5
9.0 – 11.0	Olive, moist, fine to coarse sand, some silt, trace gravel, wood.	--	--	--
11.0 – 12.0	Wood.	--	--	--
12.0 – 17.0	Glacial Till: Grey, wet, fine to coarse sand, some silt, little gravel, little clay.	A-4	SC-SM	15.8

¹BGS = below ground surface

²AASHTO = American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials

³USCS = Unified Soil Classification System

⁴WC% = Water content in percent

Two (2) corrected N-values obtained in the sand fill were 19 and 63 blows per foot (bpf) indicating that the sand fill is medium dense to very dense in consistency. One (1) corrected N-value obtained in the silt fill was 22 bpf indicating that the silt fill is very stiff in consistency. One (1) corrected N-value obtained in the glacial till was 19 bpf indicating that the glacial till is medium dense in consistency.

Groundwater was not recorded in the boring or probe. Groundwater levels can be expected to fluctuate subject to seasonal variations, local soil conditions, topography, precipitation, and construction activity.

GEOTECHNICAL DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION RECOMMENDATIONS

Polymer Coated Steel Pipe Construction – The proposed replacement structure will be a 96-inch diameter, 105-foot-long Polymer Coated Steel Pipe on a skew of approximately 10.2 degrees to the roadway centerline. The proposed pipe culvert shall be furnished and installed in accordance with MaineDOT Standard Specification 603.

The invert of the proposed culvert pipe ranges from approximately 681.25 feet at the inlet end to approximately 680.75 feet at the outlet end with a 0.5% slope. The proposed structure shall be bedded on a 1-foot-thick layer of Granular Borrow, Material for Underwater Backfill meeting the requirements of MaineDOT Standard Specification 703.19. The soil envelope and backfill shall consist of Granular Borrow (703.19) with a maximum particle size of 4 inches. The Granular Borrow backfill shall be placed in lifts of 6 to 8 inches loose measure and compacted to the manufacturer's specifications or, in the absence of manufacturer's specifications, to at least 92 percent of the AASHTO T-180 maximum dry density. In no case shall the backfill soil be compacted less than 92 percent of the AASHTO T-180 maximum dry density.

The full nature of the culvert bearing surface will not become evident until the culvert excavation is made. Any cobbles or boulders in excess of 6 inches encountered at the bedding elevation shall be removed and replaced with compacted Granular Borrow Material for Underwater Backfill or Crushed Stone ¾-Inch. Any disturbed soils at the bedding elevation resulting from excavation activities should be removed by hand prior to placement of the bedding material. The prepared subgrade shall be proofrolled using a static roller to visually confirm the prepared subgrade is firm and stable. The exposed subgrade shall be free of ponded water so that bedding material placement and compaction can be completed in the dry.

Settlement – No settlement issues are anticipated at the site. No changes to the existing vertical or horizontal alignment are currently planned for this project. The proposed Polymer Coated Steel Pipe is larger in diameter than the existing culvert and will result in a net unloading of the site soils at the structure location. Any settlement due to elastic compression of the bedding material will be immediate and negligible.

Scour and Riprap – Both the inlet and outlet of the Polymer Coated Steel Pipe shall be protected against scour with riprap conforming to MaineDOT Standard Specification Section 703.26 Plain and Hand Laid Riprap. Slopes shall be no steeper than 2H:1V. No specific scour protection recommendations are needed other than armoring with riprap. The riprap on the slopes shall be underlain by a non-woven, Class 1 Erosion Control Geotextile meeting the requirements of MaineDOT Standard Specification 722.03 that is underlain by a 1-foot layer of protective aggregate cushion consisting of Granular Borrow Material for Underwater Backfill (703.19). The toe of the riprap sections shall be keyed into the existing soils 1 foot below the streambed elevation.

Construction Considerations – Construction activities may include construction of cofferdams and earth support systems to control stream flow during construction. Construction activities will also include common earth excavation. Construction of the proposed precast concrete box culvert will require deep soil excavation. Earth support systems shall be implemented if laying back slopes

is not feasible. It is likely that the use of complex (four-sided) braced excavations with dewatering will be necessary due to the depth of the excavation. If this is the case, adequate embedment into native silts will be necessary to allow for the excavation and maintenance of a stable excavation bottom. All earth support systems shall be designed by a Professional Engineer licensed in the State of Maine. Regardless of the method of excavation, all excavations and earth support systems shall meet all applicable OSHA regulations.

The Contractor shall control groundwater and surface water infiltration using temporary ditches, sumps, granular drainage blankets, stone ditch protection or hand-laid riprap with geotextile underlayment to divert groundwater and surface water as needed to maintain a stable excavation and allow work in the dry.

Using the excavated native soils as backfill around the culvert shall not be permitted. The native soils may only be used as common borrow in accordance with MaineDOT Standard Specifications 203 and 703.

The Contractor will have to excavate the existing subbase and subgrade fill soils in the vicinity of the culvert. These materials should not be used to re-base the roadway. Excavated subbase sand and gravel may be used as fill below roadway subgrade level in fill areas provided all other requirements of MaineDOT Standard Specifications 203 and 703 are met.

CLOSURE

This report has been prepared for the use of the MaineDOT Highway Program for specific application to the proposed replacement of cross culvert #XC-137321 under Route 161 in New Sweden, Maine in accordance with generally accepted geotechnical and foundation engineering practices. No other intended use or warranty is expressed or implied.

In the event that any changes in the nature, design, or location of the proposed project are planned, this report should be reviewed by a geotechnical engineer to assess the appropriateness of the conclusions and recommendations and to modify the recommendations as appropriate to reflect the changes in design. These analyses and recommendations are based in part upon a limited subsurface investigation at discrete exploratory location completed at the site. If variations from the conditions encountered during the investigation appear evident during construction, it may also become necessary to re-evaluate the recommendations made in this report.

It is recommended that a Geotechnical engineer be provided the opportunity for a review of the design and specifications in order that the earthwork and foundation recommendations and construction considerations presented in this report are properly interpreted and implemented in the design and specifications.

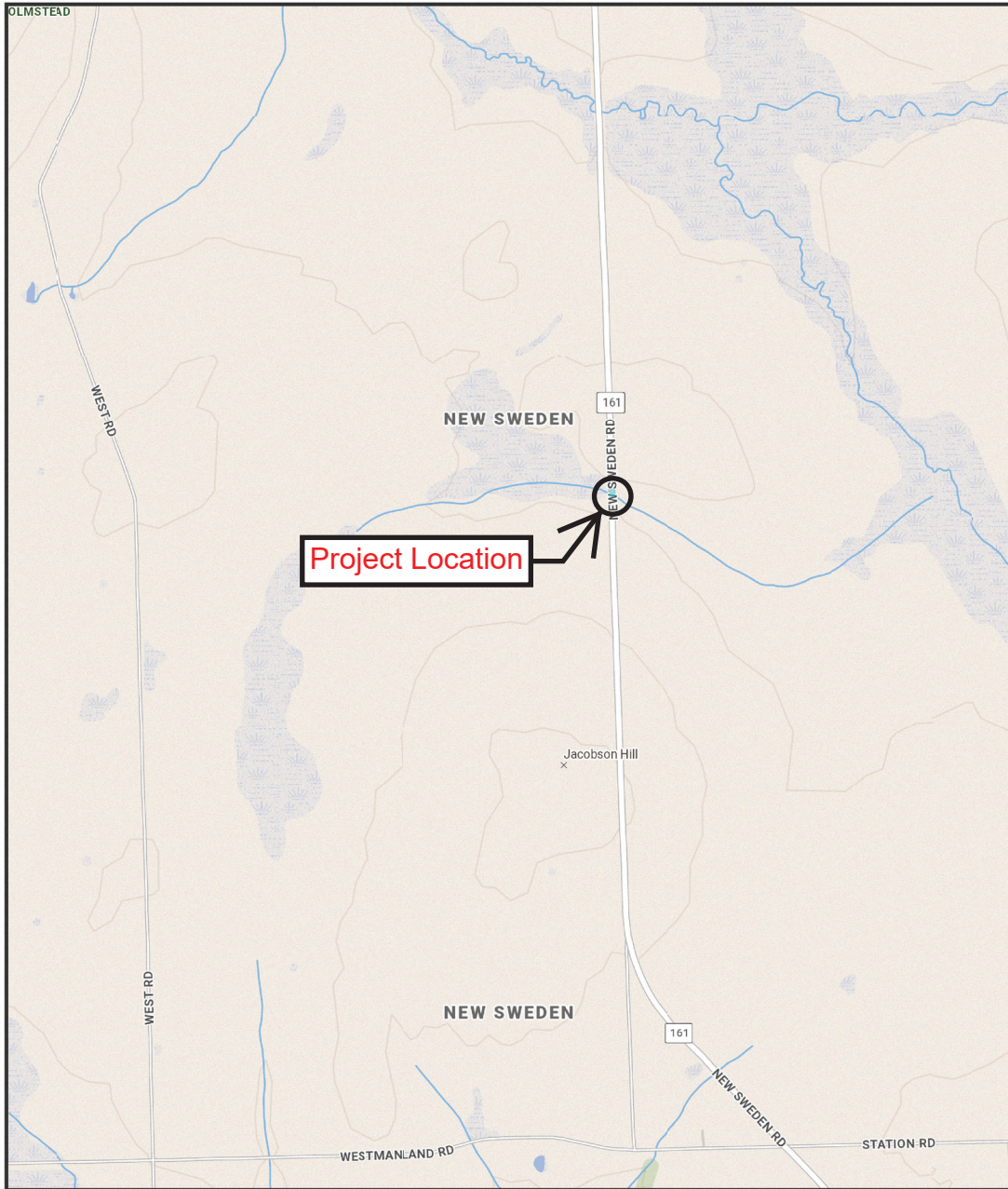
Attachments:

Location Map
Boring Location Plan & Interpretive Subsurface Profile with Boring Logs
Key to Soil and Rock Descriptions and Terms

Boring Logs
Laboratory Testing Summary Sheet
Grain Size Distribution Curve Sheet



NEW SWEDEN, MAINE



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OF 2	LOCATION MAP	WIN	HIGHWAY PLANS
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Driller: MaineDOT	Elevation (ft.): 695.7	Auger ID/OD: 5" Dia.
Operator: Daggett/Burpee	Datum: NAVD88	Sampler: Standard Split Spoon
Logged By: B. Wilder	Rig Type: CME 45C	Hammer Wt./Fall: 140#/30"
Date Start/Finish: 9/14/2016; 07:00-09:00	Drilling Method: Solid Stem Auger	Core Barrel: N/A
Boring Location: 11+34.9, 13.0 ft Rt.	Casing ID/OD: N/A	Water Level*: None Observed

Hammer Efficiency Factor: 0.943 **Hammer Type:** Automatic Hydraulic Rope & Cathead

Definitions: R = Rock Core Sample S_U = Peak/Remolded Field Vane Undrained Shear Strength (psf) T_v = Pocket Torvane Shear Strength (psf)
 D = Split Spoon Sample SSA = Solid Stem Auger S_{U(lab)} = Lab Vane Undrained Shear Strength (psf) WC = Water Content, percent
 MD = Unsuccessful Split Spoon Sample Attempt HSA = Hollow Stem Auger q_p = Unconfined Compressive Strength (ksf) LL = Liquid Limit
 U = Thin Wall Tube Sample RC = Roller Cone N-uncorrected = Raw Field SPT N-value PL = Plastic Limit
 MU = Unsuccessful Thin Wall Tube Sample Attempt WOH = Weight of 140lb. Hammer Hammer Efficiency Factor = Rig Specific Annual Calibration Value PI = Plasticity Index
 V = Field Vane Shear Test, PP = Pocket Penetrometer WOR/C = Weight of Rods or Casing N₆₀ = SPT N-uncorrected Corrected for Hammer Efficiency G = Grain Size Analysis
 MV = Unsuccessful Field Vane Shear Test Attempt WO1P = Weight of One Person N₆₀ = (Hammer Efficiency Factor/60%)*N-uncorrected C = Consolidation Test

Depth (ft.)	Sample Information								Elevation (ft.)	Graphic Log	Visual Description and Remarks	Laboratory Testing Results/AASHTO and Unified Class.
	Sample No.	Pen./Rec. (in.)	Sample Depth (ft.)	Blows (6 in.) Shear Strength (psf) or RQD (%)	N-uncorrected	N ₆₀	Casing Blows					
0									695.3	5" HMA		
	1D	24/19	1.00 - 3.00	11/16/24/20	40	63					Brown, damp, very dense, fine to coarse SAND, some gravel, some silt, (Fill).	G#304259 A-1-b, SM WC=6.1%
5									690.7		Olive, damp, very stiff, SILT, some fine to coarse sand, some gravel, trace organics.	G#304260 A-4, SM WC=19.5%
	2D	24/16	5.00 - 7.00	7/7/7/7	14	22						
10									686.7			
	3D	24/15	10.00 - 12.00	8/6/6/5	12	19					Olive, moist, medium dense, fine to coarse SAND, some silt, trace gravel, wood.	
									684.7		Wood layer from 11.0-12.0 ft bgs.	
									683.7			
15												
	4D	24/16	15.00 - 17.00	9/5/7/11	12	19					Grey, wet, medium dense, fine to coarse SAND, some silt, little gravel, little clay, (Till).	G#304261 A-4, SC-SM WC=15.8%
									678.7		Bottom of Exploration at 17.0 feet below ground surface. NO REFUSAL	
20												
25												

Remarks:

Maine Department of Transportation Soil/Rock Exploration Log US CUSTOMARY UNITS	Project: Large Culvert #137321 Replacement on Route 161 (New Sweden Road) Location: New Sweden, Maine	Boring No.: HB-NSWE-102 WIN: 21803.00
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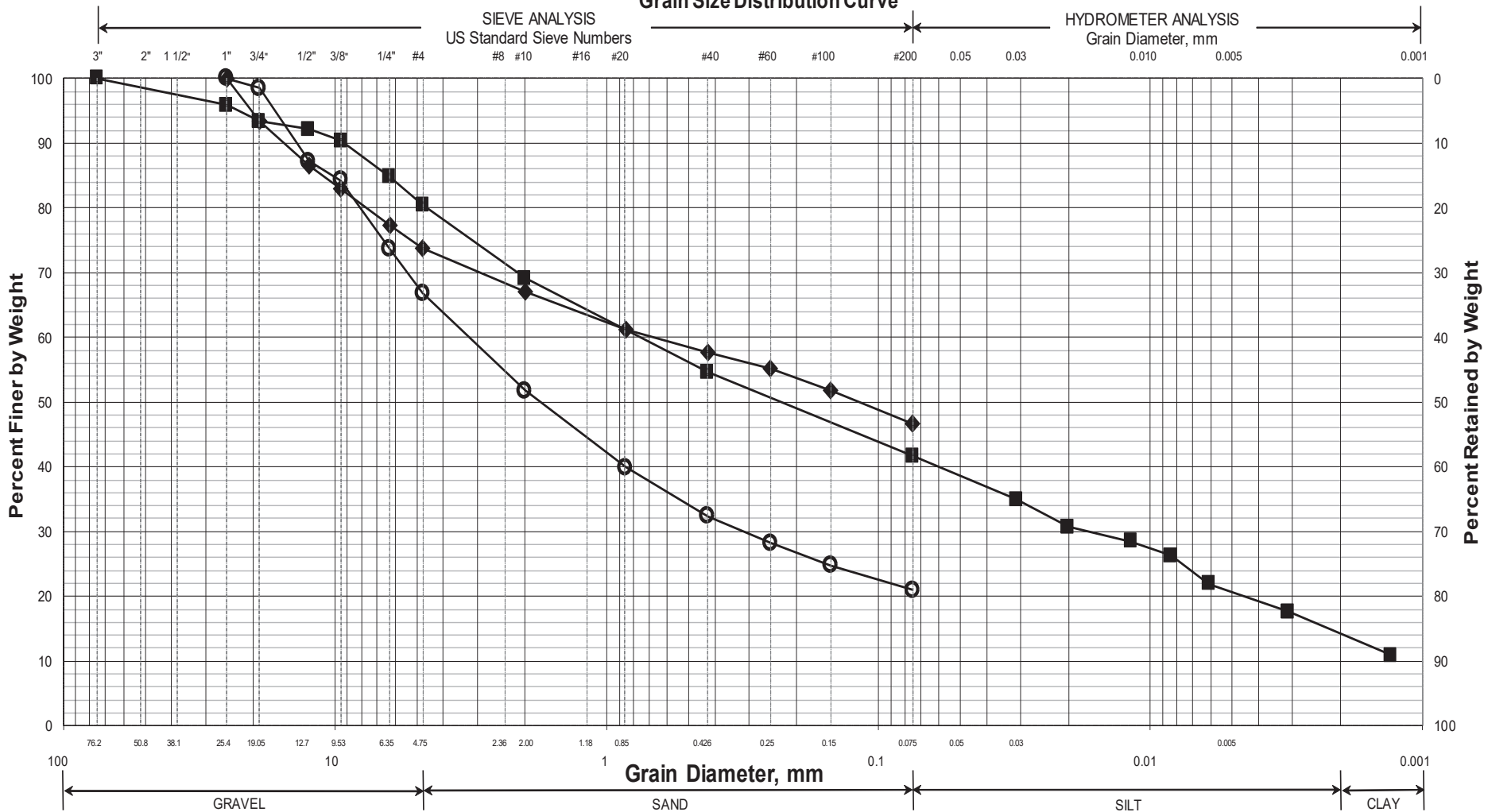
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0						SSA			Probe, no soil samples taken. Soils similar to HB-NSWE-101.	
5										
10										
15										
20							675.6		Bottom of Exploration at 20.0 feet below ground surface. NO REFUSAL	20.0
25										

Remarks:

Maine Department of Transportation Grain Size Distribution Curve



UNIFIED CLASSIFICATION

	Boring/Sample No.	Station	Offset, ft	Depth, ft	Description	WC, %	LL	PL	PI
○	HB-NSWE-101/1D	11+34.9	13.0 RT	1.0-3.0	SAND, some gravel, some silt.	6.1			
◆	HB-NSWE-101/2D	11+34.9	13.0 RT	5.0-7.0	SILT, some sand, some gravel.	19.5			
■	HB-NSWE-101/4D	11+34.9	13.0 RT	15.0-17.0	SAND, some silt, little gravel, little clay.	15.8			
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