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SUBJECT: CHEVIOT HILLS RECREATION CENTER SPORTS FIELD LIGHTING #E170503) PROJECT (AKA PROP Κ SPORTS LIGHTING (W.O. IMPROVEMENT: CHEVIOT HILLS RECREATION CENTER) - APPROVAL OF FINAL PLANS: CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 1, CLASS 1(1) [EXTERIOR ALTERATION OF EXISTING PUBLIC STRUCTURES WITH NO OR NEGLIGIBLE EXPANSION OF USEI. CLASS 1(4) [REHABILITATION OF DETERIORATED EQUIPMENT TO MEET CURRENT STANDARDS OF PUBLIC SAFETY] AND CLASS 1(12) [OUTDOOR LIGHTING FOR SECURITY AND OPERATION OF CITY CEQA GUIDELINES AND ARTICLE 19, SECTION 15301(d) OF CALIFORNIA CEQA GUIDELINES.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. Approve the final plans, substantially in the form on file in the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) Office and as attached to this Report, for the proposed Cheviot Hills Recreation Center Sports Field Lighting (W.O. #E170503) Project (AKA Prop K Sports Field Lighting Improvement: Cheviot Hills Recreation Center) (Project);
- 2. Find that the proposed Project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(1) [Exterior alteration of existing public structures with no or negligible expansion of use], Class 1(4) [Rehabilitation of deteriorated equipment to meet current standards of public safety] and Class 1(12) [Outdoor lighting for security and operation] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Section 15301(d) of California CEQA Guidelines, and direct the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) staff to file a Notice of Exemption (NOE) with the City and Los Angeles County Clerk's Office;

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- 3. Authorize RAP's Chief Accounting Employee or designee to prepare a check to the Los Angeles County Clerk, in the amount of \$75.00 for the purpose of filing the NOE; and,
- 4. Authorize RAP's Chief Accounting Employee or designee to make technical corrections as necessary to carry out the intent of this Report.

<u>SUMMARY</u>

Cheviot Hills Recreation Center is located at 2551 Motor Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90064 in Council District 5. This property includes a picnic area, tennis and basketball courts, children's play area, ball diamonds, and a gymnasium. Approximately 4,000 City residents live within a one-half mile walking distance of the recreation center.

The proposed Project is a Proposition K – L.A. for Kids Program Competitive Grant (9th Cycle) (Prop K) funded project. The scope of work consists of replacing existing lighting with new Light Emitting Diode (LED) light fixtures at a rectangular multi-use sports field with four (4) baseball diamonds, extending from the four corners, and multiple full and half-size soccer fields marked over the baseball fields. If an existing light pole is found to be unacceptable, the existing pole will be replaced with a new pole with LED light fixtures. The new LED lighting fixtures will provide improved quality of light, with reduced spillover of light onto adjacent properties and/or other areas of the recreation center. The new LED light fixtures will also reduce operational costs, by reducing energy consumption relative to current electrical usage. After review by RAP and Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering (BOE) staff, it was determined that the work can be completed by RAP pre-qualified contractors and BOE will provide construction management services.

A geotechnical investigation was conducted to determine the feasibility of this proposed Project, and the findings are documented in Attachment No. 2. As stated in the geotechnical report, it was determined that the proposed Project is feasible from a geotechnical standpoint.

BOE prepared the plans and specifications, and obtained all the necessary approvals for the proposed Project. As required by Prop K, three (3) Local Volunteer Neighborhood Oversight Committee (LVNOC) meetings were conducted. The first LVNOC meeting was conducted on July 12, 2018. The second and third LVNOC meetings were both conducted on the same date of May 22, 2019. The community, the LVNOC and the Office of Council District 5 are in full support of the proposed Project.

Funding for the proposed Project is available from the following funds and accounts:

FUNDING SOURCE				
Proposition K				
Sites and Facilities				

FUND/DEPT./ACCT. NO. 43K/10/10PPAC 209/88/TBD

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TREES AND SHADE

Since this proposed Project focuses on improving lighting for evening recreation activities, no trees will be removed and any existing trees near the proposed location(s) of new light standards will be protected during construction. Additional trees and shade structures are not part of the proposed scope of work.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The proposed Project consists of exterior alterations with negligible or no expansion of use, rehabilitation of deteriorated equipment to meet current standards of public safety and installation of lighting for security and operations. As such, staff recommends that the Board determines that it is exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(1), Class 1(4) and Class 1(12), of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Section 15301(d) of California CEQA Guidelines. An NOE will be filed with the Los Angeles County Clerk upon the Board's approval.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no immediate fiscal impact to RAP's General Fund. The proposed Project should reduce long term maintenance and operational costs, as it will replace existing, higher energy use sports court lighting systems with new, energy efficient LED lighting systems.

STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVES AND GOALS

Approval of this Board Report advances RAP's Strategic Plan by supporting:

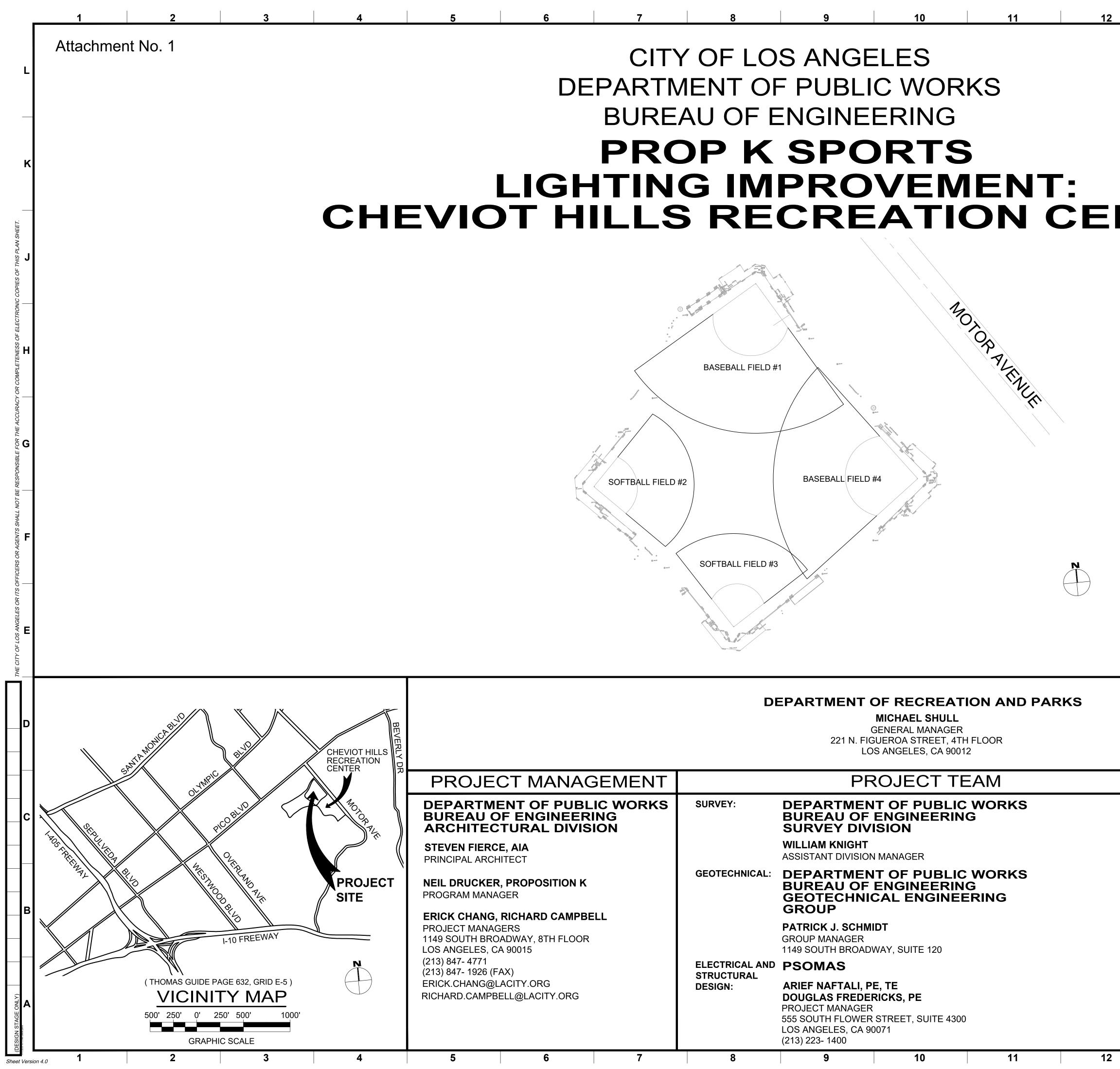
- Goal No. 5: Ensure an environmentally sustainable park system
- Outcome No. 1: Decreased energy consumption and achieve a smaller carbon footprint

Result: The installation of the proposed LED lighting systems will decrease energy consumption resulting in a more sustainable park system.

This Report was prepared by Erick Chang, Project Manager, and reviewed by Neil Drucker, Proposition K Program Manager; Steven Fierce, Principal Architect, Architectural Division, BOE; and Darryl Ford, Superintendent, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, RAP.

LIST OF ATTACHMENT(S)

- 1) Final Plans for Cheviot Hills Recreation Center Sports Field Lighting Project (aka Prop K Sports Field Lighting Improvements: Cheviot Hills Recreation Center)
- 2) Geotechnical Report for Cheviot Hills Recreation Center Sports Field Lighting Project.



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November 8, 2017

CHEVIOT HILLS RECREATION CENTER – SPORTSFIELD LED LIGHTING 2551 MOTOR AVENUE W.O. E170503D GED FILE NO. 17-167

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Los Angeles Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering, Geotechnical Engineering Division (GED) has prepared this report to provide design and construction recommendations for the project. The project site, as shown on Figure 1 – Vicinity Map, is located south of the West Pico Boulevard and Motor Avenue intersection in the Cheviot Hills area of Los Angeles. The project site is within the existing Cheviot Hills Recreation Center at 2551 Motor Avenue.

2.0 PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project site currently contains eighteen (18) existing 60-foot light poles surrounding the baseball field area. The existing light pole locations within the project site are presented on Figure 2 – Site Location Map. The project includes an initial evaluation of the existing light poles to determine if they are suitable for continued use. If a light pole is found to be acceptable, the fixtures will be replaced with new light-emitting diode (LED) lights. If a light pole is found to be unacceptable, the existing pole will be demolished and a new pole with LED lights will be installed. We understand the proposed LED light poles will be the same height as the existing light poles, approximately 60 feet high.

3.0 GEOTECHNICAL INVESTIGATION

Our geotechnical investigation consisted of field exploration and laboratory testing. The field exploration and laboratory testing was completed by Geotechnical Professionals Inc. (GPI). A copy of GPI's data report is included in Appendix A of this report. The findings and recommendations in this report are based on the information presented in GPI's report. The GED has reviewed their report, concurs with the information contained in it, and accepts responsibility for the use of its contents.

3.1 SUBSURFACE CONDITIONS

GPI drilled two hollow-stem auger (HSA) borings, each to a depth of approximately 21¹/₂ feet below ground surface (bgs). The boring locations are presented on the Site Plan, Figure 2, in GPI's data report (Appendix A).

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Uncertified fill was encountered in both borings. The fill consists of sandy lean clay and the fill thickness ranges from approximately 5 to 7½ feet bgs. The native soil in the north portion (CH-1) mostly consists of sand with varying amounts of silt and clay. The native soil in the south portion (CH-2) mostly consists of interbedded sand and lean clay. The sandy native soil in CH-2 contains varying amounts of silt and clay. The field Standard Penetration Test blow counts indicate that the granular native soils are generally medium dense to dense and the fine grained soils are generally very stiff to hard.

Groundwater was not encountered in either boring to the maximum explored depth of 21½ feet bgs. Groundwater levels are expected to fluctuate with seasonal rainfalls, dry weather (i.e. drought conditions), and pumping activities in the vicinity of the site. Nevertheless, groundwater is not expected to affect construction of the proposed light pole foundations.

3.2 LABORATORY TEST RESULTS

The laboratory testing program consisted of in-situ moisture content and dry density, fines content (percent passing the No. 200 sieve), direct shear, unconsolidated undrained (UU) triaxial, expansion index, and Atterberg Limits. The results of the Atterberg Limits tests indicate the plasticity index (PI) of the clayey fill material is 14 to 15. The expansion index of the same material was found to be 85. Based on these test results, the clayey fill material has a medium potential for shrink-swell behavior.

An unconsolidated undrained (UU) triaxial test was performed on a relatively undisturbed sample of the clayey fill material from CH-1, and the results indicate this material has an undrained shear strength of 4,260 pounds per square foot (psf).

Three direct shear tests were performed on relatively undisturbed samples of the native sandy soil between approximate depths of 10 and 15 feet bgs. The results indicate the ultimate friction angle and cohesion value ranges from 29 to 30 degrees and 108 to 252 psf, respectively. For additional information, refer to GPI's data report in Appendix A.

4.0 **RECOMMENDATIONS**

Based on the results of the geotechnical investigation, the proposed project is considered feasible from a geotechnical standpoint provided the recommendations presented in this report are incorporated into the design and construction. If changes in the design are made, or if changed conditions are encountered during construction, the GED shall be notified. Supplemental recommendations may be required.

4.1 SITE PREPARATION

Site preparation may initially involve the demolition of the existing lighting fixtures, including their foundations. Following demolition, the construction area should be cleared of any vegetation and stripped of miscellaneous debris and other deleterious material. Organic matter and other material that may interfere with construction should be removed.

4.2 New LIGHT POLE FOUNDATIONS

We recommend new light poles be supported on cast-in-drilled-hole (CIDH) piles. Piles shall be spaced a minimum distance of 3 pile diameters on center, and the minimum diameter shall be 30 inches. Based on the light pole plan, as presented on Figure 2, the minimum spacing requirement will be met.

4.2.1 2017 LABC Seismic Design Parameters

Seismic design parameters for the project are provided in accordance with the 2017 Los Angeles Building Code (LABC). Latitude 34.04603°N and Longitude 118.40929°W coordinates were used for the site location.

Parameter	Value	Reference
Site Class	D	ASCE 7-10 Table 20.3-1
Ss	2.151	ASCE 7-10 Figure 22-1
S ₁	0.798	ASCE 7-10 Figure 22-2
S _{MS}	2.151	ASCE 7-10 Equation 11.4-1
S _{M1}	1.197	ASCE 7-10 Equation 11.4-2
S _{DS}	1.434	ASCE 7-10 Equation 11.4-3
S _{D1}	0.798	ASCE 7-10 Equation 11.4-4
T _O (seconds)	0.111	ASCE 7-10 Chapter 11
T _S (seconds)	0.556	ASCE 7-10 Chapter 11

Seismic Design Parameters

4.2.2 Axial Capacity in Compression

The minimum pile embedment depth shall be 11 feet below the lowest adjacent grade. The actual depths may be deeper and will likely depend on the lateral load analysis, which shall be performed by the structural engineer. Axial compression capacities (i.e. loads) are presented on Figure 3 for 30-inch, 36-inch, and 42-inch diameter CIDH piles. The axial compression capacities presented on Figure 3 assume the piles develop their capacity solely from skin friction or side resistance.

The total settlement is not expected to exceed ½-inch provided the piles are properly constructed (see Section 4.2.5).

4.2.3 Axial Capacity in Tension

The allowable axial tensile capacity may be assumed to be ½ the axial capacity in compression for the 30-inch, 36-inch and 42-inch diameter CIDH piles (Figure 3). The weight of the concrete shaft may be added to the tensile capacity.

4.2.4 Lateral Load Behavior

The lateral load behavior of a CIDH pile was evaluated using the LPILE (Ensoft, 2016) software program. LPILE (2016) uses load deflection (p-y) curves to approximate the relationship between soil resistance and pile deflection. The lateral load behavior was evaluated for a free head deflection of $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch. Also, we assumed a perfectly elastic pile and a cracked section. The modulus of elasticity for the cracked section was estimated to be 1802500 pounds per square inch (i.e. FS = 2).

The main inputs in the LPILE software for each soil layer are the unit weight and soil shear strength. The existing fill material (with a depth of 7½ feet bgs) was assumed to behave as "sand" with a total unit weight of 98 pounds per cubic foot (pcf), an effective friction angle of 20 degrees, and no cohesion. A request for modification of building ordinances for deriving lateral support from the existing uncertified fill will be submitted concurrently with this report. The native soil was assumed to behave as "cemented silt" with a total unit weight of 118 pcf, an effective friction angle of 29 degrees, and cohesion of 100 psf. The results of the LPILE analyses are presented in Appendix B of this report.

4.2.5 CIDH Pile Construction

We expect the CIDH piles can be drilled using conventional equipment. Due to the relatively cohesive nature of the soil, caving is not anticipated. However, if caving is encountered, steel casing shall be used to support the sides of the pile excavations. If casing is installed, the inside diameter of the casing shall be at least as large as the diameter of the piles. Drilling shall be completed within the casing.

The contractor shall remove loose soil (i.e. slough) from the bottom of the pile excavation. The drilled holes shall be plumb to within a tolerance of 2 percent. Upon completion of drilling, secure covers shall be placed over the excavations. Concrete placement shall be completed within 12 hours of drilling and drilled holes shall not be left open overnight. CIDH pile excavations shall be observed and approved by the GED during drilling and prior to installation of the pole itself.

Depending on the final depths and construction methods, concrete placement by the pump and tremie method may be required. Concrete shall not be allowed to free fall more than 6 feet. Concrete placement shall be performed in a manner such that it does not hit the side of the drilled hole.

If temporary casing is utilized, it shall be raised slowly during concrete placement as the drilled hole is filled with concrete. The bottom of the casing shall remain a minimum of 3 feet below the level of concrete during the pour.

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5.0 CLOSURE

If you have any questions about this report, please contact Joy Welling at (213) 847-0492.



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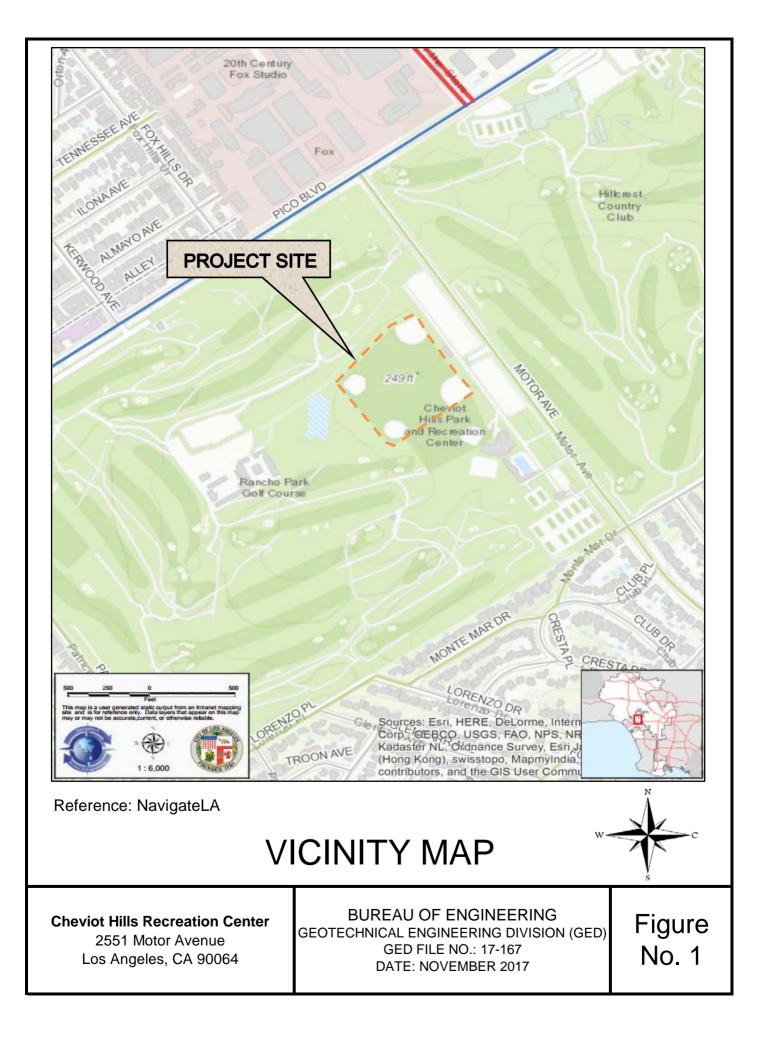
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Figure 1 – Vicinity Map Figure 2 – Site Location Map Figure 3 – Allowable Downward Capacity of CIDH Pile vs. Depth Appendix A – Data Report by Geotechnical Professionals, Inc. Appendix B – LPILE Results

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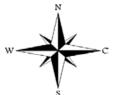




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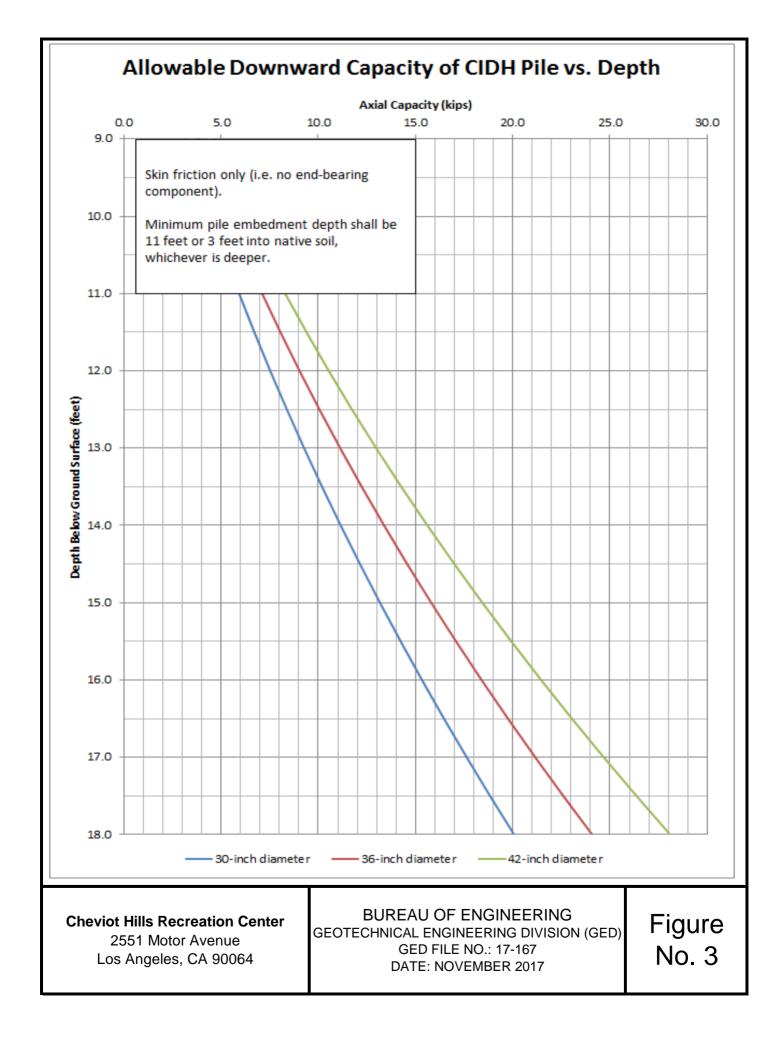


SITE LOCATION MAP

Cheviot Hills Recreation Center 2551 Motor Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90064

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Figure No. 2



Appendix A

Geotechnical Professionals Inc.

Data Report



October 18, 2017

City of Los Angeles Department of Public Works Bureau of Engineering Geotechnical Engineering Group 1149 South Broadway, Suite 120 Los Angeles, California 90015

- Attention: Mr. Patrick J. Schmidt Acting Group Manager
- Subject: Data Report Geotechnical Investigation for Cheviot Hills Recreation Center Sports Lighting Project 11430 Chandler Boulevard Los Angeles, California Contract No. C-121601, TOS No. 17-167 Work Order No. E170503D GPI Project No. 2500.08I

Dear Mr. Schmidt:

This report presents geotechnical data from a subsurface field investigation and laboratory testing performed by Geotechnical Professionals Inc. (GPI) for the subject project. The site location is presented in Figure 1.

SCOPE OF WORK

The scope of the geotechnical investigation presented in this report was developed by the Geotechnical Engineering Group (GEO) of the City of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, as outlined in Task Order Solicitation No. 17-167 and further updated by GEO staff. We understand that GEO will review the data from this investigation and will be responsible for geotechnical recommendations for the subject project, as the Geotechnical Engineer of Record.

The geotechnical field investigation included two hollow-stem auger borings to depths of 21½ feet below site grades. The locations of the subsurface explorations were selected by GEO and marked in the field by GPI on September 7, 2017. The approximate locations are presented in Figure 2. A detailed description of field drilling procedures for the hollow-stem auger borings and logs are presented in Appendix A.

Our original scope included four borings. We were stopped from drilling after two borings at the direction of the park department due to permit issues and nearby filming within the recreation center. As directed, we eliminated two borings from our scope rather than remobilizing at a later date.

Geotechnical laboratory testing, as requested by GEO, included the following types and number of tests:

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- 8 Moisture and Density (ASTM D 2216)
- 4 Percent Passing No. 200 Sieve (ASTM D 1140)
- 2 Atterberg Limits (ASTM D 4318)
- 2 sets Direct Shear Tests (ASTM D 3080)
- 1 Unconsolidated Undrained Triaxial Test (ASTM D 2850)
- 1 Expansion Index (ASTM D 4829)

A detailed description of laboratory test procedures and results are presented in Appendix B.

CONCLUDING REMARKS

GPI warrants that the services covered by this report were performed as requested by GEO, in accordance with the standard procedures indicated, and with the standard of care of the geotechnical engineering profession in Southern California at this time. No other warranty or representation is included or intended in this report.

We appreciate the opportunity of offering our services on this project. Do not hesitate to call us if you have any questions on the contents of this report.

Respectfully submitted by, **Geotechnical Professionals Inc.**

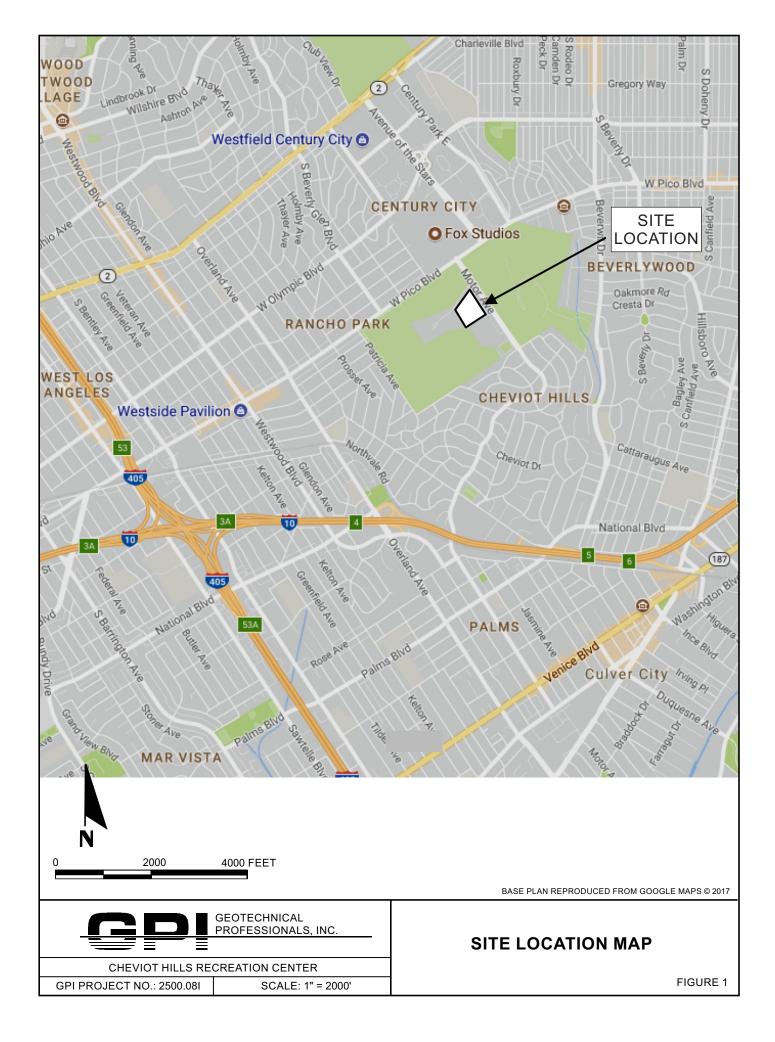
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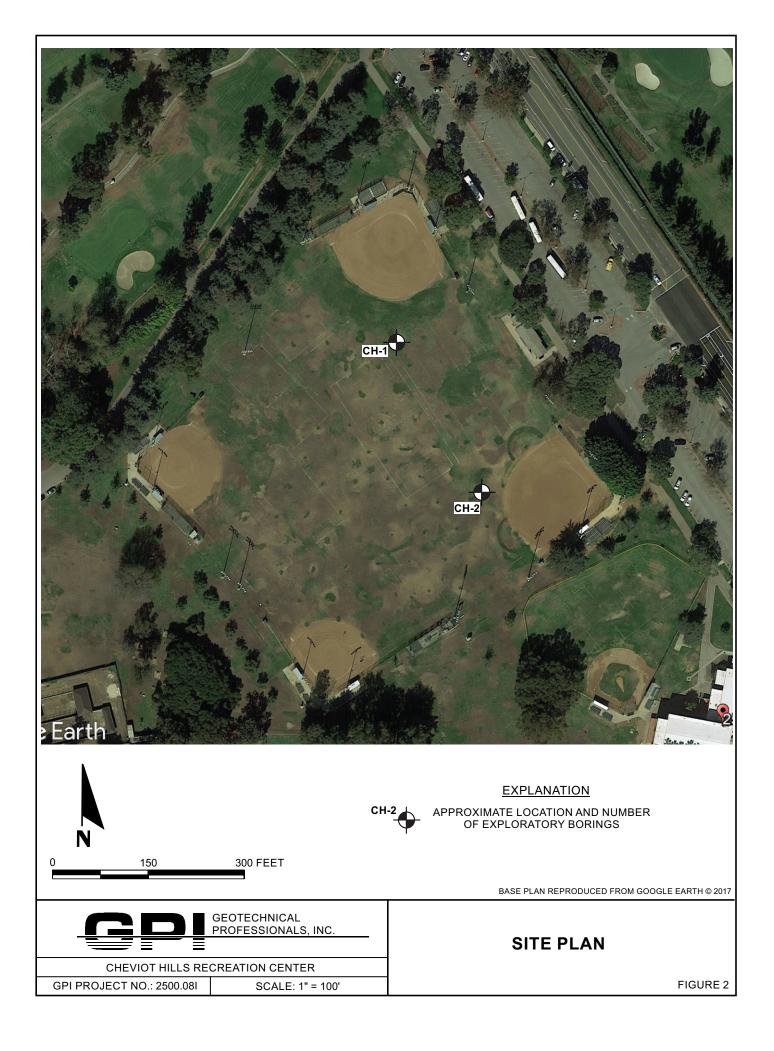
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Attachments:	Figure 1	- Site Location Map
	Figure 2	- Site Plan
	Appendix A	 Exploratory Borings
	Appendix B	- Laboratory Test Results







APPENDIX A

EXPLORATORY BORINGS

The subsurface conditions at the site were investigated by drilling and sampling two hollow-stem auger borings. The borings were advanced to depths of 21½ feet below the existing ground surface. The borings were performed with a truck mounted hollow-stem auger drill rig.

Our original scope included four borings. We were stopped from drilling after two borings at the direction of the park department due to permit issues and nearby filming within the recreation center.

The locations of the explorations are shown on the Site Plan, Figure 2. The latitude/longitude and Northing/Easting of each boring location at the site are as follows:

Boring No.	Latitude	Longitude	UTM Easting	UTM Northing	UTM Zone
CH-1	34° 2' 48.70"	-118° 24' 34.71"	369889.11	3768248.06	11S
CH-2	34° 2' 46.55"	-118° 24' 33.11"	369929.46	3768181.29	11S

The latitude and longitude of the location were determined based on a handheld NAD 83 Coordinate System Global Positional System unit. The Universal Transverse Mercator (UTM) Easting/Northing locations were converted from the latitude/longitude.

Relatively undisturbed samples were obtained using a brass-ring lined sampler (ASTM D 3550) and split-spoon sampler by means of the Standard Penetration Test (SPT, ASTM D 6066). The brass-rings have an inside diameter of 2.42 inches. The ring samples were driven into the soil by a 140-pound hammer dropping 30 inches. The number of blows needed to drive the sampler into the soil was recorded as the penetration resistance. The spoon sampler was driven into the soil by a 140-pound hammer dropping 30 inches, employing the "free-fall" hammer described above. After an initial seating drive of 6 inches, the number of blows needed to drive the sampler into the sampler into the soil a depth of 12 inches was recorded as the penetration resistance. These values are the raw uncorrected blowcounts.

Bulk samples of the soils within the upper 3 feet were obtained at all boring locations.

The field explorations for the investigation were performed under the continuous technical supervision of GPI's representative, who visually inspected the site, maintained detailed logs of the borings, classified the soils encountered, and obtained relatively undisturbed samples for examination and laboratory testing. The soils encountered in the borings were classified in the field and through further examination in the laboratory in accordance with the Unified Soils Classification System. Detailed logs of the borings are presented in Figures A-1 and A-2 in this appendix. Laboratory test results of moisture content and dry density are presented on the logs. For other laboratory tests, the type of test performed is shown with the following abbreviations:

DS – Direct Shear Test UU – Unconsolidated Undrained Triaxial Test #200 – Percent Passing No. 200 Sieve AL – Atterberg Limits EI – Expansion Index

Soil samples were screened for organic vapors using a photo-ionization detector (Mini-Rae 2000). Organic vapors were not detected above 50 ppm for any of the samples.

Upon completion of the borings, the boreholes were backfilled with soil cuttings. The ground surface elevations, as shown on the boring logs, at the exploration locations were estimated from topographic maps contained within NavigateLA website and should be considered to be very approximate.

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DS	0	9.1	104	46	D	-		SAND (SP) orangish brown, moist, dense, trace clay			
	0			43	S	15-		SILTY SAND (SM) light brown, slightly moist, dense		230	
#200	0	15.3	106	49	D	-			CLAY (CL) light brown, slightly eet, greyish brown, moist	/ moist, hard	200
	0			43	D	20—		∖CLAY (CI	L) grey, moist, very stiff		225
								Total Dep Latitude: 3	SAND (SC) grey and orange oth 21.5 feet 34.046264 e: -118.409196	, moist, dense	225
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LABORATORY TESTS

INTRODUCTION

Representative undisturbed soil samples and bulk samples were carefully packaged in the field and sealed to prevent moisture loss. The samples were then transported to our Cypress office for examination and testing assignments. Laboratory tests were performed on selected representative samples as an aid in classifying the soils and to evaluate the physical properties of the soils affecting foundation design and construction procedures. Detailed descriptions of the laboratory tests are presented below under the appropriate test headings. Test results are presented on the boring logs and in the figures that follow.

MOISTURE CONTENT AND DRY DENSITY

Moisture content and dry density were determined from a number of the ring samples. The samples were first trimmed to obtain volume and wet weight and then were dried in accordance with ASTM D 2216. After drying, the weight of each sample was measured, and moisture content and dry density were calculated. Moisture content and dry density values are presented on the boring logs in Appendix A.

ATTERBERG LIMITS

Liquid and plastic limits were determined for selected samples in accordance with ASTM D 4318. The results of the Atterberg Limits tests are presented in Figure B-1.

PERCENT PASSING NO. 200 SIEVE

Four soil samples were dried, weighed, soaked in water until individual soil particles were separated, and then washed on the No. 200 sieve. That portion of the material retained on the No. 200 sieve was oven-dried and weighed to determine the percentage of the material passing the No. 200 sieve. A summary of the percentages passing the No. 200 sieve is presented below.

BORING NO.	DEPTH (ft)	SOIL DESCRIPTION	PERCENT PASSING No. 200 SIEVE
CH-1	2.5	Sandy Clay (CL)	53
CH-1	17.5	Sandy Clay (CL)	54
CH-2	5	Clayey Sand (SC)	45
CH-2	17.5	Sandy Clay (CL)	50

DIRECT SHEAR

Direct shear tests were performed on undisturbed samples in accordance with ASTM D 3080. The samples were placed in the shear machine, and a normal load was applied. The samples were inundated for 2 hours, allowed to consolidate, and then were sheared to failure at a strain rate of 0.002 inches per minute. The tests were repeated on additional test specimens under increased normal loads. Shear stress and sample deformation were monitored throughout the test. The results of the direct shear tests are presented in Figures B-2 to B-4.

UNCONSOLIDATED UNDRAINED TRIAXIAL TESTS

Unconsolidated undrained triaxial tests were performed on a sample of cohesive soils in accordance with ASTM D 2850. The testing was performed by A.P. Engineer on a soil sample provided by GPI. Detailed test results are presented in Figure B-5.

EXPANSION INDEX

One expansion index test was performed in accordance with D 4829 on a composite bulk sample, representative of the soils in the upper 3 feet of the site. The test results are presented below:

BORING	DEPTH	SOIL DESCRIPTION	EXPANSION
NO.	(ft)		INDEX
CH-2	0-3	Sandy Clay (CL)	85

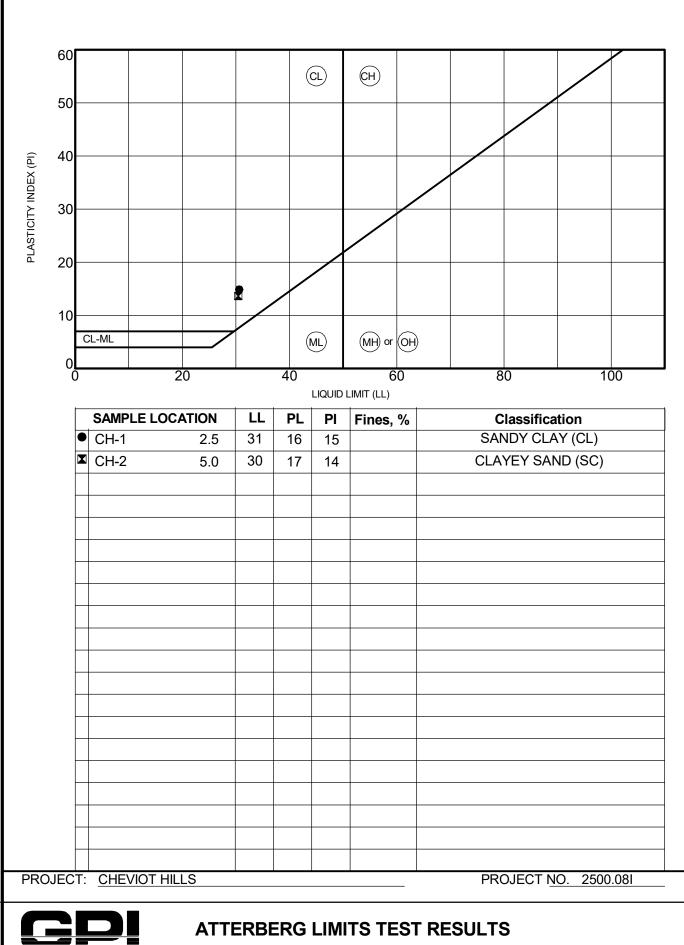


FIGURE B-1

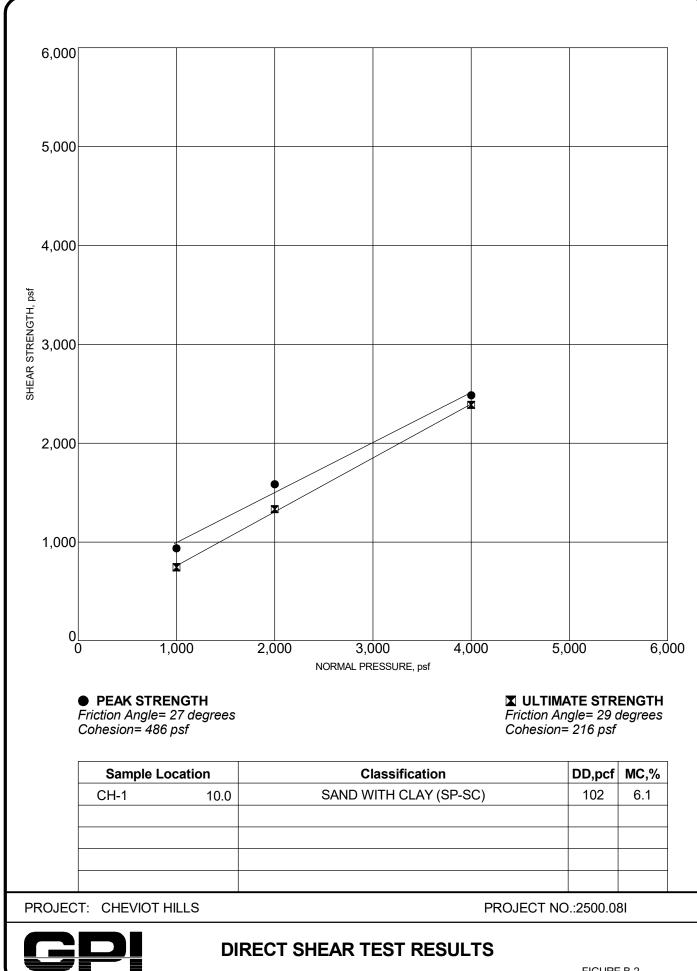
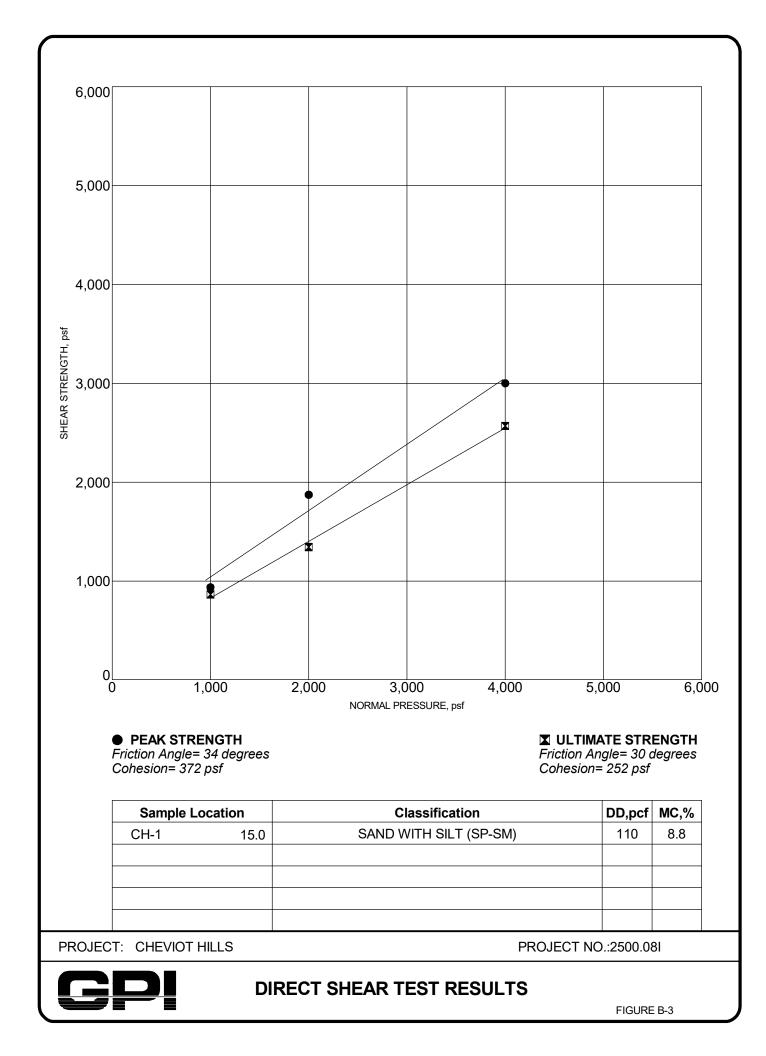
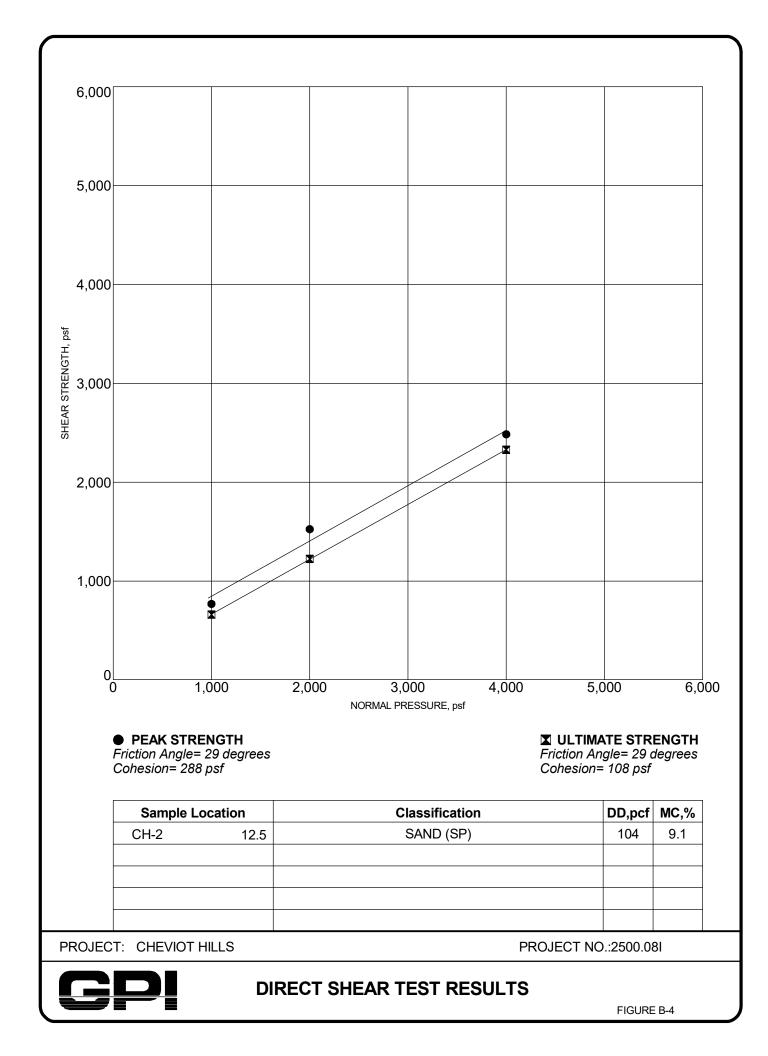


FIGURE B-2

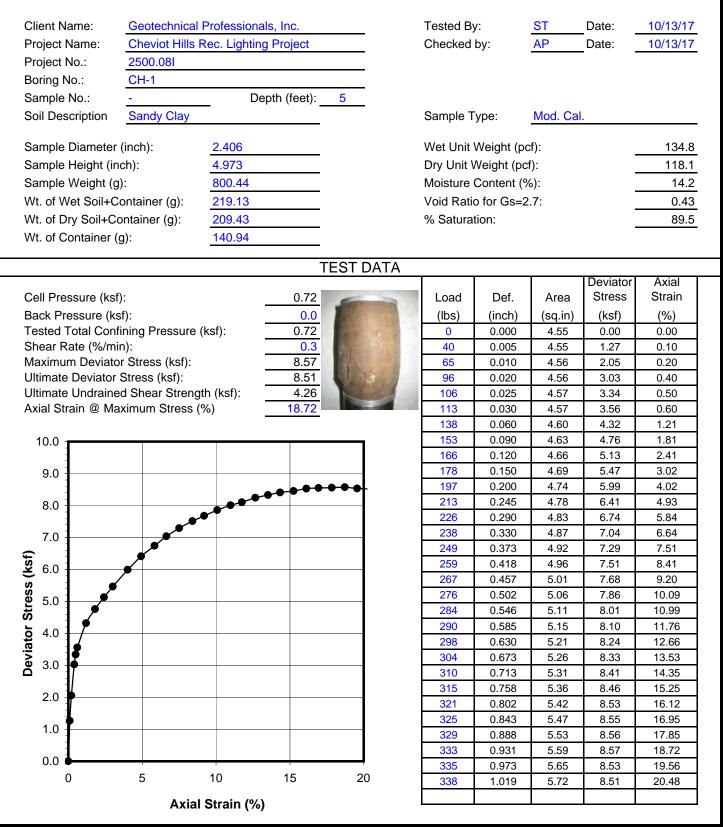






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Appendix B

LPILE Results

