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## **ABBREVIATED PLAT AGENDA**

ASSEMBLY CHAMBERS

350 EAST DAHLIA AVENUE, PALMER

### **REGULAR MEETING**

**8:30 A.M.**

**May 3, 2023**

**Public Participation:** To participate in the Abbreviated Plat Hearing, you can attend in person, or you can submit written comments by email to [platting@matsugov.us](mailto:platting@matsugov.us) or by mail to Matanuska-Susitna Borough, Platting Division, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, AK 99645.

### **1. INTRODUCTION**

A. Introduction of Staff

### **2. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

(None)

### **3. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

- A. **NEW HOPE ESTATES RSB B3 L6-7:** The request is to create three lots from Lots 6 & 7, Block 3, New Hope Estates, Plat No. 2022-114, to be known as **LOTS 6A, 7A & 7B**, containing 19.837 acres +/- . The parcel is located south of N. Wasilla-Fishhook Road, southwest of N. Hope Farm Road and will be accessed by E. Heavenly Circle, Tract A of New Hope Estates (Tax ID#s 8313B03L006/L007); within Section 10, Township 18 North, Range 01 East, Seward Meridian, Alaska. In Fishhook Community Council and Assembly District #1. (*Petitioner/Owner: Dave Hale, PLS, R&M Consultants, Staff: Amy Otto-Buchanan, Case # 2023-035*)
- B. **BUSH PILOTS ESTATES PHASE 1 RSB B2 L3 & TRACT A:** The request is to create two lots from Lot 3, Block 2 and Tract A of Bush Pilot Estates Phase I, Plat No. 2015-38, to be known as **LOTS 3A and TRACT A-1**, containing 14.92 acres +/- . The parcel is located south of the intersection of W. Big Lake Road and W. Parks Highway, south of W. Padre Pio Road and borders on Johnson Pond (Tax ID#s 7399000T00A & 7399B02L003); within Section 13, Township 17 North, Range 03 West, Seward Meridian, Alaska. In Big Lake Community Council and Assembly District #5. (*Petitioner/Owner: Robbie A. & Rebecca Smart, Bush Pilot Estates, LLC, Staff: Amy Otto-Buchanan, Case # 2023-041*)

#### 4. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. **MILLHOUSE ESTATES:** The request is to combine Tax Parcel D4 (Government Lot 9) in Section 2 with Tax Parcels A19 & A20 (Parcels 1 & 2, MSB Waiver 85-22-PWm, recorded as 85-108W) in Section 11 and Lot 1, Block 2 of BMB Subdivision (Plat #86-154) into one lot to be known as, **Millhouse Estates**, containing 15.2 acres +/- . Located northwest of E. Palmer-Wasilla Highway and west of E. Myrtle Avenue, with lake frontage on Wasilla Lake {Tax ID #17N01 W02D004, 17N01W11A019, 17N01W11A020, and 3283B02L001) within the SE¼ Section 2 and NE¼ Section 11, Township 17 North, Range 01 West, Seward Meridian. In Assembly District #4 Robert Yundt. (*Petitioner/Owner: Sandra D. Millhouse, Staff: Chris Curlin, Case # 2020-009*)

THE ABBREVIATED PLAT HEARING WILL CONVENE AT **8:30 A.M.** on **May 3, 2023**, in the **Assembly Chambers** at the Dorothy Swanda Jones Building, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska.

### Public Hearing Process

- **Platting Officer states/reads the case/item to be addressed into the record.**
- **Public Hearing Notices:** Secretary states the number of public hearing notices sent out and the date sent.
- **Staff Report:** The Platting Officer gives an overview of the project for the hearing and the public.
- **Public Testimony:** Members of the public are invited to sign in and testify before the officer.
  - **3-minute time limit per person for members of the public.**
  - The time limit may be extended at the discretion of the Platting Officer.
- **The public hearing is closed by the Officer.** No further public input is appropriate.
- **Petitioner Comments:** Petitioner, or his/her representative, comes before the officer to discuss staff recommendations and compliance with Title 43 and other applicable regulations.
  - **Testimony is limited to five (5) minutes for the petitioner/applicant.**
  - The time limit may be extended at the discretion of the Platting Officer
- **Motion to Approve:** Motion to approve is made by the Platting Officer.
  - No further unsolicited input from petitioner is appropriate.
  - Conditions and Findings must be written for all decisions made regarding the action being taken, whether it passed or failed.
  - Decisions are final unless reconsidered by the platting board MSB 43.35.005 or appealed to the board of adjustments and appeals. MSB 43.35.015

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**STAFF REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS  
PUBLIC HEARING  
MAY 3, 2023**

**ABBREVIATED PLAT:** NEW HOPE ESTATES RSB BLOCK 3, LOTS 6 & 7

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION:** SEC 10, T18N, R01E, SEWARD MERIDIAN AK

**PETITIONERS:** DAVE HALE, PLS, R&M CONSULTANTS

**SURVEYOR/ENGINEER:** R&M CONSULTANTS

**ACRES:** 19.837 ± **PARCELS:** 3

**REVIEWED BY:** AMY OTTO-BUCHANAN **CASE #:** 2023-035

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**REQUEST:** The request is to create three lots from Lots 6 & 7, Block 3, New Hope Estates, Plat No. 2022-114, to be known as **LOTS 6A, 7A & 7B**, containing 19.837 acres +/- . The parcel is located south of N. Wasilla-Fishhook Road, southwest of N. Hope Farm Road and will be accessed by E. Heavenly Circle, a private road within Tract A of New Hope Estates; within Section 10, Township 18 North, Range 01 East, Seward Meridian, Alaska.

**EXHIBITS**

Vicinity Map and Aerial Photos  
Soils Report  
Drainage Sketch

**EXHIBIT A** – 4 pgs  
**EXHIBIT B** – 24 pgs  
**EXHIBIT C** – 1 pg

**AGENCY COMMENTS**

Department of Public Works Pre-Design Division  
Development Services  
ADF&G  
Utilities

**EXHIBIT D** – 1 pg  
**EXHIBIT E** – 1 pg  
**EXHIBIT F** – 1 pg  
**EXHIBIT G** – 2 pgs

**DISCUSSION:** This platting action is creating three lots from Lots 6 & 7, Block 3, of New Hope Estates. Proposed Lot 7A is a flag lot, with a 60' wide flag pole, pursuant to MSB 43.20.300(E). Lot 6A is involved with this platting action to allow for required frontage onto the cul-de-sac for Lot 7A and Lot 7B. Access to all three lots will be from Tract A of New Hope Estates, which contains the private road of E. Heavenly Circle. Pursuant to MSB 43.20.100(C)(5), existing lots created within subdivisions recorded with platting private roads may be subdivided using the private roads as the legal and physical access. All parties with an interest in Tract A have signed an Owner's Statement, as required.

**Soils Report:** (**Exhibit B**) Robert M. Pintner, PE, R&M Consultants, notes a geotechnical subsurface investigation was performed on October 15, 2022. Four testholes were bored to depths of 27' below the existing ground surface and one test boring to a depth 40.4'. Testhole logs and testhole location map are attached to the report. Mr. Pintner's conclusions are, based on available soils and water table information, topography, MSB code and observations on site, each of the proposed lots contain over 10,000 sf of



contiguous useable septic area and an additional 10,000 sf of useable building area. A drainage sketch is at **Exhibit C**.

**Comments:** Department of Public Works Pre-Design Division (**Exhibit D**) has no comments. Development Services (**Exhibit E**) notes Lot 7 has an existing driveway that is not permitted. Petitioner to apply for a driveway permit and provide a copy of the application to Platting staff (see **Recommendation #5**).

**ADF&G: (Exhibit F)** There are no resident or anadromous fish water bodies present with the boundaries of the subject property. A fish habitat permit is not required. Should fish presence be discovered, please notify the ADF&G Habitat Section.

**Utilities: (Exhibit G)** GCI has no comments. Enstar has no comments or recommendations. MEA and MTA did not respond.

At the time of staff report write-up, there were no responses to the Request for Comments from US Army Corps of Engineers; Community Council Fishhook; Fire Service Area #132 Greater Palmer; Road Service Area #16 South Colony; MSB Emergency Services, Community Development, Assessments or Planning; MTA or MEA.

**CONCLUSION:** The preliminary plat of **NEW HOPE ESTATES RSB BLOCK 3, LOTS 6 & 7** is consistent with AS 29.40.070 Platting Regulations and MSB 43.15.016 Preliminary Plats. There were no objections from any federal or state agencies, Borough departments, or utilities. There were no objections to the plat from the public in response to the Notice of Public Hearing. Legal and physical access exists to the proposed lots, consistent with MSB 43.20.100 Access Required, MSB 43.20.120 Legal Access and MSB 43.20.140 Physical Access. Frontage for the subdivision exists, pursuant to MSB 43.20.320 Frontage. A soils report was submitted, pursuant to MSB 43.20.281(A)(1).

#### **FINDINGS OF FACT**

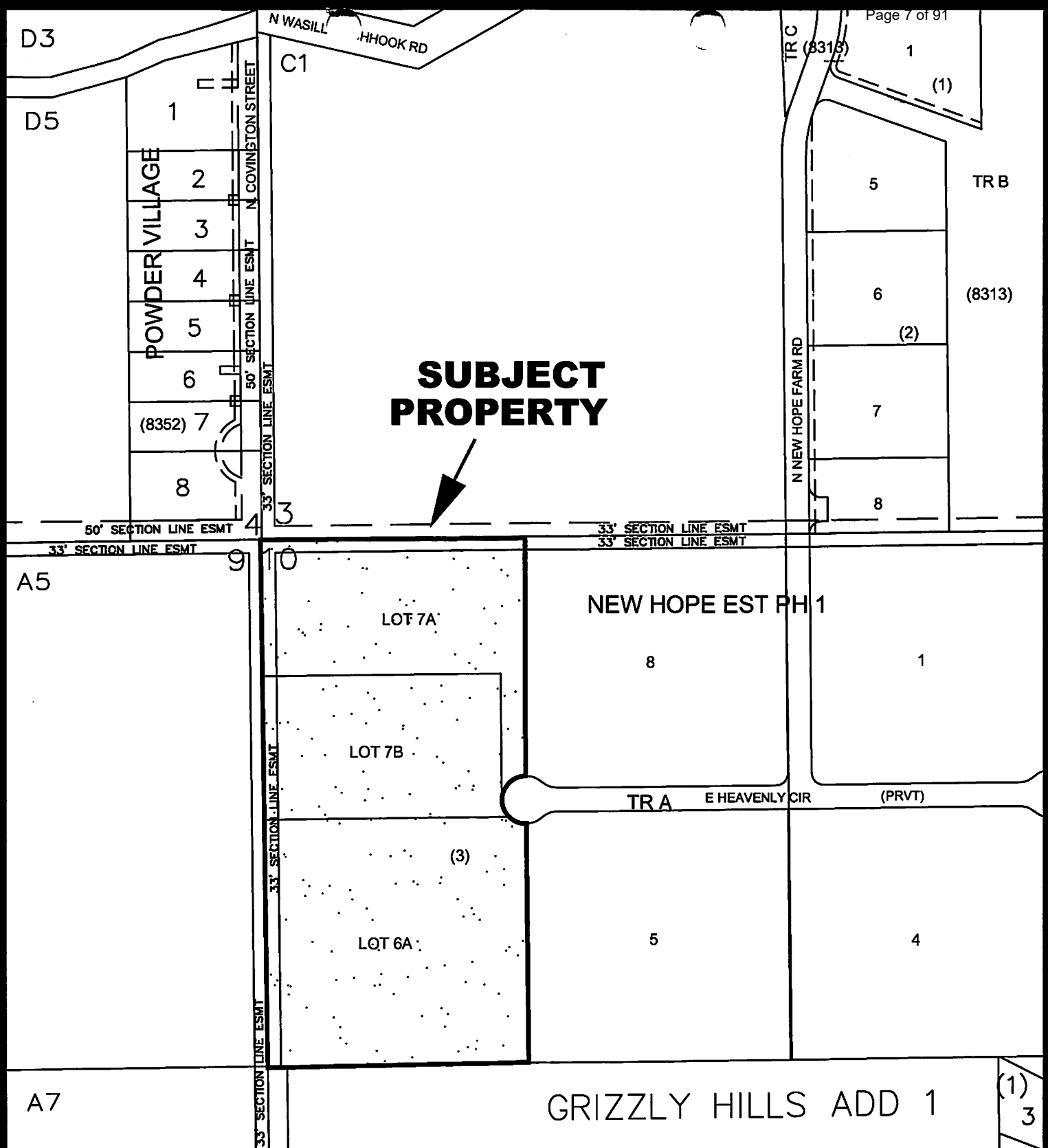
1. The plat of New Hope Estates RSB Block 3, Lots 6 & 7 is consistent with AS 29.40.070 Platting Regulations and MSB 43.15.025 Abbreviated Plats.
2. A soils report was submitted, pursuant to MSB 43.20.28(A)(1). All lots have the required useable area.
3. All lots will have the required frontage pursuant to MSB 43.20.320 and MSB 43.20.100(C)(5).
4. At the time of staff report write-up, there were no responses to the Request for Comments from US Army Corps of Engineers; Community Council Fishhook; Fire Service Area #132 Greater Palmer; Road Service Area #16 South Colony; MSB Emergency Services, Community Development, Assessments or Planning; MTA or MEA.
5. There were no objections from any federal or state agencies, Borough departments, or utilities.
6. There were no objections from the public in response to the Notice of Public Hearing.
7. Pursuant to MSB 43.20.100(C)(5), existing lots created within subdivisions recorded with platting private roads may be subdivided using the private roads as the legal and physical access.

**RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL:**

Staff recommends approval of the abbreviated plat of **New Hope Estates RSB Block 3, Lots 6 & 7**, contingent on the following recommendations:

1. Taxes and special assessments must be paid in full for the year of recording, pursuant to MSB 43.15.053(F) and AS 40.15.020. Pay taxes and special assessments (LIDs), by CERTIFIED FUNDS OR CASH.
2. Provide updated Certificate to Plat executed within seven (7) days of recording of plat and submit Beneficiary Affidavit for any holders of a beneficial interest.
3. Pay postage and advertising fees.
4. Show all easements of record on final plat.
5. Apply for a driveway permit for existing driveway and provide a copy of the application to Platting staff.
6. Submit recording fees, payable to Department of Natural Resources (DNR).
7. Submit final plat in full compliance with Title 43.

**SUBJECT  
PROPERTY**



**VICINITY MAP**

NEW HOPE ESTATES RSB BLOCK 3, LOTS 6&7  
 LOCATED WITHIN  
 SECTION 10, T18N, R01E, SEWARD MERIDIAN,  
 ALASKA  
 WASILLA 01 MAP

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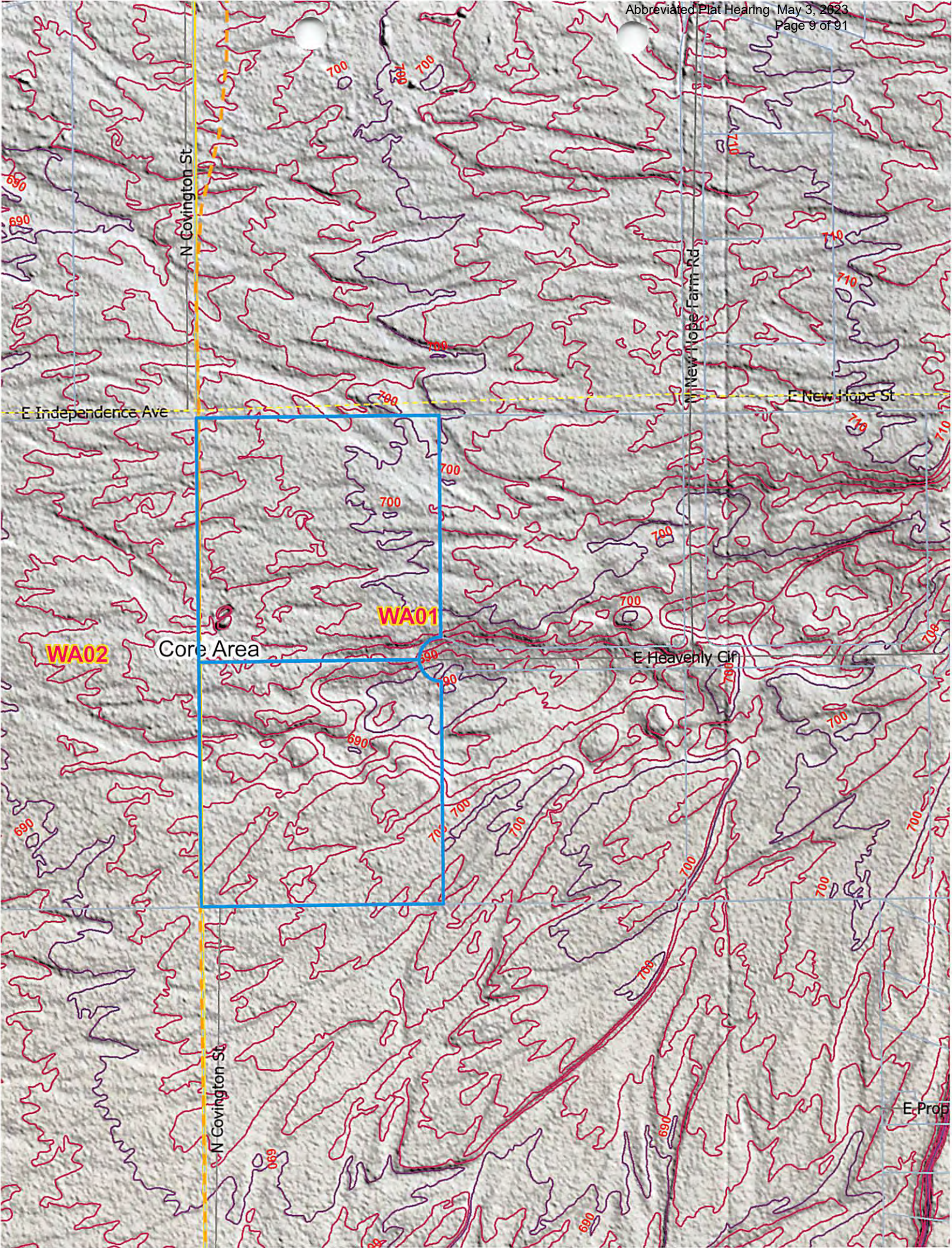
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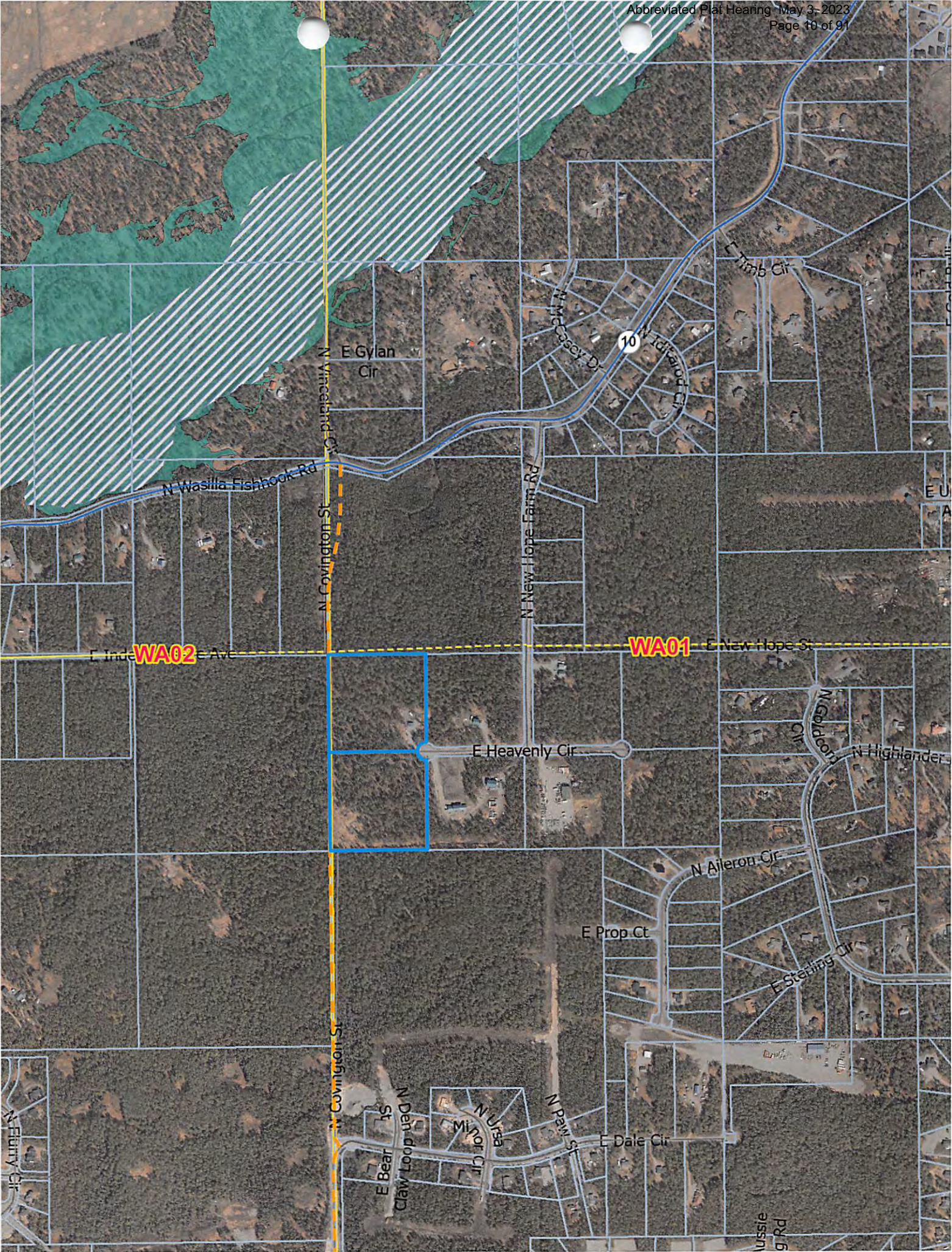














March 1, 2023

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**RE: New Hope Estates Subdivision Lots 6A, 7A, and 7B  
Supplemental Geotechnical Investigation Report**

Dear Mr. Lopez:

As requested by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough, R&M Consultants, Inc. (R&M) is providing this supplemental geotechnical summary to meet the requirements for platting of the above referenced subdivision. This letter is a supplement to the geotechnical report performed for the Matanuska Electric Association in November, 2022<sup>1</sup>.

The following summary is based on the referenced geotechnical report and R&M's review of available topographic, and geologic data. The soils on Lot 7B are expected to generally consist of sand and gravel overlain by a 2 to 3 feet of silty soil. No groundwater table is expected in the upper 30 feet below ground surface. On Lot 6A the topography is suitable for the construction of on-site septic systems, i.e., no steep slopes, and no areas of surface water.

Useable Areas. The proposed lots have a few limitations on areas defined by MSB code as useable septic area or useable building area. Useable septic areas will be limited by setbacks to neighboring water wells, lot lines, and easements. For useable building area, lot lines, utility easements, and ROW /PUE setbacks will be limiting factors. For all the proposed lots, adequate unencumbered area exists to readily meet the code requirements. Based on the available soils and water table information, topography, MSB Title 43 Code definitions, and our observations at the site, each of the proposed lots contain over 10,000 square feet of contiguous useable septic area, and an additional 10,000 square feet of useable building area.

**CLOSURE**

R&M Consultants, Inc. performed this work in a manner consistent with the level of skill ordinarily exercised by members of the profession currently practicing under similar conditions. No warranty, express or implied, beyond exercise of reasonable care and professional diligence, is made. This report is intended for use only in accordance with the purposes of study described within.

<sup>1</sup> R&M Consultants, Inc. "Proposed Plamer Fishhook Substation Preliminary Geotechnical Report" prepared for Matanuska Electric Association, November 9, 2022.

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**PLAT EXHIBIT B**

New Hope Estates Subdivision Lots 6A, 7A, and 7B  
March 1, 2023

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We appreciate the opportunity to perform this geotechnical investigation. Should you require further information concerning the investigation or this report, please contact us at your convenience.

Sincerely,

R&M CONSULTANTS, INC.



Robert M. Pintner, P.E.  
Senior Geotechnical Engineer



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9 November 2022

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RE: Proposed Palmer Fishhook Substation  
Preliminary Geotechnical Investigation Report

Dear Mr. Lopez:

Matanuska Electric Association (MEA) contracted R&M Consultants, Inc. (R&M) to complete a geotechnical investigation to support site evaluation and preliminary design for a proposed new substation located on an undeveloped parcel in the Fishhook area near Wasilla and Palmer, Alaska (**Drawing 1**). This letter report summarizes the results of our investigation, which included: five geotechnical test borings advanced within the site proposed for the new substation; laboratory soils testing; and preparation of this geotechnical report including general considerations and conclusions regarding site suitability for the proposed development.

#### BACKGROUND AND PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

MEA is considering acquisition of an approximately 8.0-acre parcel on the northeastern corner of Matanuska-Susitna Borough Parcel ID 523777 (**Drawing 2**) near Palmer and Wasilla, Alaska. R&M performed a geotechnical investigation within the subject parcel to inform MEA's evaluation of the site for potential purchase of the property. The project site was undeveloped at the time of investigation. We understand the proposed site would be graded to create a relatively level pad with gravel and/or asphalt traffic surfaces and the facility would include various typical substation features (transformers, circuit breakers, enclosures, dead-end structures, overhead utility poles, control buildings) supported on shallow and deep foundations.

#### FIELD INVESTIGATION

The geotechnical subsurface investigation program was performed on 15 October 2022 and consisted of drilling and logging four test borings (RM22-01 through RM22-04) to depths of around 27 feet below the existing ground surface (bgs) and one test boring (RM22-05) to auger refusal at a depth of 40.4 feet bgs.

Field activities were guided by an R&M engineering geologist who maintained logs of the test borings and samples. Test borings were located and recorded using a recreational grade GPS unit<sup>2</sup>. **Drawing 3** presents approximate test boring locations relative to recent site imagery. A summary of the general notes and an explanation (key) for the test boring logs are presented as **Drawings 4 and 5**, respectively. Logs of the R&M test borings are presented

<sup>1</sup> Contract No. PD22-048, Task Order 3. MEA Work Order 122981.

<sup>2</sup> Recreational grade GPS units are limited to a maximum accuracy of about 15 feet.



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as **Drawings 6 through 11**. GPS coordinates for the test borings are presented on the test boring logs and summarized on **Table 1**.

Soil boring and sampling operations were performed by Wininger Drilling, Inc. of Wasilla, using a track-mounted CME-55 drill rig. Test borings were advanced using continuous flight, 8-inch nominal outside diameter (OD), 3.25-inch inside diameter (ID), hollow-stem augers. Soil samples were collected using split-spoon samplers. A modification of the Standard Penetration Test (ASTM D1586) was employed to collect disturbed soil samples below the surface at regular intervals using a 2.5-inch ID (3.0-inch OD) split-spoon sampler advanced by a 340-pound automatic drop-hammer with a fall of 30 inches. Hammer blows (uncorrected) required to drive the sampler each six inches of a 24-inch interval were recorded as shown on the test boring logs, **Drawings 6 through 11**.

All soils recovered in the field were visually described following ASTM D2488. Samples were sealed in double plastic bags and returned to R&M's laboratory for further examination and testing. Test borings were backfilled with drill cuttings.

## LABORATORY TESTING

A laboratory testing program was developed to provide data on important subsurface characteristics and material properties for engineering analysis. Testing consisted of measuring general soil index properties for classification purposes and was performed at the R&M Materials Laboratory in Anchorage in accordance with the following ASTM (2022)<sup>3</sup> procedures: Particle Size Analysis (D422<sup>4</sup>); Moisture Content (D2216); and Classification of Soils (D2487 and D2488). It should be noted that the size of gravel particles obtained with 2.5-inch ID split spoon samplers is limited to the size of the opening of the sampler, and the sample is thus not necessarily representative of the coarse gravel fraction. The ASTM Soil Classification System and Frost Design Soil Classification used for this project are summarized on **Drawings 12 and 13**, respectively. The system used to classify soils containing organic matter is summarized on **Drawing 14**. Laboratory test results are presented on the Test Boring Logs and on the Summary of Laboratory Data, **Drawing 15**.

## SITE CONDITIONS

Vicinity, location, and area maps for the project site are attached as **Drawings 1 and 2**. The following summarizes information pertaining to the surface and subsurface conditions encountered or interpreted within the project area based on the findings of the investigation.

**Geology:** The project site is located within the Cook Inlet-Susitna Lowland physiographic province of Alaska<sup>5</sup>. The area is characterized as a glaciated lowland containing areas of ground moraine and stagnant ice topography, drumlin fields, eskers, and outwash plains. The topography in this area is primarily the product of five major glacial advances that crossed the area in the middle to late Pleistocene age<sup>6</sup>, as well as the effect of colluvial and alluvial deposits consequent with or subsequent to the advances. Surficial soils across the project site vicinity have been mapped as outwash stream deposits; chiefly sand, gravel, and some silt<sup>7</sup> (**Figure 1**). The in-situ soil profile encountered at the project site appeared generally consistent with this geological mapping.

<sup>3</sup> American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM), 2022, Annual Book of ASTM Standards.

<sup>4</sup> ASTM D422 was not reapproved following calendar year 2016 but remains commonly employed in geotechnical engineering practice.

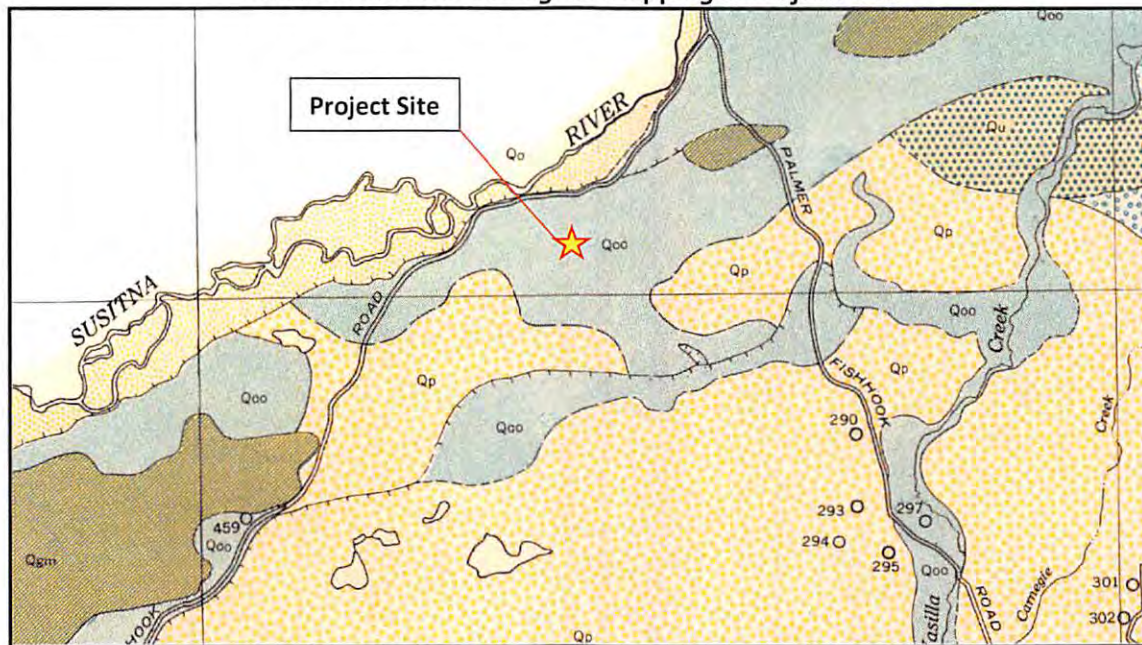
<sup>5</sup> Wahrhaftig, Clyde. 1965. Physiographic Divisions of Alaska. U.S. Geological Survey Professional Paper 482.

<sup>6</sup> Coulter, H.W., et al. 1965. Map Showing Extent of Glaciations in Alaska. U.S. Geological Survey Miscellaneous Geologic Investigations Map I-415. 1 sheet. Scale 1:2,500,000.

<sup>7</sup> Trainer, F.W., 1960. Map of the Matanuska Valley Agricultural Area, Alaska, Showing Surficial Geology and Location of Wells. Geological Survey Water-Supply Paper 1494, Plate 1, Scale 1:50,000.



FIGURE 1: Surficial Geological Mapping of Project Area



Notes: Map extracted from Trainer, 1960.<sup>7</sup>

- Qoo (light green shading): Quaternary outwash stream deposits; chiefly sand, gravel, and some silt in the form of terraces.
- Qp (yellow dotted shading): Quaternary pitted deposits; chiefly outwash stream deposits; undifferentiated eskers and crevasse fillings.
- Qgm (dark green shading): Quaternary ground moraine deposits; glacial till, in part gravelly, and locally with gravel cover.
- Qu (yellow shading with green dots): Quaternary deposits, undifferentiated; chiefly deposits of outwash streams, but include nonglacial lake and stream deposits.

**Surface:** The project site was undeveloped at the time of the investigation and generally surfaced with a thin layer of peat and grass or brush cover, with a relatively level ground surface. The project site exhibited uplands vegetation and was forested with birch, willow, and spruce. The imagery included on **Drawing 3** (attached) shows ground surface conditions reflective of the surface conditions observed during the investigation.

**Subsurface Soil Profile:** The soil profile encountered across the project site was consistent, with four generalized soil units interpreted: (I) surficial peat deposits; overlying (II) silt deposits; overlying (III) glacial outwash deposits; transitioning to (IV) poorly lithified bedrock at depth. The depth interval of these generalized units interpreted at each test boring is summarized on **Table 1**, followed by descriptions for each unit highlighting soil classification, density, and laboratory testing results. A graph depicting SPT blowcounts versus depth for each SPT sample performed is provided on **Figure 2**, with SPT values corrected for overburden pressure, sampling characteristics, and oversize sampler.



**TABLE 1 – Generalized Soil Unit Profile at Test Boring Locations**

Test Boring Location	GPS Coordinates (WGS84)		Interpreted Depth of Soil Unit at Test Boring (in feet below existing ground surface)				Groundwater Depth (in feet below existing ground surface)
	Latitude (N)	Longitude (W)	UNIT I Organic Deposits	UNIT II Silt Deposits	UNIT III Outwash Deposits	UNIT IV Poorly Lithified Bedrock	
RM22-01	61.67135	149.26681	0 to 1.0	1.0 to 3.5	3.5 to 27.0 <sup>TD</sup>	--	NE
RM22-02	61.67112	149.26686	0 to 0.8	0.8 to 3.1	3.1 to 26.7 <sup>TD</sup>	--	NE
RM22-05	61.67129	149.26780	0 to 1.0	1.0 to 3.2	3.2 to 35.3	35.3 to 40.4 <sup>TD</sup>	38 <sup>WD</sup>
RM22-03	61.67133	149.26877	0.0 to 0.7	0.7 to 3.1	3.1 to 27.0 <sup>TD</sup>	--	NE
RM22-04	61.67108	149.26877	0.0 to 1.4	1.4 to 3.2	3.2 to 27.0 <sup>TD</sup>	--	NE

**Note:** Test borings arranged in general order from east to west across site.

TD = total depth of test boring, NE = groundwater not encountered while drilling, WD=observed while drilling.

- (1) **Unit I – Organic Deposits**, generally consisting of a thin layer of peat or organic silt (USCS [Unified Soil Classification] = PT, OL), were encountered surfacing the project site at each test boring location. The organic deposits ranged in thickness from approximately 0.7 to 1.4 feet and were generally moist to wet and soft/loose. Organic deposits are highly frost susceptible (F4).
- (2) **Unit II – Silt Deposits**, consisting primarily of silt with variable sand and gravel content (USCS [Unified Soil Classification] = ML), were encountered below the surficial organics at each test boring location. The silt deposits ranged in thickness from approximately 1.8 to 2.5 feet and were generally moist to wet, loose, and nonplastic. This soil unit often contained trace organic matter consisting of roots and other organic debris.

For those samples tested from Unit II: average moisture content was 35.5 percent (range [r] = 33.4 to 36.7 percent, number of tests [n] = 4). Silt deposits are highly frost susceptible (F4).

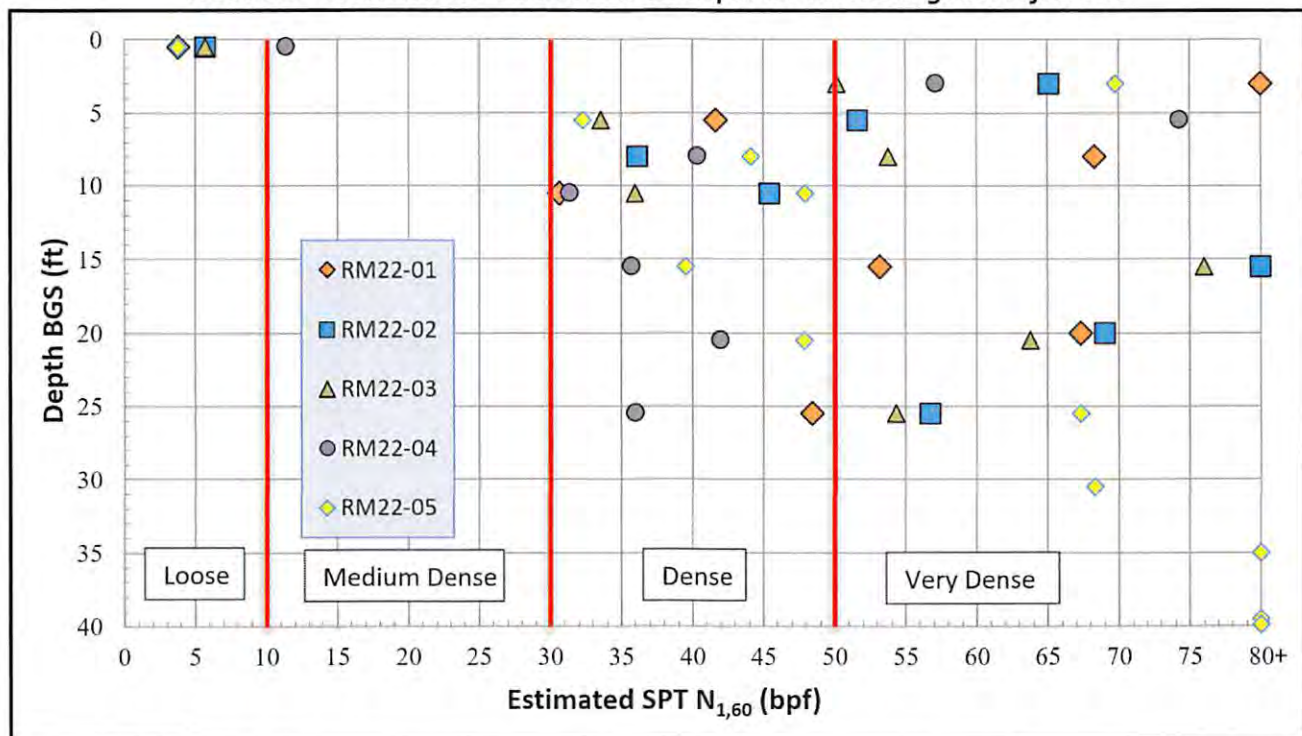
- (3) **Unit III – Outwash Deposits**, consisting primarily of poorly to well-graded gravel and sand with variable silt contents (USCS= GW, GP, SW, SP, GW-GM, GP-GM, SW-SM, SP-SM), was encountered underlying the surficial organics and silt (Units I and II) at each test boring location. This soil unit is relatively consistent with the 'Qoo' unit mapped surfacing the project site (**Figure 1**). Unit III soils were generally interpreted to be dense to very dense in consistency and dry to moist. Sand and silt content generally increased with increasing depth. The outwash deposits unit contained frequent cobbles and possible boulders.

For those samples tested from Unit III: average moisture content was 4.2 percent (r = 2.8 to 8.2 percent, n = 8); and average percent passing the No. 200 sieve (P200) was 8.7 percent (r = 3.7 to 26.0 percent, n = 7). The outwash deposits unit was generally interpreted to be slightly frost susceptible (S1).

- (4) **Unit IV – Poorly Lithified Bedrock**, interpreted consisting of soft sandstone to conglomerate and presenting as moderately cemented silty sand with gravel, was interpreted in the deeper test boring (RM22-05) underlying the outwash deposits at a depth of approximately 35 feet bgs. Reasonable auger refusal occurred after advancing about 5 feet into the bedrock unit.



FIGURE 2 – Corrected SPT Blowcounts vs. Depth for Test Borings at Project Site



Note: Coarse gravel and cobbles may have inflated SPT values for some test intervals.

**Groundwater** was observed not encountered at Test Borings RM22-01 through RM22-04, advanced to completion depths of around 27 feet bgs. Groundwater was only observed at Test Boring RM22-05 at a depth of around 38 feet bgs, near the bedrock surface interface. We do not anticipate shallow groundwater conditions affecting this site.

**Permafrost** was not suspected or interpreted at the test boring locations during this investigation. The project area is mapped as containing isolated masses of permafrost (less than 10 percent area coverage) with heightened potential for perennially frozen soil in areas with high ground insulation, such as bogs or swamps<sup>8</sup>.

**Bedrock** was interpreted only in the deeper test boring (RM22-05) at a depth 35 feet bgs. Reasonable auger refusal occurred after advancing about 5 feet into this bedrock unit. Bedrock was not encountered to completion depths of around 27 feet in the other 4 Test Borings (RM22-01 through RM22-04). Considering the results of the investigation and geological mapping<sup>7</sup> in the project area, we do not anticipate shallow bedrock (less than 25 feet) affecting this site.

## GEOTECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS

The following summarizes general considerations and conclusions regarding suitability of the project site for development, to aid in site evaluation and planning for the substation. Should substation development go forward, additional design level geotechnical investigation and analysis should be performed considering project design information, site grading, and foundation loading criteria.

<sup>8</sup> Jorgenson et al., 2008, "Permafrost Characteristics of Alaska", Institute of Northern Engineering, University of Alaska.

**Seismic Design Parameters** shown on Table 2 address the geotechnical aspects of designing foundations on this site relative to ASCE/SEI 7-22.

TABLE 2 – Seismic Design Parameters

Site Parameters	Value
Risk Category	IV
Class	C-D
$PGA_M$	0.81
$S_s$	2.29
$S_1$	0.94
$S_{M5}$	2.18
$S_{M1}$	1.95
$S_{D5}$	1.46
$S_{D1}$	1.30

**Site Stability:** The project site is relatively level and generally underlain by coarse-grained, dense to very dense soils; soil liquefaction and slope instability are unlikely. Additionally, loss of bearing capacity and land spreading are not likely to occur in the dense soils underlying the site.

**Site Grading.** We understand that the project site would be graded to create a relatively level pad for development of the substation facility. Considering the results of this investigation, the project site is favorable for grading.

Prior to site grading, the surficial organic deposits and silt (Units I and II) should be stripped from areas to be developed. The existing coarse-grained soils (Unit III) underlying the surficial organic deposits are generally well graded with relatively low silt contents, and therefore are suitable for directly supporting embankments and may be suitable for reuse as fill for embankment construction if significant cuts and fills are performed. Any cut slopes, graded embankment slopes, or slopes on the periphery of graded areas should be laid back to a maximum steepness of 2 horizontal to 1 vertical. Consider turfing and seeding of final slopes to protect slopes from erosion.

**Foundations:** Favorable foundation soils (Unit III) were encountered underlying the surficial deposits at the project site. The Unit III soils were generally dense in consistency and non-plastic, with relatively low silt contents. Existing coarse-grained soils (Unit III) at the project site were estimated to be slightly frost susceptible.

The existing coarse-grained soils are favorable for support of conventional shallow foundations. Foundation and pavement design should consider the frost susceptibility of site soils and imported fill materials within the frost interval, especially for structures which will be unheated or those having little tolerance to differential movements.

The project site conditions are favorable for installation of deep foundations (drilled piers, auger cast piles, pipe piles). However, installation of deep foundations may be hampered by cobbles and boulders and very dense soil conditions. Predrilling at deep foundation locations or underreaming methods would reduce risk of premature refusal or pile foundation damage during installation. If conventional pile driving methods are to be applied at this site, extra strong grade piles with reinforced driving tips should be used.



## CLOSURE AND SIGNATURES

The discussion presented in this report is preliminary in nature and based on our understandings of the proposed project, our investigation, and the other pertinent information listed herein. Because subsurface characteristics can change significantly within a given area, and with the passing of time, the possibility exists that important conditions not disclosed by this investigation may be discovered on the site during construction. Should this situation occur, the influence of the new information on the design aspects should be evaluated without delay. Should this project site be acquired by MEA for substation development, additional design level geotechnical investigation and analysis should be performed considering project design information, site grading, and foundation loading criteria.

R&M Consultants, Inc. performed this work in a manner consistent with the level of skill ordinarily exercised by members of the profession currently practicing under similar conditions. No warranty, express or implied, beyond exercise of reasonable care and professional diligence, is made. This report is intended for use only in accordance with the purposes of study described within.

We appreciate the opportunity to perform this geotechnical investigation. Should you require further information concerning the investigation or this report, please contact us at your convenience.

Sincerely,

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Geotechnical Engineer

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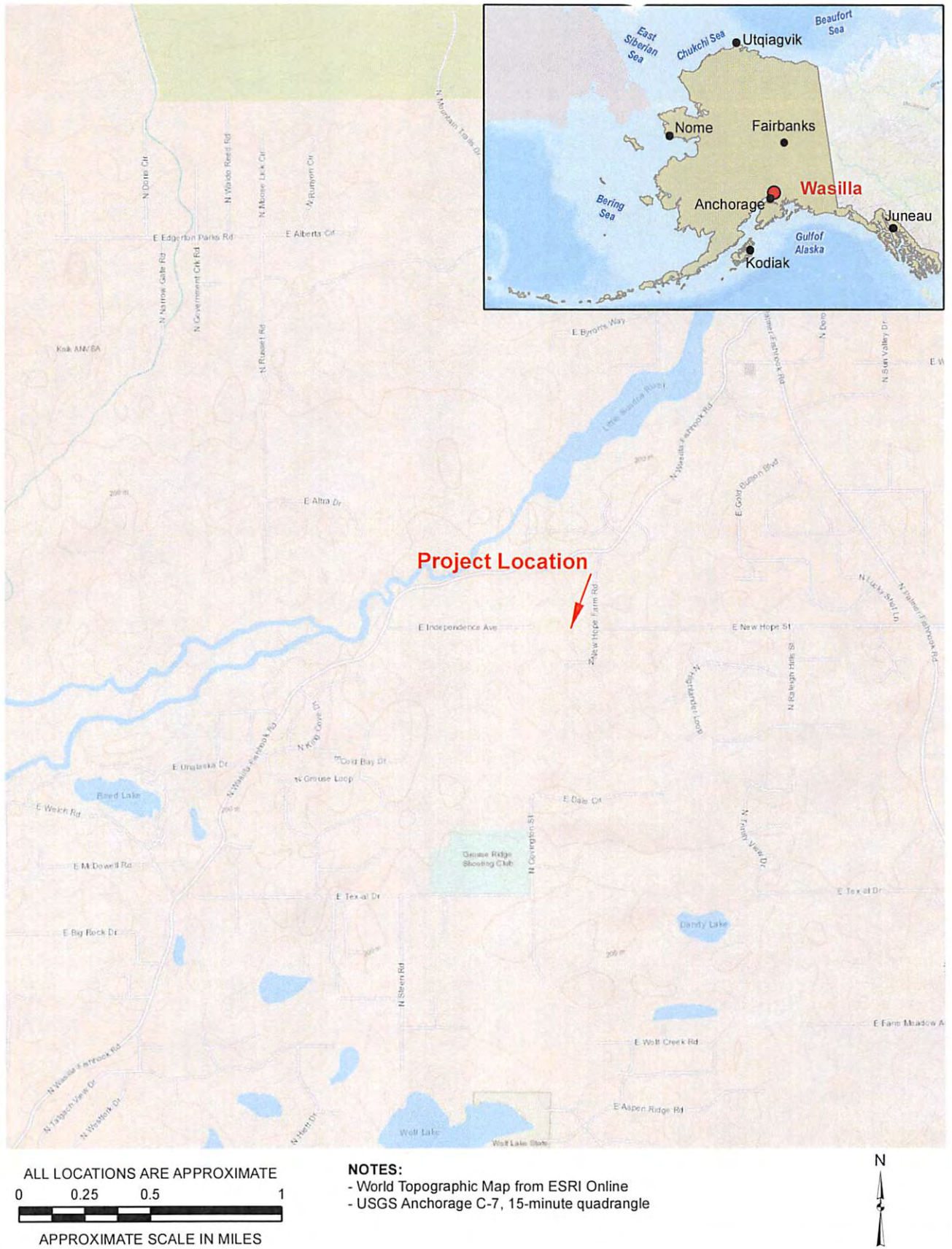
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## ATTACHMENTS:

- Location/Vicinity and Area Maps (Drawings 1 and 2)
- Test Boring Locations Map (Drawing 3)
- General Notes (Drawing 4)
- Explanation of Selected Symbols (Drawing 5)
- Test Boring Logs (Drawings 6 through 11)
- Classification of Soil for Engineering Purposes (Drawing 12)
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- Classification of Soils Containing Organic Matter (Drawing 14)
- Summary of Laboratory Soils Data (Drawing 15)



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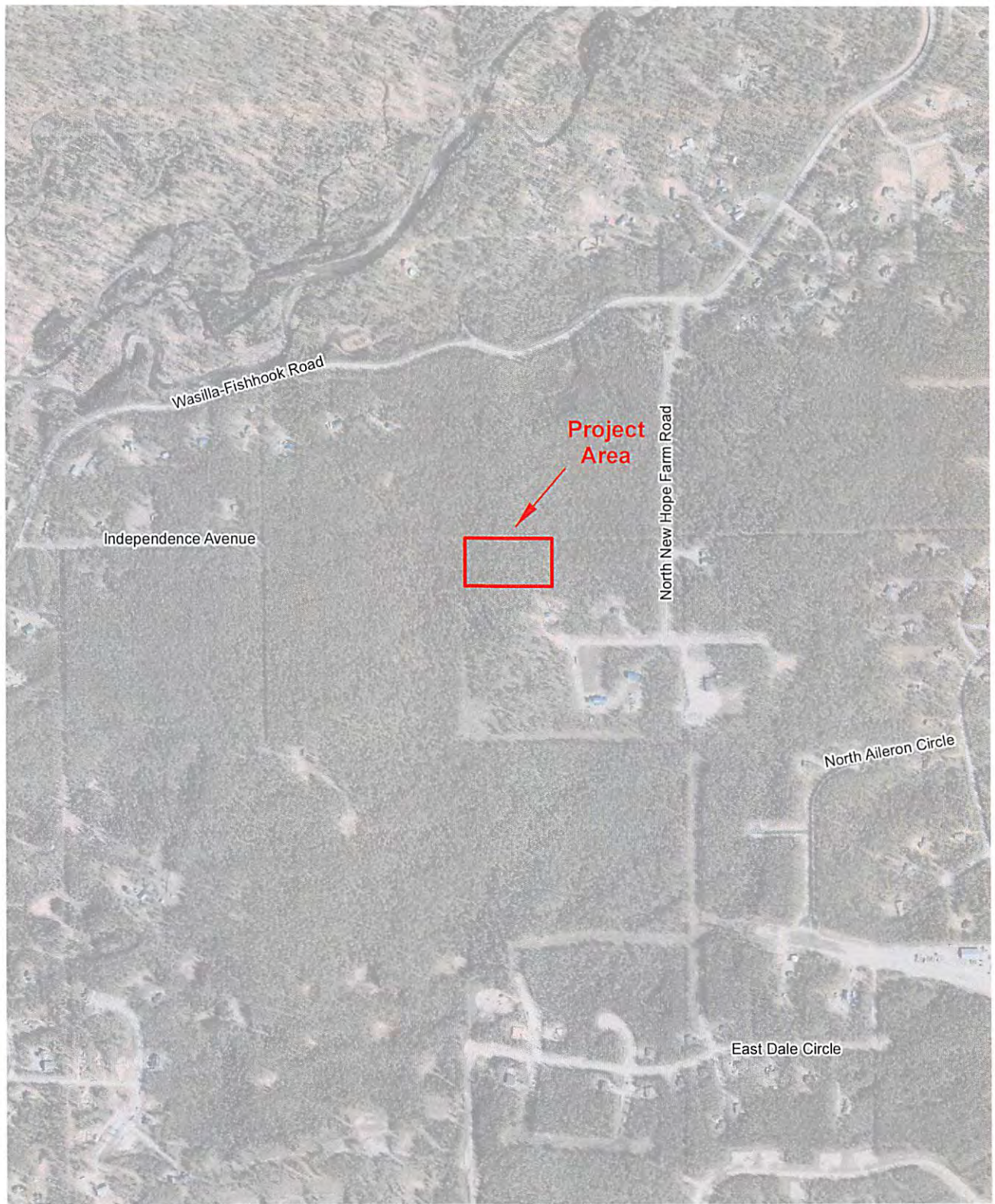


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**LOCATION AND VICINITY MAP**



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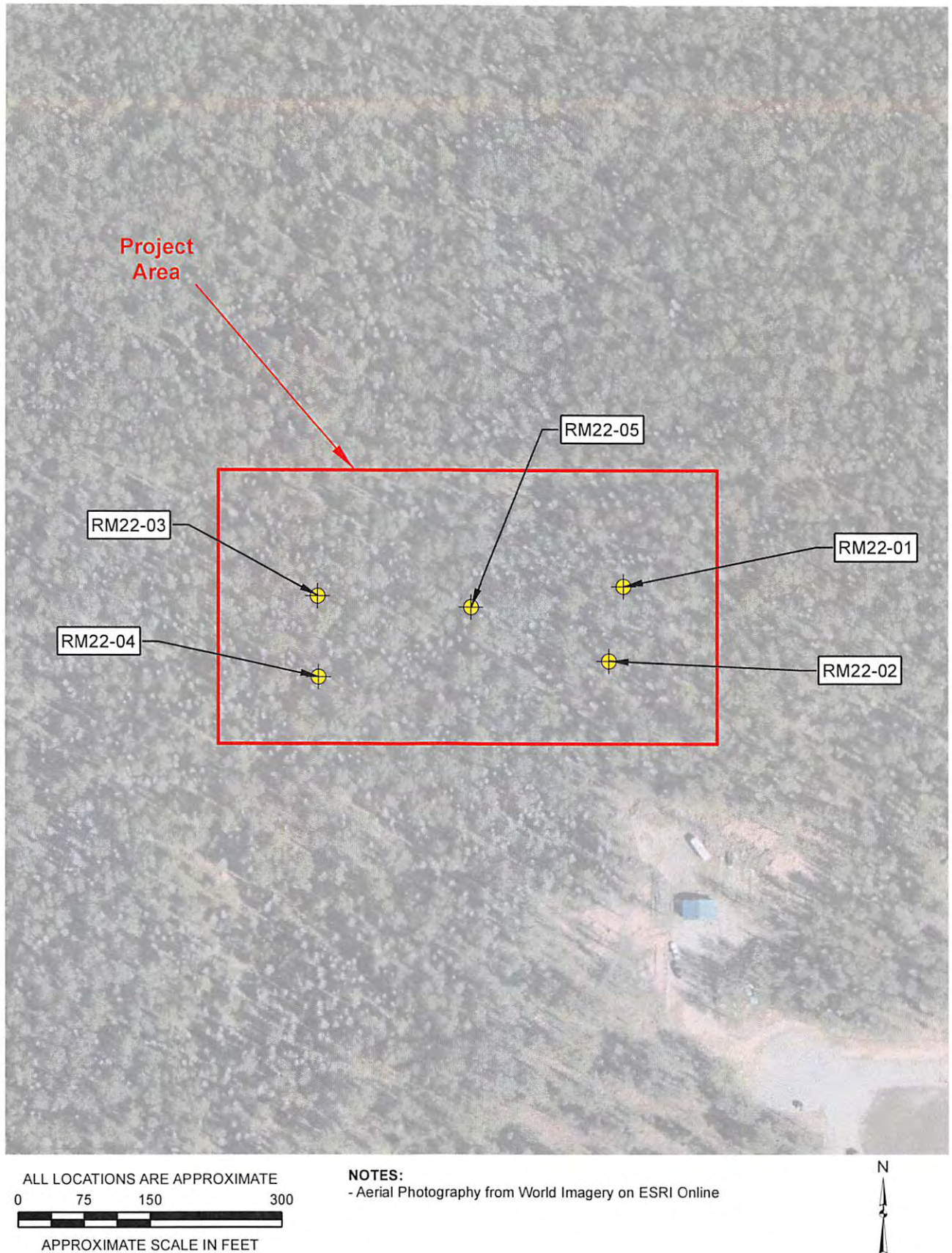
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TEST BORING LOCATION MAP

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## SOILS CONSISTENCY AND SYMBOLS

**CLASSIFICATION:** Identification and classification of the soil is accomplished in accordance with the ASTM version of the Unified Soil Classification System. When laboratory testing data on material passing the 75-mm sieve is available Standard D 2487 (Classification of Soils for Engineering Purposes) is used and when laboratory data is not available D 2488 (Visual-Manual Procedure) is used. This classification system identifies three major soil divisions: coarse-grained soils, fine-grained soils, and highly organic soils. These three divisions are further subdivided into a total of 15 basic soils groups. Based on the results of visual observations and prescribed laboratory tests, a soil is catalogued according to the basic soil groups, assigned a group symbol(s) and name, and thereby classified. Flow charts contained in the two standards can be used to assign the appropriate group symbol(s) and name.

**SOIL DENSITY/CONSISTENCY - CRITERIA:** Soil density/consistency as defined below and determined by normal field and laboratory methods applies only to non-frozen material. For these materials, the influence of such factors as soil structure, i.e. fissure systems shrinkage cracks, slickensides, etc., must be taken into consideration in making any correlation with the consistency values listed below. In permafrost zones, the consistency and strength of frozen soil may vary significantly and inexplicably with ice content, thermal regime and soil type.

<u>COARSE GRAINED</u> (DOT&PF 2007)		<u>FINE GRAINED</u> (ASTM D 2488)	
<u>Relative Density</u>	<u>N * (blows/FT.)</u>	<u>Consistency</u>	<u>Thumbnail Test</u>
Very loose	0 - 4	Very soft	Thumb > 1 in.
Loose	5 - 10	Soft	Thumb = 1 in.
Medium dense	11 - 30	Firm	Thumb = 1/4 in.
Dense	31 - 50	Hard	Thumbnail indents
Very dense	>50	Very hard	Thumbnail will not indent

\* Standard Penetration "N": Blows per 12 inches of a 140-pound manual hammer (lifted with rope & cathead) falling 30 inches on a 2-inch O.D. split-spoon sampler except where noted. Blow counts presented on test boring logs are direct field values (i.e. they have not been corrected to account for hammer efficiency, borehole diameter, sampling method, or rod length)

### KEY TO TEST RESULTS

DD - Dry Density	PP - Pocket Penetrometer
LL - Liquid Limit	P200 - % Passing No. 200 Screen
MC - Moisture Content	P.02 - % Passing 0.02 mm
Org - Organic Content	P.005 - % Passing 0.005 mm
PI - Plastic Index	P.002 - % Passing 0.002 mm
PL - Plastic Limit	

## STANDARD SYMBOLS

SYMBOL	NAME	PARTICLE SIZE	SYMBOL	NAME
	CLAY	< 0.002mm, Plastic		ORGANICS
	SILT	0.002mm, - #200		ICE
	SAND	#200, - #4		ICE W/SOIL INCLUSIONS
	GRAVEL	#4, - 3"		ICE LENSE IN SOIL
	COBBLES & BOULDERS	3" - 12" & > 12"		ICE CRYSTALS IN CLAY

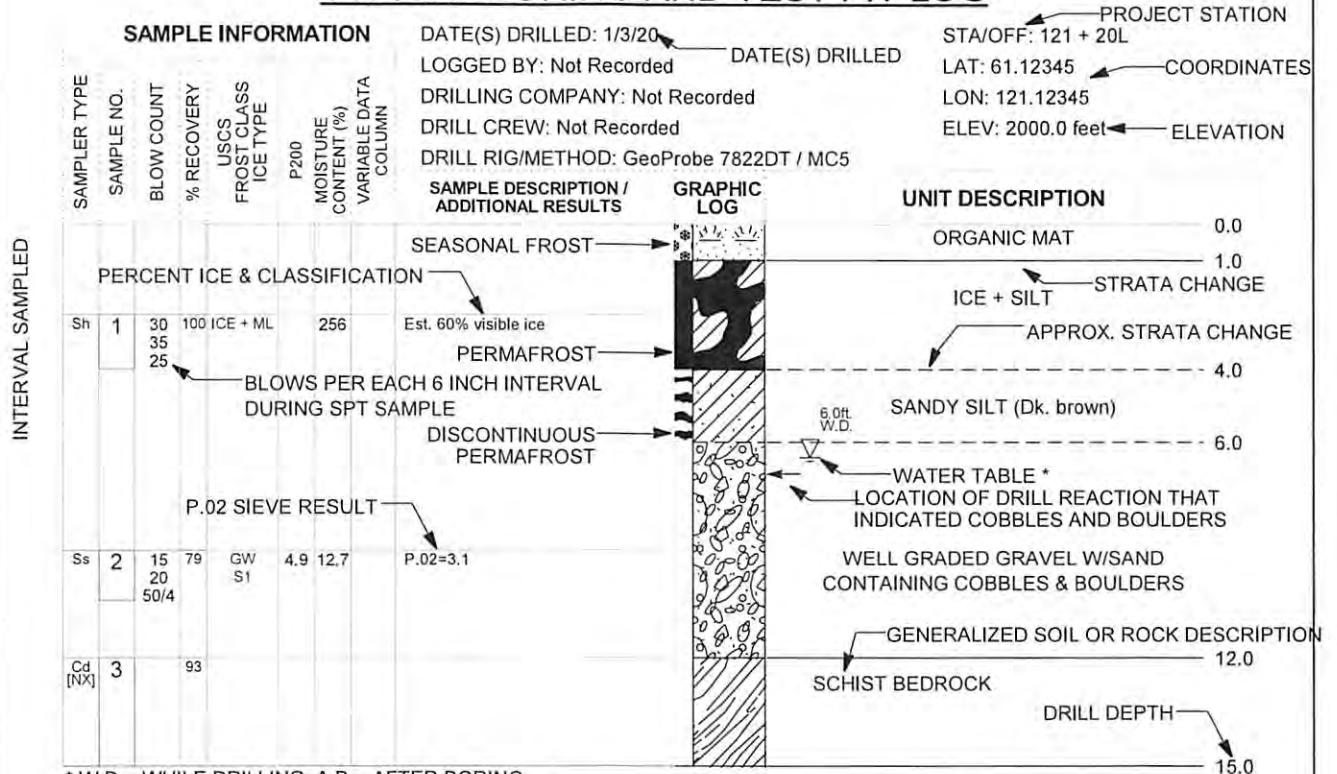
(The symbols shown above are frequently used in combinations, e. g. SILTY GRAVEL W/SAND)

## SAMPLER TYPE SYMBOLS

A Auger Sample	MC 1.5 In. I.D. Macro-core	Ss 1.4 In. Split Spoon w/140 lb. Manual Hammer
C Cuttings Sample	MC7 3.0 In. I.D. Macro-core	Ssa 1.4 In. Split Spoon w/140 lb. Auto Hammer
Cd Double Tube Core Barrel	Sh 2.5 In. Split Spoon w/340 lb. Manual Hammer	Tm Modified Shelby Tube
Cs Single Tube or Auger Core	Sha 2.5 In. Split Spoon w/340 lb. Auto Hammer	Ts 3.0 In. Shelby Tube
Ct Triple Tube Core Barrel	Sl 2.5 In. Split Spoon w/140 lb. Hammer	[XX] Sampler ID (Rock Core - NX, NQ, etc.)
G Grab Sample		

NOTE: Sampler types are either noted above the boring log or adjacent to it at the respective depth. An individual log may not utilize all of the items listed.

## TYPICAL BORING AND TEST PIT LOG



\* W.D. - WHILE DRILLING, A.B. - AFTER BORING

\*\* - REFER TO SAMPLER SYMBOL (Ss, Sh, ETC.) FOR SAMPLER I.D. & HAMMER WEIGHT/TYPE

NOTE: Water levels shown on the boring logs are the levels measured in the boring at the times indicated.



## EXPLANATION OF SELECTED SYMBOLS

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DATE:	N/A
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DEPTH (FT)	SAMPLE INFORMATION							Date(s) Drilled: 10/14/22 - 10/14/22	Lat: 61.67135
	SAMPLER TYPE	SAMPLE NO.	BLOW COUNT	PERCENT RECOVERY	USCS FROST CLASS ICE TYPE	MOISTURE CONTENT (PERCENT)	P200 (%)	N-VALUE	Lon: -149.26681
0	Sha	1	1	70				2	
		2	1			35.9			
2			1						
			1						
4	Sha	3	9	75				45	
		4	23						
			22						
			21						
6	Sha	5	9	75	GW-GM* S1*	3.4	7.1	26	Gr=54, Sa=39, Fines=7
			14						
			12						
			13						
8	Sha	6	46	80				47	
			23						
			24						
			22						
10	Sha	7	12	65		2.4		23	
			12						
			11						
			21						
12									
14									
16	Sha	8	27	95				35	
			20						
			15						
			20						
18									
20	Sha	9	37	67				50	Driving gravel/cobble - low recovery
			50						
			0.4						
22									
24									
26	Sha	10	13	100				41	
			23						
			18						
			22						

\* Estimated classification

- 1) Latitude and Longitude coordinates reference the WGS 84 datum and were recorded using a recreational-grade GPS unit.
- 2) Gr = gravel (%), Sa = Sand (%), Fines = Passing the No. 200 sieve (%), P.xx = % passing size mm.
- 3) Groundwater not observed while drilling.



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DEPTH (FT)	SAMPLE INFORMATION							Date(s) Drilled: 10/15/22 - 10/15/22	Lat: 61.67112
	SAMPLER TYPE	SAMPLE NO.	BLOW COUNT	PERCENT RECOVERY	USCS FROST CLASS ICE TYPE	MOISTURE CONTENT (PERCENT)	P200 (%)	N-VALUE	Lon: -149.26686
0	Sha	1	1	70				3	
		2	2			36.7			
2			14						
	Sha	3	8	95				35	
		4	18						
4			17						
			17						
	Sha	5	8	95	GW-GM* S1*	3.3	6.2	31	Fines=6
6			15						
			16						
			22						
8	Sha	6	13	80				24	
			12						
			12						
			12						
10	Sha	7	6	80				33	
			12						
			21						
			22						
12									
14									
16	Sha	8	50	85				70	
			36						
			34						
			35						
18									
20	Sha	9	50	100				50	Driving gravel/cobble - low recovery
			0.4						
22									
24									
26	Sha	10	12	71				47	Driving gravel/cobble
			17						
			30						
			50						
			0.2						

\* Estimated classification

- 1) Latitude and Longitude coordinates reference the WGS 84 datum and were recorded using a recreational-grade GPS unit.
- 2) Gr = gravel (%), Sa = Sand (%), Fines = Passing the No. 200 sieve (%), P.xx = % passing size mm.
- 3) Groundwater not observed while drilling.



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\* Estimated classification

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2) Gr = gravel (%), Sa = Sand (%), Fines = Passing the No. 200 sieve (%), P.xx = % passing size mm.

3) Groundwater not observed while drilling.



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DEPTH (FT)	SAMPLE INFORMATION							Date(s) Drilled: 10/16/22 - 10/16/22	Lat: 61.67129
	SAMPLER TYPE	SAMPLE NO.	BLOW COUNT	PERCENT RECOVERY	USCS FROST CLASS ICE TYPE	MOISTURE CONTENT (PERCENT)	P200 (%)	N-VALUE	Lon: -149.2678
								Drilling Company: Wininger Drilling	
								Drill Crew: Joe, Frank & Cole Wininger	
								Rig/Method: CME-55 Track-Mounted / Hollow Stem Auger	
								SAMPLE DESCRIPTION / ADDITIONAL RESULTS	GRAPHIC LOG
									UNIT DESCRIPTION
0	Sha	1	1	80					0.0
			1						
			1						
2		2	13						1.0
	Sha	3	8	90		36.0			
			22						
4		4	17						3.2
			15						
6	Sha	5	6	85	GW* S1*	3.5	5	Gr=65, Sa=30, Fines=5	
			9						
			11						
			16						
8	Sha	6	10	85					
			15						
			15						
			14						
10	Sha	7	6	85					
			15						
			21						
12			25						
14									
16	Sha	8	6	80	GW* PFS*	3.0	3.7	Fines=4	
			12						
			14						
			23						
18									18.5
20	Sha	9	13	90					
			19						
			17						
22			19						
24									
26	Sha	10	10	85					
			15						
			42						
			19						
28									28.5
30	Sha	11	6	100	SM* F2*	8.2	26	Fines=26	
			14						
			50						
			50.2						
32									32.0

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DEPTH (FT)	SAMPLE INFORMATION							Date(s) Drilled: 10/16/22 - 10/16/22		Lat: 61.67129	
	SAMPLER TYPE	SAMPLE NO.	BLOW COUNT	PERCENT RECOVERY	USCS FROST CLASS	ICE TYPE	MOISTURE CONTENT (PERCENT)	P200 (%)	N-VALUE	Logged By: A. Pasikowski	
										Drilling Company: Wininger Drilling	
										Drill Crew: Joe, Frank & Cole Wininger	
										Rig/Method: CME-55 Track-Mounted / Hollow Stem Auger	
										SAMPLE DESCRIPTION / ADDITIONAL RESULTS	GRAPHIC LOG
32											UNIT DESCRIPTION
34											32.0
36	Sha	12	17	100					92	Driving gravel/cobble	
38		13	50	42							35.3
			500.3								
40	Sha	14	54	88					50	Driving gravel/cobble - low recovery	
			500.3								
	Sha	15	66	100					62		
			620.1								40.4

\* Estimated classification

- 1) Latitude and Longitude coordinates reference the WGS 84 datum and were recorded using a recreational-grade GPS unit.
- 2) Gr = gravel (%), Sa = Sand (%), Fines = Passing the No. 200 sieve (%), P.xx = % passing size mm.
- 3) Groundwater observed at 38 feet below the existing ground surface while drilling.



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Criteria for Assigning Group Symbols and Group Names Using Laboratory Tests <sup>A</sup>					Soil Classification		
					Group Symbol	Group Name <sup>B</sup>	
More than 50% retained on the No. 200 sieve	Gravels More than 50% of coarse fraction retained on No. 4 sieve	Clean Gravels Less than 5% fines <sup>C</sup>	$Cu > 4$ and $1 < Cc < 3$ <sup>E</sup>		GW	Well-graded gravel <sup>F</sup>	
			$Cu < 4$ and/or $1 > Cc > 3$ <sup>E</sup>		GP	Poorly-graded gravel <sup>F</sup>	
		Gravels with Fines More than 12% fines <sup>C</sup>	Fines classify as ML or MH		GM	Silty gravel <sup>F,G,H</sup>	
			Fines classify as CL or CH		GC	Clayey gravel <sup>F,G,H</sup>	
	Sands 50% or more of coarse fraction passes No. 4 sieve	Clean Sands Less than 5 % fines <sup>D</sup>	$Cu > 6$ and $1 < Cc < 3$ <sup>E</sup>		SW	Well-graded sand <sup>I</sup>	
			$Cu < 6$ and/or $1 > Cc > 3$ <sup>E</sup>		SP	Poorly-graded sand <sup>I</sup>	
		Sands with Fines More than 12 % fines <sup>D</sup>	Fines classify as ML or MH		SM	Silty sand <sup>G,H,I</sup>	
			Fines classify as CL or CH		SC	Clayey sand <sup>G,H,I</sup>	
50% or more passes the No. 200 sieve	Silts and Clays Liquid Limit less than 50	inorganic	$PI > 7$ and plots on or above "A" line <sup>J</sup>		CL	Lean clay <sup>K,L,M</sup>	
			$PI < 4$ and plots below "A" line <sup>J</sup>		ML	Silt <sup>K,L,M</sup>	
		organic	Liquid limit - oven dried	$< 0.75$		OL	Organic Clay <sup>K,L,M,N</sup>
			Liquid limit - not dried			OL	Organic Silt <sup>K,L,M,O</sup>
	Silts and Clays Liquid Limit 50 or more	inorganic	$PI$ plots on or above "A" line		CH	Fat clay <sup>K,L,M</sup>	
			$PI$ plots below "A" line		MH	Elastic silt <sup>K,L,M</sup>	
		organic	Liquid limit - oven dried	$< 0.75$		OH	Organic Clay <sup>K,L,M,P</sup>
			Liquid limit - not dried			OH	Organic Silt <sup>K,L,M,Q</sup>
Highly organic soils		Primarily organic matter, dark in color, and organic odor			PT	Peat	

<sup>A</sup> Based on the material passing the 3-in. (75-mm) sieve.  
<sup>B</sup> If field sample contained cobbles or boulders, or both, add "with cobbles or boulders, or both" to group name.

<sup>C</sup> Gravel with 5 to 12 % fines require dual symbols:  
GW-GM well-graded gravel with silt  
GW-GC well-graded gravel with clay  
GP-GM poorly-graded gravel with silt  
GP-GC poorly-graded gravel with clay

<sup>D</sup> Sands with 5 to 12 % fines require dual symbols:  
SW-SM well-graded sand with silt  
SW-SC well-graded sand with clay  
SP-SM poorly-graded sand with silt  
SP-SC poorly-graded sand with clay

<sup>E</sup>  $Cu = D_{60} / D_{10}$      $Cc = \frac{(D_{30})^2}{D_{10} \times D_{60}}$

<sup>F</sup> If soil contains > 15% sand, add "with sand" to group name.

<sup>G</sup> If fines classify as CL-ML, use dual symbol GC-GM, or SC-SM.

<sup>H</sup> If fines are organic, add "with organic fines" to group name.

<sup>I</sup> If soil contains > 15% gravel, add "with gravel" to group name.

<sup>J</sup> If Atterberg limits plot in hatched area, soil is a CL-ML, silty clay.

<sup>K</sup> If soil contains 15 to 29% plus No. 200, add "with sand" or "with gravel," whichever is predominant.

<sup>L</sup> If soil contains > 30% plus No. 200, predominantly sand, add "sandy" to group name.

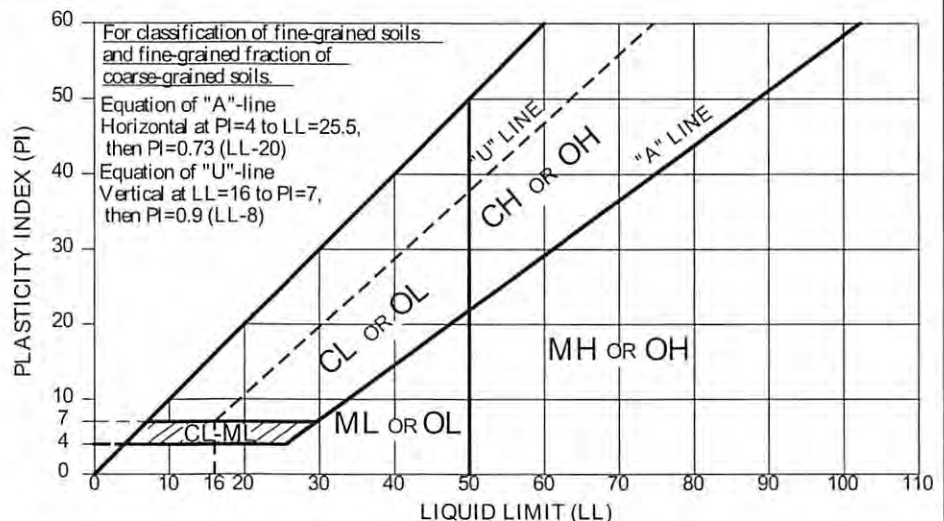
<sup>M</sup> If soil contains > 30% plus No. 200, predominantly gravel, add "gravelly" to group name.

<sup>N</sup>  $PI > 4$  and plots on or above "A" line.

<sup>O</sup>  $PI < 4$  and plots below "A" line.

<sup>P</sup>  $PI$  plots on or above "A" line.

<sup>Q</sup>  $PI$  plots below "A" line.



## U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS FROST DESIGN SOIL CLASSIFICATION

FROST GROUP	KIND OF SOIL	PERCENTAGE FINER THAN 0.02 mm BY WEIGHT	TYPICAL SOIL TYPES UNDER UNIFIED SOIL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM
NFS*	(a) Gravels Crushed Stone Crushed Rock	0 - 1.5	GW, GP
	(b) Sands	0 - 3	SW, SP
PFS+	(a) Gravels Crushed Stone Crushed Rock	1.5 - 3	GW, GP
	(b) Sands	3 - 10	SW, SP
S1	Gravelly Soils	3 - 6	GW, GP, GW-GM, GP-GM
S2	Sandy Soils	3 - 6	SW, SP, SW-SM, SP-SM
F1	Gravelly Soils	6 - 10	GM, GW-GM, GP-GM
F2	(a) Gravelly Soils	10 - 20	GM, GW-GM, GP-GM
	(b) Sands	6 - 15	SM, SW-SM, SP-SM
F3	(a) Gravelly Soils	Over 20	GM, GC
	(b) Sands, Except Very Fine Silty Sands	Over 15	SM, SC
	(c) Clays, PI>12	-----	CL, CH
F4	(a) All Silts	-----	ML, MH
	(b) Very Fine Silty Sand	Over 15	SM
	(c) Clays PI<12	-----	CL, CL-ML
	(d) Varved Clays and Other Fine-grained Banded Sediments	-----	CL, CL-ML CL and ML CL, ML, and SM; CL, CH and ML; CL, CH, ML and SM
<p>* Non-frost-susceptible + Possibly frost-susceptible, but requires laboratory test to determine frost design soils classification.</p>			

From: "Seasonal Frost Conditions", June, 1992, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers TM-5-822-5.



## CLASSIFICATION<sup>1</sup> OF SOILS WITH ORGANIC MATTER

**PEAT (Pt):** Soil comprised of predominantly organic carbon fibers (macroscopic) and/or decayed (microscopic) vegetal matter. Peat is generally dark brown to black, with a very spongy feel and strong organic odor; typically, the ash content (ASTM D 2974) is <20%, the moisture content is >500%, the fiber content is >50% (by volume), the specific gravity is <1.7, and the dry unit weight is <17 pounds per cubic-foot (pcf).

**PEATY-ORGANIC SOIL (PtO):** Transitional soil group comprised of significant proportions, by mass, of both mineral particles and organic carbon fibers and/or decayed vegetal matter. Peaty-Organic Soil is generally light brown to black, with a spongy feel and organic odor; typically, the ash content ranges from 20 to 40%, the moisture content is between 150 and 800%, the fiber content is <50%, the specific gravity ranges from 1.6 to 1.9, and the dry unit weight is between 11 and 19 pcf.

**ORGANIC SOIL (O):** Soil comprised predominately of mineral particles, with a fraction of organic matter sufficient to notably effect the geotechnical properties (i.e. plasticity, dry strength and compactability). Most of the organic matter formed in-place (sedentary deposit), and is typically comprised of microscopic particles (the fiber content is often insignificant). Organic Soil is generally brown to blackish-brown, and soft to loose; typically, the ash content ranges from 40 to 95%, the moisture content is between 100 and 500%, the specific gravity is >1.7, the liquid limit is >50% and/or the liquid limit measured on an oven-dried sample ("Dry Preparation") is <70% of the liquid limit measured on a fresh sample ("Wet Preparation"), and the dry unit weight is >13 to 15 pcf.

**MINERAL SOIL WITH ORGANIC CONTENT (oUSC)<sup>2</sup>:** Transitional soil group consisting predominately of mineral constituents with a small fraction of organic matter which may, under certain conditions, effect the geotechnical properties. Most of the organic matter is macroscopic and likely formed in-place; but may also include roots, or fibrous particles that likely originated elsewhere and were transported to the site by wind or very low energy lacustrine-environment (sedimentary deposit). The soil color and odor is often not effected by the organic matter; typically, the ash content ranges from 90 to 99%, the moisture content is <100%, the specific gravity is >2.4, and the liquid limit is <50%.

**MINERAL SOIL (USC):** Soil is comprised predominately of mineral particles, but may contain a trace of organic (or apparent organic) matter that has no significant effect on the geotechnical properties. Ash contents are typically >97 to 99%, and the loss of mass may be more from ignition of interstitial water or non-vegetal, carbon-based matter. Most of the organic matter likely originated elsewhere and was transported to the site by wind or very low energy lacustrine-environment, and is typically comprised of fine-woody particles or roots.

<sup>1</sup> Callout (Group Symbol) for a general stratigraphic unit consisting predominately of this type soil.

<sup>2</sup> Use an annotated group symbol; a small caps "o", proceeded by the mineral constituents based on the Unified Soil Classification (USC) System (following ASTM D 2487, Classification of Soil for Engineering Purposes).

SAMPLE IDENTIFICATION			PARTICLE SIZE ANALYSIS (% FINER) <sup>1</sup>																	ATTERBERG LIMITS	MOIST. CONT. (%)	ASTM CLASS <sup>2</sup>	FROST CLASS <sup>3</sup>		
			STANDARD SIEVE SIZE																						
			(mm)																						
TEST BORING	NO.	DEPTH (FT)	3"	2"	1 1/2"	1"	3/4"	1/2"	3/8"	#4	#10	#20	#40	#60	#140	#200	0.02	0.005	0.002	LL	PL	PI			
RM22-01	2	1.0- 2.0																							
RM22-01	5	5.0- 7.0		86	82	76	72	64	59	46	33	24	17	13	8	7.1									
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RM22-05	8	15.0- 17.0														3.7									
RM22-05	11	30.0- 31.7														26									

NOTES:

- 1) The maximum particle size of samples is limited by the I.D. of the sampler opening or the width of the auger flights.
  - 2) Soil plasticity was estimated following ASTM D 2488 when the Atterberg limits were not tested.
  - 3) Frost classification was estimated following the USACE Frost Design Classification where hydrometer tests were not performed.
- \*Estimated classification



MEA TERM PALMER-FISHHOOK SUBSTATION

WASILLA, AK

SUMMARY OF LABORATORY SOILS DATA

PROJ.NO:	3031.03
DATE:	November 2022
REF:	GEOTECH RPT
DWG.NO:	15





## Amy Otto-Buchanan

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**From:** Daniel Dahms  
**Sent:** Monday, April 24, 2023 11:37 AM  
**To:** Amy Otto-Buchanan  
**Cc:** Brad Sworts; Jamie Taylor; Tammy Simmons  
**Subject:** RE: RFC New Hope Est RSB #23-035

Amy,

PD&E has no comments.

Daniel Dahms, PE  
Department of Public Works  
Pre-Design and Engineering Division

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**From:** Amy Otto-Buchanan <Amy.Otto-Buchanan@matsugov.us>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 4, 2023 1:47 PM  
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[New Hope Est RSB B3 L6-7](#)

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## Amy Otto-Buchanan

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**From:** Permit Center  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 4, 2023 3:14 PM  
**To:** Amy Otto-Buchanan  
**Subject:** RE: RFC New Hope Est RSB #23-035

Good Afternoon,

Lot 8313B03L007 has a driveway without a permit. Please have your applicant apply for their driveway permit.

Thank you,

Jennifer Monnin, CFM  
Permit Technician  
350 E Dahlia Ave  
Palmer, AK 99645  
[Jennifer.monnin@matsugov.us](mailto:Jennifer.monnin@matsugov.us)  
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## Amy Otto-Buchanan

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**From:** Moenaert, Crystal L (DFG) <crystal.moenaert@alaska.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 6, 2023 11:10 AM  
**To:** Amy Otto-Buchanan  
**Subject:** RFC New Hope Est RSB #23-035

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Good Morning,

The ADF&G Habitat Section has reviewed the RFC packet and associated documents for the creation of three lots from Lots 6 & 7, Block 3, new Hope Estates. Currently there are no resident or anadromous fish water bodies present within the boundaries of the subject property. At this time, a fish habitat permit from the ADF&G Habitat Section is not required. Should fish presence be discovered, please notify the ADF&G Habitat section at 907-861-3200.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

*Crystal Moenaert*

*Habitat Biologist 2*

*ADF&G Habitat Section*

*1801 S Margaret Drive, Suite 6*

*Palmer AK 99645*

*Ph: 907-861-3204*

[ADF&G Habitat Section Permits Link](#)







**ENSTAR Natural Gas Company**  
**A DIVISION OF SEMCO ENERGY**  
Engineering Department, Right of Way Section  
401 E. International Airport Road  
P. O. Box 190288  
Anchorage, Alaska 99519-0288  
(907) 277-5551  
FAX (907) 334-7798

April 5, 2023

Matanuska-Susitna Borough, Platting Division  
350 East Dahlia Avenue  
Palmer, AK 99645-6488

To whom it may concern:

ENSTAR Natural Gas Company has reviewed the following abbreviated plat and has no comments or recommendations.

- **NEW HOPE ESTATES SUBDIVISION LOTS 6A, 7A AND 7B**  
**(MSB Case # 2023-035)**

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 334-7944 or by email at [james.christopher@enstarnaturalgas.com](mailto:james.christopher@enstarnaturalgas.com).

Sincerely,

*James Christopher*

James Christopher  
Right of Way & Compliance Technician  
ENSTAR Natural Gas Company

**EXHIBIT G**

## Amy Otto-Buchanan

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**From:** OSP Design Group <ospdesign@gci.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 25, 2023 8:33 AM  
**To:** Amy Otto-Buchanan  
**Cc:** OSP Design Group  
**Subject:** RE: RFC New Hope Est RSB #23-035  
**Attachments:** RFC Packet.pdf; Agenda Plat.pdf

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Amy,

In review GCI has no comments or objections to the plat, attached is the signed plat for your records.

Thanks,

**MIREYA ARMESTO**

**GCI** | Technician II, GIS Mapping  
m: 907-744-5166 | w: [www.gci.com](http://www.gci.com)

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3B



**STAFF REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS  
PUBLIC HEARING  
MAY 3, 2023**

ABBREVIATED PLAT: BUSH PILOT ESTATES PHASE I RSB BLOCK 2 LOT 3 & TRACT A  
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: SEC 13, T17N, R03W, SEWARD MERIDIAN AK  
PETITIONERS: ROBBIE & REBECCA SMART AND BUSH PILOT ESTATES LLC  
SURVEYOR/ENGINEER: HANSON LAND SOLUTIONS  
ACRES: 14.92 ± PARCELS: 2  
REVIEWED BY: AMY OTTO-BUCHANAN CASE #: 2023-041

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**REQUEST:** The request is to create two lots from Lot 3, Block 2 and Tract A of Bush Pilot Estates Phase I, Plat No. 2015-38, to be known as **LOTS 3A and TRACT A-1**, containing 14.92 acres +/- . The parcel is located south of the intersection of W. Big Lake Road and W. Parks Highway, south of W. Padre Pio Road and borders on Johnson Pond; within Section 13, Township 17 North, Range 03 West, Seward Meridian, Alaska.

**EXHIBITS**

Vicinity Map and Aerial Photos  
Soils Report  
Topographic Mapping & As-Built

**EXHIBIT A** – 4 pgs  
**EXHIBIT B** – 17 pgs  
**EXHIBIT C** – 3 pgs

**AGENCY COMMENTS**

Department of Public Works Pre-Design Division  
Development Services  
ADF&G  
Utilities

**EXHIBIT D** – 1 pg  
**EXHIBIT E** – 1 pg  
**EXHIBIT F** – 1 pg  
**EXHIBIT G** – 2 pgs

**DISCUSSION:** This platting action is creating two lots from existing Lot 3, Block 2 and Tract A of Bush Pilot Estates Phase I. The lot line adjustment is adding 15' on the southwest boundary to existing Lot 3. Lot 3, as it exists, is a 60' wide flag pole, with access onto S. Northwind Circle, a private road. Pursuant to MSB 43.20.100(C)(5), existing lots created within subdivisions recorded with platting private roads may be subdivided using the private roads as the legal and physical access. Tract A includes a runway and the waterbody known as Johnsons Pond; it also has access onto S. Northwind Circle. Tract A is labeled as a subdivision park on the original plat of Bush Pilot Estates Phase I, but does not include a plat note restricting the use of Tract A; therefore, a plat note amendment is not required.

**Soils Report:** (**Exhibit B**) Simon Gilliland, PE, Hanson Land Solutions, notes Lot 3 and Tract A were certified by Curtis Holler, Holler Engineering, prior to recording of Plat No. 2015-38. The proposed platting action is taking the existing boundary of Lot 3 and adding to the existing lot. The previously certified lot has been certified as filled to create a minimum of 10,000 sf of useable septic area as required by Borough code, while maintaining 10,000 sf of useable building area. Tract A was also certified originally and the

proposed Tract A-1 is still over the 400,000 sf area requirement for a soils log. Prior certification of the tract will be used in this new tract also. A copy of the complete soils report from Mr. Holler, dated December 6, 2010 is attached. Topographic mapping and as-built is at **Exhibit C**.

**Comments:** Department of Public Works Pre-Design Division (**Exhibit D**) has no comments. Development Services (**Exhibit E**) notes there is an existing driveway that accesses to 1297 S. Northwind Circle that does not have a driveway permit. Petitioner to apply for a driveway permit and provide a copy of the application to Platting staff (see **Recommendation #5**).

**ADF&G: (Exhibit F)** Currently there are no anadromous fish water bodies present within the boundaries of the subject property; however, there is a potential for resident fish presence at Johnson Pond. A fish habitat permit from the ADF&G Habitat Section is not required at this time. If water withdrawal from Johnson Pond is needed in the future, a fish habitat permit will be required. Should fish presence be discovered, please contact ADF&G Habitat Section at 907-861-3200.

**Utilities: (Exhibit G)** GCI has no comments. Enstar has no comments or recommendations. MEA and MTA did not respond.

At the time of staff report write-up, there were no responses to the Request for Comments from US Army Corps of Engineers; Community Council Big Lake; Fire Service Area #136 West Lakes; MSB Emergency Services, Community Development, Assessments or Planning; MEA or MTA.

**CONCLUSION:** The preliminary plat of **BUSH PILOT ESTATES PHASE I RSB BLOCK 2 LOT 3 & TRACT A** is consistent with AS 29.40.070 Platting Regulations and MSB 43.15.025 Abbreviated Plats. There were no objections from any federal or state agencies, Borough departments, or utilities. There were no objections to the plat from the public in response to the Notice of Public Hearing. Legal and physical access exists to the proposed lots, consistent with MSB 43.20.100 Access Required, MSB 43.20.120 Legal Access and MSB 43.20.140 Physical Access. Frontage for the subdivision exists, pursuant to MSB 43.20.320 Frontage and MSB 43.20.300(E). A soils report was submitted, pursuant to MSB 43.20.281(A)(1).

### **FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. The plat of Bush Pilot Estates Phase I RSB Block 2 Lot 3 and Tract A is consistent with AS 29.40.070 Platting Regulations and MSB 43.15.016 Preliminary Plats.
2. A soils report was submitted, pursuant to MSB 43.20.28(A)(1). All lots have the required useable area.
3. All lots will have the required frontage pursuant to MSB 43.20.320 and MSB 43.20.300(E).
4. At the time of staff report write-up, there were no responses to the Request for Comments from US Army Corps of Engineers; Community Council Big Lake; Fire Service Area #136 West Lakes; MSB Emergency Services, Community Development, Assessments or Planning; MEA or MTA.
5. There were no objections from any federal or state agencies, Borough departments, or utilities.
6. There were no objections from the public in response to the Notice of Public Hearing.
7. Pursuant to MSB 43.20.100(C)(5), existing lots created within subdivisions recorded with platting private roads may be subdivided using the private roads as the legal and physical access.



**RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL:**

Staff recommends approval of the abbreviated plat of **Bush Pilot Estates Phase I RSB Block 2 Lot 3 and Tract A**, contingent on the following recommendations:

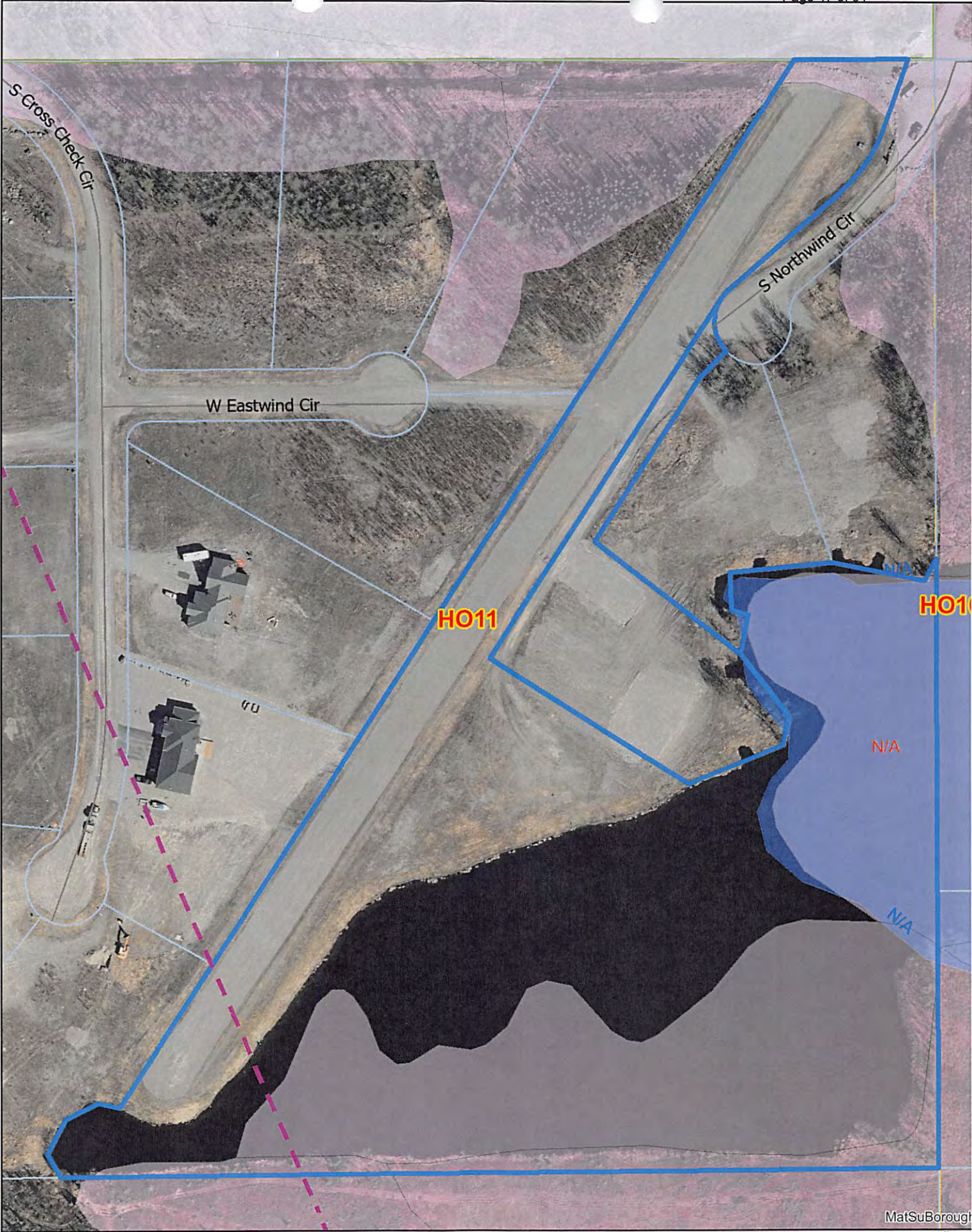
1. Taxes and special assessments must be paid in full for the year of recording, pursuant to MSB 43.15.053(F) and AS 40.15.020. Pay taxes and special assessments (LIDs), by CERTIFIED FUNDS OR CASH.
2. Provide updated Certificate to Plat executed within seven (7) days of recording of plat and submit Beneficiary Affidavit for any holders of a beneficial interest.
3. Pay postage and advertising fees.
4. Show all easements of record on final plat.
5. Apply for a driveway permit for Lot 3A and provide a copy of the application to Platting staff.
6. Submit recording fees, payable to Department of Natural Resources (DNR).
7. Submit final plat in full compliance with Title 43.





## EXHIBIT A





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MatSu Borough



**HANSON LAND SOLUTIONS**  
*SURVEYING, ENGINEERING & LAND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES*  
305 E. FIREWEED AVE. PALMER, AK 99645



September 21, 2022

Matanuska-Susitna Borough  
Planning and Land Use Department  
Platting Division  
Attention Fred Wagner  
350 E. Dahlia Avenue Palmer, Alaska 99645

RE: Bush Pilot Estates PH I Lot 3A and Tract A-1, Block 2 Usable Area Certification

Mr. Wagner,

Lot 3 and Tract A of the previously recorded plat were certified by Curtis Holler prior to recording. His initial usable area certification is attached for your reference. The proposed platting action is taking the existing boundary of Lot 3 and adding to the existing lot. The previously certified lot had been certified as filled to create a minimum of 10,000 square feet of "Usable Septic Area" as required per Title 43.20.281 of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Code while maintaining 10,000 square feet of "Usable Building Area". Tract A was also certified originally and the proposed Lot A-1 is still over the 400,000 sf area requirement for a soils log. Prior certification of lot will be used to this new lot also.

Respectfully,

*Simon Gilliland*

Simon Gilliland, PE  
Hanson Land Solutions  
305 E. Fireweed Ave.  
Palmer, AK 99645  
(907)746-7738

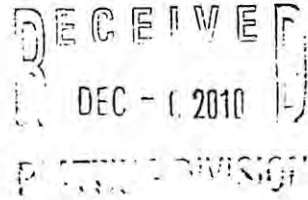


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**EXHIBIT B**





December 6, 2010

Paul Hulbert  
MSB Platting Officer  
350 East Dahlia Avenue  
Palmer, Alaska 99645

Re: ***Bush Pilot Estates***; Useable Areas, Flood Hazard Areas, Sample Wells &  
Drainage Patterns. HE Project # 05036

Dear Mr. Hulbert:

At the request of Bob Fisher, we have performed a soils investigation and related preliminary design work for the referenced proposed subdivision. The project will create 15 new lots and one tract from one existing 40-acre lot with frontage on Johnson Pond. Our soils investigation included logging 10 testholes, review of the provided topography information and observing conditions at the site. See the attached testhole location, drainage and topography map for details.

History. The project site is a reclaimed gravel pit and gravel/peat extaction site, with a significant portion of the pond being man-made. Permits were obtained for all of the mining work. This subdivision was previously approved under Title 16 in a near-identical state, including several lots which were filled as part of the reclamation to provide adequate useable septic area. The external access roads and internal roads were fully constructed and approved by MSB as part of the earlier process; no changes to the roads are proposed.

Topography. The parent parcel slopes between 2-5% grade to the west, with frontage on Johnson Pond along the eastern border. The project surveyor provided a 5' contour topography map. The total elevation differential indicated from the map is around 40'. MSB code requires 2' contours be provided along water bodies, however in this case the bank is steep right to the waters edge and typically rises over 3'; with a lake surface elevation of 208.4', the 208' contour line is underwater, and the 212' contour lies only 3'-4' from the 210' contour. With a scale of 1" = 100', the lines would appear as one wide line and there is no practical value to showing the 2' contours.

Soils & Vegetation. With the exception of a few mature birch trees scattered throughout the lots, most of the natural vegetation was cleared in the past. Currently seeded grass, small plants, and some small shrubbery have begun to appear, and much of the site

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remains gravel. Soils logged in the 10 testholes varied from dense sand & gravel with silt to clean sands and gravels. In many cases, the native topsoils had been previously stripped and some areas had been filled. One percolation tests was conducted, with a result of 37 minutes/inch. Whether filled or native, soils within areas considered as *useable septic area* are well within the normal range and will not limit development. Copies of the 10 original soils logs are attached.

**Groundwater.** Groundwater was encountered in the logged testholes and several other holes that were not logged. The levels were monitored over the past 5 years as fill was placed to 8' above the groundwater table. Depths of the testholes ranged between 9 and 15 feet depending on whether a groundwater table was encountered. Although the testholes were excavated in 2005, most will fulfill the depth requirements of 27.20.060A1a ii due to encountered water table. Based on the soil types and proximity to surface water, a shallow groundwater table is expected in lower areas close to the lake and any swamp areas. Areas considered as *useable building area* have a groundwater table at least 4' below grade.

**Useable Areas.** As the older subdivision standards were more stringent in requiring twice as much useable septic area, the filled lots easily qualify under the present standard. The proposed lots have some limitations on areas defined by MSB code as *useable septic area* or *useable building area*. For septic area, limits include new horizontal setbacks to private water wells, as well as *surface water*, and areas with a shallow groundwater table. For useable building area, limits include lotline setbacks, *waterbody* setbacks, groundwater and utility easements. Based on the available soils testing, topography & water table information, MSB Code definitions, and our extensive observations at the site, ***each proposed lot will contain over 10,000 square feet of contiguous useable septic area, and an additional 10,000 square feet of useable building area. Proposed Tract A will contain over 10,000 square feet of useable building area and a septic system is constructible on the tract.***

**Preliminary Drainage Plan.** Although no further road construction is required, we have updated the previously accepted drainage map. The map shows general and ditched drainage patterns for the site. Additional drainage work was completed and accepted on the two access roads along the section line at the north border.

**100-Year Flood Hazard Area Determination.** From a FEMA Panel map, the lots are located in flood zone C and are not expected to be prone to flooding. Our flood evaluation included review of the provided topography contours, rainfall analysis and interviewing the longtime pit operator and project surveyor. Additionally, our staff have worked on this site since 2005. Based on many years of anecdotal observations, the lake level is very steady, varying by less than 1' seasonally. There is no formed inlet or outlet, and much of the remainder of the lake shoreline is adjacent to low swampy areas. Since the watershed is relatively small, and as it would be difficult to determine underground outflow, we have attempted a simple estimation of the maximum expected lake level rise due to a 100-year rainfall event. Based on measurements from a 1:25000 USGS topo map, the plat and the 2008 MSB Big Lake Watershed Atlas, the expanded Johnson Pond has a surface area of approximately 27.5 acres, with a total contributing area estimated at 280 acres. From the *US Department of Commerce/Weather Bureau Technical Paper*



#52(1965) Figures 16, 22, 28 & 34, the maximum expected rainfall events for the Big Lake area are:

100 year/2-day event 4" - 5"  
100 year/4-7 day event 5" - 7.5"  
100 year/10-day event 7.5"

For the calculation, we have assumed a 7.5" rainfall over a 4 to 10 day period. Due to the unknown sub-surface outflow rate, we will conservatively assume that none of the rainfall leaves the lake during the event. For the 27-acre lake itself, the contribution would be 7.5". To account for the approximately 253-acre watershed surrounding the lake, we propose a runoff coefficient of 0.20; typical coefficients for undeveloped wooded areas are as low as 0.15, and 0.20 is conservatively averaged for the mix of developed and undeveloped areas around the lake. Adding the volume from the watershed areas results in the following calculated rise:

$$100 \text{ Year Rise} = \{(27 \text{ acres} \times 7.5") + (253 \text{ acres} \times 7.5" \times 0.20)\} / 27 \text{ acres} = 21.6" \text{ or } 1.8'$$

Note that the calculation assumes that the area of the lake remains fixed, when due to the adjacent wetlands it would increase somewhat in an actual event.

In either case, the flood hazard areas shown on the attached map follow the 210' contour provided by the surveyor; as we mentioned earlier, the shore within the project site is steep and the contour and flood line would typically differ horizontally by less than 0.3'.

Sample Wells. A review of the state WELTS database provided 5 proximate well logs, copies of which are attached. The logs indicate yield rates of 20, 30, and 35 gallons per minute, with depths of 41, 60, and 80 feet. See the attached map for approximate locations.

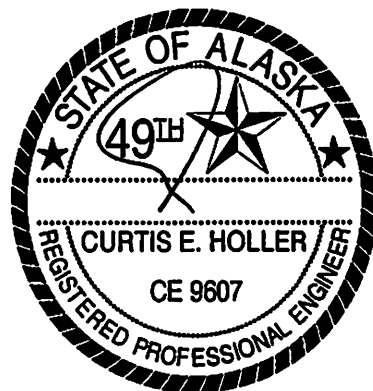
Please feel free to call with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,



Curtis E. Holler, P.E.

c: R. Fisher, w/attachments





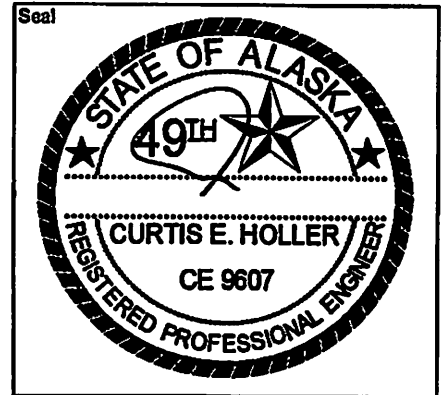


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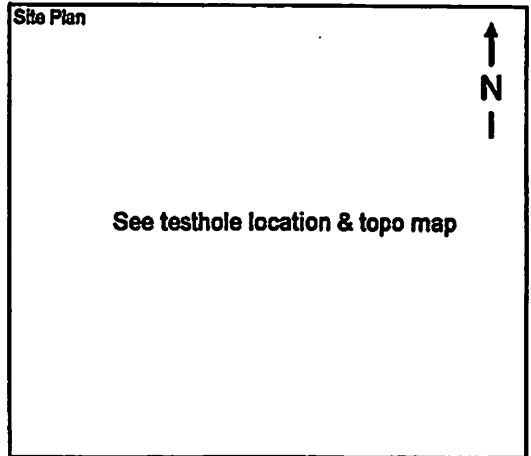
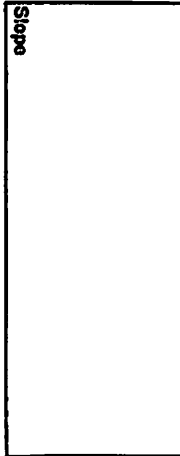
TEST HOLE # 1 of 10

Performed For: **Bob Fisher**

Legal Description: **Bush Pilot Estates**



Depth, feet	Soil Type
1	OL SP-GP MIX NNF
2	SP-GP w/TRACE SILT Rocks to 4", NNF
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4	OL, PEAT, FAST SEEP @ 5'
5	7-12-05
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7	SP-GP CLEAN to WITH SLIGHT TRACE SILT
8	Rocks to 3" MOIST TO WET WITH
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See testhole location & topo map

WAS GROUNDWATER ENCOUNTERED?

**YES**

IF YES, AT WHAT DEPTH?

**FAST SEEP @ 5'**

DEPTH AFTER MONITORING?

**7-14-05 3'2"**

**7-13-05 3'1"**

Slope

**PERCOLATION TEST**

Reading	Date	Gross Time	Net Time	Depth to Water	Net Drop
N/A visual analysis only					

- PERCOLATION RATE \_\_\_\_\_ (min/inch) PERC HOLE DIAMETER \_\_\_\_\_

- TEST RUN BETWEEN \_\_\_\_\_ FT AND \_\_\_\_\_ FT DEPTH

- Comments: **MONITOR P.P.H. SET to ± 9.7'**

- PERFORMED BY: **L. Holler**

DATE: **7-12-05**





## SOILS LOG / PERCOLATION TEST

**EXHIBIT D-5**



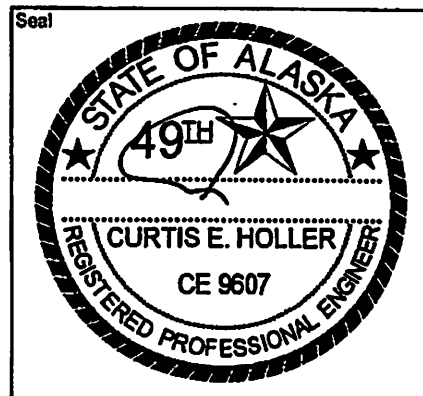


**SOILS LOG / PERCOLATION TEST**

TEST HOLE # 3 of 10

Performed For: Bob Fisher

Legal Description: Bush Pilot Estates



Depth, feet	Soil Type	Slope	Site Plan																																																												
1	(NNF) SP-GP w/ TRACE SILT ROCK TO 4"		See testhole location & topo map <div style="text-align: right;">↑ N ↓</div>																																																												
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10		WAS GROUNDWATER ENCOUNTERED? <u>YES</u> IF YES, AT WHAT DEPTH? <u>FAST SEEP @ 3.6'</u> DEPTH AFTER MONITORING? <u>7-14-05 4' 10"</u>																																																													
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- TEST RUN BETWEEN \_\_\_\_\_ FT AND \_\_\_\_\_ FT DEPTH

- Comments: MONITOR PIPE TO ± 9.5'

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- PERFORMED BY: L. Holler      DATE: 7-12-05





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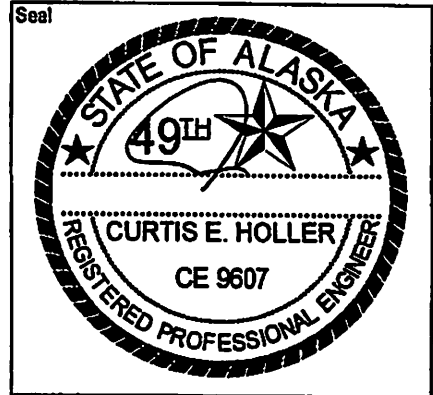
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**SOILS LOG / PERCOLATION TEST**

TEST HOLE # 3A of 10

Performed For: Bob Fisher

Legal Description: Bush Pilot Estates



Depth, feet	Soil Type	Slope	Site Plan
1	SP-GP W/TRACE SILT		See testhole location & topo map
2	VARIES "W/SILT"		
3	ROCK to 4" (NNF)		
4	OL NATIVE PEAT/ORGANICS		
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6	SP-GP W/TRACE SILT		
7	ROCK to 4"		
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11		WAS GROUNDWATER ENCOUNTERED? <u>YES</u>	
12		IF YES, AT WHAT DEPTH? <u>FAST SEEP @ 3.5'</u>	
13		DEPTH AFTER MONITORING? <u>7-14-05 2' 7"</u>	
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Reading	Date	Gross Time	Net Time	Depth to Water	Net Drop
N/A visual analysis only					

- PERCOLATION RATE \_\_\_\_\_ (min/inch) PERC HOLE DIAMETER \_\_\_\_\_

- TEST RUN BETWEEN \_\_\_\_\_ FT AND \_\_\_\_\_ FT DEPTH

- Comments: MONITOR PIPE TO 9' ±

- PERFORMED BY: L. Holler DATE: 7-12-05



Seal of the State of Alaska, 49th, featuring a star and the text "STATE OF ALASKA", "49TH", "CURTIS E. HOLLER", and "REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER".

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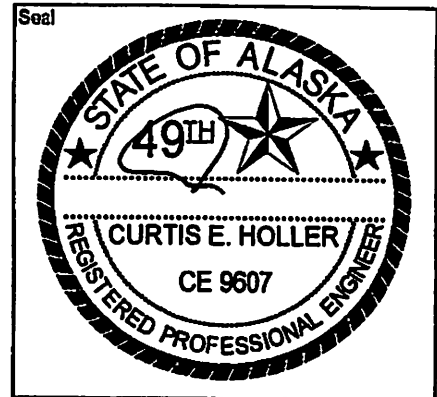
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**SOILS LOG / PERCOLATION TEST**

TEST HOLE # 5 of 10

Performed For: Bob Fisher

Legal Description: Bush Pilot Estates



Depth, feet	Soil Type	Slope	Site Plan
1	<u>NNF: SAND, GRAVEL, SILT, ORGANICS</u>		See testhole location & topo map ↑ N ↓
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4			
5	<u>NNF: OL W/ SAND &amp; SILT MIXED</u>		
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7	<u>SP-GP W/ SILT, VARIES TO "W/ PRICE SILT"</u>		
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9	<u>SP, CLEAN</u>		
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11	<u>TO SP W/ GRAVEL</u>		
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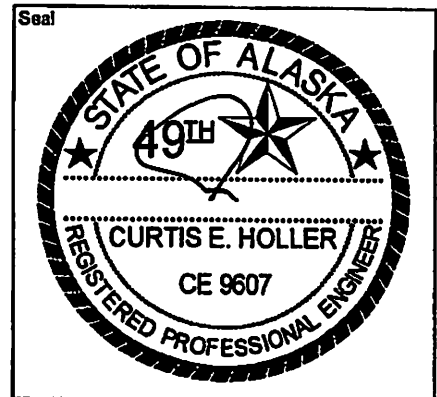
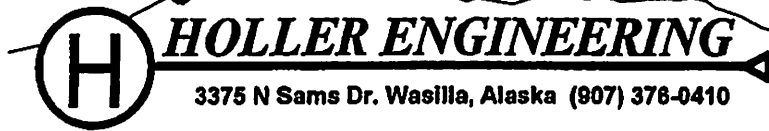
- PERCOLATION RATE \_\_\_\_\_ (min/inch)      PERC HOLE DIAMETER \_\_\_\_\_

- TEST RUN BETWEEN \_\_\_\_\_ FT AND \_\_\_\_\_ FT DEPTH

- Comments: MONITOR PIPE TO ±10.5'

- \_\_\_\_\_

- PERFORMED BY: L. Holler      DATE: 7-12-05



**SOILS LOG / PERCOLATION TEST**

TEST HOLE # 6 of 10

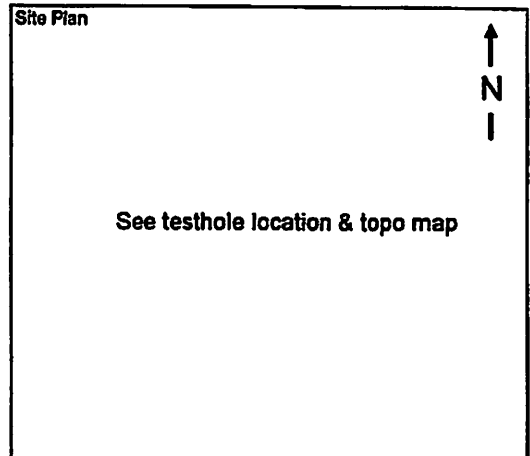
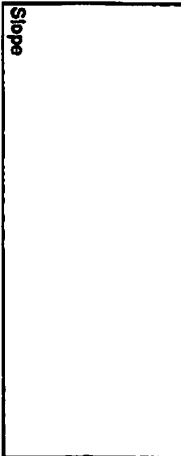
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Legal Description: Bush Pilot Estates

Depth, feet Soil Type (PREVIOUSLY STRIPPED)

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SM w/ GRAVEL  
DENSE, ROCK TO 4"  
FEW 8"



See testhole location & topo map

WAS GROUNDWATER ENCOUNTERED?

NO

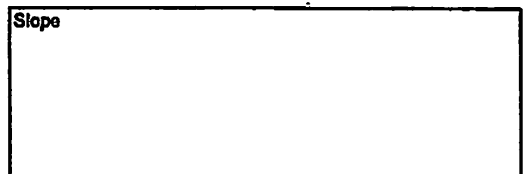
IF YES, AT WHAT DEPTH?

N/A

DEPTH AFTER MONITORING?



SP w/ GRAVEL & SILT



**PERCOLATION TEST**

Reading	Date	Gross Time	Net Time	Depth to Water	Net Drop
N/A visual analysis only					

- PERCOLATION RATE \_\_\_\_\_ (min/inch) PERC HOLE DIAMETER \_\_\_\_\_

- TEST RUN BETWEEN \_\_\_\_\_ FT AND \_\_\_\_\_ FT DEPTH

- Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

- PERFORMED BY: L. Holler

DATE: 7-12-05





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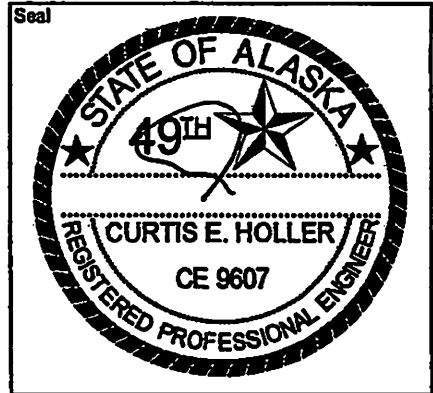
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**SOILS LOG / PERCOLATION TEST**

TEST HOLE # 7 of 10

Performed For: Bob Fisher

Legal Description: Bush Pilot Estates



Depth, feet	Soil Type	Slope	Site Plan	
1	SM W/ GRAVEL, ROCKS TO 3", MEDIUM to HIGH SILT CONTENT SFC PREVIOUSLY STRIPPED. NNT TO APPROX 3'		See testhole location & topo map	
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7	GM w/ SP ROCK to 5'			
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13	SP-LP W/ SILT, VARIES to SM-LM W/ LOW SILT CONTENT	WAS GROUNDWATER ENCOUNTERED? <u>YES</u>		Slope
14		IF YES, AT WHAT DEPTH? <u>FAST @ 12.5'</u>		
15		DEPTH AFTER MONITORING? <u>7-13-05 12'0"</u>		
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Reading	Date	Gross Time	Net Time	Depth to Water	Net Drop
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1		1402:28	30 MIN	-4 7/16"	0 15/16"
2		1433:37	30 MIN	-4 5/16"	0 13/16"
3	✓	1504:46	30 MIN	-4 5/16"	0 13/16"

- PERCOLATION RATE 37 (min/inch) PERC HOLE DIAMETER 6"

- TEST RUN BETWEEN 5 FT AND 6 FT DEPTH

- Comments: Monitor P.P. to ± 14'

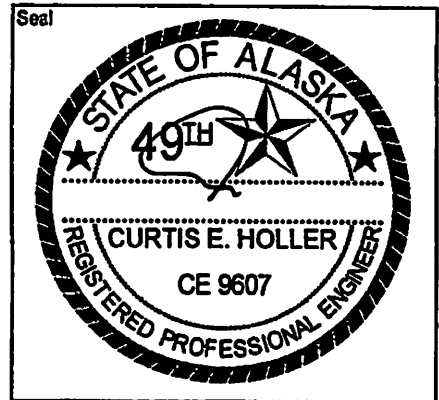
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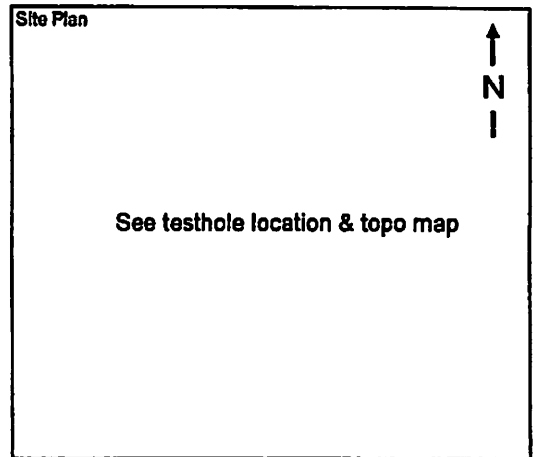
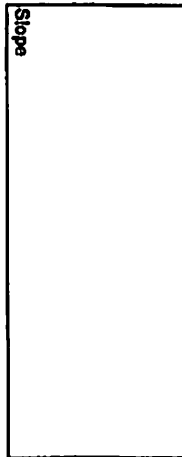
TEST HOLE # 8 of 10

Performed For: Bob Fisher

Legal Description: Bush Pilot Estates

Depth, feet Soil Type (PREVIOUSLY STRIPPED)

1 SP W/ GRAVEL & SILT  
2 ROCK TO 4", VARIES TO  
3 SH-GM W/ LOW SILT CONTENT  
4 MEDIUM-COARSE SANDS  
5 PEBBLES W/ SILT GM  
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WAS GROUNDWATER ENCOUNTERED?

NO

IF YES, AT WHAT DEPTH?

N/A

DEPTH AFTER MONITORING?

Slope

**PERCOLATION TEST**

Reading	Date	Gross Time	Net Time	Depth to Water	Net Drop
N/A visual analysis only					

- PERCOLATION RATE (min/inch) PERC HOLE DIAMETER

- TEST RUN BETWEEN FT AND FT DEPTH

- Comments:

- PERFORMED BY: L. Holler

DATE: 7-12-05





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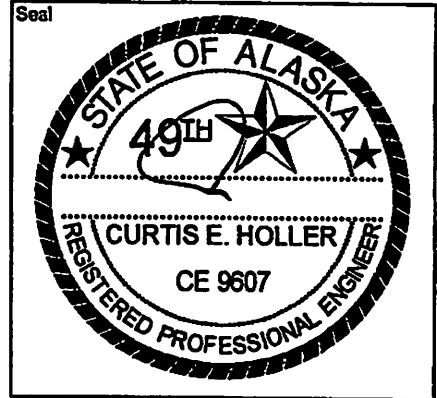
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**SOILS LOG / PERCOLATION TEST**

TEST HOLE # 8A of 10

Performed For: Bob Fisher

Legal Description: Bush Pilot Estates



Depth, feet	Soil Type	Slope	Site Plan
1	SFC PREVIOUSLY STRIPPED. MIXED DEPOSITS, DISCONTINUOUS SP (MEDIUM & FINE). SP w/ S.LT. SP-6P WITH S.LT. NNF TO $\pm 3.0'$		See testhole location & topo map
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WAS GROUNDWATER ENCOUNTERED? YES

IF YES, AT WHAT DEPTH? SEEPS STARTING @ 6"

DEPTH AFTER MONITORING? 7-13414-05 1'9"

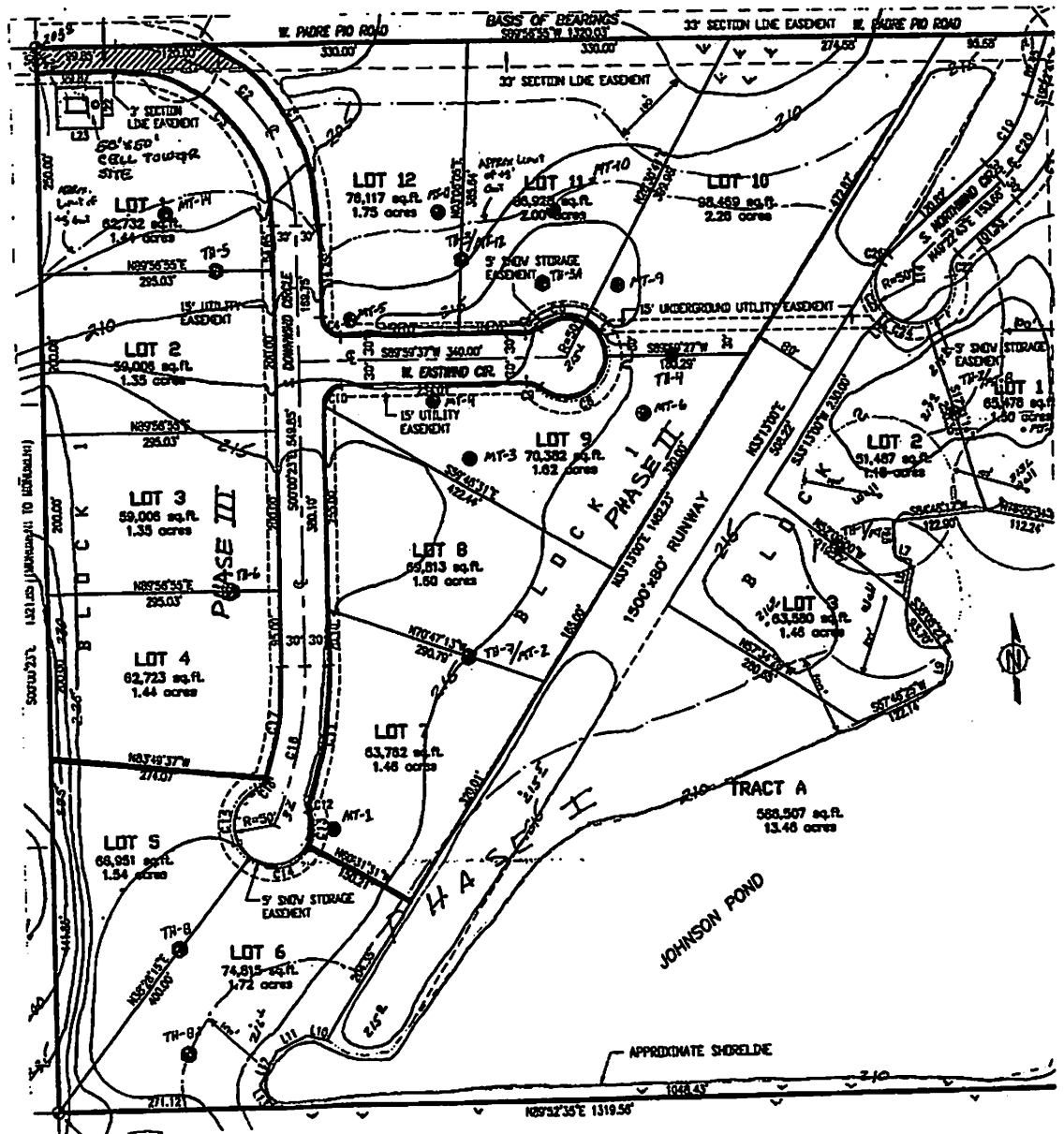
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- TEST RUN BETWEEN \_\_\_\_\_ FT AND \_\_\_\_\_ FT DEPTH

- Comments: Monitor pipe set  $\frac{1}{2} \pm 7'$

- PERFORMED BY: L. Holler DATE: 7-12-05

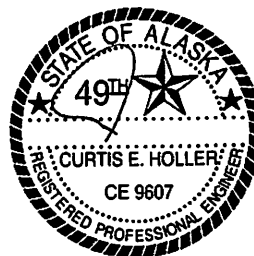
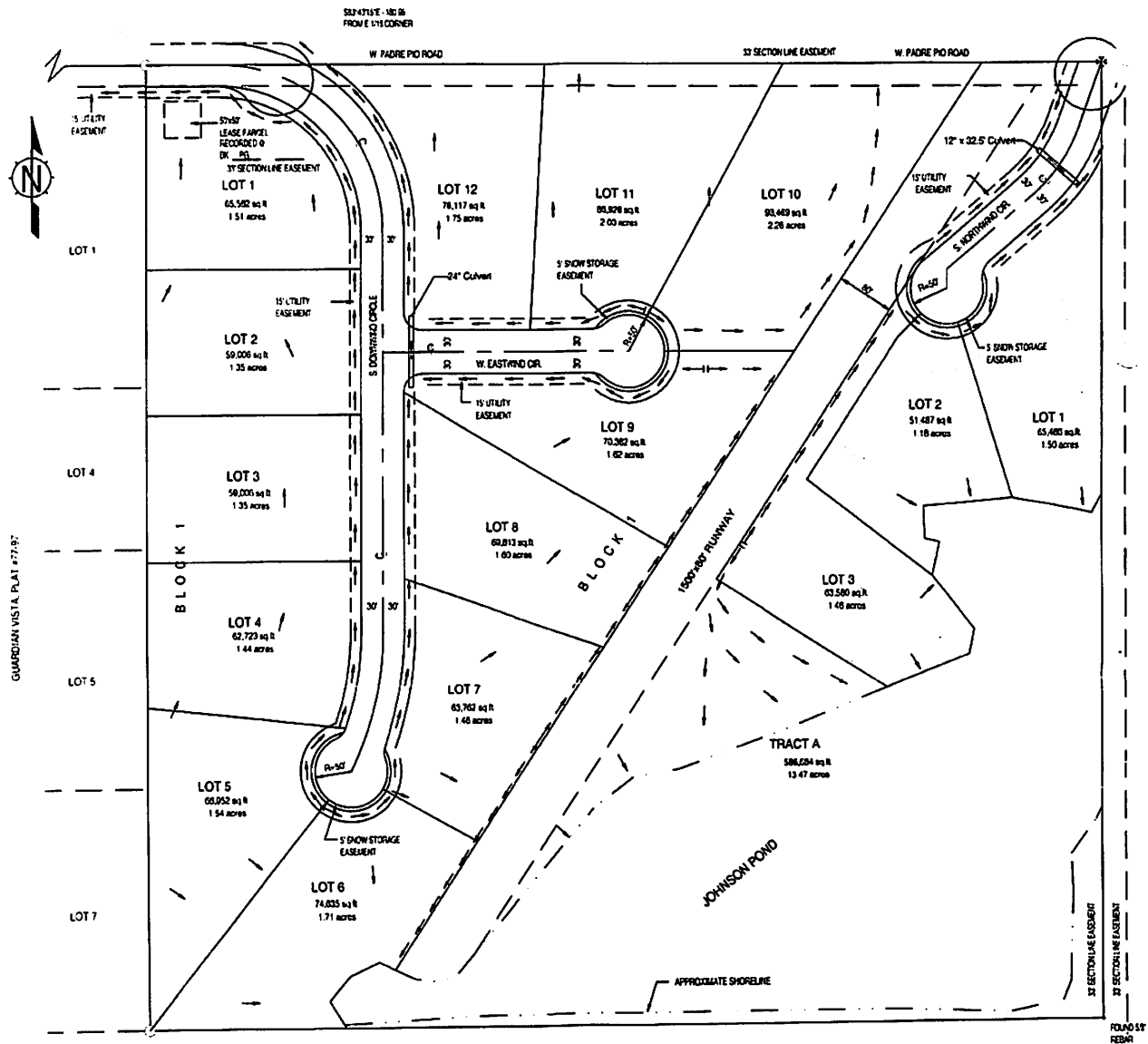



Bush Pilot Estates Topography, Testhole, and Monitor Tube Locations		
<b>HOLLER ENGINEERING</b> 3375 N. Seward Dr., Wasilla, Alaska 99654		
Job # 05036	12-3-10	Scale: 1"=100'-4"

Notes: 1. Topography provided by others.

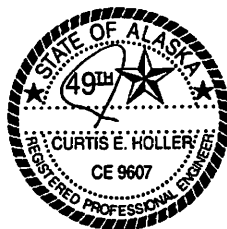
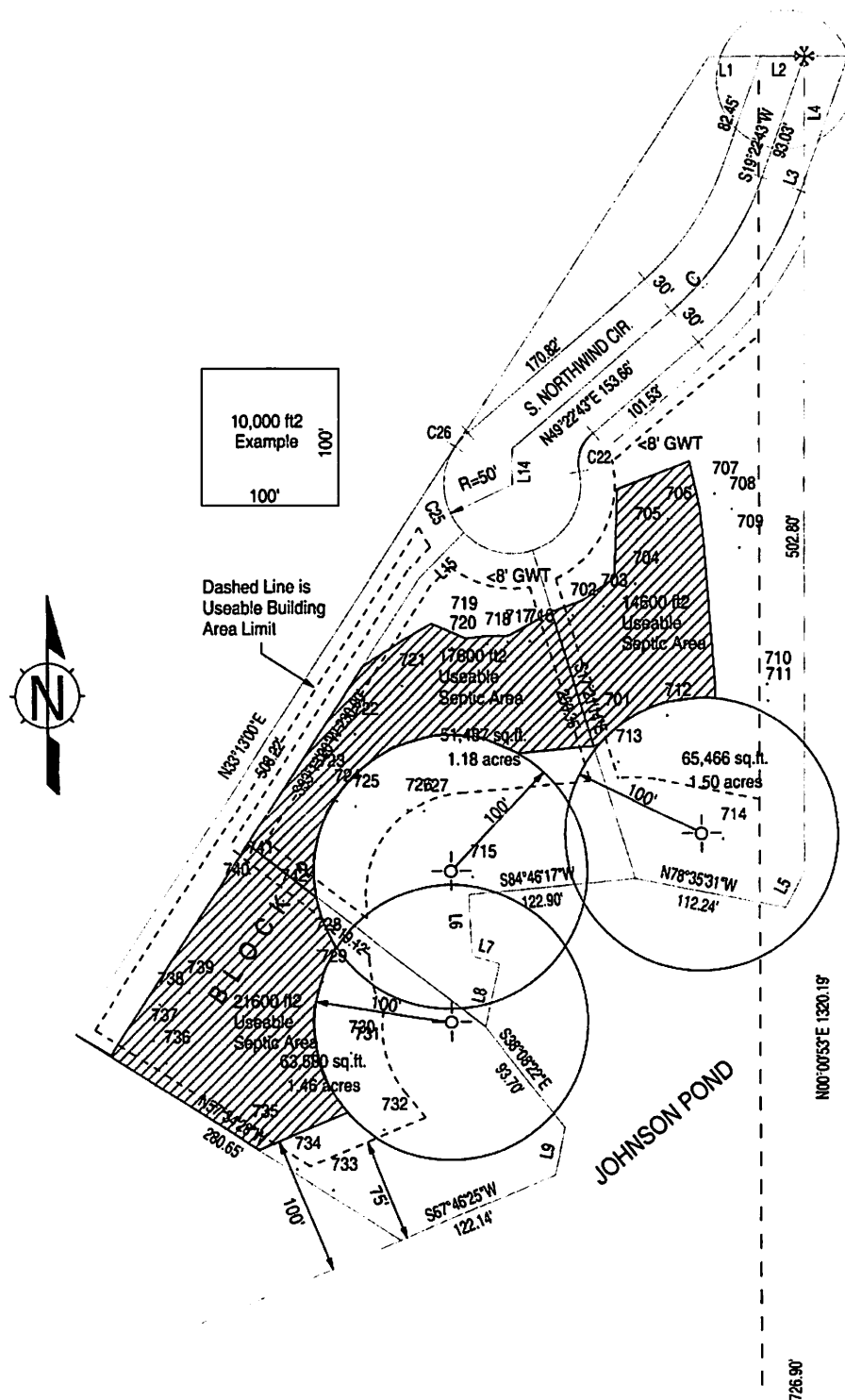
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Bush Pilot Estates Internal Roads Drainage Map		
 <b>HOLLER ENGINEERING</b> 3375 N Sams Dr. Wasilla, Alaska 99654		
Job # 05036	12-06-10	Scale 1"=150'

Notes: 1. Arrows denote apparent drainage patterns.




Bush Pilot Estates		
Lots 1, 2 & 3 Useable Area		
 <b>HOLLER ENGINEERING</b> 3375 N Sams Dr. Wasilla, Alaska 99654		
Job # 05036	12-6-10	Scale: 1"=80' +/-

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FLOOD HAZARD AREA



MSB WAIVER RES.  
81-09 P/W  
(81-154W)  
PARCEL 1

MSB WAIVER RES.  
78-43 P/W  
(78-108W)  
PARCEL 2

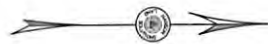
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LINE TABLE

LINE #	BEARING	LENGTH
L1	N 89° 42' 30" W	31.77
L2	S 57° 07' 30" E	82.48
L3	S 60° 07' 30" E	110.99
L4	N 44° 58' 54" E	42.59
L5	N 67° 27' 00" E	29.79
L6	S 70° 00' 00" E	112.28
L7	N 60° 37' 42" E	123.06
L8	N 62° 04' 47" E	42.13
L9	N 62° 04' 47" E	20.38
L10	N 62° 06' 37" E	41.46
L11	N 60° 35' 58" E	84.68
L12	N 67° 27' 00" E	34.83
L13	N 67° 27' 00" E	122.12
L14	N 62° 09' 25" E	15.00
L15	N 67° 25' 58" E	33.83
L16	N 60° 35' 58" E	42.23
L17	N 60° 35' 58" E	42.92
L18	S 70° 07' 30" E	25.97

DATE TABLE

DATE #	LENGTH	BEARING	DATE BEARING
C1	102.88	N 61° 29' 30" E	30.23
C2	14.12	S 00° 00' 00" E	7.11
C3	68.00	S 00° 00' 00" E	42.44



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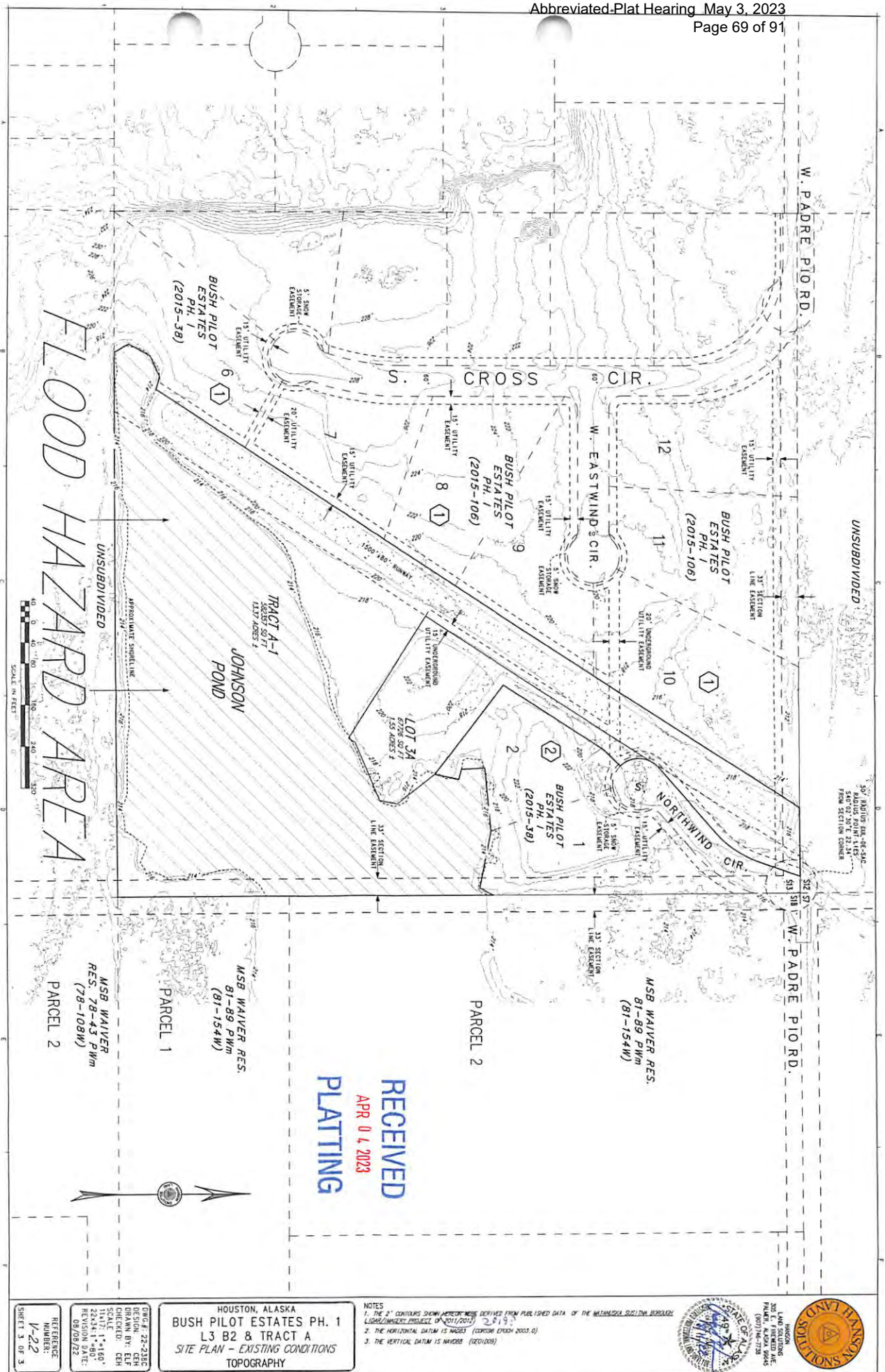
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## Amy Otto-Buchanan

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**From:** Daniel Dahms  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 25, 2023 9:34 AM  
**To:** Amy Otto-Buchanan  
**Cc:** Tammy Simmons; Brad Sworts; Jamie Taylor  
**Subject:** RE: RFC Bush Pilot Est Ph 1 RSB #23-040

Amy,

PD&E has no comments.

Daniel Dahms, PE  
Department of Public Works  
Pre-Design and Engineering Division

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**From:** Amy Otto-Buchanan <Amy.Otto-Buchanan@matsugov.us>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 6, 2023 3:59 PM  
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[Bush Pilot Est Ph 1 RSB](#)

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[amy.otto-buchanan@matsugov.us](mailto:amy.otto-buchanan@matsugov.us)  
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**Sent:** Tuesday, April 25, 2023 10:13 AM  
**To:** Amy Otto-Buchanan  
**Cc:** OSP Design Group  
**Subject:** RE: RFC Bush Pilot Est Ph 1 RSB #23-040  
**Attachments:** RFC Packet.pdf; Agenda Plat.pdf

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Amy,

In review GCI has no comments or objections to the plat, attached is the signed plat for your records.

Thanks,

**MIREYA ARMESTO**

**GCI** | Technician II, GIS Mapping

m: 907-744-5166 | w: [www.gci.com](http://www.gci.com)

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**ENSTAR Natural Gas Company**  
A DIVISION OF SEMCO ENERGY  
Engineering Department, Right of Way Section  
401 E. International Airport Road  
P. O. Box 190288  
Anchorage, Alaska 99519-0288  
(907) 277-5551  
FAX (907) 334-7798

April 10, 2023

Matanuska-Susitna Borough, Platting Division  
350 East Dahlia Avenue  
Palmer, AK 99645-6488

To whom it may concern:

ENSTAR Natural Gas Company has reviewed the following preliminary plat and has no comments or recommendations.

- **BUSH PILOT ESTATES PH. 1 LOT 3A, BLOCK 2 AND TRACT A-1  
(MSB Case # 2023-041)**

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 334-7944 or by email at [james.christopher@enstarnaturalgas.com](mailto:james.christopher@enstarnaturalgas.com).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James Christopher". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

James Christopher  
Right of Way & Compliance Technician  
ENSTAR Natural Gas Company



### PLANNING & LAND USE DIRECTOR'S CERTIFICATE

I CERTIFY THAT THIS SUBDIVISION PLAN HAS BEEN FOUND TO COMPLY WITH THE LAND SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH, AND THAT THE PLAT HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE PLATTING AUTHORITY BY PLAT RESOLUTION NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_, DATED \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, AND THAT THIS PLAT HAS BEEN APPROVED FOR RECORDING IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER IN THE PALMER RECORDING DISTRICT, THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT, STATE OF ALASKA, IN WHICH THE PLAT IS LOCATED.

PLANNING AND LAND USE DIRECTOR \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
(PLATTING CLERK)

### SURVEYOR'S CERTIFICATE



I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I AM A REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR IN THE STATE OF ALASKA, AND THAT THIS PLAT REPRESENTS A SURVEY MADE BY ME OR UNDER MY DIRECT SUPERVISION, AND THAT THE MONUMENTS SHOWN ON THE PLAT ACTUALLY EXIST AS DESCRIBED AND THAT ALL DIMENSIONAL AND OTHER DETAILS ARE TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

REGISTERED LAND SURVEYOR

### LEGEND

- ⊕ RECOVERED BLM/GLO BRASS CAP ON IRON PIPE
- RECOVERED PLASTIC CAP ON 3/8" REBAR
- RECOVERED 3/8" REBAR
- SET PLASTIC CAP ON 3/8"x30" REBAR
- (C) COMPUTED DATA
- MEASURED DATA
- N74°58'11"W 255.65' RECORD PER PLAT (2015-38)
- [N74°45'W] [254.70'] RECORD PER PLAT (2015-106)
- 761 SURVEY POINT NUMBER
- 1 BLOCK



TYPICAL SET  
1 3/4" PLASTIC  
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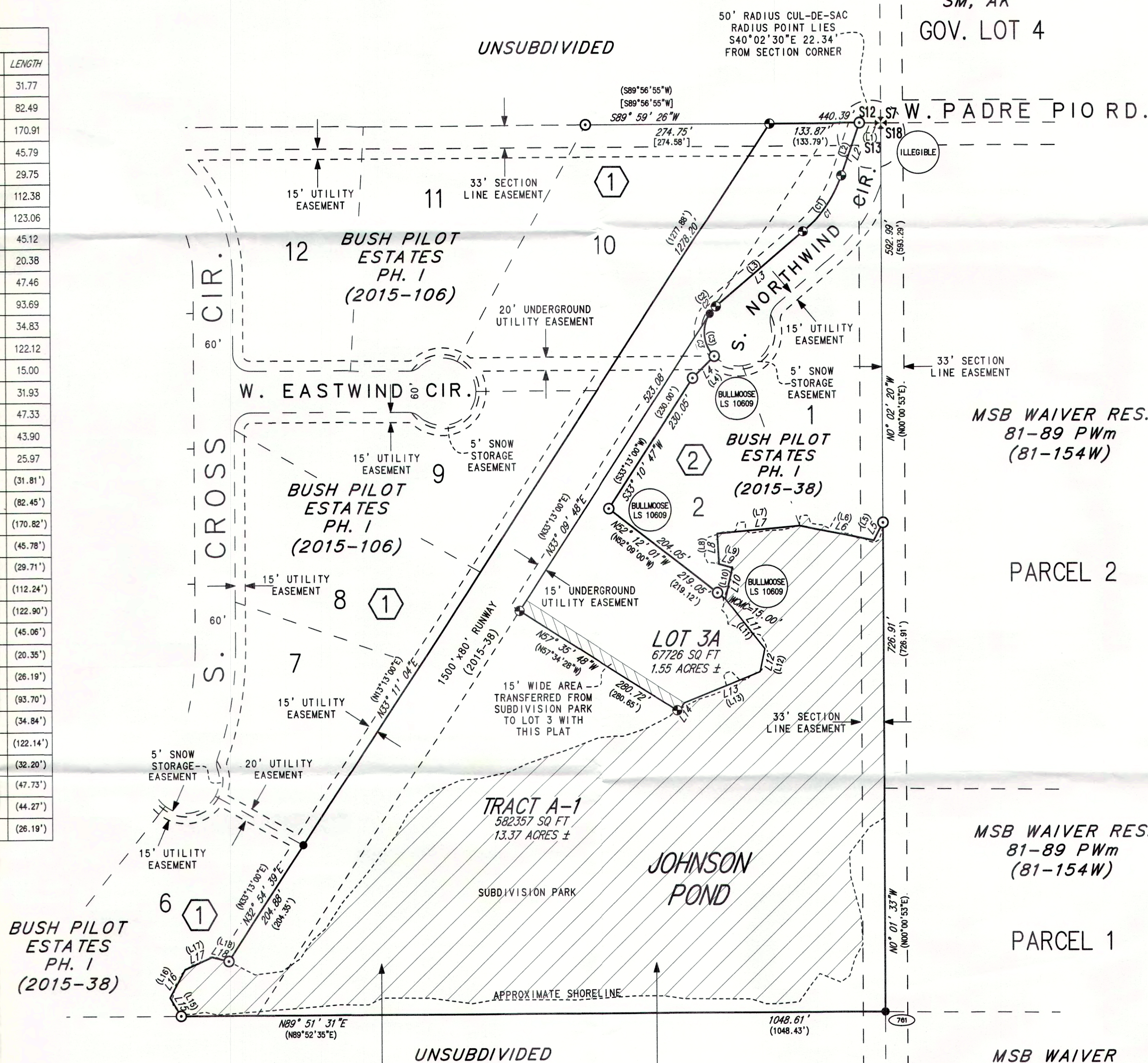
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### NOTES

1. ALL DISTANCES SHOWN ARE GROUND DISTANCES.
2. THE BASIS OF BEARING ON THIS PLAT IS TRUE NORTH WITH RESPECT TO THE LONGITUDINAL MERIDIAN THROUGH THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF TRACT A-1, A RECOVERED REBAR (SURVEYED POINT 761) WITH A NETWORK GNSS GEODETIC POSITION OF 61° 34' 00.95"N 149° 43' 21.03"W
3. NO INDIVIDUAL WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM OR SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM SHALL BE PERMITTED ON ANY LOT UNLESS THE SYSTEM IS LOCATED, CONSTRUCTED, AND EQUIPPED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS, STANDARDS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE STATE OF ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION, WHICH GOVERNS THOSE SYSTEMS.
4. THERE MAY BE FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL REQUIREMENTS GOVERNING LAND USE. THE INDIVIDUAL PARCEL OWNER SHALL OBTAIN A DETERMINATION WHETHER THESE REQUIREMENTS APPLY TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF PARCELS SHOWN ON THE PLAT TO BE RECORDED.
5. THIS SUBDIVISION IS ENCUMBERED BY MEA BLANKET EASEMENTS RECORDED ON OCTOBER 30, 2003 AT DOCUMENT# 2003-032564-0 AND ON APRIL 13, 2012 AT DOCUMENT# 2012-007264-0 AND 2012-007265-0.
6. THIS SUBDIVISION IS ENCUMBERED BY A MTA BLANKET EASEMENT RECORDED ON OCTOBER 2, 200 AT DOCUMENT# 2009-022081-0.
7. THIS SUBDIVISION IS ENCUMBERED BY AN ENSTAR BLANKET EASEMENT RECORDED ON JUNE 19, 2015 AT DOCUMENT# 2015-012652-0.
8. THIS SUBDIVISION IS ENCUMBERED BY COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, AND RESTRICTIONS RECORDED ON APRIL 20, 2015 AT DOCUMENT# 2015-007528-0 AND AMENDED ON JUNE 29, 2015 AT DOCUMENT# 2015-013365-0 AND NOVEMBER 20, 2015 AT DOCUMENT# 2015-025243-0.

CURVE TABLE						
CURVE #	LENGTH	RADIUS	DELTA	TANGENT	CHORD LENGTH	CHORD BEARING
C1	102.68	196.12	29°59'55"	52.55	101.51	S34° 22' 06"W
C2	14.12	50.00	16°10'38"	7.11	14.07	S41° 00' 13"W
C3	68.00	50.00	77°55'35"	40.44	62.88	N5° 49' 08"W
(C1)	(102.63)	(196.00')	(30°00'06")	(52.52')	(101.46')	(S06°45'29"E)
(C2)	(14.11')	(50.00')	(16°09'50")	(7.10')	(14.06')	(S41°17'51"E)
(C3)	(68.02')	(50.00')	(77°56'43")	(40.45')	(62.90')	(S06°45'29"E)

LINE TABLE		
LINE #	BEARING	LENGTH
L1	N89° 25' 59"W	31.77
L2	S19° 22' 08"W	82.49
L3	N49° 22' 08"E	170.91
L4	S45° 13' 33"W	45.79
L5	S27° 41' 47"W	29.75
L6	N78° 35' 26"W	112.38
L7	S84° 46' 22"W	123.06
L8	S2° 50' 08"E	45.12
L9	S75° 29' 04"E	20.38
L10	N12° 21' 16"E	47.46
L11	S38° 12' 18"E	93.69
L12	S11° 45' 38"W	34.83
L13	S67° 42' 29"W	122.12
L14	N32° 24' 12"E	15.00
L15	S30° 39' 12"E	31.93
L16	S28° 20' 10"W	47.33
L17	S65° 31' 35"W	43.90
L18	S75° 46' 44"E	25.97
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(L2)	(S19°22'43"W)	(82.45')
(L3)	(N49°22'43"E)	(170.82')
(L4)	(S45°16'10"W)	(45.78')
(L5)	(N27°41'42"E)	(29.71')
(L6)	(N78°53'31"W)	(112.24')
(L7)	(S84°46'17"W)	(122.90')
(L8)	(S02°50'13"E)	(45.06')
(L9)	(S75°29'09"W)	(20.35')
(L10)	(N76°17'24"W)	(26.19')
(L11)	(S38°08'22"E)	(93.70')
(L12)	(S11°49'34"W)	(34.84')
(L13)	(S67°46'25"W)	(122.14')
(L15)	(S31°09'52"E)	(32.20')
(L16)	(N27°49'30"E)	(47.73')
(L17)	(S66°00'55"W)	(44.27')
(L18)	(N76°17'24"W)	(26.19')



### CERTIFICATE OF PAYMENT OF TAXES

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT ALL CURRENT TAXES AND SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS, THROUGH \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, AGAINST THE PROPERTY, INCLUDED IN THE SUBDIVISION OR RESUBDIVISION, HEREON HAVE BEEN PAID.

TAX COLLECTION OFFICIAL  
(MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH)

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

T.17N. R.3W.  
SEC. 13  
SM, AK  
GOV. LOT 4

### CERTIFICATE OF OWNERSHIP

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I AM THE OWNER OF THE PROPERTY SHOWN AND DESCRIBED IN THIS PLAN AND THAT I ADOPT THIS PLAN OF SUBDIVISION BY MY FREE CONSENT.

NAME (MEMBER) \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
BUSH PILOT ESTATES LLC  
P.O. BOX 520209  
BIG LAKE, AK 99652-0209

### NOTARY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME THIS \_\_\_\_\_

DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

FOR \_\_\_\_\_

NOTARY FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: \_\_\_\_\_

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ROBBIE A SMART \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
P.O. BOX 870943  
WASILLA, AK 99687

REBECCA SMART \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
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**LOT 3, BLOCK 2 AND TRACT A  
BUSH PILOT ESTATES PH. I  
(2015-38)**  
PALMER RECORDING DISTRICT  
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
STATE OF ALASKA  
LOCATED WITHIN  
NE 1/4 SEC. 13, T.17N. R.3W. SM, AK  
CONTAINING 14.92 ACRES MORE OR LESS

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ALASKA BUSINESS LICENSE #1525  
305 EAST FIREWEED AVENUE  
PALMER, ALASKA, 99645  
(907)746-7738

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**STAFF REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS  
PUBLIC HEARING  
MAY 3, 2023**

ABBREVIATED PLAT:	MILLHOUSE ESTATES	
LEGAL DESCRIPTION:	SEC 2 & 11, T17N, R1W, SEWARD MERIDIAN, AK	
PETITIONER:	SANDRA D. MILLHOUSE	
SURVEYOR:	BULL MOOSE SURVEYING	
ACRES: 15.2	PARCEL: 1	
REVIEWED BY:	CHRIS CURLIN	CASE: 2020-009

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**REQUEST:** The request is to combine Tax Parcel D4 (Government Lot 9) in Section 2 with Tax Parcels A19 & A20 (Parcels 1 & 2, MSB Waiver 85-22-PWm, recorded as 85-108W) in Section 11 and Lot 1, Block 2 of BMB Subdivision (Plat #86-154) into one lot to be known as, **MILLHOUSE ESTATES**, containing 15.2 acres +/- . Located northwest of E. Palmer-Wasilla Highway and west of E. Myrtle Avenue, with lake frontage on Wasilla Lake, within the SE¼ Section 2 and NE¼ Section 11, Township 17 North, Range 01 West, Seward Meridian, Alaska.

**EXHIBITS**

Vicinity Maps and Aerial Photos  
Topographic Mapping and As-Built  
Topographic Narrative

**EXHIBIT A – 3 pgs**  
**EXHIBIT B – 1 pg**  
**EXHIBIT C – 1 pg**

**AGENCY COMMENTS**

USACE  
ADF&G  
SOA DNR  
ADOT&PF  
MSB-DPW  
Utilities

**EXHIBIT D – 1 pg**  
**EXHIBIT E – 1 pg**  
**EXHIBIT F – 1 pg**  
**EXHIBIT G – 2 pgs**  
**EXHIBIT H – 1 pg**  
**EXHIBIT I – 2 pgs**

**DISCUSSION** This platting action is creating one lot from three parcels. The proposed tract will contain 15.17 acres. Access is currently from East Palmer-Wasilla Highway, an ADOT&PF owned and maintained road.

**Access:** This parcel has frontage on E. Palmer-Wasilla Highway, N. Betts Street, and E. Myrtle Avenue. N. Betts Street is a 60' wide public right-of-way. E. Myrtle Avenue. is a 30' wide public right-of-way. Both streets are dedicated on the plat of BMB Subdivision, Plat #86-154. There is an existing driveway onto E. Palmer-Wasilla Highway. Petitioner has applied for a driveway permit onto N. Betts street with MSB Development Services.

**Topography & As-Built:** The surveyor has submitted an as-built and topographic mapping pursuant to MSB 43.15.016(A). The as-built and topographic mapping are shown on the agenda plat.

**Comments:**

**USACE: (Exhibit D)** does not object and advises authorization may be needed from U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Alaska District Regulatory Program if placement of fill occurs in any waters or wetlands.

**ADF&G (Exhibit E)** has no objection and advises any activities that impact the bed or banks of anadromous waters will require a permit.

**SOA DNR DML&W: (Exhibit F)** Survey Section commented that if section line easements exist within this subdivision, that they be depicted and labeled on the final plat. (recommendation #2)

**ADOT&PF: (Exhibit G)** has no objection, stated no additional access will be granted to the Palmer-Wasilla Highway, advises possibility of future Hermon road extension to Betts Street with a signal at intersection with Palmer-Wasilla Highway, and that future left turn access from Palmer-Wasilla Highway is not guaranteed.

**MSB – DPW: (Exhibit H)** noted the chicken coop shown on the Agenda Plat next to E. Myrtle Avenue will need to be removed from the public R.O.W. and adhere to setback requirements for E. Myrtle Ave.

**Utilities: (Exhibit I)** GCI has no comments. Enstar has no comments. MEA and MTA did not respond. City of Wasilla did not comment. Staff notes this property is within one mile of the City of Wasilla.

At the time of staff report write-up, there were no responses to the Request for Comments from MSB Fire Services, MSB Community Development, Emergency Services, Assessments; City of Wasilla; MTA, or MEA.

**CONCLUSION:** The proposed preliminary plat for **Millhouse Estates** is consistent with AS 29.40.070 Preliminary Plats, MSB 43.15.025 Abbreviated Plats. There were no objections to the plat from any federal or state agencies, borough departments, or utilities. There were no objections to the plat from the public in response to the Notice of Public Hearing. Legal and physical access exists to the proposed lots, consistent with MSB 43.20.100 Access Required, MSB 43.20.120 Legal Access and MSB 43.20.140 Physical Access. Frontage for the subdivision exists, pursuant to MSB 43.20.320 Frontage. A topographic narrative was submitted pursuant to MSB 43.20.281. **(Exhibit C)**

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. The proposed preliminary plat for **Millhouse Estates** is consistent with AS 29.40.070 Preliminary Plats, MSB 43.15.025 Abbreviated Plats.
2. At the time of staff report write-up, there were no responses to the Request for Comments from MSB Fire Services, MSB Community Development, Emergency Services, Assessments; City of Wasilla; MTA, or MEA.
3. A Soils Report was not required. A Topographic narrative was submitted per MSB 43.20.281
4. There are no section line easements on this property.
5. A driveway permit application for N. Betts street is on file.
6. At the time this staff report was written there were no objections from any borough departments, outside agencies, or the public.
7. Access exists pursuant to MSB 43.20.320 Frontage, MSB 43.20.120 Legal Access, and 43.20.140 Physical Access.



**RECOMMENDATIONS OF CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL for the abbreviated plat of Millhouse Estates, Section 11, Township 17 North, Range 01 West, Seward Meridian, Alaska, contingent on staff recommendations:**

1. Pay mailing and advertising fee.
2. Show or list all easements of record on the final plat.
3. Provide copies of all driveway permits or applications for permits.
4. Remove chicken coop from R.O.W. and adhere to setback requirements for E. Myrtle Avenue.
5. Provide updated Certificate to Plat executed within 7 days of plat recordation per MSB 43.15.053(E) and submit Beneficiary Acknowledgement, if applicable.
6. Taxes and special assessments must be paid in full through the year of recording, per MSB 43.15.053(F) and AS 40.15.020. Pay taxes and special assessments (LIDs) by certified funds or cash.
7. Submit recording fees; payable to DNR.
8. Submit final plat in full compliance with Title 43.

WA11 MAP





# Matanuska-Susitna Borough



- Legend**
- Road Mileposts
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EXHIBIT A





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EXHIBIT A



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## **Bull Moose Surveying LLC**

**Robert S. Hoffman, P.L.S.**  
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Phone 907.357.6957  
Email: bob@bullmoosesurveying.com



4/4/2023

TO: Fred Wagner, Platting Officer  
RE: Topographic narrative for proposed Millhouse Estates

Dear Mr. Wagner:

The proposed subdivision is approximately 15.2 acres in area. It is bounded by the East Palmer-Wasilla Highway to the south and Wasilla Lake to the north and west. The ground is generally flat and slopes upward from the road and lake to the northwestern corner, which is the highest ground. Elevations vary from 330' to 344' with a portion of the property in a flood hazard area (elevation 331.8'). There are three septic systems on the property and there is over 400,000 square feet of usable area for septic on the property.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'RS Hg', written in a cursive, stylized script.

Robert Hoffman P.L.S.



## Jesse Curlin

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**From:** Pagemaster, Reg POA <regpagemaster@usace.army.mil>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 7, 2023 11:22 AM  
**To:** Jesse Curlin  
**Subject:** RE: RFC Millhouse Estates # 20-009

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Good Morning,

Please be advised that if there are waters of the U.S., including wetlands, on the parcel and you are conducting activities that would result in placement of fill into those waters, you may need authorization from the U.S. Army Corps Engineers, Alaska District Regulatory program. Placement of fill includes direct dumping, side casting and mechanized land clearing if material is pushed into or through waters of the U.S. This is not a jurisdictional determination, just advisory in nature.

If you would like more information about the program, please visit our website at:  
<https://www.poa.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/>.

Very Respectfully,

Rania Corn  
Administrative Support Assistant  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Regulatory Division  
P.O. Box 6896  
JBER, AK 99506  
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**Jesse Curlin**

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**From:** Hoden, George D (DFG) <george.hoden@alaska.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 6, 2023 3:06 PM  
**To:** Jesse Curlin  
**Subject:** RE: RFC Millhouse Estates # 20-009

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Hi Chris,

I am providing these comments on behalf of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Habitat Section, Palmer office. The Habitat Section has no objection to the proposed platting action. Please be advised that Wasilla Lake (AWC Code: 247-50-10300-0010) is cataloged by the Department of Fish and Game as an anadromous water body and supports habitat important for the spawning, rearing, or migration of anadromous fish. Any activities that impact the bed or banks of cataloged anadromous water bodies will require a permit from the Habitat Section in accordance with the Anadromous Fish Act at AS 16.05.871. This includes but is not limited to some common applications such as water withdrawals, docks, or revetments. Fish Habitat Permit applications can be found online at:

<https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/static/license/uselicense/pdfs/fhpermitapp.pdf>

Respectfully,  
George



**George Hoden**  
Habitat Biologist

Alaska Department of Fish & Game  
Habitat Section  
1801 S. Margaret Dr. Suite 6, Palmer, AK 99645

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**From:** Myers, Sarah E E (DFG) <sarah.myers@alaska.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 6, 2023 1:29 PM  
**To:** Hoden, George D (DFG) <george.hoden@alaska.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: RFC Millhouse Estates # 20-009

Hi George,

Can you please review?

Thanks!

Sincerely,

**Sarah E. E. (Wilber) Myers**

Habitat Biologist IV, Mat-Su Area Manager

ADF&G Habitat Section, Palmer Office

Office: 907-861-3206

Fax: 907-861-3232

[\\*ADF&G Habitat Section Permits Link\\*](#)



**Jesse Curlin**

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**From:** Horton, George C (DNR) <george.horton@alaska.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 10, 2023 3:10 PM  
**To:** Jesse Curlin  
**Subject:** RE: RFC Millhouse Estates # 20-009

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Hi Jesse,

If section-line easements exist within the proposed Tract A the DNR, DML&W Survey Section requests they be depicted and labeled on the final plat.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Regards,

*George Horton, PLS, CFedS*

Land Surveyor I

DNR, DML&W, Survey Section

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Anchorage, Alaska 99501

(907) 269-8610

<http://dnr.alaska.gov/mlw/survey/>

*"It's a dangerous business going out of your door. You step into the Road, and if you don't keep your feet, there is no knowing where you might be swept off to." Bilbo Baggins*

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**From:** Jesse Curlin <Jesse.Curlin@matsugov.us>

**Sent:** Thursday, April 6, 2023 1:12 PM

**To:** Huling, Kristina N (DOT) <kristina.huling@alaska.gov>; Post, David E (DOT) <david.post@alaska.gov>; Hylton, Kyler (DOT) <kyler.hylton@alaska.gov>; Horton, George C (DNR) <george.horton@alaska.gov>; Walker, James H (DNR) <james.walker2@alaska.gov>; Percy, Colton T (DFG) <colton.percy@alaska.gov>; Myers, Sarah E E (DFG) <sarah.myers@alaska.gov>; regpagemaster@usace.army.mil; pamelaj.melchert@usps.gov; planning@ci.wasilla.ak.us; publicworks@ci.wasilla.ak.us; davemtp@mtaonline.net; hessmer@mtaonline.net; andrew.fraiser@enstarnaturalgas.com; james.christopher@enstarnaturalgas.com; row@enstarnaturalgas.com; ospdesign@gci.com; mearow@mea.coop; row@mtasolutions.com; robyundtmsb@gmail.com; Alex Strawn <Alex.Strawn@matsugov.us>; Andy Dean <Andy.Dean@matsugov.us>; Brad Sworts <brad.sworts@matsugov.us>; Charlyn Spannagel <Charlyn.Spannagel@matsugov.us>; Collections <Collections@matsugov.us>; Daniel Dahms <Daniel.Dahms@matsugov.us>; Elaine Flagg <Elaine.Flagg@matsugov.us>; Eric Phillips <Eric.Phillips@matsugov.us>; Fire Code <Fire.Code@matsugov.us>; Fred Wagner <Frederic.Wagner@matsugov.us>; Jamie Taylor <jamie.taylor@matsugov.us>; John Aschenbrenner <John.Aschenbrenner@matsugov.us>; Katrina Kline <katrina.kline@matsugov.us>; Marcia vonEhr <Marcia.vonEhr@matsugov.us>; Margie Cobb <Margie.Cobb@matsugov.us>; Tammy Simmons <Tammy.Simmons@matsugov.us>; Theresa Taranto <Theresa.Taranto@matsugov.us>; Tom Adams <Tom.Adams@matsugov.us>

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GOVERNOR MICHAEL J. DUNLEAVY

## Department of Transportation and Public Facilities

Program Development and Statewide Planning  
Anchorage Field Office

4111 Aviation Avenue  
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April 14, 2023

Fred Wagner, Platting Officer  
Matanuska-Susitna Borough  
350 East Dahlia Avenue  
Palmer, Alaska 99645

[Sent Electronically]

Re: Plat Review

Dear Mr. Wagner:

The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) Central Region has reviewed the following plats and have the following comments:

- **Plat #2014-11, WA 12 Hacker, Parks Highway**
  - No objection to the proposed plat.
  - No direct access to the Parks Highway will be granted. All proposed lots must take access from McCallister Dr.
  - DOT&PF recommends the Mat-Su Borough consider through road development goals in the area of Seims Street between the Parks Highway, Coghlan Circle and McCallister Dr.
  - DOT&PF requests applicant doesn't develop anything that precludes a future connection of Seims Street between the Parks Highway and McCallister Dr.
- **Plat #74-62, WA 12 Griggs, Parks Highway**
  - No objection to the proposed plat.
  - Access to the north lot must be taken from Airway Circle and access to the south lot must be taken from Commercial Drive.
  - No direct access from the south lot to the Parks Highway.
- **Plat #86-154, WA 11 Millhouse, Palmer-Wasilla Highway**
  - No objection to the proposed lot consolidation.
  - No additional access to the Palmer-Wasilla Highway will be permitted.
  - Please be advised that DOT&PF has a project developing Hermon Road Extension from the Parks Highway to the Palmer-Wasilla Highway. Project improvements anticipate realigning Betts Street and placing a signal at the Palmer-Wasilla Highway and Betts



Street. More information about the project can be found at

<https://www.hermonroadextension.com/>.

- Please be aware of potential DOT&PF Right-of-Way needs as Hermon Road Extension and its signal are developed.
- DOT&PF advises that left turn access on the Palmer-Wasilla Highway is not guaranteed in the future. DOT&PF recommends prioritizing further access development at Myrtle Avenue due to the Betts Street traffic light.

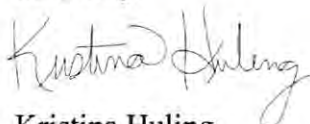
All properties accessing DOT&PF roads must apply to Right of Way for a driveway permit and/or approach road review, subject to provisions listed in 17 AAC 10.020. Any previously issued access permits become invalid once the property undergoes a platting action and must be reissued.

We recommend the petitioner verify all section line easements and DOT&PF road rights-of-way adjacent to their property. For assistance, the petitioner may contact the Engineering group within the Right of Way section in DOT&PF at (907) 269-0700. The petitioner is liable to remove any improvements within the easements and rights-of-way that impede the operation and maintenance of those facilities even if they are not shown on the plat, so it is in the petitioner's best interest to identify the exact locations and widths of any such easements or rights-of-way before they improve the property.

If any section line easements or road rights-of-way exist within the bounds of their plat, we recommend the petitioner dedicate them. If there is an existing right-of-way or easement, the petitioner is unable to develop that portion of the property yet continues to pay property taxes on it; dedicating will remove that cost to the petitioner.

If there are any questions regarding these comments please feel free to contact me at (907) 269-0509 or [kristina.huling@alaska.gov](mailto:kristina.huling@alaska.gov).

Sincerely,



Kristina Huling  
Mat-Su Area Planner, DOT&PF

cc: Scott Thomas, P.E., Regional Traffic Engineer, Traffic Safety and Utilities, DOT&PF  
Jacob Ciufo, P.E., Regional Hydrologist, DOT&PF  
Sean Baski, Chief, Highway Design, DOT&PF  
Matt Walsh, Property Management Supervisor, Right of Way, DOT&PF  
Devki Rearden, Engineering Associate, DOT&PF  
Morris Beckwith, Right of Way, DOT&PF  
Brad Sworts, Pre-Design & Engineering Div. Manager, MSB



## Jesse Curlin

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**From:** Daniel Dahms  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 12, 2023 11:34 AM  
**To:** Jesse Curlin  
**Cc:** Jamie Taylor; Tammy Simmons; Brad Sworts  
**Subject:** RE: RFC Millhouse Estates # 20-009

Chris,

Chicken Coup shown on Agenda Plat next to Myrtle Avenue will need to be removed from the Public ROW and adhere to setback requirements from Myrtle Ave.

Daniel Dahms  
Department of Public Works  
Pre-Design and Engineering Division

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**Sent:** Thursday, April 6, 2023 1:12 PM  
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[WA 11 MILLHOUSE](#)

Sincerely,

Chris Curlin  
Platting Technician  
Matanuska-Susitna Borough  
(909) 861-7873



## Jesse Curlin

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**From:** OSP Design Group <ospdesign@gci.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 17, 2023 5:14 PM  
**To:** Jesse Curlin  
**Cc:** OSP Design Group  
**Subject:** RE: RFC Millhouse Estates # 20-009  
**Attachments:** RFC Packet.pdf; Agenda Plat.PDF

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Jesse,

In review GCI has no comments or objections to the plat, attached is the signed plat for your records.

Thanks,

**MIREYA ARMESTO**

**GCI** | Technician II, GIS Mapping  
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Sincerely,

Chris Curlin





**ENSTAR Natural Gas Company**  
**A DIVISION OF SEMCO ENERGY**  
Engineering Department, Right of Way Section  
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Anchorage, Alaska 99519-0288  
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April 6, 2023

Matanuska-Susitna Borough, Platting Division  
350 East Dahlia Avenue  
Palmer, AK 99645-6488

To whom it may concern:

ENSTAR Natural Gas Company has reviewed the following abbreviated plat and has no comments or recommendations.

- **MILLHOUSE ESTATES**  
**(MSB Case # 2020-009)**

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 334-7944 or by email at [james.christopher@enstarnaturalgas.com](mailto:james.christopher@enstarnaturalgas.com).

Sincerely,

*James Christopher*

James Christopher  
Right of Way & Compliance Technician  
ENSTAR Natural Gas Company



