

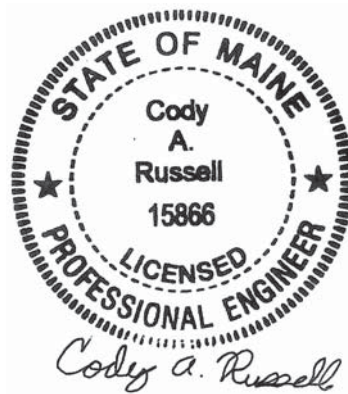
**MAINE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
HIGHWAY PROGRAM
GEOTECHNICAL SECTION
AUGUSTA, MAINE**

GEOTECHNICAL DESIGN REPORT

For the Replacement of:

**CROSS CULVERT #XC-180749
SLY BROOK ROAD
EAGLE LAKE, 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 approximately 40-foot long, 36-inch diameter corrugated metal pipe (CMP) cross culvert (#XC-180749) on Sly Brook Road in Eagle Lake. The existing culvert is collapsing. The culvert is located approximately 1.65 miles south of the Wallagrass town line as shown in the attached Location Map. Sly Brook Road is a Highway Corridor Priority 4 road.

The proposed replacement structure will be a 103-inch span by 71-inch rise, 62-foot long polymer-coated steel structural pipe arch culvert. The invert of the proposed culvert is approximately 9 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 on the inlet outlet to protect against erosion.

SUBSURFACE INVESTIGATION

One (1) probe (HB-EALA-101) and one (1) boring (HB-EALA-102) were drilled for this project on May 17, 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 sheet. Details and sampling methods used, field data obtained, and soil and groundwater conditions encountered are shown on the attached boring logs.

Probe HB-EALA-101 was drilling using solid stem auger techniques. No soil samples were obtained in the probe. Boring HB-EALA-102 was drilled using solid stem auger and cased washed boring techniques. Soil samples were obtained in boring HB-EALA-102 at 5-foot intervals using Standard Penetration Test (SPT) methods at depths of approximately 1.0 feet and 5.0 feet below ground surface (bgs). The MaineDOT drill rig is equipped with an automatic hammer to drive the split spoon. The MaineDOT calibrated automatic hammer delivers approximately 51 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 0.908 to the raw field N-values. The autohammer broke at a depth of approximately 9.0 feet bgs, preventing additional SPT sampling as the boring advanced.

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 boring and probe 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 one (1) standard grain size analysis with natural water content and one (1) grain size

analysis 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 Curve sheet.

SUBSURFACE CONDITIONS

Subsurface conditions encountered at the test boring generally consisted of fill underlain by native sandy 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 sheet.

Probe HB-EALA-101 was drilled to a depth of approximately 15.0 feet below ground surface (bgs) and did not encounter a refusal surface. Boring HB-EALA-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-EALA-102:

Approx. Depth BGS ¹ (feet)	Soil Description	AASHTO ² Classification	USCS ³	WC% ⁴
0.0 – 4.5	Fill: Brown, damp, fine to coarse sand, some gravel, little silt.	A-1-b	SM	7.1
4.5 – 6.8	Dark brown, wet, fine to coarse sandy silt, trace gravel, trace clay, some organics.	A-4	CL	21.4
6.8 – 9.0	Cobbles.	--	--	--
9.0 – 20.0	Gravelly Glacial Till, occasional cobbles.	--	--	--

¹BGS = below ground surface

²AASHTO = American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials

³USCS = Unified Soil Classification System

⁴WC% = Water content in percent

One (1) corrected N-value obtained in the fill was 24 indicating that the fill is medium dense in consistency. One (1) corrected N-value obtained in the sandy silt was 41 bpf indicating that the sandy silt is hard in consistency. No corrected N-values were obtained in the glacial till.

Groundwater was not observed 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 Structural Pipe Arch Culvert Construction – The proposed replacement structure will be a 103-inch span by 71-inch rise, 62-foot long polymer coated steel structural pipe

arch culvert. The proposed polymer coated steel structural pipe arch culvert shall be furnished and installed in accordance with MaineDOT Standard Specification 603.

The invert of the proposed polymer coated steel structural pipe arch culvert ranges from approximately 583.6 feet at the inlet end to approximately 580.1 feet at the outlet end with a 5.65% slope.

The full nature of the proposed culvert bearing surface will not become evident until the culvert excavation is made. Any cobbles or boulders encountered in excess of 6 inches shall be removed and replaced with compacted Granular Borrow Material for Underwater Backfill or Crushed Stone $\frac{3}{4}$ -Inch. The prepared subgrade shall be proof-rolled 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.

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 Standard Specification 703.19 - Granular Borrow with a maximum particle size of 4 inches. The granular borrow bedding and backfill material 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. The bedding and backfill soil shall be compacted to at least 92 percent of the AASHTO T-180 maximum dry density. All subgrade surfaces should be protected from construction traffic in order to limit disturbance.

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 structural pipe arch culvert is larger than the existing culvert and will result in a net unloading of the site soils at the proposed structure location. Placement of fill soils at the location of the existing structure is not anticipated to exceed the past loading condition of the site soils. 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 structural pipe arch culvert shall be protected against scour with riprap conforming to MaineDOT Standard Specification Section 703.26 Plain and Hand Laid Riprap. The roadway embankment slopes at the proposed culvert inlet and outlet 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 will 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 polymer coated steel structural pipe arch culvert will require 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 the native soils 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.

Any cobbles or boulders encountered in excess of 6 inches shall be removed and replaced with compacted Granular Borrow Material for Underwater Backfill (MaineDOT 703.19) or Crushed Stone ¾-Inch (MaineDOT 703.13). All subgrade surfaces shall be proof-rolled using a static roller to provide a firm and stable surface and protected from any unnecessary construction equipment or traffic. If disturbance and rutting occur, the Contractor shall remove and replace disturbed areas with compacted Granular Borrow for Underwater Backfill (703.19) or Crushed Stone ¾-Inch (703.13).

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 and their project design consultant for specific application to the proposed replacement of a cross culvert (#XC-180749) under Sly Brook Road in Eagle Lake, 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

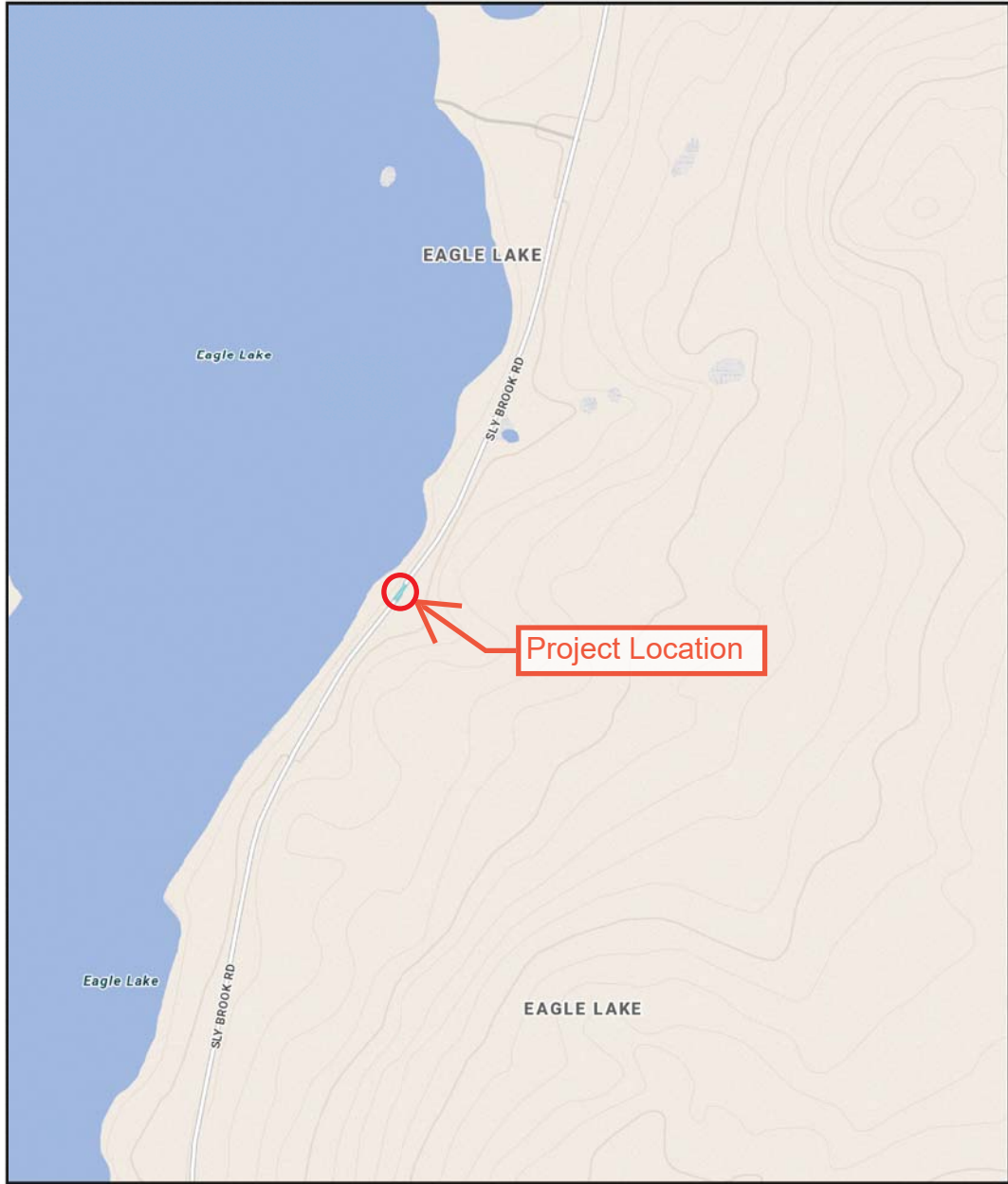
Boring Logs

Laboratory Testing Summary Sheet

Grain Size Distribution Curves



EAGLE LAKE, MAINE



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0.15 Miles
1 inch = 0.18 miles

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SHEET NUMBER 1 OF 2	EAGLE LAKE SLY BROOK ROAD	STATE OF MAINE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
		CAPITAL PROJECTS
	LOCATION MAP	WIN 022853.00 HIGHWAY PLANS

Driller: MaineDOT	Elevation (ft.): 590.8	Auger ID/OD: 5" Solid Stem
Operator: Daggett	Datum: NAVD88	Sampler: Standard Split Spoon
Logged By: B. Wilder	Rig Type: CME 45C	Hammer Wt./Fall: 140#/30"
Date Start/Finish: 5/17/2016; 13:00-14:00	Drilling Method: Cased Wash Boring	Core Barrel: N/A
Boring Location: 10+08, 7.6 ft Lt.	Casing ID/OD: NW-3"	Water Level*: None Observed

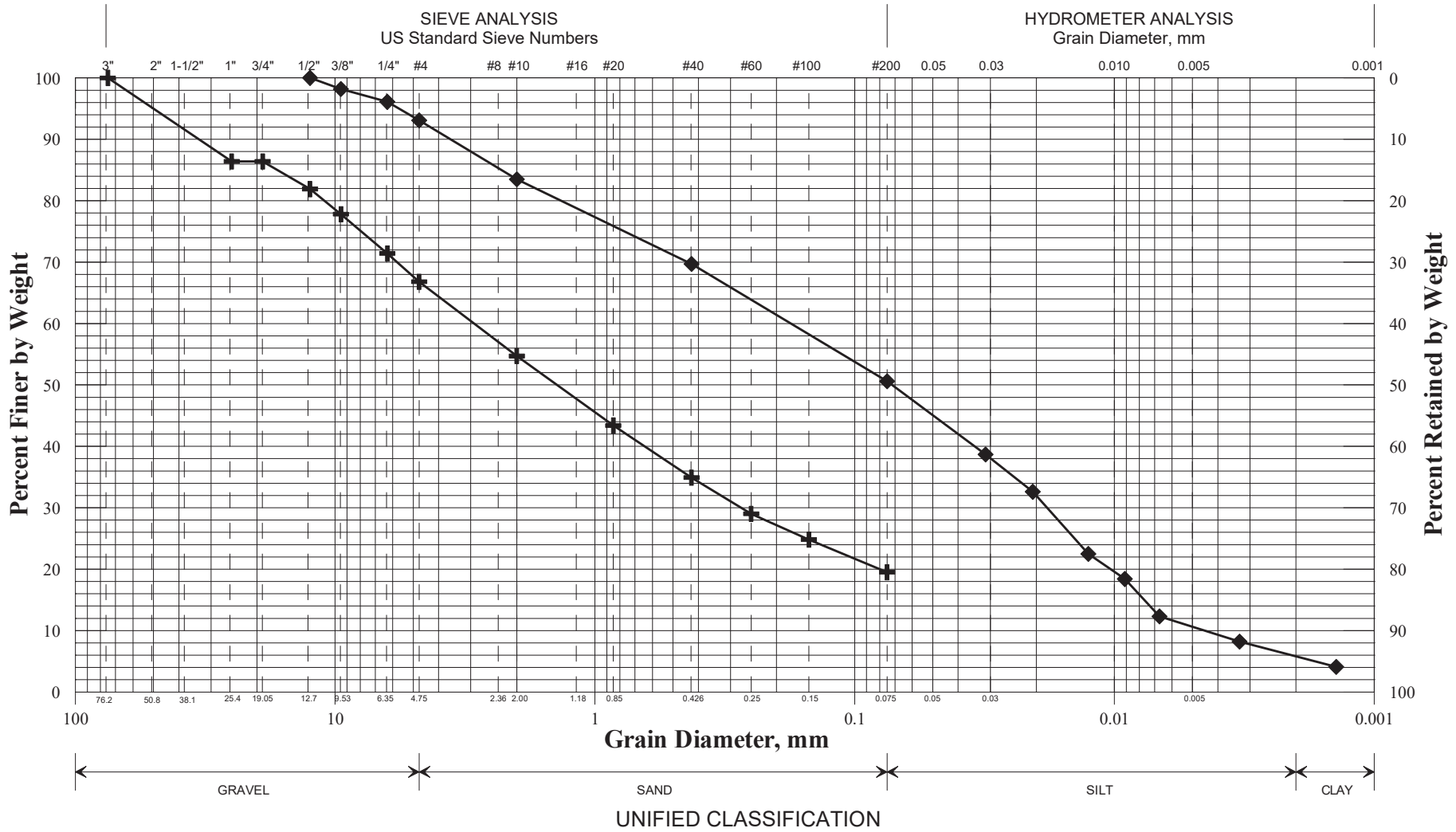
Hammer Efficiency Factor: 0.908 **Hammer Type:** Automatic Hydraulic Rope & Cathead

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					
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	1D	24/13	1.00 - 3.00	9/10/6/6	16	24					Brown, damp, medium dense, fine to coarse SAND, some gravel, little silt, (Fill).	G#270914 A-1-b, SM WC=7.1%
5	2D	21.6/18	5.00 - 6.80	4/11/16/30(3.6")	27	41	26	586.3			Dark brown, wet, hard, fine to coarse Sandy SILT, trace gravel, trace clay, some organics. a100 blows for 0.8 ft.	G#270915 A-4, CL WC=21.4%
	R1		6.80 - 9.00					584.0			R1: COBBLES.	
10								581.8			Auto Hammer Broke, auger to 20.0 ft bgs.	
15											Gravelly Till, occasional cobbles on Auger.	
20								570.8			Bottom of Exploration at 20.0 feet below ground surface. NO REFUSAL	
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Remarks:

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GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION CURVE



	Boring/Sample No.	Station	Offset, ft	Depth, ft	Description	W, %	LL	PL	PI
+	HB-EALA-102/1D	10+08	7.6 LT	1.0-3.0	SAND, some gravel, little silt.	7.1			
◆	HB-EALA-102/2D	10+08	7.6 LT	5.0-6.9	Sandy SILT, trace gravel, trace clay.	21.4			
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