

Geotechnical Evaluation Report

Proposed Syracuse South Stake Meetinghouse Addition
535 West 2700 South
Syracuse, Utah
LDS Property Number: 570-0280

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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report presents the results of our geotechnical study performed at the site of the proposed Syracuse South Stake meetinghouse addition to be located at 535 West 2700 South in Syracuse, Utah.

The soils at the site were generally similar at the boring locations. The borings typically encountered 6 inches of topsoil overlying 4.0 to 6.5 feet of non-engineered fill soils consisting of clay with silt, sand, and gravel as well as sand and gravel with clay and silt. Natural soils were encountered below the non-engineered fill in each boring consisting of clay with varying silt and sand content as well as sand with varying clay and silt content. Borings B-1 and B-2 encountered sand with varying clay and silt at depths of approximately 20.0 feet extending to the maximum depths explored of 26.5 to 31.5 feet.

The natural clay soils were medium stiff to very stiff, moist to saturated, orange, red, and brown in color, and moderately over-consolidated. The natural clay soils are anticipated to exhibit moderate strength and compressibility characteristics under the anticipated loading.

The natural sand soils were loose to very dense, saturated, and red and brown in color. The natural sand soils are anticipated to exhibit moderately high strength and moderately low compressibility characteristics under the anticipated load range.

Groundwater was encountered as shallow as 8.9 feet beneath the existing ground surface.

The results of the study indicate that the proposed addition structure may be supported upon conventional spread and continuous wall foundations established upon suitable natural soils or granular structural fill extending to suitable natural soils. Under no circumstance shall footings, or floor slabs be placed upon topsoil, loose/disturbed soils, or non-engineered fill.

The most significant geotechnical aspects of the site are the non-engineered fills as well as surface vegetation and topsoil encountered at the site.

Prior to proceeding with construction, removal of all topsoil, non-engineered fills, loose/disturbed soil, surface vegetation, root systems, and any deleterious materials from beneath an area extending out at least 5 feet from the perimeter of the proposed building foundations and 3 feet beyond and exterior flatwork areas will be required. All footing excavations must extend to suitable undisturbed natural soils.

Based upon our review of available literature, no active faults are known to pass through or immediately adjacent to the site. The nearest active fault consists of the Weber Section of the Wasatch Fault Zone located approximately 6.6 miles to the east of the site.

Due to the density of the granular soils, liquefaction is not anticipated to occur within the soils encountered in the borings completed at this site.

2. INTRODUCTION

This report presents the results of the geotechnical study performed at the site of the proposed Syracuse South Stake meetinghouse addition to be located at 535 West 2700 South in Syracuse, Utah. The general location of the site with respect to existing roadways, as of 2025, is presented on Figure 1, Vicinity Map. A more detailed site plan showing the proposed construction is presented on Figure 2, Site Plan. The approximate locations of the borings completed in conjunction with this study are also presented on Figure 2.

3. AUTHORIZATION

Authorization was provided by the client returning a signed "Agreement Between Client and Geotechnical Consultant" in accordance with our Professional Services Agreement No. 25-0312.

4. PROJECT DESCRIPTION, PURPOSE OF EVALUATION, & SCOPE OF WORK

The objectives and scope of our study were planned in discussions among Mr. Craig Homer of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Mr. Chad Spencer, AIA, of EA Architecture, and Mr. Michael S. Huber of GSH Geotechnical, Inc. (GSH).

In general, the objectives of this study were to:

1. Define and evaluate the subsurface soil and groundwater conditions at the proposed site.
2. Provide appropriate foundation, earthwork, and geoseismic recommendations to be utilized in the design and construction of the proposed facility.

In accomplishing these objectives, our scope has included the following:

1. A field program consisting of the drilling, logging, and sampling of 3 borings.
2. A laboratory testing program.
3. An office program consisting of the correlation of available data, engineering analysis, and the preparation of this summary report.

5. PROFESSIONAL STATEMENTS

Supporting data upon which our recommendations are based are presented in subsequent sections of this report. Recommendations presented herein are governed by the physical properties of the soils encountered in the exploration borings, projected groundwater conditions, and the layout and design data discussed in Section 6, Design Criteria, of this report. If subsurface conditions other than those described in this report are encountered and/or if design and layout changes are implemented, GSH must be informed so that our recommendations can be reviewed and amended, if necessary.

Our professional services have been performed, our findings developed, and our recommendations prepared in accordance with generally accepted engineering principles and practices in this area at this time.

6. DESIGN CRITERIA

The site is proposed to be developed for the construction of an addition to the existing meetinghouse structure. The structure will be 1 to 1-extended level in height of wood-frame construction established slab on grade over conventional spread and continuous wall foundations.

Maximum real column and wall loads are anticipated to be 120 kips and 5 kips per lineal foot, respectively. Real loads are defined as the total of all dead plus frequently applied (reduced) live loads.

Maximum site grading cuts are anticipated to be minor and less than a foot (excluding footing excavations and removal of non-engineered fills). Maximum site grading fills are anticipated to be on the order of 1 to 3 feet.

7. SITE CONDITIONS

The site is developed with landscape, flatwork, parking lot areas, and drive lanes adjacent to the existing meetinghouse structure to be located at 535 West 2700 South in Syracuse, Utah. The site slopes downward to the south with a total relief of less than 2 feet. Vegetation at the site consists of landscaped grass areas containing shrubs around the structure.

The site is bounded to the north by the existing meetinghouse structure followed by 2700 South Street; to the east by existing parking lot and drive lane areas followed by 3700 West Street with single-family residential structures beyond; to the south by existing parking lot and drive lane areas followed by single-family residential structures; and to the west by existing parking lot and drive lane areas followed by single-family residential structures.

8. FIELD STUDY

In order to define and evaluate the subsurface soil and groundwater conditions across the site, 3 borings were extended to depths ranging from 11.5 to 31.5 feet below existing grades. These borings were completed using a truck-mounted drill rig equipped with hollow-stem augers. Auger refusal within very dense granular soils terminated Boring B-1. The approximate locations of the borings are presented on Figure 2.

The field portion of our study was under the direct control and continual supervision of an experienced member of our geotechnical staff. During the course of the drilling operations, a continuous log of the subsurface conditions encountered was maintained. In addition, samples of the typical soils penetrated were obtained for subsequent laboratory testing and examination. The soils were classified in the field based upon visual and textural properties. These classifications were later supplemented by subsequent inspection and testing in our laboratory. Detailed graphical representation of the subsurface conditions encountered is presented on Figures 3A through 3C, Boring Logs. Soils were classified in accordance with the nomenclature described on Figure 4, Key to Boring Log (USCS).

A 3.25-inch outside diameters, 2.42-inch inside diameter (Dames & Moore) and a 2.0-inch outside diameter, 1.38-inch inside diameter drive sampler (SPT) were utilized at select locations and depths. The blow counts recorded on the boring logs were those required to drive the sampler 12 inches with a 140-pound hammer dropping 30 inches.

Following completion of drilling operations, 1.25-inch diameter slotted PVC pipe was installed in all borings to provide a means of monitoring the groundwater fluctuations. The borings were backfilled with auger cuttings.

9. SUBSURFACE CONDITIONS AND GROUNDWATER

The borings typically encountered 6 inches of topsoil overlying 4.0 to 6.5 feet of non-engineered fill soils consisting of clay with silt, sand, and gravel as well as sand and gravel with clay and silt. Natural soils were encountered below the non-engineered fill in each boring consisting of clay with varying silt and sand content as well as sand with varying clay and silt content. Borings B-1 and B-2 encountered sand with varying clay and silt at depths of approximately 20.0 feet extending to the maximum depths explored of 26.5 to 31.5 feet.

The natural clay soils were medium stiff to very stiff, moist to saturated, orange, red, and brown in color, and moderately over-consolidated. The natural clay soils are anticipated to exhibit moderate strength and compressibility characteristics under the anticipated loading.

The natural sand soils were loose to very dense, saturated, and red and brown in color. The natural sand soils are anticipated to exhibit moderately high strength and moderately low compressibility characteristics under the anticipated load range.

Groundwater was encountered as shallow as 8.9 feet beneath the existing ground surface.

Groundwater levels vary with changes in season and rainfall, construction activity, irrigation, snow melt, surface water run-off, and other site-specific factors.

10. LABORATORY TESTING

10.1 General

To provide data necessary for our engineering analysis, a laboratory testing program was performed. This program included moisture, density, partial gradation, Atterberg limits, consolidation, chemical, and topsoil suitability tests. The following paragraphs describe the tests and summarize the test data.

10.2 Moisture and Density Tests

To provide index parameters and to correlate other test data, moisture and density tests were performed on selected samples. The results of these tests are presented on the boring logs, Figures 3A through 3C.

10.3 Partial Gradation Tests

To aid in classifying the granular soils, partial gradation tests were performed. Results of the tests are tabulated below and presented on the boring logs, Figures 3A through 3C:

Boring No.	Depth (feet)	Percent Passing No. 200 Sieve	Moisture Content Percent	Soil Classification
B-1	5.0	53.3	19.9	CL^ (Fill)
B-1	20.0	71.7	24.1	SM*
B-2	2.5	21.4	25.2	GM/GC (Fill)
B-2	5.0	67.7	21.2	CL

^sample tested contained layer of sand

*sample tested contained layer of clay

10.4 Atterberg Limits Test

To aid in classifying the soils, an Atterberg limits test was performed on a sample of the fine-grained cohesive soils. Results of the test are tabulated below and presented on the boring logs, Figures 3A through 3C:

Boring No.	Depth (feet)	Liquid Limit (percent)	Plastic Limit (percent)	Plasticity Index (percent)	Soil Classification
B-1	10.0	43	22	21	CL

10.5 Consolidation Tests

To provide data necessary for our settlement analysis, consolidation testing was performed on 2 representative samples of the natural fine-grained clay soils encountered at the site. The results of these tests indicate that the samples tested were moderately over-consolidated and will exhibit moderate strength and compressibility characteristics under the anticipated loading. Detailed results of the tests are maintained within our files and can be transmitted to you, upon your request.

10.6 Chemical Tests

To determine if the site soils will react detrimentally with concrete, chemical tests were performed on a representative sample of the near-surface soil encountered at the site. The results of the chemical tests are tabulated on the following page.

Boring No.	Depth (feet)	Soil Classification	pH	Total Water-Soluble Sulfate (mg/kg-dry)
B-3	2.5	SM (Fill)	8.4	34

10.7 Topsoil Tests

A series of topsoil tests were performed on a representative surface sample. The results of these tests are included in Appendix A, Topsoil Testing Report.

11. RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS

11.1 SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

The results of the study indicate that the proposed addition structure may be supported upon conventional spread and continuous wall foundations established upon suitable natural soils or granular structural fill extending to suitable natural soils. Under no circumstance shall the footings, or floor slabs be placed upon topsoil, loose/disturbed soils, or non-engineered fill.

Prior to proceeding with construction, removal of all topsoil, loose/disturbed soils, non-engineered fills, surface vegetation, root systems, and any deleterious materials from beneath an area extending out at least 5 feet from the perimeter of the proposed building foundations and 3 feet beyond exterior flatwork areas will be required. All footing excavations must extend to suitable natural soils.

Due to the developed nature of this site and the surrounding area, additional non-engineered fills may exist in unexplored areas of the site. Based on our experience, non-engineered fills are frequently erratic in composition and consistency. All surficial loose/disturbed soils and non-engineered fills must be removed below all footings and floor slabs.

Groundwater was measured as shallow as 8.9 feet below the ground surface. GSH recommends placing floor slabs no closer than 4 feet from the highest groundwater elevation.

Proof rolling of the natural clay subgrade must not be completed if cuts extend to within 1 foot of the groundwater surface. In areas where cuts are to extend to within 1 foot of the groundwater surface, stabilization must be anticipated.

To reduce disturbance of the natural soils during excavation, it is recommended that low-impact, track-mounted equipment with smooth edge buckets/blades be utilized.

In the following sections, detailed discussions pertaining to earthwork, foundations, lateral resistance, floor slabs, and the geoseismic setting of the site are provided.

11.2 EARTHWORK

11.2.1 Site Preparation

Initial site preparation will consist of the removal of all topsoil, loose/disturbed soils, surface vegetation, root systems, non-engineered fill, debris, and any deleterious materials from beneath an area extending out at least 5 feet from the perimeter of the proposed building foundations and 3 feet beyond and exterior flatwork areas.

It must be noted that from a handling and compaction standpoint, soils containing high amounts of fines (silts and clays) are inherently more difficult to rework and are very sensitive to changes in moisture content, requiring very close moisture control during placement and compaction. This will be very difficult, if not impossible, during wet and cold periods of the year. Additionally, the on-site soils are likely above optimum moisture content for compacting at present and would require some drying prior to re-compacting.

Subsequent to stripping and prior to the placement of floor slabs, foundations, structural site grading fills, and exterior flatwork, the exposed subgrade must be proof rolled by passing moderate-weight rubber tire-mounted construction equipment over the surface at least twice. If excessively soft or otherwise unsuitable soils are encountered beneath footings, they must be completely removed. If removal depth required is greater than 2 feet below footings, GSH must be notified to provide further recommendations.

Subgrade preparation as described must be completed prior to placing overlying structural site grading fills.

Due to the relatively high groundwater, site grading cuts should be kept to a minimum. Cuts extending to within 1 foot of the groundwater elevation will likely disturb the natural clay soils and proof rolling must not be completed. Stabilization must be anticipated in areas where cuts are to extend to within 1 foot of the groundwater surface.

To reduce disturbance of the natural soils during excavation, it is recommended that low-impact, track-mounted equipment with smooth edge buckets/blades be utilized.

GSH must be notified prior to the placement of structural site grading fills, floor slabs, and footings to verify that all loose/disturbed soils and non-engineered fills have been completely removed.

11.2.2 Temporary Excavations

Temporary excavations up to 8 feet deep in fine-grained cohesive soils, above or below the water table (not anticipated at the site), may be constructed with sideslopes no steeper than one-half horizontal to one vertical (0.5H:1.0V). Excavations deeper than 8 feet are not anticipated at the site.

For granular (cohesionless) soils, construction excavations, not exceeding 4 feet, should be no steeper than one-half horizontal to one vertical (0.5H:1.0V). For excavations up to 8 feet, in granular soils, the slopes should be no steeper than one horizontal to one vertical (1H:1V). Excavations encountering saturated cohesionless soils will be very difficult and will require very flat sideslopes and/or shoring, bracing, and dewatering.

To reduce disturbance of the natural soils during excavation, it is recommended that low-impact, track-mounted equipment with smooth edge buckets/blades be utilized.

The static groundwater table was encountered as shallow as 8.9 feet below the existing surface and may be shallower with seasonal fluctuations. Consideration for dewatering of utility trenches, excavations for the removal of non-engineered fill, and other excavations below this level should be incorporated into the design and bidding process.

All excavations must be inspected periodically by qualified personnel. If any signs of instability are noted, immediate remedial action must be initiated.

11.2.3 Structural Fill

Structural fill is defined as all fill which will ultimately be subjected to structural loadings, such as imposed by footings, floor slabs, etc. Structural fill will be required as backfill over foundations and utilities, as site grading fill, and as replacement fill below footings. All structural fill must be free of surface vegetation, root systems, rubbish, topsoil, frozen soil, and other deleterious materials.

Structural site grading fill is defined as structural fill placed over relatively large open areas to raise the overall grade. For structural site grading fill, the maximum particle size shall not exceed 4 inches; although, occasional larger particles, not exceeding 8 inches in diameter, may be incorporated if placed randomly in a manner such that “honeycombing” does not occur, and the desired degree of compaction can be achieved. The maximum particle size within structural fill placed within confined areas shall be restricted to 2 inches.

On-site soils may be re-utilized as structural site grading fill if they do not contain construction debris or deleterious material and meet the requirements of structural fill. Fine-grained soils will require very close moisture control and may be very difficult, if not impossible, to properly place and compact during wet and cold periods of the year.

Imported structural fill below foundations and floor slabs shall consist of a well graded sand and gravel mixture with less than 30 percent retained on the three-quarter-inch sieve and less than 20 percent passing the No. 200 Sieve (clays and silts).

To stabilize soft subgrade conditions (if encountered) or where structural fill is required to be placed closer than 2.0 feet above the water table at the time of construction, a mixture of coarse angular gravels and cobbles and/or 1.5- to 2.0-inch gravel (stabilizing fill) shall be utilized. It may

also help to utilize a stabilization fabric, such as Mirafi 600X or equivalent, placed on the natural ground if 1.5- to 2.0-inch gravel is used as stabilizing fill.

11.2.4 Fill Placement and Compaction

All structural fill shall be placed in lifts not exceeding 8 inches in loose thickness. Structural fills shall be compacted in accordance with the percent of the maximum dry density as determined by the AASHTO¹ T180 (ASTM² D1557) compaction criteria in accordance with the table below:

Location	Total Fill Thickness (feet)	Minimum Percentage of Maximum Dry Density
Beneath an area extending at least 5 feet beyond the perimeter of the structure	0 to 5	95
Site grading fills outside area defined above	0 to 5	90
Utility trenches within structural areas	--	96
Road base	--	96

Structural fills greater than 5 feet thick are not anticipated at the site.

Subsequent to stripping and prior to the placement of structural site grading fill, the subgrade shall be prepared as discussed in Section 11.2.1, Site Preparation, of this report.

Non-structural fill may be placed in lifts not exceeding 12 inches in loose thickness and compacted by passing construction, spreading, or hauling equipment over the surface at least twice.

Coarse gravel and cobble mixtures (stabilizing fill), shall be end dumped, spread to a maximum loose lift thickness of 15 inches, and compacted by dropping a backhoe bucket onto the surface continuously at least twice. As an alternative, the fill may be compacted by passing moderately heavy construction equipment or large self-propelled compaction equipment at least twice. Subsequent fill material placed over the coarse gravels and cobbles shall be adequately compacted so that the “fines” are “worked into” the voids in the underlying coarser gravels and cobbles.

11.2.5 Utility Trenches

All utility trench backfill material below structurally loaded facilities (flatwork, floor slabs, roads, etc.) shall be placed at the same density requirements established for structural fill. If the surface

¹ American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials

² American Society for Testing and Materials

of the backfill becomes disturbed during the course of construction, the backfill shall be proof rolled and/or properly compacted prior to the construction of any exterior flatwork over a backfilled trench. Proof rolling shall be performed by passing moderately loaded rubber tire-mounted construction equipment uniformly over the surface at least twice. If excessively loose or soft areas are encountered during proof rolling, they shall be removed to a maximum depth of 2 feet below design finish grade and replaced with structural fill.

Most utility companies and City-County governments are now requiring that Type A-1a or A-1b (AASHTO Designation – basically granular soils with limited fines) soils be used as backfill over utilities. These organizations are also requiring that in public roadways, the backfill over major utilities be compacted over the full depth of fill to at least 96 percent of the maximum dry density as determined by the AASHTO T-180 (ASTM - D1557) method of compaction. GSH recommends that as the major utilities continue onto the site that these compaction specifications are followed.

Fine-grained soils, such as clays and silts, are not recommended for utility trench backfill.

The static groundwater table was encountered as shallow as 8.9 feet below the existing surface and may be shallower with seasonal fluctuations. Dewatering of utility trenches and other excavations below this level should be anticipated.

To reduce disturbance of the natural soils during excavation, it is recommended that low-impact, track-mounted equipment with smooth edge buckets/blades be utilized.

11.3 GROUNDWATER

On April 3, 2025 (6 days following drilling), groundwater was measured within the PVC pipes installed as tabulated below:

Boring No.	Groundwater Depth (feet)
	April 3, 2025
B-1	11.3
B-2	8.9
B-3	9.1

The groundwater measurements presented are conditions at the time of the field exploration and may not be representative of other times or locations. Groundwater levels may vary seasonally and with precipitation, as well as other factors including irrigation. Evaluation of these factors is beyond the scope of this study. Groundwater levels may, therefore, be at shallower or deeper

depths than those measured during this study, including during construction and over the life of the structure.

The extent and nature of any dewatering required during construction will be dependent on the actual groundwater conditions prevalent at the time of construction and the effectiveness of construction drainage to prevent run-off into open excavations.

11.4 SPREAD AND CONTINUOUS WALL FOUNDATIONS

11.4.1 Design Data

The results of our analysis indicate that the proposed addition structure may be supported upon conventional spread and continuous wall foundations established upon suitable natural soils and/or structural fill extending to suitable natural soils. For design, the following parameters are provided with respect to the projected loading discussed in Section 6, Design Criteria, of this report:

Minimum Recommended Depth of Embedment for Frost Protection	- 30 inches
Minimum Recommended Depth of Embedment for Non-frost Conditions	- 15 inches
Recommended Minimum Width for Continuous Wall Footings	- 18 inches
Minimum Recommended Width for Isolated Spread Footings	- 24 inches
Recommended Net Bearing Capacity for Real Load Conditions	- 2,500 pounds per square foot
Bearing Capacity Increase for Seismic Loading	- 50 percent

The term “net bearing capacity” refers to the allowable pressure imposed by the portion of the structure located above lowest adjacent final grade. Therefore, the weight of the footing and backfill to lowest adjacent final grade need not be considered. Real loads are defined as the total of all dead plus frequently applied live loads. Total load includes all dead and live loads, including seismic and wind.

11.4.2 Installation

Under no circumstances shall the footings be established upon loose or disturbed soil, surface vegetation, root systems, topsoil, rubbish, construction debris, non-engineered fill, frozen soil, or other deleterious materials. If unsuitable soils are encountered, they must be completely removed and replaced with compacted structural fill.

The width of structural replacement fill below footings shall be equal to the width of the footing plus one foot for each foot of fill thickness.

11.4.3 Settlements

Based on column loadings, soil bearing capacities, and the foundation recommendations as discussed above, settlements are anticipated to be less than one inch.

The amount of differential settlement is difficult to predict because the subsurface and foundation loading conditions can vary considerably across the site. However, we anticipate differential settlement between adjacent foundations could vary from one-half to three-quarter inch. The final deflected shape of the structure will be dependent on actual foundation locations and loading.

11.5 LATERAL RESISTANCE

Lateral loads imposed upon foundations due to wind or seismic forces may be resisted by the development of passive earth pressures and friction between the base of the footings and the supporting soils. In determining frictional resistance, a coefficient of friction of 0.35 for footing interface with the natural clay soils, and a coefficient of friction of 0.40 for footing interface with the natural granular soils or granular structural fill may be utilized. Passive resistance provided by properly placed and compacted granular structural fill above the water table may be considered equivalent to a fluid with a density of 300 pounds per cubic foot. Below the water table, this granular soil should be considered equivalent to a fluid with a density of 150 pounds per cubic foot.

A combination of passive earth resistance and friction may be utilized provided that the friction component of the total is divided by 1.5.

11.6 FLOOR SLABS

Floor slabs may be established upon suitable stabilized natural soils and/or upon structural fill extending to suitable stabilized natural soils. Under no circumstances shall floor slabs be established over topsoil, loose/disturbed soils, non-engineered fills, surface vegetation, root systems, rubbish, construction debris, other deleterious materials, frozen soils, or within ponded water.

Additionally, GSH recommends that floor slabs be constructed a minimum of 4.0 feet from the stabilized groundwater elevation.

In order to facilitate curing of the concrete and to provide a capillary moisture break, it is recommended that floor slabs be directly underlain by at least 4 inches of “free-draining” fill, such as “pea” gravel or three-quarters to one-inch minus clean gap-graded gravel.

Settlement of lightly loaded floor slabs designed according to previous recommendations (average uniform pressure of 200 pounds per square foot or less) is anticipated to be less than one-quarter of an inch.

In accordance with the Geotechnical Evaluation Report Template, floor slabs are to be constructed without control or construction joints, reinforced with No. 4 bars at 18 inches on-center each way, and shall include a 15-mil vapor retarder placed directly under the concrete with at least 4 inches of “free-draining” fill, described previously, placed below the vapor retarder.

11.7 CEMENT TYPES

The laboratory tests indicate that the natural soils tested contain a negligible amount of water-soluble sulfates. Based on our test results, concrete in contact with the on-site soil will have a low potential for sulfate reaction (ACI 318, Table 4.3.1). Therefore, all concrete which will be in contact with the site soils may be prepared using Type I or IA cement.

11.8 DOWNSPOUTS

It is recommended that all surface water be directed away from the building with positive drainage measures, including downspouts.

11.9 GEOSEISMIC SETTING

11.9.1 General

Utah municipalities have adopted the International Building Code (IBC) 2021. The IBC 2021 code refers to ASCE 7-16 Minimum Design Loads and Associated Criteria for Buildings and Other Structures (ASCE 7-16) determines the seismic hazard for a site based upon mapping of bedrock accelerations prepared by the United States Geologic Survey (USGS) and the soil site class. The USGS values are presented on maps incorporated into the IBC code and are also available based on latitude and longitude coordinates (grid points).

11.9.2 Faulting

Based upon our review of available literature, no active faults are known to pass through or immediately adjacent to the site. The nearest active fault consists of the Weber Section of the Wasatch Fault Zone located approximately 6.6 miles to the east of the site.

11.9.3 Site Class

For dynamic structural analysis, the Site Class D – Default Soil Profile as defined in Chapter 20 of ASCE 7-16 (per Section 1613.3.2, Site Class Definitions, of IBC 2021) can be utilized. If a measured site class is desired based on the project structural engineer’s evaluation and recommendations, additional testing and analysis can be completed by GSH to determine the measured site class. Please contact GSH for additional information.

11.9.4 Ground Motions

The IBC 2021 code is based on USGS mapping, which provides values of short and long period accelerations for average bedrock values for the Western United States and must be corrected for local soil conditions. The following table summarizes the peak ground and short and long period accelerations for the MCE event and incorporates the appropriate soil amplification factor for a Site Class D – Default* Soil Profile. Based on the site latitude and longitude (41.0738 degrees north and 112.0367 degrees west, respectively) and Risk Category II, the values for this site are tabulated below:

Spectral Acceleration Value, T	Bedrock Boundary [mapped values] (% g)	Site Coefficient	Site Class D - Default* [adjusted for site class effects] (% g)	Design Values** (% g)
0.2 Seconds (Short Period Acceleration)	$S_S = 117.6$	$F_a = 1.200$	$S_{MS} = 141.1$	$S_{DS} = 94.1$
1.0 Second (Long Period Acceleration)	$S_1 = 41.3$	$F_v = 1.887$	$S_{M1} = 77.9$	$S_{D1} = 51.9$

* If a measured site class in accordance with IBC 2021/ASCE 7-16 is beneficial based on the project structural engineer’s review, please contact GSH for additional options for obtaining this measured site class.

**IBC 2021/ASCE 7-16 may require a site-specific study based on the project structural engineer’s evaluation and recommendations. If needed, GSH can provide additional information and analysis including a complete site-specific study in accordance with chapter 21 of ASCE 7-16.

11.9.5 Liquefaction

The site is located in an area that has been identified by the Utah Geological Survey (UGS) as being a “moderate” liquefaction potential zone. Liquefaction is defined as the condition when saturated, loose, granular soils lose their support capabilities because of excessive pore water

pressure, which develops during a seismic event. Clayey soils, even if saturated, will generally not liquefy during a major seismic event.

Due to the density of the granular soils, liquefaction is not anticipated to occur within the soils encountered at this site.

11.10 SITE VISITS

Prior to placement of foundations and site grading fills, GSH must verify that suitable natural soils have been encountered below floor slabs, footings, and structural fill.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss these items further, please feel free to contact us at (801) 685-9190.

Respectfully submitted,

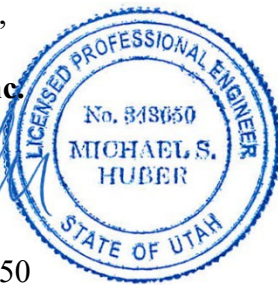
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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael S. Huber", is written over the printed name and title.

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State of Utah No. 343650

Vice President/Senior Geotechnical Engineer



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Encl. Figure 1, Vicinity Map
Figure 2, Site Plan
Figures 3A through 3C, Boring Logs
Figure 4, Key to Boring Log (USCS)
Appendix A, Topsoil Testing Report

Addressee (email)

cc: Mr. Chad Spencer, EA Architecture

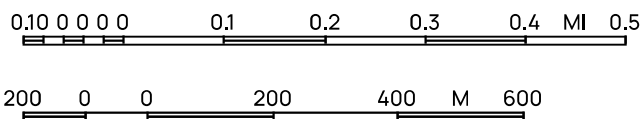


FIGURE 1
VICINITY MAP

A vicinity map showing the location of the study area. It features a red square with a white circle inside, containing a black dot. To the right of the square is the text "GSH" in a large, bold, serif font.

REFERENCE:
ALL TRAILS - NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC TERRAIN
DATED 2025



REFERENCE:
ADAPTED FROM AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH
DOWNLOADED FROM GOOGLE EARTH
IMAGERY DATED 7/2023

FIGURE 2
SITE PLAN





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BORING LOG

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BORING: B-1

CLIENT: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

PROJECT NUMBER: 0153-579-25

PROJECT: Syracuse South Stake Meetinghouse Addition (570-0280)

DATE STARTED: 3/26/25

DATE FINISHED: 3/26/25

LOCATION: 535 West 2700 South, Syracuse, Utah

GSH FIELD REP.: LG

DRILLING METHOD/EQUIPMENT: 4-1/4" ID Hollow-Stem Auger








HAMMER: Automatic

WEIGHT: 140 lbs

DROP: 30"

GROUNDWATER DEPTH: 11.3' (4/3/25)

ELEVATION: ---

WATER LEVEL	U S C S	DESCRIPTION	DEPTH (FT.)	BLOW COUNT	SAMPLE SYMBOL	MOISTURE (%)	DRY DENSITY (PCF)	% PASSING 200	LIQUID LIMIT (%)	PLASTICITY INDEX	REMARKS
		Ground Surface	0								moist stiff
	CL FILL	SILTY CLAY, FILL with fine and coarse gravel; major roots (topsoil) to 6"; dark brown		22							
		grades with layers of fine to coarse sand with fine and coarse gravel up to 2" thick	5	5		19.9		53.3			soft
	CL	SILTY CLAY with trace fine sand; red/orange/brown									moist medium stiff
			10	8					43	21	saturated
			15	11							stiff
	SM	SILTY FINE TO MEDIUM SAND with layers of silty clay up to 4" thick; red/brown	20	32		24.1		71.7			saturated dense
			25								

See Subsurface Conditions section in the report for additional information.

FIGURE 3A



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CLIENT: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

PROJECT NUMBER: 0153-579-25

PROJECT: Syracuse South Stake Meetinghouse Addition (570-0280)

DATE STARTED: 3/26/25

DATE FINISHED: 3/26/25

WATER LEVEL	U S C S	DESCRIPTION	DEPTH (FT.)	BLOW COUNT	SAMPLE SYMBOL	MOISTURE (%)	DRY DENSITY (PCF)	% PASSING 200	LIQUID LIMIT (%)	PLASTICITY INDEX	REMARKS
			25								
			40								
		Refusal at 26.5' on very dense granular soils. Installed 1.25" diameter slotted PVC pipe to 26.5'.									
			30								
			35								
			40								
			45								
			50								

See Subsurface Conditions section in the report for additional information.

FIGURE 3A
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CLIENT: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

PROJECT NUMBER: 0153-579-25

PROJECT: Syracuse South Stake Meetinghouse Addition (570-0280)

DATE STARTED: 3/26/25

DATE FINISHED: 3/26/25

LOCATION: 535 West 2700 South, Syracuse, Utah

GSH FIELD REP.: LG

DRILLING METHOD/EQUIPMENT: 4-1/4" ID Hollow-Stem Auger








HAMMER: Automatic

WEIGHT: 140 lbs

DROP: 30"

GROUNDWATER DEPTH: 8.9' (4/3/25)

ELEVATION: ---

WATER LEVEL	U S C S	DESCRIPTION	DEPTH (FT.)	BLOW COUNT	SAMPLE SYMBOL	MOISTURE (%)	DRY DENSITY (PCF)	% PASSING 200	LIQUID LIMIT (%)	PLASTICITY INDEX	REMARKS
		Ground Surface	0								moist loose
	GM/GC FILL	SILTY/CLAYEY FINE AND COARSE GRAVEL, FILL with trace fine to coarse sand; major roots (topsoil) to 6"; brown		7		25.2		21.4			
	CL	SILTY CLAY with trace fine sand; red/brown	5	5		21.2		67.7			moist medium stiff
			10	19							saturated stiff
			15	11							medium stiff
	SM	SILTY FINE TO MEDIUM SAND red/brown	20	38							saturated dense
			25								

See Subsurface Conditions section in the report for additional information.

FIGURE 3B



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BORING: B-2

CLIENT: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

PROJECT NUMBER: 0153-579-25

PROJECT: Syracuse South Stake Meetinghouse Addition (570-0280)

DATE STARTED: 3/26/25

DATE FINISHED: 3/26/25

WATER LEVEL	U S C S	DESCRIPTION	DEPTH (FT.)	BLOW COUNT	SAMPLE SYMBOL	MOISTURE (%)	DRY DENSITY (PCF)	% PASSING 200	LIQUID LIMIT (%)	PLASTICITY INDEX	REMARKS
		grades brown	25	50/6"							very dense
			30	6							6" heave loose
		End of Exploration at 31.5'. Installed 1.25" diameter slotted PVC pipe to 31.5'.	35								
			40								
			45								
			50								

See Subsurface Conditions section in the report for additional information.

FIGURE 3B
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BORING: B-3

CLIENT: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

PROJECT NUMBER: 0153-579-25

PROJECT: Syracuse South Stake Meetinghouse Addition (570-0280)

DATE STARTED: 3/28/25

DATE FINISHED: 3/28/25

LOCATION: 535 West 2700 South, Syracuse, Utah

GSH FIELD REP.: LG

DRILLING METHOD/EQUIPMENT: 4-1/4" ID Hollow-Stem Auger

HAMMER: Automatic

WEIGHT: 140 lbs

DROP: 30"

GROUNDWATER DEPTH: 9.1' (4/3/25)

ELEVATION: ---

WATER LEVEL	U S C S	DESCRIPTION	DEPTH (FT.)	BLOW COUNT	SAMPLE SYMBOL	MOISTURE (%)	DRY DENSITY (PCF)	% PASSING 200	LIQUID LIMIT (%)	PLASTICITY INDEX	REMARKS
		Ground Surface	0								slightly moist very loose
	SM FILL	SILTY FINE TO MEDIUM SAND, FILL orange/brown		8		16.7	84				
	CL	SILTY CLAY with trace fine sand; brown	5	13							moist stiff
			10	22							saturated very stiff
		End of Exploration at 11.5'. Installed 1.25" diameter slotted PVC pipe to 11.5'.	15								
			20								
			25								

See Subsurface Conditions section in the report for additional information.

FIGURE 3C

CLIENT: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
 PROJECT: Syracuse South Stake Meetinghouse Addition (570-0280)
 PROJECT NUMBER: 0153-579-25

KEY TO BORING LOG

WATER LEVEL	USCS	DESCRIPTION	DEPTH (FT.)	BLOW COUNT	SAMPLE SYMBOL	MOISTURE (%)	DRY DENSITY (PCF)	% PASSING 200	LIQUID LIMIT (%)	PLASTICITY INDEX	REMARKS
①	②	③	④	⑤	⑥	⑦	⑧	⑨	⑩	⑪	⑫
COLUMN DESCRIPTIONS											
①	Water Level: Depth to measured groundwater table. See symbol below.										
②	USCS: (Unified Soil Classification System) Description of soils encountered; typical symbols are explained below.										
③	Description: Description of material encountered; may include color, moisture, grain size, density/consistency,										
④	Depth (ft.): Depth in feet below the ground surface.										
⑤	Blow Count: Number of blows to advance sampler 12" beyond first 6", using a 140-lb hammer with 30" drop.										
⑥	Sample Symbol: Type of soil sample collected at depth interval shown; sampler symbols are explained below.										
⑦	Moisture (%): Water content of soil sample measured in laboratory; expressed as percentage of dryweight of										
⑧	Dry Density (pcf): The density of a soil measured in laboratory; expressed in pounds per cubic foot.										
⑨	% Passing 200: Fines content of soils sample passing a No. 200 sieve; expressed as a percentage.										
⑩	Liquid Limit (%): Water content at which a soil changes from plastic to liquid behavior.										
⑪	Plasticity Index (%): Range of water content at which a soil exhibits plastic properties.										
⑫	Remarks: Comments and observations regarding drilling or sampling made by driller or field personnel. May include other field and laboratory test results using the following abbreviations:										
			CEMENTATION: Weakly: Crumbles or breaks with handling or slight finger pressure. Moderately: Crumbles or breaks with considerable finger pressure. Strongly: Will not crumble or break with finger pressure.		MODIFIERS: Trace <5% Some 5-12% With > 12%		MOISTURE CONTENT (FIELD TEST): Dry: Absence of moisture, dusty, dry to the touch. Moist: Damp but no visible water. Saturated: Visible water, usually soil below water table.				
Descriptions and stratum lines are interpretive; field descriptions may have been modified to reflect lab test results. Descriptions on the logs apply only at the specific boring locations and at the time the borings were advanced; they are not warranted to be representative of subsurface conditions at other locations or times.											
UNIFIED SOIL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM (USCS)											
MAJOR DIVISIONS			USCS SYMBOLS	TYPICAL DESCRIPTIONS							
COARSE-GRAINED SOILS <small>More than 50% of material is larger than No. 200 sieve size.</small>	GRAVELS <small>More than 50% of coarse fraction retained on No. 4 sieve.</small>	CLEAN GRAVELS <small>(little or no fines)</small>	GW	Well-Graded Gravels, Gravel-Sand Mixtures, Little or No Fines							
		GRAVELS WITH FINES <small>(appreciable amount of fines)</small>	GP	Poorly-Graded Gravels, Gravel-Sand Mixtures, Little or No Fines							
		SANDS <small>More than 50% of coarse fraction passing through No. 4 sieve.</small>	CLEAN SANDS <small>(little or no fines)</small>	GM	Silty Gravels, Gravel-Sand-Silt Mixtures						
			SANDS WITH FINES <small>(appreciable amount of fines)</small>	GC	Clayey Gravels, Gravel-Sand-Clay Mixtures						
	FINE-GRAINED SOILS <small>More than 50% of material is smaller than No. 200 sieve size.</small>	SILTS AND CLAYS <small>Liquid Limit less than 50%</small>	SW	Well-Graded Sands, Gravelly Sands, Little or No Fines							
			SP	Poorly-Graded Sands, Gravelly Sands, Little or No Fines							
SM			Silty Sands, Sand-Silt Mixtures								
HIGHLY ORGANIC SOILS	SANDS <small>More than 50% of coarse fraction passing through No. 4 sieve.</small>	SC	Clayey Sands, Sand-Clay Mixtures								
		ML	Inorganic Silts and Very Fine Sands, Rock Flour, Silty or Clayey Fine Sands or Clayey Silts with Slight Plasticity								
		CL	Inorganic Clays of Low to Medium Plasticity, Gravelly Clays, Sandy Clays, Silty Clays, Lean Clays								
	SILTS AND CLAYS <small>Liquid Limit greater than 50%</small>	OL	Organic Silts and Organic Silty Clays of Low Plasticity								
		MH	Inorganic Silts, Micaceous or Diatomaceous Fine Sand or Silty Soils								
		CH	Inorganic Clays of High Plasticity, Fat Clays								
OH		Organic Silts and Organic Clays of Medium to High Plasticity									
PT		Peat, Humus, Swamp Soils with High Organic Contents									
DESCRIPTION	THICKNESS										
Seam	up to 1/8"										
Layer	1/8" to 12"										

Note: Dual Symbols are used to indicate borderline soil classifications.

FIGURE 4



APPENDIX A

Topsoil Testing Report

Topsoil Testing Report

Project	Name Syracuse South Stake Meetinghouse Addition			Property Number : 570-0280
	535 West 2700 South, Syracuse, Utah			
Person Submitting Test	Name Mike Huber GSH mike@gshgeotech.com		Date Requested 03 Apr 2025	Phone 801 685 9190
	Address, City, State/Province 473 W 4800 S. SLC, UT 84123			Fax 2990
Soil Testing Laboratory	Name QA Consulting and Testing, LLC		Date Submitted 10 Apr 2025	Phone 801 372 7177
	Address, City, State/Province 645 South 240 East Salem, UT 84653 vonisaman@comcast.net			Cel 801 372 7177

General

- Owner will pay for pre-bid testing and one (1) final topsoil test.

Landscape Architect Instructions

- Landscape Architect shall determine by investigation quality and quantity of topsoil on site before landscape design. Add physical and fertility recommendations from laboratory recommendations to relevant Church specifications.

Contractor Instructions

- Test installed topsoil. Installed topsoil shall comply with Project Specifications.
- If installed topsoil does not comply, Contractor will enhance and test at no cost to Owner until installed topsoil complies with Project Specifications.

Testing Instructions

- Collect at least two (2) samples of on-site topsoil and each anticipated topsoil source. If site soil profile or borrow pit are not uniform, additional samples shall be taken. Uniform composite samples may also be used if properly acquired and documented.
- Submit required soil samples to soil testing laboratory along with all required (for this report and laboratory) information.

Soil Testing Laboratory Instructions

- This report must be completely filled out and provide soil interpretation and amendment, fertilizer, and soil conditioner recommendations for use by Landscape Architect. These recommendations should consider lawn areas, tree and shrub areas, and native plant areas.
- Provide appropriate times for fertilizing.
- Return completed Topsoil Testing Report to person submitting the test.

SOIL SAMPLE LOG

Soil Sample No.	Description of location where sample was taken	History of use of the soil
Bluff Ridge	Surface	Not given

Existing Conditions Test Report ("Acceptable Levels" refers to the allowable soil specifications prior to being amended)

SOIL TEST DATA

Sample No.	pH ⁽¹⁾	EC ⁽¹⁾ dS/m	SAR ⁽¹⁾	% Sand	% Silt	% Clay	Text ⁽²⁾ Class	% ⁽³⁾ OM	NO ₃ -N ⁽⁴⁾ ppm	P ⁽⁵⁾ ppm	K ⁽⁵⁾ ppm	Fe ⁽⁵⁾ ppm
Bluff Ridge	7.8	0.7	1.7	27	35	38	Clay Loam	6.4	46	6	348	13
Acceptable Level(s)	5.5 - 8.0	<3.0	<6.0	15-60	10-60	5-30	(2)	>1.0	>20	>11	>130	>10

Rocks and Materials

Sample No.	Percent (%) > 2.0 mm <1/4"	Rocks Present ≥ 1.5 inch (38 mm) Indicate as present or not present	Toxic minerals & chemicals, noxious weeds, weed seeds, objectionable/construction materials
Bluff Ridge	11.3 (12 % >1/4")	Not Present	None observed
Acceptable Level	≤ 2.0 percent	< 1.5 inch (38 mm)	

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Landscape Area Description

Lawn Areas: Receive 5 inches (125 mm) topsoil plus recommended amendments and fertilizers.

Shrub/Tree Areas: Unless otherwise indicated, plant pits are to be backfilled with three (3) parts native soil and one part compost or other recommended amendments. Additionally, contractor will add recommended fertilizer.

Native Grass/Shrub/Tree Areas: Planting to receive minimum recommended amendments and fertilizers for establishment.

INFILTRATION RATE	
Documented Infiltration rate of test sample(s) based on texture at 90 percent relative density (To nearest 1/10th of an inch)	
Sample No.	Rate
Bluff Ridge	0.8 Inches/Hour

Interpretation Summary of Test Results:

Bluff Ridge

Bluff Ridge does **not** meet Acceptable Levels for % Clay, Phosphorus and Rock % >2 mm.

Specify plant species tolerant of clay soils.

Soil Amendments, Fertilizer and Soil Conditioner – Recommendations:

Lawn Areas: Amendments: None. No additional organic material is recommended for organic matter content $\geq 5\%$. Fertilizer: Apply a NP fertilizer at label rate to maintain the nitrogen bank in the soil. Incorporate well. Conditioner: None.

Shrub/Tree Areas: Amendments: See **Landscape Area Description** above. Fertilizer: Apply a NP fertilizer at label rate. Incorporate well. Conditioner: None.

Native Grass/Shrub/Tree Areas: Amendments: None. Conditioners: None. Fertilizer: Apply a NP fertilizer at 1/2 label rate. Incorporate well.

Scarify the subsoil at least 6" before applying topsoil.

Long Term (5 Year) Fertilizer and Soil Conditioner – Recommendations:

Lawn Areas: Amendments: None. Conditioner: None. Fertilizer: Continue with above recommendation.

Shrub/Tree Areas: Amendments: None. Conditioner: None. Fertilizer: As a top dress, continue with above recommendation.

Native Grass/Shrub/Tree Areas: Amendments: None. Conditioner: None. Fertilizer: Top dress every other year with 1/2 label rate of a Nitrogen fertilizer, or per nurseryman's recommendation.

End.

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