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Atten: Tiffany Brown

Subject: Preliminary Geotechnical Report
18405 35th Avenue NE
Arlington, Washington

Ms. Brown:

Sondergaard Geosciences, PLLC (SGP) is pleased to present our preliminary geotechnical report for the subject site. This study has been prepared for the exclusive use of Goldstream Venture Partners and their agents, for specific application to this project. Within the limitations of scope and schedule, our services have been performed in accordance with generally accepted engineering geology practices in effect in this area at the time our study was prepared. No other warranty, express or implied, is made. Our observations, findings and opinions are a means to identify and reduce the inherent risks to the owner.

SITE AND PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project site consists of 7 adjacent parcels (Snohomish County Parcels 31052100200100, 0072980000100, 200, 300, 400, 500, 600), with an area of approximately 3.57 acres, located east of Smokey Point Boulevard and 35th Avenue NE, north of 183rd Place NE and south of 185th Place NE in Arlington Washington (Figure 1). The north half of the site (Parcel 31052100200100) is undeveloped while the south 6 parcels contain existing single-family residences. Overall site topography is flat. The site is vegetated by grass and landscape trees and shrubs with some large trees. We understand that current plans involve developing the site with a new apartment building. This report is preliminary because final project plans have not been complete at this time.

SUBSURFACE EXPLORATION

Eight exploration pits were completed at the site by SGP on June 22, 2020. The approximate locations of the explorations are shown on the "Site and Exploration Plan," Figure 2. The pits were completed using a trackhoe and representative samples were collected from the

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explorations. The exploration pits were continuously observed and logged by an engineering geologist. Logs of the borings are attached to this report.

Descriptions of the soils encountered at the site are provided below. Detailed descriptions of the sediments encountered in each exploration boring are provided on the exploration logs attached to this report.

Sod/Topsoil

A thin layer of sod and topsoil was encountered at exploration pit locations to a depth of approximately 0.5 to 1.0 feet. The sod/topsoil is not suitable for support of structural loads.

Vashon Recessional Outwash Sand

Soil interpreted to be recessional outwash sand and typically consisting of medium dense, damp to moist, brown to gray, clean to slightly silty fine to medium sand with scattered gravel was encountered directly below the sod/topsoil in all of the exploration pits. The recessional outwash extended to the full depths explored of 7 to 8 feet below the existing grades. The recessional outwash is suitable for foundation support though some preparation and compaction may be required prior to foundation placement. When properly moisture conditioned this material can be reused as structural fill.

Ground Water

Ground water seepage was not encountered in any of the exploration pits completed in June 2020. The quantity and duration of ground water seepage will vary depending upon the season, amount of precipitation and site development. The site is likely suitable for the shallow, on-site infiltration of project generated storm water.

GEOLOGIC HAZARDS

The following discussion of applicable geologic hazards is based on review of the City of Arlington Municipal Code (AMC) Chapter 20.93 and the geologic, topographic, and ground and surface water conditions as observed and discussed herein.

Landslide Hazard

The subject lot is flat and does not contain any sloping ground. The site does not meet the definition of a Landslide Hazard Area per AMC Chapter 20.93 Part VI. In our opinion, landslide hazard mitigations are not required nor recommended.

Seismic Hazard Area

Based on review of AMC Chapter 20.93 Part VI, the site soils are not of low density. In our opinion, seismic hazard mitigations are not required nor recommended. It is our opinion that earthquake damage to the proposed structures, when founded on suitable bearing strata in accordance with the recommendations contained herein, will likely be caused by the intensity and acceleration associated with the event. Structural design for the project should follow 2015 IBC standards. The 2015 IBC defines Site Classification by reference to Table 20.3.-1 of the *American Society of Civil Engineers* publication ASCE 7, the current version of which is ASCE 7-10. In our opinion, the subsurface conditions at the site are consistent with a Site Classification of “D” as defined in the referenced documents.

EROSION MITIGATIONS

Based on review of AMC Chapter 20.93 Part VI and the USDA Soil Survey, the site is underlain by Lynnwood loamy sand, 0 to 3 percent slopes with a slight erosion hazard and is not classified as an erosion hazard area. To mitigate possible erosion hazards and potential for off-site sediment transport during construction, we recommend the following:

- 1) The winter performance of a site is dependent on a well-conceived plan for control of site erosion and storm water runoff. It is easier to keep the soil on the ground than to remove it from storm water. The owner and the design team should include adequate ground-cover measures, access roads, and staging areas in the project bid to give the selected contractor a workable site. The selected contractor needs to be prepared to implement and maintain the required measures to reduce the amount of exposed ground. A site maintenance plan should be in place in the event storm water turbidity measurements are greater than the Ecology/City of Arlington standards.
- 2) All TESC measures for a given area to be graded or otherwise worked should be installed prior to any activity within that area. The recommended sequence of construction within a given area would be to install sediment traps and/or ponds and establish perimeter flow control prior to starting mass grading.
- 3) During the wetter months of the year, or when large storm events are predicted during the summer months, each work area should be stabilized so that if showers occur, the work area can receive the rainfall without excessive erosion or sediment transport. The required measures for an area to be “buttoned-up” will depend on the time of year and the duration the area will be left un-worked. During the winter months, areas that are to be left un-worked for more than 2 days should be mulched or covered with plastic. During the summer months, stabilization will usually consist of seal-rolling the subgrade.

Such measures will aid in the contractor's ability to get back into a work area after a storm event. The stabilization process also includes establishing temporary storm water conveyance channels through work areas to route runoff to the approved treatment facilities.

- 4) All disturbed areas should be revegetated as soon as possible. If it is outside of the growing season, the disturbed areas should be covered with mulch, as recommended in the erosion control plan. Straw mulch provides the most cost-effective cover measure and can be made wind-resistant with the application of a tackifier after it is placed.
- 5) Surface runoff and discharge should be controlled during and following development. Uncontrolled discharge may promote erosion and sediment transport. Under no circumstances should concentrated discharges be allowed to flow over significant slopes.
- 6) Soils that are to be reused around the site should be stored in such a manner as to reduce erosion from the stockpile. Protective measures may include, but are not limited to, covering with plastic sheeting, the use of low stockpiles in flat areas, or the use of straw bales/silt fences around pile perimeters.
- 7) On-site erosion control inspections and turbidity monitoring should be performed in accordance with Ecology/City of Arlington requirements. Weekly and monthly reporting to Ecology should be performed on a regularly scheduled basis. TESC monitoring should be part of the weekly construction team meetings. Temporary and permanent erosion control and drainage measures should be adjusted and maintained, as necessary, at the time of construction.

It is our opinion that with the proper implementation of the TESC plans and by field-adjusting appropriate mitigation elements (best management practices) during construction, as recommended by the erosion control inspector, the potential adverse impacts from erosion during construction on the project can be mitigated.

GEOTECHNICAL RECOMMENDATIONS

The medium dense Vashon recessional outwash sand encountered in the exploration pits are suitable for foundation support if the recommendations presented in this report are implemented. The following sections provide our recommendations for foundation support and support of slab-on-grade floors.

Site Preparation

Site preparation of planned structural fill, building, and other areas should include removal of all trees, brush, debris, old foundations and any other deleterious material. Additionally, all fill soils and the upper organic topsoil should be removed and the remaining roots should be grubbed. Areas where loose surficial soils exist due to grubbing operations should be recompacted in place, or if this is not feasible due to either soil composition or moisture content, the loose soils should be removed and replaced as subsequently recommended for structural fill placement.

In our opinion, stable construction slopes should be the responsibility of the contractor and should be determined during construction. For estimating purposes, however, we anticipate that temporary, unsupported cut slopes less than 10 feet tall in the unsaturated recessional outwash sand can be planned at a maximum slope of 1H:1V (Horizontal:Vertical). Temporary cut slopes in wet or saturated soils or greater than 10 feet tall may have to be shored or otherwise supported. As is typical with earthwork operations, some sloughing and raveling may occur, and cut slopes may have to be adjusted in the field. In addition, WISHA/OSHA regulations should be followed at all times. Permanent cut slopes in native sediments or structural fill must not exceed a 2H:1V inclination.

Foundation Support

Conventional Spread Footings

The foundation bearing stratum, consisting of medium dense recessional outwash sand or structural fill placed over these sediments, is relatively shallow and spread footings may be used for foundation support of lightly loaded residential structures. The depth to foundation bearing soils ranged was estimated at about 1 to 1.5 feet in the exploration pits.

If needed, structural fill placed below foundation areas should consist of non-organic soil, free of deleterious materials, placed in maximum loose lift thicknesses of 8 inches with each lift compacted to at least 95 percent of the modified Proctor maximum dry density, as determined by *American Society for Testing and Materials* (ASTM): D 1557. Structural fill placed below footing areas should extend laterally beyond the footing edges a distance equal to or greater than the thickness of the fill. Sediments exposed in footing excavations should be compacted to a firm and unyielding condition prior to footing placement.

For footings founded either directly on medium dense native soil, or on structural fill placed over these materials, we recommend that an allowable bearing pressure of 1,500 pounds per square foot (psf) be used for design purposes, including both dead and live loads. An increase of one-third may be used for short-term wind or seismic loading.

Perimeter footings for the proposed buildings should be buried a minimum of 18 inches into the surrounding soil for frost protection. No minimum burial depth is required for interior footings; however, all footings must penetrate to the prescribed stratum, and no footings should be founded in or above loose, organic, or existing fill soils.

The area bounded by lines extending downward at 1H:1V (Horizontal:Vertical) from any footing must not intersect another footing or intersect a filled area that has not been compacted to at least 95 percent of ASTM:D 1557. In addition, a 1.5H:1V line extending down from any footing must not daylight because sloughing or raveling may eventually undermine the footing. Thus, footings should not be placed near the edges of steps or cuts in the bearing soils.

All footing areas should be observed by SGP prior to placing concrete to verify that the exposed soils can support the design foundation bearing capacity and that construction conforms with the recommendations in this report. Foundation bearing verification may also be required by the governing municipality.

Structural Fill

Structural fill may be necessary to establish desired grades. All references to structural fill in this report refer to subgrade preparation, fill type, placement, and compaction of materials as discussed in this section. If a percentage of compaction is specified under another section of this report, the value given in that section should be used.

After stripping, planned excavation, and any required overexcavation have been performed to the satisfaction of the geotechnical engineer/engineering geologist, the upper 12 inches of exposed ground should be recompacted to a firm and unyielding condition. If the subgrade contains too much moisture, adequate recompaction may be difficult or impossible to obtain and should probably not be attempted. In lieu of recompaction, the area to receive fill should be blanketed with washed rock or quarry spalls to act as a capillary break between the new fill and the wet subgrade. Where the exposed ground remains soft and further overexcavation is impractical, placement of an engineering stabilization fabric may be necessary to prevent contamination of the free-draining layer by silt migration from below.

After recompaction of the exposed ground is approved, or a free-draining rock course is laid, structural fill may be placed to attain desired grades. Structural fill is defined as non-organic soil, acceptable to the geotechnical engineer, placed in maximum 8-inch loose lifts with each lift being compacted to 95 percent of ASTM:D-1557. In the case of roadway and utility trench filling, the backfill should be placed and compacted in accordance with local codes and standards. The top of the compacted fill should extend horizontally outward a minimum distance of 3 feet beyond the location of the perimeter footings or roadway edges before sloping down at a maximum angle of 2H:1V.

The contractor should note that any proposed fill soils must be evaluated by SGP prior to their use in fills. This would require that we have a sample of the material at least 72 hours in advance to submit to a testing laboratory to perform a Proctor test and determine the soil's field compaction standard. Soils in which the amount of fine-grained material (smaller than the No. 200 sieve) is greater than approximately 5 percent (measured on the minus No. 4 sieve size) should be considered moisture-sensitive. Use of moisture-sensitive soil in structural fills should be limited to favorable dry weather and dry subgrade conditions. The on-site soils contained substantial amounts of silt and are considered highly moisture-sensitive when excavated and used as fill materials. Construction equipment traversing the site when the soils are wet can cause considerable disturbance.

If fill is placed during wet weather or if proper compaction cannot be obtained, a select import material consisting of a clean, free-draining gravel and/or sand should be used. Free-draining fill consists of non-organic soil with the amount of fine-grained material limited to 5 percent by weight when measured on the minus No. 4 sieve fraction and at least 25 percent retained on the No. 4 sieve.

Slab-on-Grade Floor Support

Slab-on-grade floors may be constructed either directly on the undisturbed, medium dense native sediments, or on structural fill placed over these materials. Areas of the slab subgrade that are disturbed (loosened) during construction should be recompacted to an unyielding condition prior to placing the pea gravel, as described below.

In order to control moisture vapor transfer through the slab, slab-on-grade floors should be constructed atop a capillary break consisting of a minimum thickness of 4 inches of washed pea gravel, washed crushed rock or other suitable material approved by SGP. The capillary break should be overlain by a 10-mil (minimum thickness) plastic vapor retarder.

Drainage Considerations

Due to the permeable nature of the foundation subgrade soils, footing drains are considered to be optional. At the owner's discretion, footing drains may be installed to provide additional protection against moisture intrusion under the building. All perimeter footing walls should be provided with a drain at the base of the footing elevation. Drains should consist of rigid, perforated, polyvinyl chloride (PVC) pipe surrounded by washed pea gravel. The level of the perforations in the pipe should be set at or slightly below the bottom of the footing and the drains should be constructed with sufficient gradient to allow gravity discharge away from the buildings. Roof and surface runoff should not discharge into the footing drain system but should be handled by a separate, rigid, tightline drain. In planning, exterior grades adjacent to foundations should be sloped downward away from the structures to achieve surface drainage.

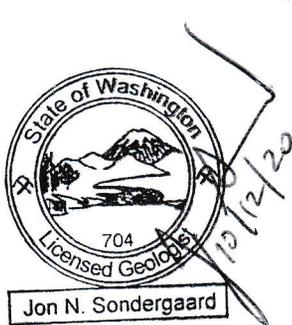
The recessional outwash sand located beneath the site may provide the potential to infiltrate site storm water on the property. The feasibility of on-site infiltration should be evaluated by the project civil engineer once design studies are undertaken.

CLOSURE

In our opinion, based upon the information provided by Mr. Brenner and obtained during preparation of this report, the subject site is developable provided the recommendations provided herein are implemented and good construction practices are followed.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of service to you on this project. Should you have any questions regarding this report or other geotechnical aspects of the project, please call us at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,
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Snohomish, Washington

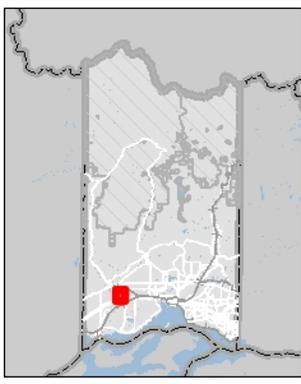


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- Attachments: Figure 1: Vicinity Map
 Figure 2: Site and Exploration Plan
 Exploration Pit Logs



Legend

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VICINITY MAP
18405 35TH AVENUE NE
ARLINGTON, WASHINGTON

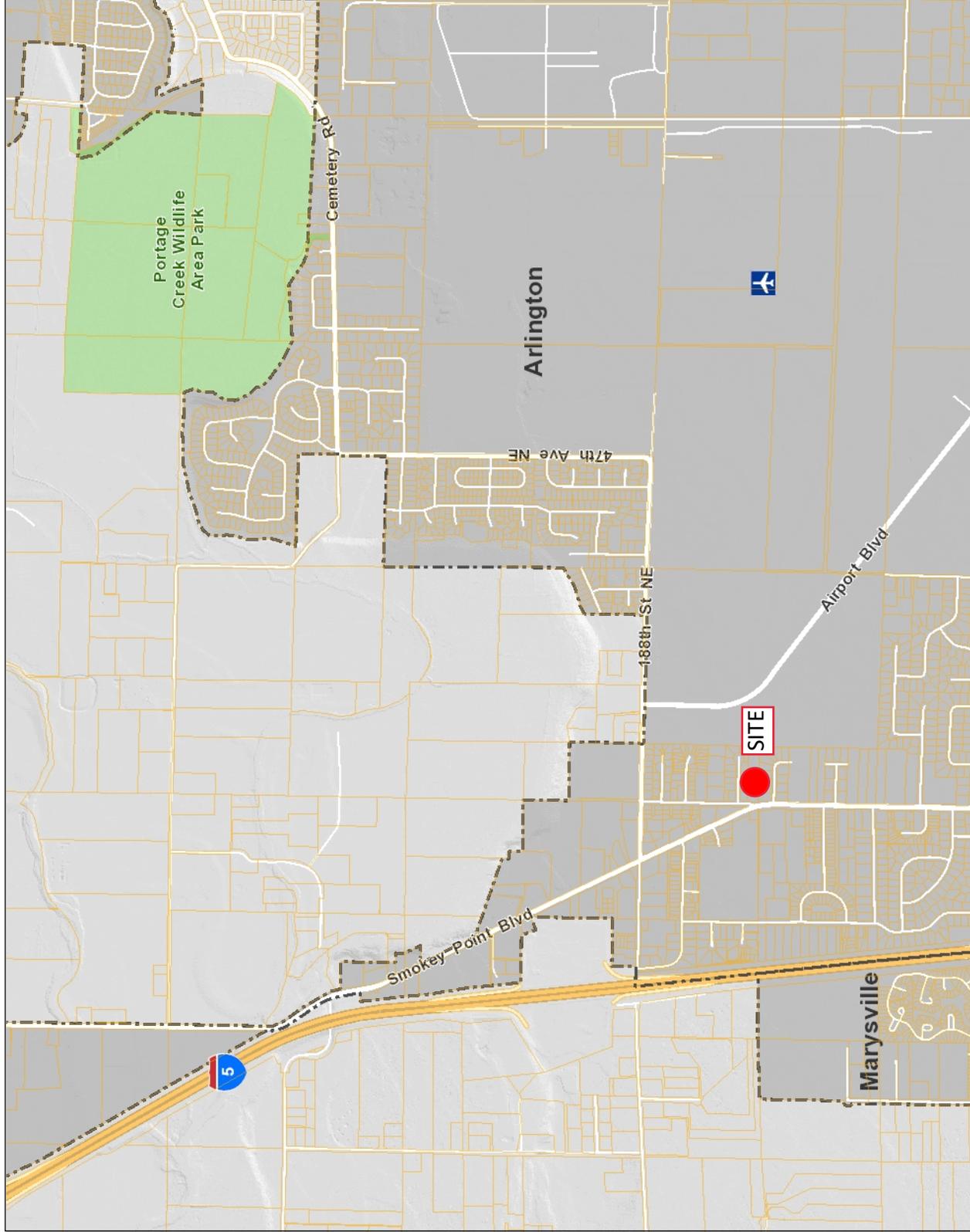
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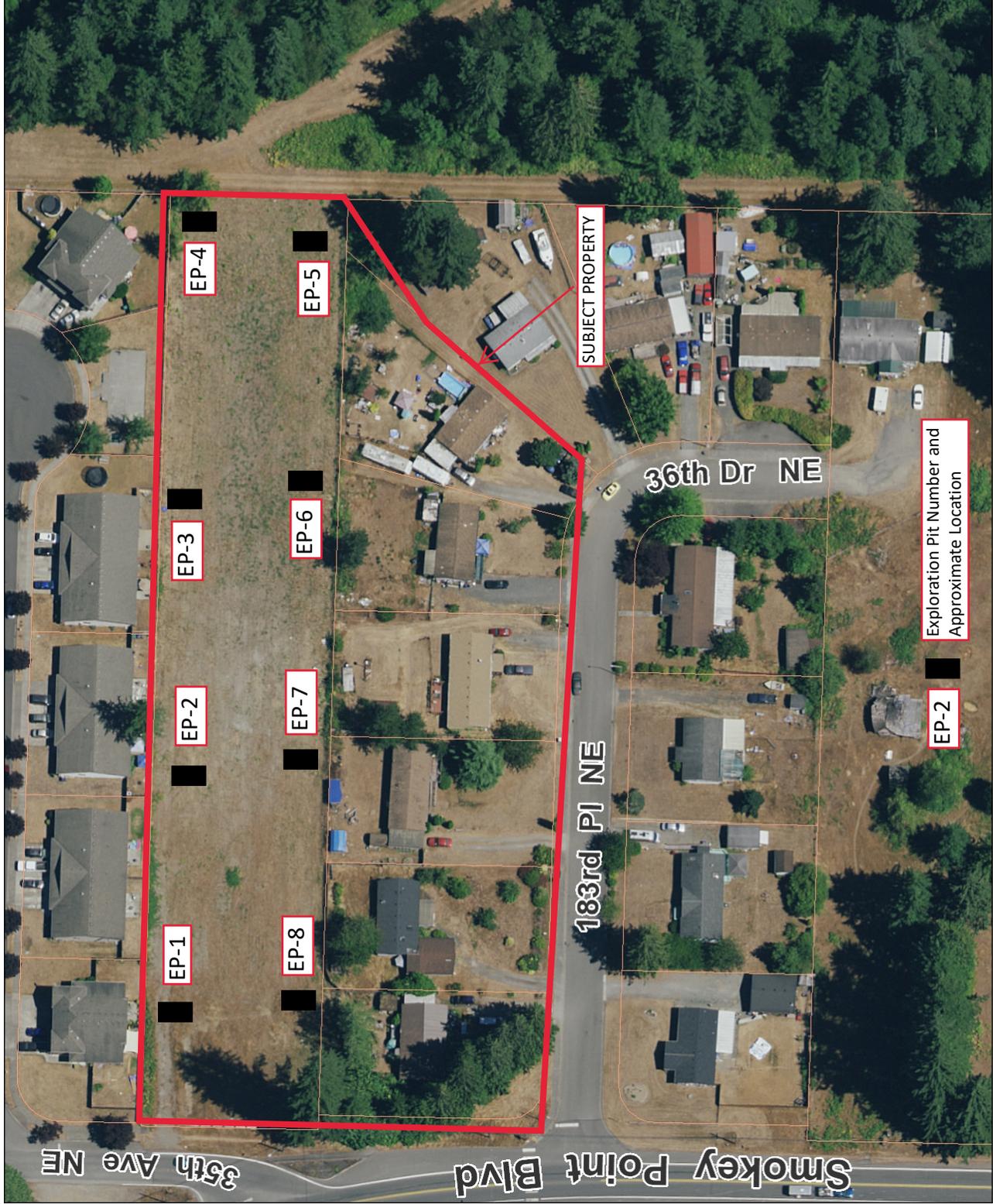
- Parcel
- Recent Sales 2020
- Recent Sales 2019
- Recent Sales 2018
- City Boundary
- County Park
- National Forest
- Water

Street Types

- Interstate
- State Route
- Local Road

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EXPLORATION HOLE LOGS
18405 35th AVENUE NE
ARLINGTON, WASHINGTON

EP-1

| <u>Depth (ft)</u> | <u>Description</u> |
|-------------------|--|
| 0.0 – 1.0 | SOD AND TOPSOL |
| | RECESSIONAL OUTWASH |
| 1.0 – 5.0 | Medium dense, moist, oxidized brown, slightly silty, fine to medium SAND. |
| 5.0 – 7.0 | Medium dense, moist, gray, fine to medium SAND with scattered gravel. |
| | T.D. @ 7.0 feet 6-22-20. No ground water seepage encountered. Some sidewall caving below 5 feet. |

EP-2

| <u>Depth (ft)</u> | <u>Description</u> |
|-------------------|--|
| 0.0 – 0.5 | SOD AND TOPSOL |
| | RECESSIONAL OUTWASH |
| 0.5 – 4.0 | Medium dense, moist, oxidized brown, slightly silty, fine to medium SAND. |
| 4.0 – 7.0 | Medium dense, moist, gray, fine to medium SAND with scattered gravel. |
| | T.D. @ 7.0 feet 6-22-20. No ground water seepage encountered. Some sidewall caving below 4 feet. |

EP-3

| <u>Depth (ft)</u> | <u>Description</u> |
|-------------------|---|
| 0.0 – 1.0 | SOD AND TOPSOL |
| | RECESSIONAL OUTWASH |
| 1.0 – 4.5 | Medium dense, moist, oxidized brown, slightly silty, fine to medium SAND. Large root at 2.5 feet; scattered roots to 4 feet |
| 4.5 – 8.0 | Medium dense, moist, gray, fine to medium SAND with scattered gravel. |
| | T.D. @ 8.0 feet 6-22-20. No ground water seepage encountered. Some sidewall caving below 4.5 feet. |

EP-4

| <u>Depth (ft)</u> | <u>Description</u> |
|-------------------|---|
| 0.0 – 0.5 | SOD AND TOPSOL RECESSIONAL OUTWASH |
| 0.5 – 3.0 | Medium dense, moist, oxidized brown, slightly silty, fine to medium SAND with scattered roots. |
| 3.0 – 8.0 | Medium dense, moist, gray, fine to medium SAND with scattered gravel. T.D. @ 8.0 feet 6-22-20. No ground water seepage encountered. Some sidewall caving below 3 feet. |

EP-5

| <u>Depth (ft)</u> | <u>Description</u> |
|-------------------|---|
| 0.0 – 0.5 | SOD AND TOPSOL RECESSIONAL OUTWASH |
| 0.5 – 2.0 | Medium dense, moist, oxidized brown, slightly silty, fine to medium SAND with scattered roots. |
| 2.0 – 8.0 | Medium dense, moist, gray, fine to medium SAND with scattered gravel. T.D. @ 8.0 feet 6-22-20. No ground water seepage encountered. Some sidewall caving below 2 feet. |

EP-6

| <u>Depth (ft)</u> | <u>Description</u> |
|-------------------|---|
| 0.0 – 0.5 | SOD AND TOPSOL RECESSIONAL OUTWASH |
| 0.5 – 2.0 | Medium dense, moist, oxidized brown, slightly silty, fine to medium SAND with scattered roots. |
| 2.0 – 8.0 | Medium dense, moist, gray, fine to medium SAND with scattered gravel. T.D. @ 8.0 feet 6-22-20. No ground water seepage encountered. Some sidewall caving below 2.5 feet. |

EP-7

| <u>Depth (ft)</u> | <u>Description</u> |
|-------------------|---|
| 0.0 – 0.5 | SOD AND TOPSOL RECESSIONAL OUTWASH |
| 0.5 – 2.75 | Medium dense, moist, oxidized brown, slightly silty, fine to medium SAND with scattered roots. |
| 2.75 – 8.0 | Medium dense, moist, gray, fine to medium SAND with scattered gravel. T.D. @ 8.0 feet 6-22-20. No ground water seepage encountered. Some sidewall caving below 3 feet. |

EP-8

| <u>Depth (ft)</u> | <u>Description</u> |
|-------------------|---|
| 0.0 – 0.5 | SOD AND TOPSOL RECESSIONAL OUTWASH |
| 0.5 – 2.75 | Medium dense, moist, oxidized brown, slightly silty, fine to medium SAND with scattered roots. |
| 2.75 – 8.0 | Medium dense, moist, gray, fine to medium SAND with scattered gravel. T.D. @ 8.0 feet 6-22-20. No ground water seepage encountered. Some sidewall caving below 3 feet. |