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Subject: Subsoil and Foundation  
Investigation, The Astrid, 2410 Ski Trail  
Lane, Steamboat Springs, Colorado.

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This report presents the results of the Subsoil and Foundation Investigation (SFI) for the proposed Astrid condominium buildings to be constructed at 2410 Ski Trail Lane in Steamboat Springs, Colorado. The approximate location of the project site is shown in Figure #1.

NWCC, Inc.'s (NWCC) scope of work included obtaining data from cursory observations made at the site, drilling and logging of fourteen (14) test holes, sampling of the probable foundation soils and laboratory testing of the samples obtained. This report presents recommendations for economically feasible and safe type foundations, as well as allowable soil pressures and other design and construction considerations that are advisable, but not necessarily routine to quality design and building practices.

**Proposed Construction:** NWCC understands the project will consist of the construction of seven separate multi-family residential buildings, a pool and pool house, a pond and an internal roadway that will run through the development from the northern edge of Ski Trail Lane to Building 1. We have assumed the proposed construction will consist of two to four-story wood or steel-framed buildings with slab on grade floor systems.

For design purposes, NWCC has assumed that building loads will be moderate to heavy, typical of this type of multi-story residential construction. If loadings or conditions are significantly different from those above, NWCC should be notified to reevaluate recommendations in this report.

**Site Conditions:** The proposed buildings will be located to the south and west of the existing Bear Claw Condominiums, north and west of Ski Trail Lane, and south of the Steamboat Ski Resort. Regrading appears to have been done in the area. The site is vacant. Vegetation in the proposed building area consists primarily of grasses and weeds with occasional small aspen trees and shrubs. A grove of dense shrubs and aspen trees is located at the south end of the property.

Topography of the site is variable and generally slopes steeply to moderately down to the southwest, with steeper slopes located on the northern side of the property, flatter terrain in the center and western side of the property and moderate slopes on the south side of the property. A drainage runs through the property and a man-made berm exists along the southwestern side of the property.

**Subsurface Conditions:** To investigate the subsurface conditions at the site, fourteen (14) test holes were advanced from October 12 through 14, 2022 with a track-mounted drill rig using 4-inch diameter continuous flight augers. A site plan showing existing features along with the approximate test hole locations is presented in Figure #2.

Subsurface conditions encountered were variable and generally consisted of fill materials or natural topsoil and organic materials overlying natural clays and interbedded sandstone and claystone bedrock to the maximum depth investigated, 30 feet below the existing ground surface (bgs). Graphic logs of the foundation test holes are presented in Figures #3 and #4; and associated Legend and Notes are presented in Figure #5.

Fill materials were encountered at the ground surface in all test holes apart from Test Holes 1, 8, 12 and 13 and extended to depths ranging from 1 to 11 ½ feet bgs. Fill materials consisted of gravelly, clayey to very clayey sands to sandy, gravelly clays that were low plastic, loose to stiff, moist to wet and brown in color. Samples of the fill materials encountered classified as SM and SC soils in accordance with the Unified Soil Classification System (USCS).

A layer of natural topsoil and organic materials, approximately 1 to 3 ½ feet in thickness was encountered at the ground surface in Test Holes 1, 12 and 13. Natural clays were encountered beneath the topsoil and organic materials in Test Hole 12 and extended to approximately 5 ½ feet bgs. Clays were sandy, low to moderately plastic, fine to coarse grained with gravels, stiff, moist and reddish brown in color.

Bedrock of the Browns Park Formation was encountered at the ground surface in Test Hole 8, beneath the clays in Test Hole 12 and beneath topsoil and organic materials or fill materials in all other test holes. Bedrock consisted of interbedded claystone to sandstone to conglomerate materials that were non to moderately plastic, fine to coarse grained with occasional gravels, hard to very hard, slightly moist to wet, poorly to well cemented and light brown to reddish brown in color. Samples of the bedrock materials classified as CL/SC, SM, CL and SC soils in accordance with the USCS.

Swell-consolidation tests conducted on samples of the bedrock materials and fill materials indicate the materials tested will exhibit a very low to moderate swell potential or a low degree of consolidation when wetted under a constant load. The swell-consolidation test results are presented in Figures #6 through #15, and all other laboratory test results are summarized in the attached Table 1. Standard Proctor test results indicate the fill materials encountered will have a maximum dry density of 119.5 pcf at 11.9% optimum moisture content. Standard Proctor test results also indicate the bedrock materials encountered will have a maximum dry density of 115.7 psf at 14.2% optimum moisture content. Standard Proctor test results are shown in Figures #16 and #17.

Water soluble sulfate (WSS), chloride content and pH testing was conducted on a bulk sample of the bedrock materials from Test Hole 8 at 0 to 5 feet bgs to evaluate corrosivity of the soils to metal and cement. Corrosivity and test results, including WSS, chloride content and pH testing, are included in the attached Table 2.

Based on anticipated geologic site conditions, NWCC recommends a **Site Class C** designation be used in structural design calculations in accordance with Table 20.3-1 in Chapter 20 of ASCE 7.

Groundwater was encountered at 22 feet bgs in Test Hole 12 at the time of drilling. Groundwater was encountered at 19 ½ feet bgs in Test Hole 9, 18 feet bgs in Test Hole 12 and 19 feet bgs in Test Hole 14 when measured 5 days after drilling. It should be noted that the groundwater conditions at the site can be expected to fluctuate with seasonal changes in precipitation and runoff.

**Foundation Recommendations:** Based on the subsurface conditions encountered in the test holes, the results of the field and laboratory investigations and our understanding of the proposed construction, NWCC believes an economically feasible and safe type of foundation system for the proposed buildings would consist of straight-shaft skin friction/end bearing piers drilled into the natural bedrock materials. Foundation movement less than ½ inch should be within tolerable limits if the following design and construction precautions are observed.

- 1) A minimum pier diameter of 12 inches and a minimum pier length of 15 feet are recommended with a minimum bedrock penetration of 6 feet. A maximum pier length to diameter ratio of 25 is also recommended.
- 2) Piers should be designed using an allowable skin friction value of 4,000 psf for the portion of the pier penetrating the bedrock materials. The upper 5 feet of penetration should be neglected in the skin friction calculations. A drill rig of sufficient size, type and operating condition should be used so bottom of the piers can be cleaned out properly and minimum length requirements can be met. If bottom of piers are properly cleaned and approved by an engineer from this office, then an allowable end bearing pressure of 40,000 psf for bedrock materials may be used in the design.
- 3) Piers should be reinforced their full length with at least one #5 reinforcing rod for each 16 inches of pier perimeter.
- 4) Piers should be properly cleaned and dewatered prior to steel and concrete placement. If groundwater is encountered, dewatering equipment will most likely be required to reduce water infiltration into the piers constructed at this site. The concrete should not be placed in more than 3 inches of water unless the tremie or pump methods are used.
- 5) A 4-inch void should be provided beneath grade beams to prevent swelling soils from exerting uplift forces on grade beams and to concentrate pier loadings. A void should also be provided beneath the necessary pier caps.

- 6) A representative of NWCC must observe pier drilling operations.

L-Pile Parameters: Table A below outlines our recommendations for soil parameters to be used in the LPILE design program.

**TABLE A**  
**PARAMETERS FOR LPILE DESIGN**

SOIL TYPE	LPILE SOIL TYPE	YOUNG'S MODULUS (x 10E6 psi)	EFFECTIVE UNIT WEIGHT (pci)	COHESIVE STRENGTH (psi)	$\Phi'$ (deg.)	E <sub>50</sub>
Clays/Fill Materials	Sand	0.015	0.065	0	0	-
Bedrock	Weak Rock	0.10	0.075	14.0	30	0.005

**Alternate Shallow Foundation Recommendations:** If the owner is aware of the risks associated with placing shallow foundations on expansive bedrock materials and can tolerate and/or design for differential movements that could result if the bedrock materials become wetted and swell, the foundations may be supported by spread footings founded on undisturbed bedrock materials.

The design and construction details presented below should be observed if a shallow foundation system is opted for. The precautions and recommendations itemized below will not prevent movement of the foundations if underlying bedrock materials become wetted and swell. However, they should reduce the amount of differential movement beneath the foundation system. Differential movements on the order of 1 to 2 inches could still occur if bedrock materials undergo moisture changes. The owner must be willing to accept the risk of foundation movement associated with placing shallow foundations on expansive bedrock materials.

- 1) Footing excavations should be extended below existing fill materials, clays and any topsoil and organic materials down to bedrock materials.
- 2) Footings placed on the natural bedrock materials should be designed using an allowable soil bearing pressure of 5,000 psf. Footings placed on bedrock materials should also be designed using a minimum dead load pressure of at least 1,000 psf.
- 3) Footings or pad sizes should be computed using the above soil pressures and placed on the undisturbed bedrock materials encountered below the topsoil and organic materials, clays and fill materials.
- 4) Any topsoil and organic materials, existing fill materials or clays found beneath the footings when excavations are opened should be removed and footings extended down to competent bedrock

- materials prior to concrete placement. Footings placed on the bedrock materials may have to be narrow or interrupted to maintain the minimum dead load. Foundation design should be closely checked to assure that it distributes loads per the allowable pressures given.
- 5) Foundation walls should be designed and reinforced to span an unsupported distance of 10 feet or the length between pads, whichever is greater.
  - 6) Footings or pads should be placed well enough below final backfill grades to protect them from frost heave. Forty-eight (48) inches is typical for this location considering normal snow cover and other winter factors.
  - 8) Based on experience, NWCC estimates total settlement for footings and pads designed and constructed as discussed in this section will be approximately 1 inch. Additional bearing capacity values along with the associated settlements are presented in Figure #18.
  - 9) NWCC must be retained by the client to observe the foundation excavations when they are near completion to identify bearing soils and bedrock materials and confirm the recommendations in this report.

**Retaining Structures and Foundation Wall Recommendations:** Foundation walls and retaining structures that are laterally supported and can be expected to undergo only a moderate amount of deflection, may be designed for a lateral earth pressured calculated based on an equivalent fluid unit weight of 45 pcf for imported, free draining granular backfill and 60 pcf for the on-site soils and bedrock materials.

Cantilevered retaining structures can be expected to deflect sufficiently to mobilize the full active earth pressure condition. Therefore, the structures may be designed for a lateral earth pressure computed based on an equivalent fluid unit weight of 35 pcf for imported free draining granular backfill and 50 pcf for the on-site soils and bedrock materials.

The retaining structures should also be designed for appropriate hydrostatic and surcharge pressures such as adjacent buildings, traffic and construction materials. An upward sloping backfill and/or natural slope will also significantly increase the earth pressures on foundation walls and retaining structures, and the structural engineer should carefully evaluate these additional lateral loads when designing the retaining walls.

The lateral resistance of retaining wall foundations placed on undisturbed clays and bedrock materials at the site will be a combination of the sliding resistance of the footings on the foundation materials and the passive pressure against the sides of the footings. Sliding friction can be taken as 0.4 times the vertical dead load. Passive pressure against the sides of the footing can be calculated using an equivalent fluid pressure of 250 pcf. The fill placed against the sides of the footings to resist lateral loads should be compacted to at least 100% of the maximum standard Proctor density and near the optimum moisture content.

NWCC recommends imported granular soils for backfilling foundation walls and retaining structures because their use results in lower lateral earth pressures. The imported granular materials should be placed to within 2 to 3 feet of the ground surface. Imported granular soils should be free draining and have less than 5 percent passing the No. 200 sieve. The granular soils behind foundation and retaining walls should be sloped from the base of the wall at an angle of at least 45 degrees from the vertical. The upper 2 to 3 feet of fill should be a relatively impervious soil or pavement structure to prevent surface water infiltration into the backfill.

The wall backfill should be carefully placed in uniform lifts and compacted to at least 95 percent of the maximum standard Proctor density and near the optimum moisture content. Care should be taken not to overcompact the backfill since this could cause excessive lateral pressure on the walls. Some settlement of deep foundation wall backfill materials will occur even if the material is placed correctly.

**Floor Slabs:** On-site soils and bedrock materials, apart from existing fill and topsoil and organic materials, are capable of supporting slab-on-grade construction. However, floor slabs present a very difficult problem where swelling materials are present near floor slab elevation because sufficient dead load cannot be imposed on them to resist the uplift pressure generated when the materials are wetted and expand. Based on the moisture-volume change characteristics of the natural soils and bedrock materials encountered at this site, NWCC believes slab-on-grade construction may be used, provided the risk of distress resulting from slab movement is recognized and special design precautions are followed.

The following measures must be taken to reduce damage, which could result from movement should the underslab clays and bedrock materials be subjected to moisture changes.

- 1) Floor slabs must be separated from all bearing walls; columns and their foundation supports with a positive slip joint. NWCC recommends the use of ½-inch thick cellotex or impregnated felt.
- 2) Interior non-bearing partition walls resting on the floor slabs must be provided with a slip joint, preferably at the bottom, so in the event the floor slab moves this movement is not transmitted to the upper structure. This detail is also important for wallboard and doorframes and is shown in Figure #19.
- 3) A minimum 6-inch gravel layer must be provided beneath all floor slabs to act as a capillary break and to help distribute pressures. Prior to placing the gravel, excavation should be shaped so that if water does get under the slab, it will flow to the low point of the excavation. In addition, all topsoil and organic materials and existing fill materials should be removed prior to placement of the underslab gravels or new structural fill materials.
- 4) Floor slabs must be provided with control joints placed a maximum of 10 to 12 feet on center in each direction, depending on slab configurations, to help control shrinkage cracking. Locations of the joints should be carefully checked to assure that natural, unavoidable cracking will be controlled. Depth of the control joints should be a minimum of ¼ the thickness of the slab.

- 5) Underslab soils and bedrock materials must be kept as close as possible to their in-situ moisture content. Excessive wetting or drying of these soils prior to placement of floor slab could result in differential movement after slabs are constructed.
- 6) It has been NWCC's experience that the risk of floor slab movement can be reduced by removing at least 2 feet of the expansive materials under the slabs and replacing them with a well compacted, non-expansive fill. If this is done or if fills are required to bring underslab areas to the desired grade, the fill should consist of non-expansive, granular materials. Fill should be uniformly placed and compacted in 6 to 8-inch lifts to at least 95% of the maximum standard Proctor density at or near the optimum moisture content, as determined by ASTM D-698.

Following the above precautions and recommendations will not prevent floor slab movement in the event the clays and/or bedrock materials beneath the floor slabs undergo moisture changes. However, they should reduce the amount of damage if such movement occurs. The only way to eliminate the risk of all floor slab movement is to construct a structural floor over a well-vented crawl space or void form materials.

**Underdrain System:** Any floor levels that are constructed below the existing or finished ground surfaces and the foundations should be protected by underdrain systems to help reduce the problems associated with surface and subsurface drainage during high runoff periods.

Localized perched water or runoff can infiltrate the lower levels of the structures at the foundation levels. This water can be one of the primary causes of differential foundation and slab movement; especially, where expansive soils and bedrock materials are encountered.

Drains should be located around entire perimeter of the lower levels and be placed and at least 12 inches below any floor slab or crawl space levels and at least 6 inches below the foundation voids and bottom of the foundation walls or footings. NWCC recommends the use of perforated PVC pipe for the drainpipe, which meets or exceeds ASTM D-3034/SDR 35 requirements, to minimize potential for pipe crushing during backfill operations. Holes in the drainpipe should be oriented down between 4 o'clock and 8 o'clock to promote rapid runoff of water. Drainpipe should be surrounded with at least 12 inches of free draining gravel and should be protected from contamination by a filter covering of Mirafi 140N subsurface drainage fabric or an equivalent product. Drains should have a minimum slope of 1/8 inch per foot and be daylighted at positive outfalls protected from freezing or be led to sumps from which water can be pumped. The use of interior laterals, multiple daylights or sumps will likely be required for the proposed structure. Caution should be taken when backfilling so as not to damage or disturb the installed underdrain. NWCC recommends the drainage system include a cleanout every 100 feet, be protected against intrusion by animals at outfalls and be tested prior to backfilling. NWCC also recommends the client retain our firm to observe the underdrain systems during construction to verify that they are being installed in accordance with recommendations provided in this report and observe a flow test prior to backfilling the system.

In addition, NWCC recommends an impervious barrier be constructed to keep water from infiltrating through the voided areas and/or under footings and/or foundation walls. Barriers should be constructed of

an impervious material, which is approved by this office and placed below the perimeter drain and up against the sides of the foundation walls. Typical perimeter/underdrain details are shown in Figure #20.

**Surface Drainage:** Proper surface drainage at this site is of paramount importance for minimizing infiltration of surface drainage into wall backfill and bearing soils, which could result in increased wall pressures, differential foundation and slab movement. The following drainage precautions should be observed during construction and at all times after the structures have been completed:

- 1) Ground surface surrounding structures should be sloped (minimum of 1.0 inch per foot) to drain away from structures in all directions to a minimum of 10 feet or less if the runoff is directed to trench drains or swales that divert water away from the foundation walls. Ponding must be avoided. If necessary, raising top of foundation walls to achieve a better surface grade is advisable.
- 2) Non-structural backfill placed around structures should be compacted to at least 95% of the maximum standard Proctor density at or near the optimum moisture content to minimize future settlement of the fill. Backfill should be placed immediately after the braced foundation walls are able to structurally support the fill. Puddling or sluicing must be avoided.
- 3) Top 2 to 3 feet of soil placed within 10 feet of foundations should be impervious in nature to minimize infiltration of surface water into wall backfill. The on-site clays, sands and clays, claystone or sandstone-claystone bedrock materials will be suitable for use if they have a plasticity index of at least 10.
- 4) Plastic membranes should not be used to cover ground surface adjacent to foundation walls.
- 5) Landscaping, which requires excessive watering and lawn sprinkler heads, should be located a minimum of 10 feet from the foundation walls of the structures.

**Site Grading:** The slopes on which the proposed structures and roadways are proposed could become unstable due to the proposed construction. Design and construction considerations must be addressed to avoid and/or limit the potential for slope instability at the site. Although a detailed slope stability analysis is beyond the scope of this report, some general guidelines are provided below for initial planning and design. NWCC highly recommends that our firm review the proposed grading plans after they are completed so we may evaluate the stability of the proposed permanent cut and fill slopes.

Due to the interbedded layers of well-cemented and hard sandstone bedrock encountered at the site, larger excavation equipment with ripper teeth may be required for foundation and utility trench excavations. It is possible that isolated areas of highly cemented bedrock may require blasting or other rock breaking techniques.



As noted above, NWCC should review the construction site grading plans as they are being prepared so that we can verify that our recommendations are being properly incorporated into the plans. Additional recommendations and/or investigations may be warranted to provide additional information for the design and construction of temporary or permanent shoring and slope stabilization structures. Slope reinforcement should be designed and constructed by engineers and contractors experienced in earth retention systems.

- 1) Temporary cuts for foundation construction should be constructed to OSHA standards for temporary excavations. Permanent, unretained cuts should be kept as shallow as possible and should not exceed a 3(Horizontal) to 1(Vertical) configuration for the topsoil and organic materials and existing fill materials; and a 2(Horizontal) to 1(Vertical) configuration for the clays and bedrock materials.

We recommend permanent, unretained cuts be limited to 25 feet in height or less, unless stable bedrock is encountered. The risk of slope instability will be significantly increased if groundwater seepage is encountered in the cuts. NWCC office should be notified immediately to evaluate the site if seepage is encountered or deeper cuts are planned and determine if additional investigations and/or stabilization measures are warranted.

- 3) Excavating during periods of low runoff at the site can reduce potential slope instability during excavation. Excavations should not be attempted during the spring or early summer when seasonal runoff and groundwater levels are typically very heavy.
- 4) Fills up to 30 feet in height can be constructed at the site and should be constructed to a 2(Horizontal) to 1(Vertical) or flatter configuration. The fill areas should be prepared by stripping any existing fill materials and topsoil and organics, scarification and compaction to at least 95% of the maximum standard Proctor density and within 2% of optimum moisture content as determined by ASTM D698. The fills should be properly benched/keyed into the natural hillsides after the existing fill materials, natural topsoil and organic materials, and any silts have been removed. The fill materials may consist of the on-site soils (exclusive of topsoil, organics, or sands and silts) and bedrock materials that are uniformly placed and compacted in 6 to 8-inch loose lifts to the minimum density value and moisture content range indicated above.
- 5) Proper surface drainage features should be provided around all permanent cuts and fills and steep natural slopes to direct surface runoff away from these areas. Cuts, fills and other stripped areas should be protected against erosion by revegetation or other methods. Areas of concentrated drainage should be avoided and may require the use of riprap for erosion control. NWCC recommends that a maximum of 4 inches of topsoil be placed over the new cut and fill slopes. It should be noted that the newly placed topsoil materials may slough/slide off the slopes during the spring runoff seasons until the root zone in the vegetated cover establishes.
- 6) A qualified engineer experienced in this area should prepare site grading and drainage plans. The contractor must provide a construction sequencing plan for excavation, wall construction and

bracing and backfilling for the steeper and more sensitive portions of the site prior to starting the excavations or construction.

**Pavement Recommendations:** Pavement section alternatives presented below are based on field and laboratory investigations, assumed traffic loadings indicated below, pavement design procedures presented in the AASHTO Guide for Design of Pavement Structures, and our experience with similar sites and conditions in this part of Steamboat Springs. AASHTO pavement design procedures have been adopted and are used by the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT).

Based on the results of the field and laboratory investigations and our understanding of the proposed construction, it appears the materials most likely to be encountered at proposed pavement subgrade elevations will consist of existing or new fill materials, natural clays or bedrock. These materials are generally considered to provide poor to fair support for pavement structures.

NWCC recommends the pavement areas subjected to both automobile and truck traffic be constructed with a composite pavement section consisting of at least 4 inches of hot mix asphalt (HMA) placed over 4 inches of CDOT Class 6 aggregate base course (ABC) and 8 inches of subbase materials consisting of CDOT Class 2 aggregates. Pavements for areas subjected to automobile traffic only, such as automobile parking spaces, may be constructed with a composite pavement section consisting of at least 3 inches of HMA placed over 4 inches of Class 6 ABC and 8 inches of subbase aggregates.

NWCC recommends the areas subjected to heavy truck traffic turning movements, such as in the apron areas in front of the trash dumpster approach areas, be paved with a rigid pavement section consisting of at least 7 inches of Portland cement concrete (PCC). Sidewalks subjected to pedestrian traffic should be paved using at least 4 inches of PCC. Areas where occasional emergency or snow removal vehicle traffic is anticipated should be paved using at least 5 inches of PCC.

Prior to placement of subbase materials, any topsoil and organics materials and topsoil fill materials should be removed. NWCC recommends the exposed subgrade soils be uniformly mixed, moisture treated to within 2 % of the optimum moisture content and then be recompacted to at least 95 % of the maximum standard Proctor density. Depending on the time of year when subgrade preparation is considered, moisture conditioning including drying and/or moistening of subgrade materials will most likely be required in order to attain uniform compaction. NWCC also recommends that the properly moisture conditioned and recompacted subgrade soils be proofrolled with a loaded tandem dump truck or water truck prior to placing the subbase gravels. Areas exhibiting deflection and rutting will most likely require deeper stabilization. The depth and type of stabilization should be determined at the time of construction.

NWCC recommends the HMA materials consist of an approved "Superpave" mix designed by a qualified, registered engineer. The mix design should be designed using the SX gradation and mixed with PG 58-28 oil or other performance graded asphaltic materials. The mix should be produced and placed by a qualified contractor and should be compacted to between 92 and 96 percent of the maximum theoretical (Rice) density. Quality control activities should be conducted on paving materials at the time of placement.

ABC materials should consist of a well-graded aggregate base course materials that meet CDOT Class 6 ABC grading and durability requirements. Base course and subbase materials (Class 2 Subbase) should be uniformly placed and compacted in 4 to 6-inch loose lifts to at least 95 % of the maximum modified Proctor density and within +/- 2 % of the optimum moisture content as determined by ASTM D1557.

Concrete pavement materials shall be based on a mix design established by a qualified engineer. Concrete should have a minimum 28-day compressive strength of 4,500 psi, be air entrained with approximately 6 percent air and have a maximum water/cement ratio of 0.42. Concrete should have a maximum slump of 4 inches and should contain control joints not greater than 12 feet on centers. The depth of the control joints should be at least ¼ of the slab thickness.

The collection and diversion of surface and subsurface drainage away from the paved areas is extremely important to satisfactory performance of the pavement. The design of the surface and subsurface drainage features should be carefully considered to remove all water from paved areas and to prevent ponding of water on and adjacent to paved areas. NWCC recommends subgrade areas be graded to drain if feasible so that surface runoff is not allowed to pond on the subgrade surface.

**Limitations:** The recommendations provided in this report are based on the soils and bedrock materials encountered at this site and NWCC's understanding of the proposed construction. NWCC believes this information gives a high degree of reliability for anticipating behavior of the proposed structures; however, NWCC's recommendations are professional opinions and cannot control nature, nor can they assure the soil and bedrock materials profiles beneath those or adjacent to those observed. No warranties expressed or implied are given on the content of this report.

Expansive soils and bedrock materials were encountered at this site. These soils/bedrock materials are stable at their natural moisture content but can shrink or swell with changes in moisture. The behavior of swelling soils and bedrock materials is not fully understood. The swell or consolidation potential of a site can change erratically both in lateral and vertical extent. Moisture changes also occur erratically, resulting in conditions which cannot always be predicted. Recommendations presented in this report are based on the current state of the art for foundations and floor slabs on swelling soils and bedrock materials. As noted previously, the owner must be made aware there is a risk in construction on these types of soil and bedrock materials. The performance of the structures will depend on following the recommendations and in proper maintenance after construction is complete. As water is the main cause for volume change in the soils and bedrock materials, it is necessary that the changes in moisture content be kept to a minimum. This requires judicious irrigation and providing positive surface drainage away from the structures. Any distress noted in the structures should be brought to the attention of NWCC.

This report is based on the investigation at the described site and on specific anticipated construction as stated herein. If either of these conditions is changed, the results would also most likely change. Therefore, NWCC strongly recommends that our firm be contacted prior to finalizing the construction plans so that we can verify our recommendations are being properly incorporated into the construction plans.

Man-made or natural changes in the conditions of a property can also occur over time. In addition, changes in requirements due to state-of-the-art knowledge and/or legislation do occur. As a result, the findings of

this report may become invalid due to these changes. Therefore, this report is subject to review and not considered valid after a period of 3 years or if conditions as stated above are altered. It is the responsibility of the owner or his representative to ensure that the information in this report is incorporated into the plans and/or specifications and construction of the project.

If you have any questions regarding this report or if NWCC may be of further service, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,  
**NWCC, INC.**

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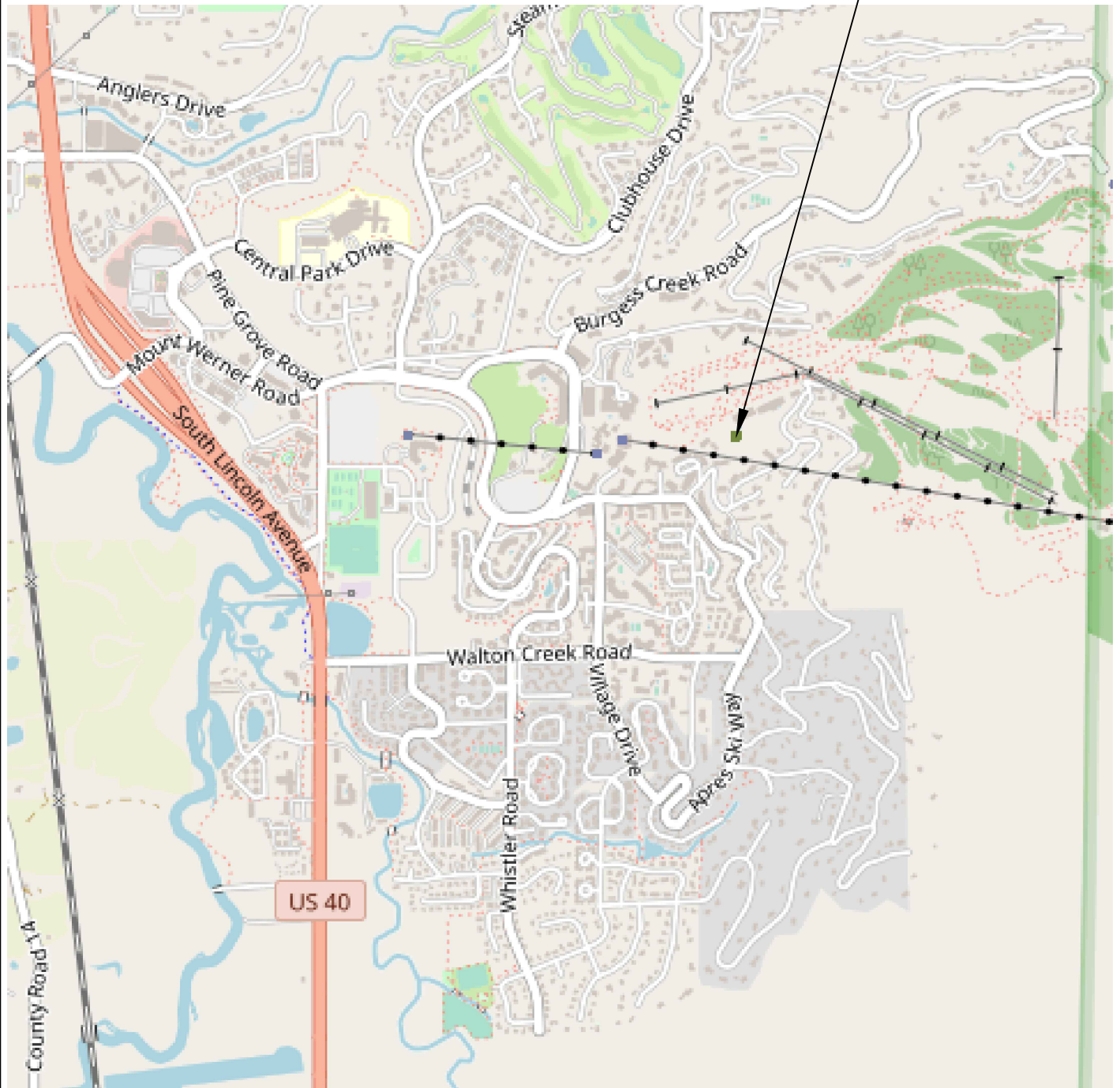
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Title: VICINITY MAP

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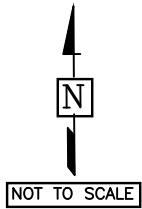
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Figure #1







Title: **SITE PLAN/APPROXIMATE LOCATION OF TEST HOLES**

Job Name: **The Astrid**

LOCATION: **2410 Ski Trail Lane, Steamboat Springs, Colorado**

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Figure **#2**



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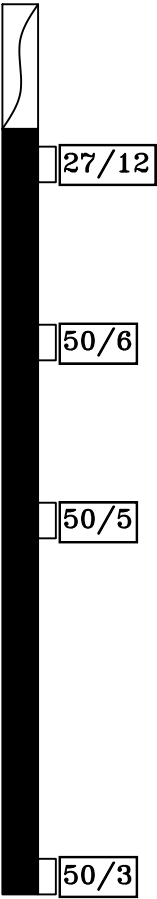
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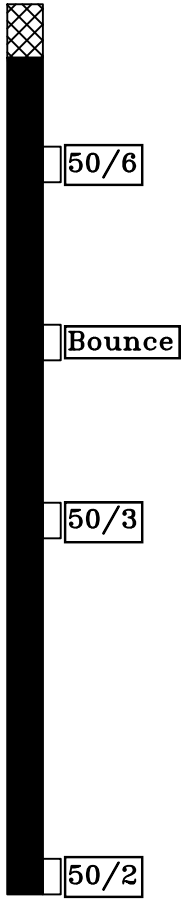
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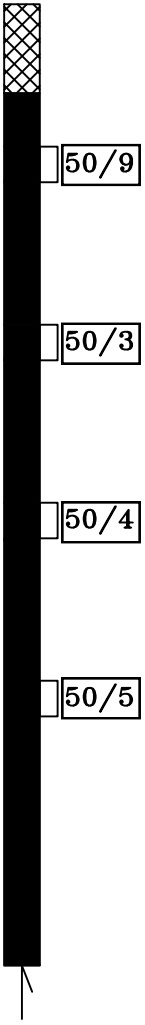
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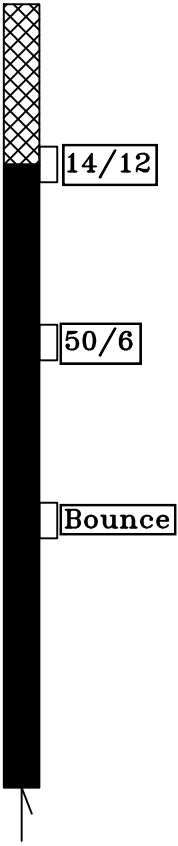
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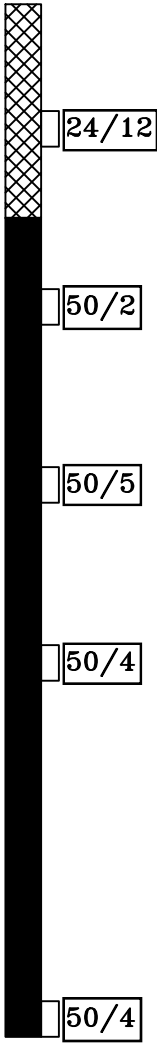
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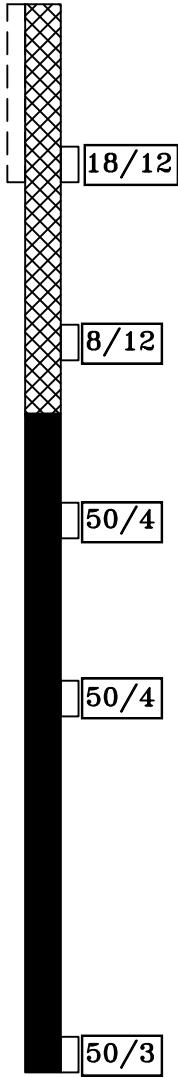
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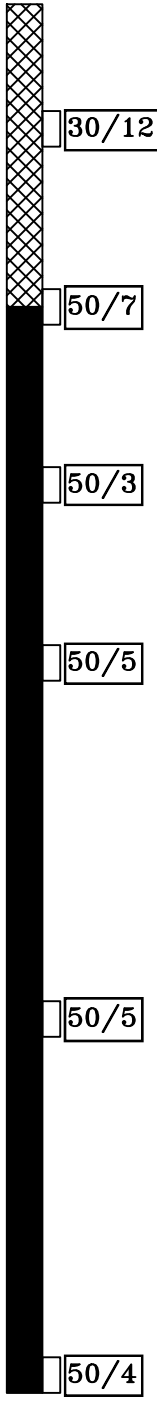
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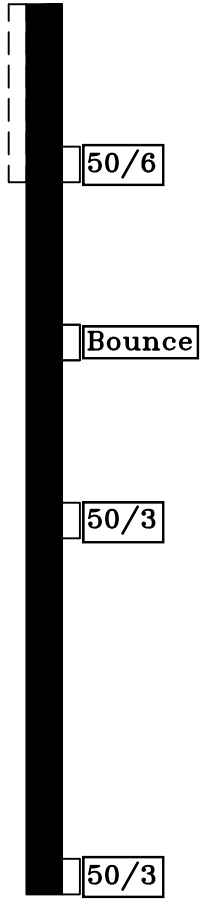
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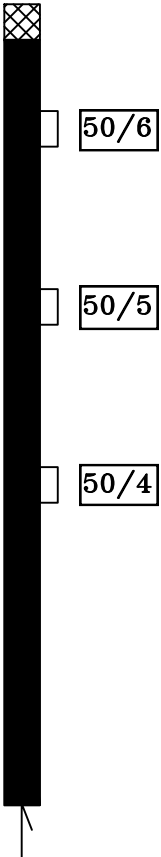
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Test Hole 8



Test Hole 9



Depth

0

5

10

15


20

25

30

35

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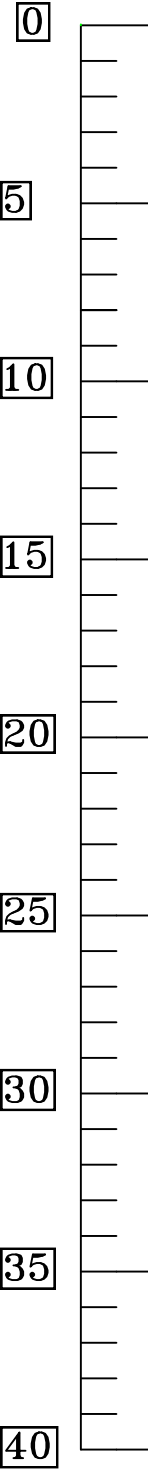


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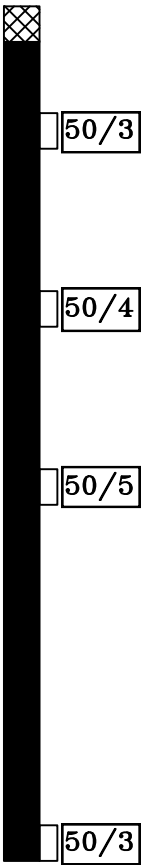
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<b>Job Name:</b> The Astrid		
<b>Location:</b> 2410 Ski Trail Lane, Steamboat Springs, CO		
<b>Job No.:</b> 22-12805	<b>Date:</b> 10/25/22	<b>Figure:</b> #3



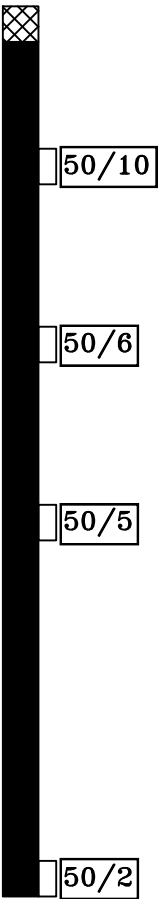
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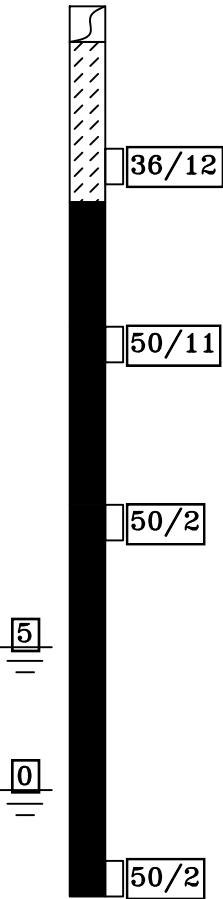
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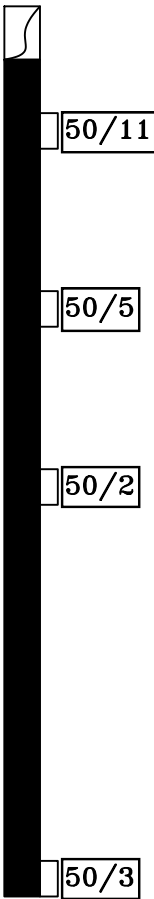
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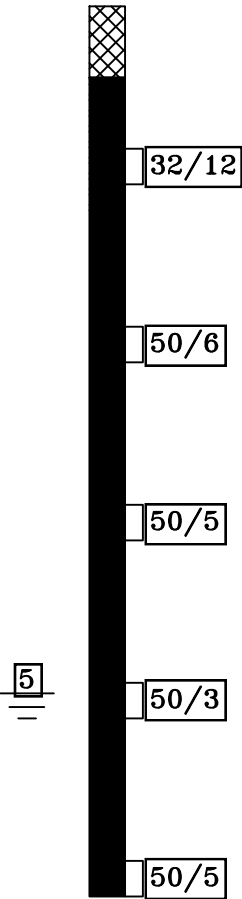
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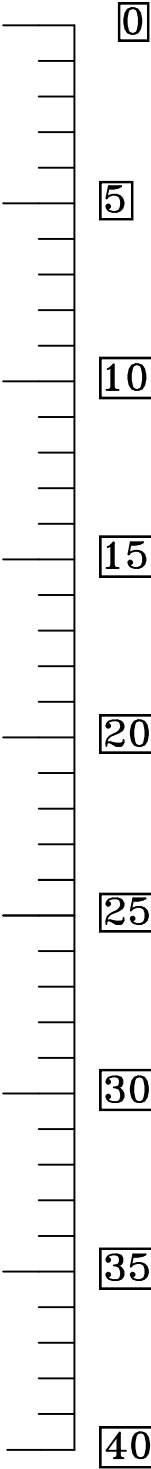
Test Hole 13



Test Hole 14



Depth




Title: Logs of Exploratory Test Holes		
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Location: 2410 Ski Trail Lane, Steamboat Springs, CO		
Job No.: 22-12805	Date: 12/6/22	Figure: #4



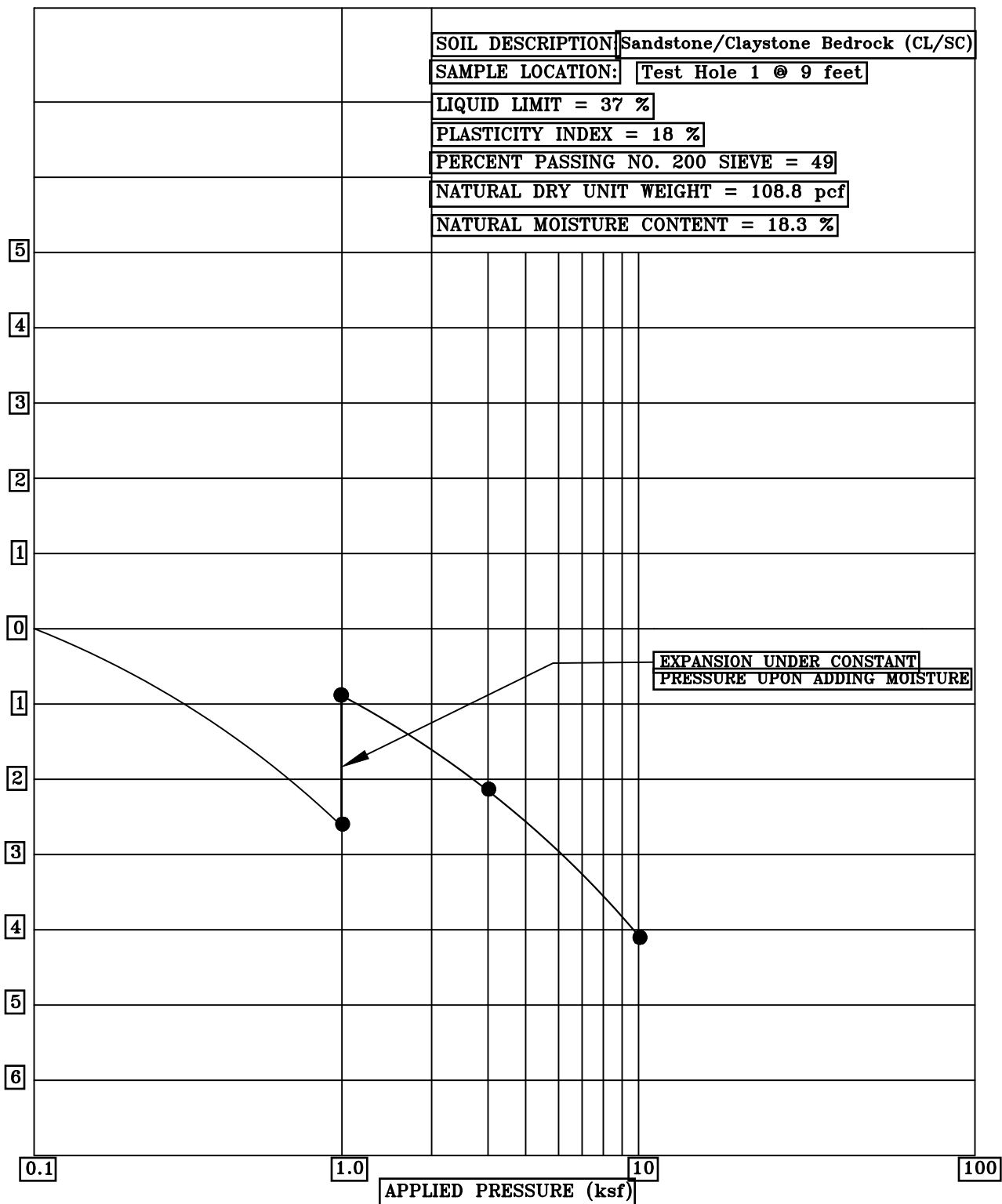
**LEGEND:****TOPSOIL AND ORGANIC MATERIALS****FILL:** Gravelly, clayey to very clayey sand to sandy, gravelly clay, low plastic, loose to dense, moist to wet and brown.**CLAYS:** Sandy, low to moderately plastic, fine to coarse grained with gravels, stiff, moist and reddish brown.**BEDROCK:** Browns Park Formation, interbedded claystone to sandstone to conglomerate, non to moderately plastic, fine to coarse grained with occasional gravels, hard to very hard, slightly moist to wet, poorly to well cemented and light brown to reddish brown.**Drive Sample, 2-inch I.D. California Liner Sampler.****Large disturbed bulk sample****27/12****Drive Sample Blow Count, indicates 27 blows of a 140-pound hammer falling 30 inches were required to drive the sampler 12 inches.****Bounce****Indicates a 140-lb hammer falling 30 inches bounced when attempting to drive the sampler.****0,5****Indicates depth at which groundwater was encountered when measured at time of drilling and when measured 5 days after drilling.****Indicates depth at which practical rig refusal was encountered on hard bedrock.****NOTES:**

- 1) Test holes were drilled on October 12 through 14, 2022 with an all terrain drill rig using 4-inch diameter continuous flight augers.
- 2) Locations of the test holes were determined in the field by pacing from existing features at the site.
- 3) Elevations of the test holes were not measured and logs are drawn to the depths investigated.
- 4) The lines between materials shown on the logs represent the approximate boundaries between material types and transitions may be gradual.
- 5) The water level readings shown on the logs were made at the time and under the conditions indicated. Fluctuations in the water levels will probably occur with time.

<b>Title:</b> <b>LEGEND AND NOTES</b>		<b>Date:</b> 12/5/22	
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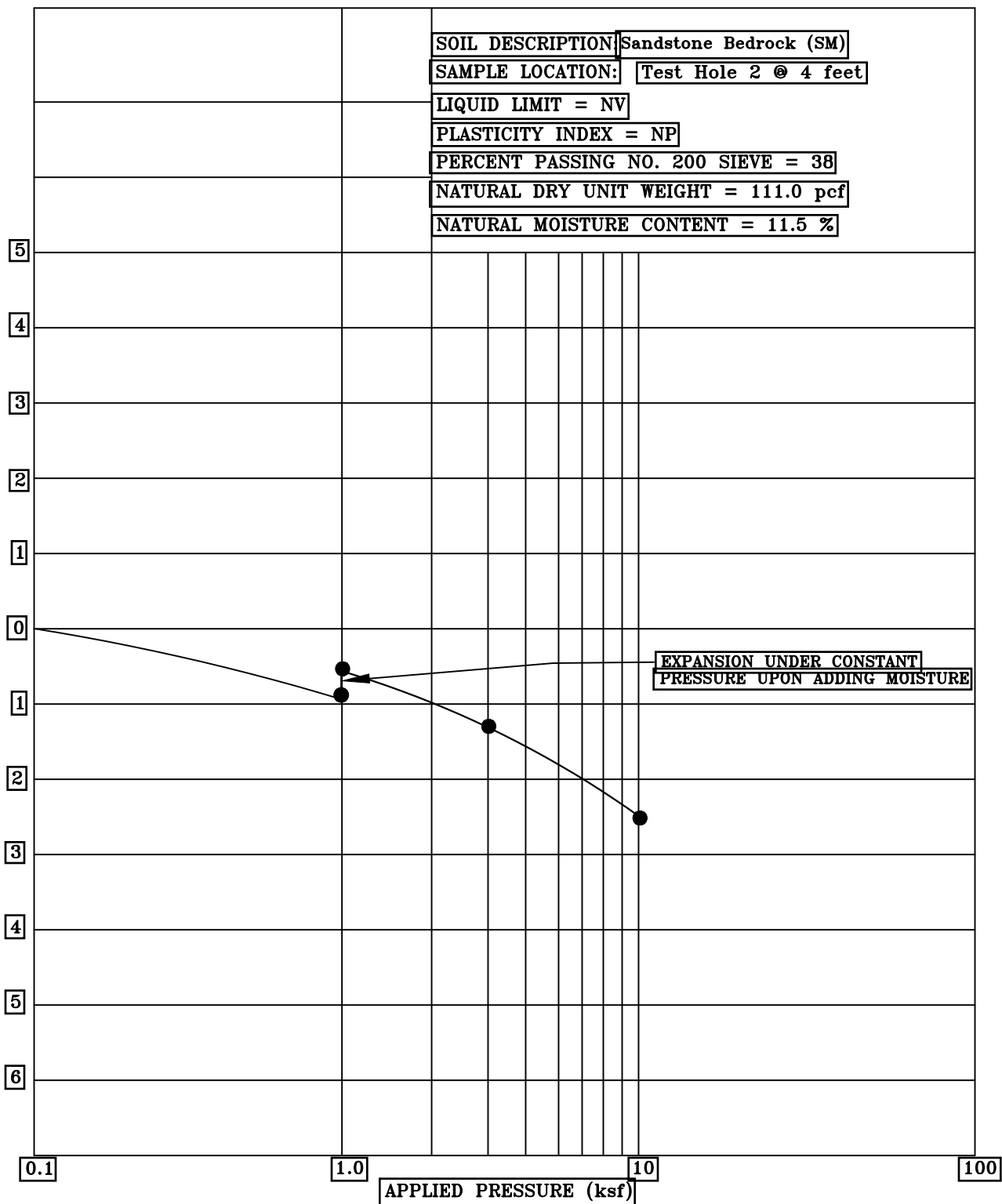


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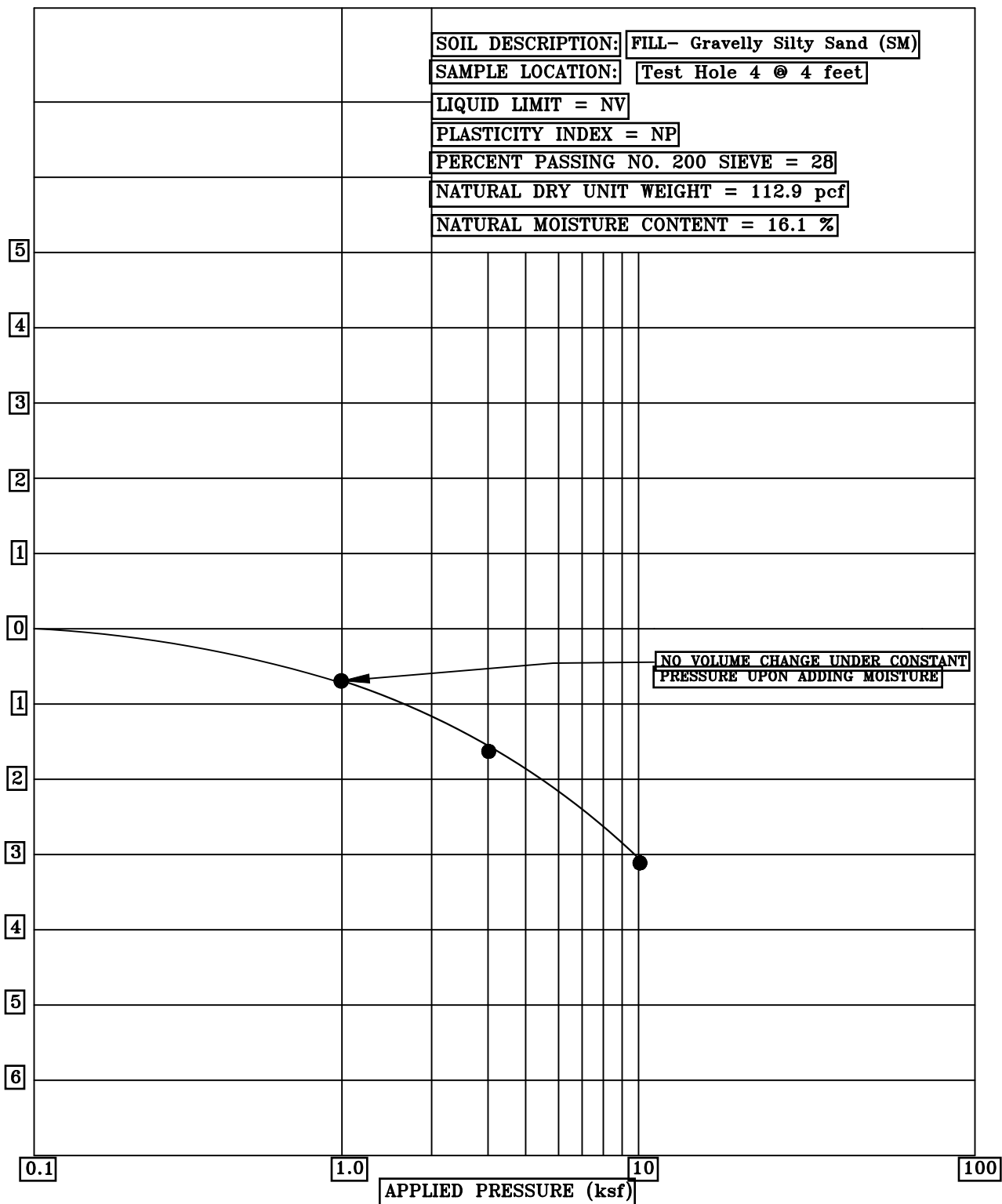
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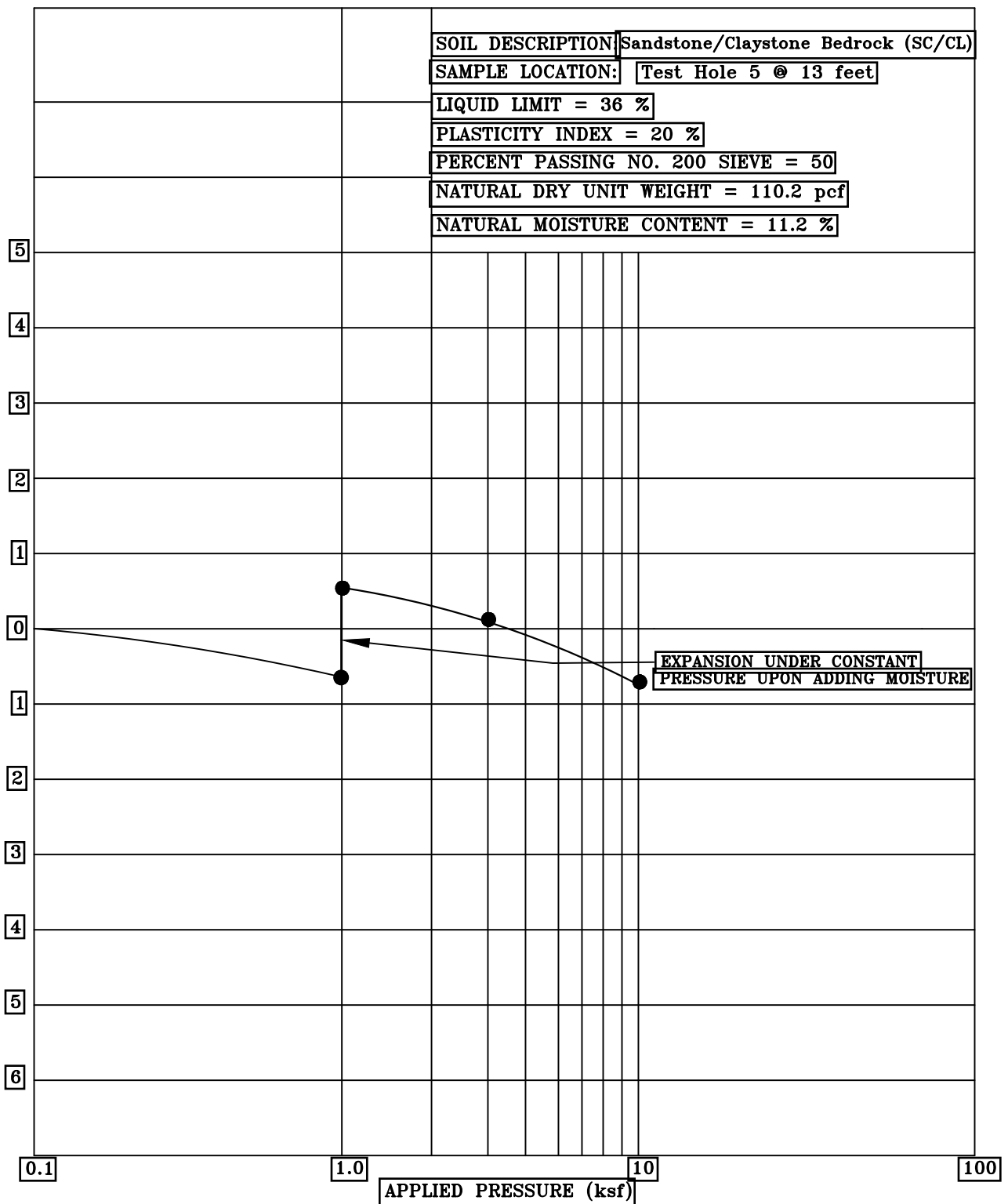
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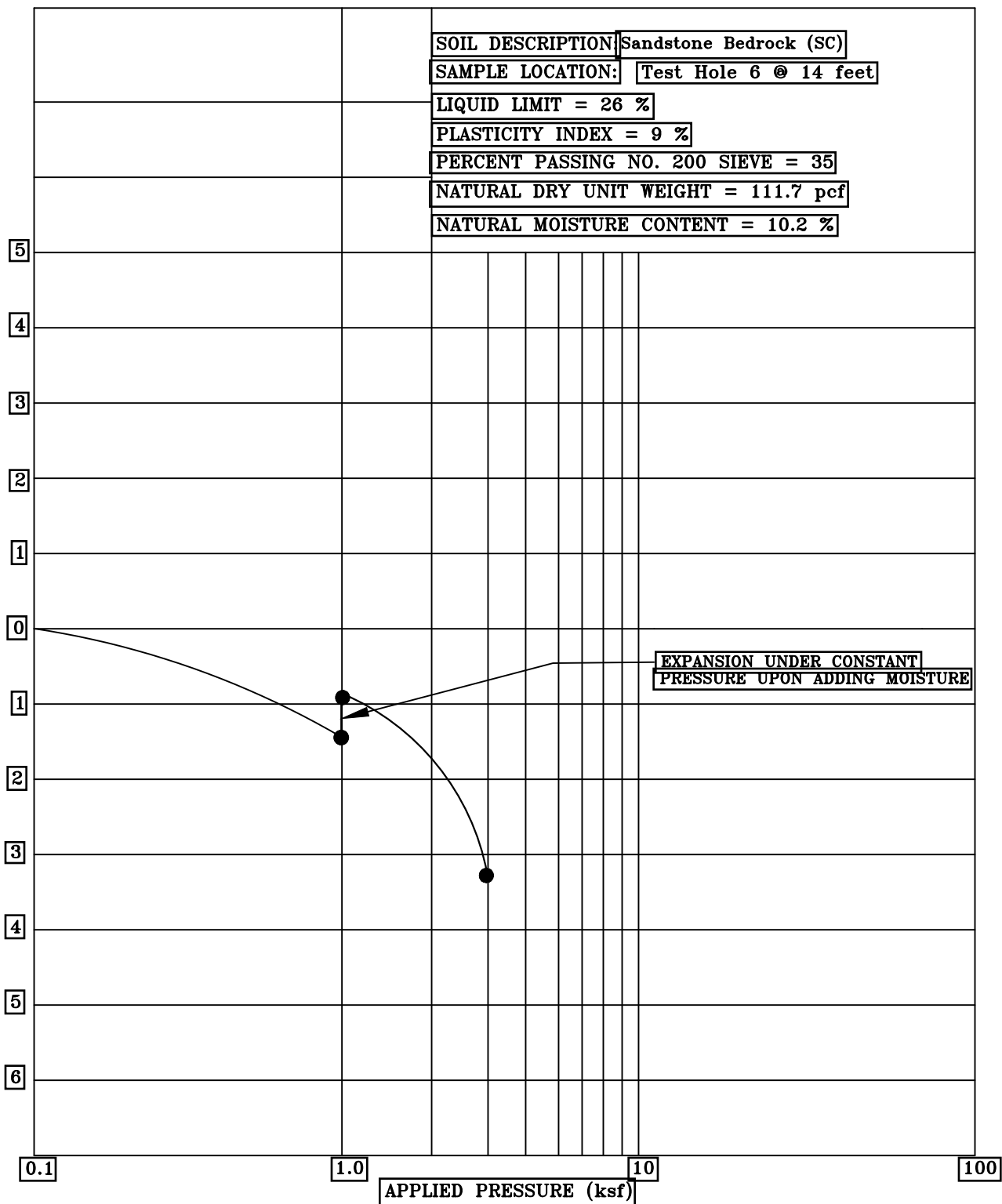
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<b>Location:</b> 2410 Ski Trail Lane, Steamboat Springs, Colorado		<b>Figure:</b> #8

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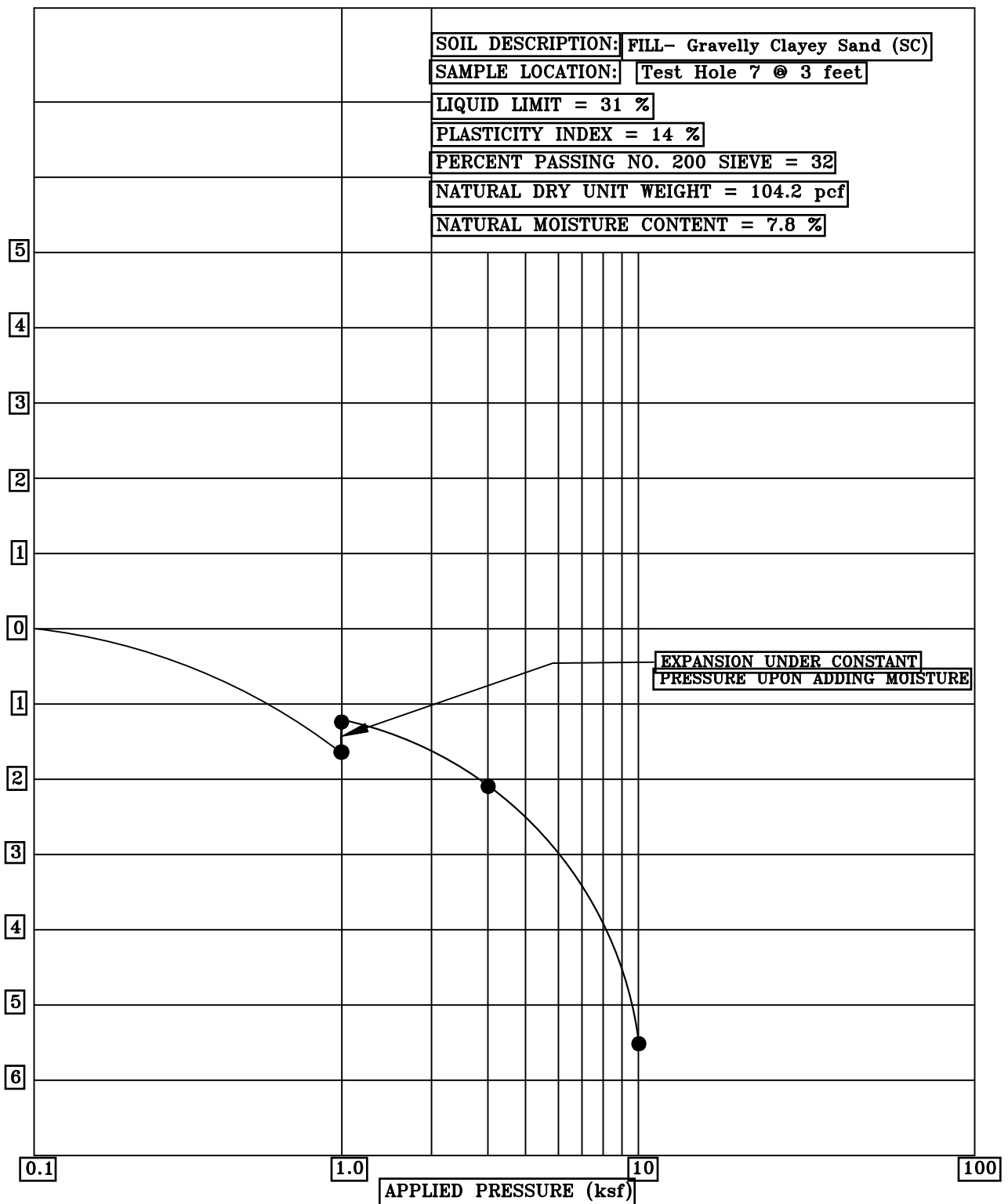
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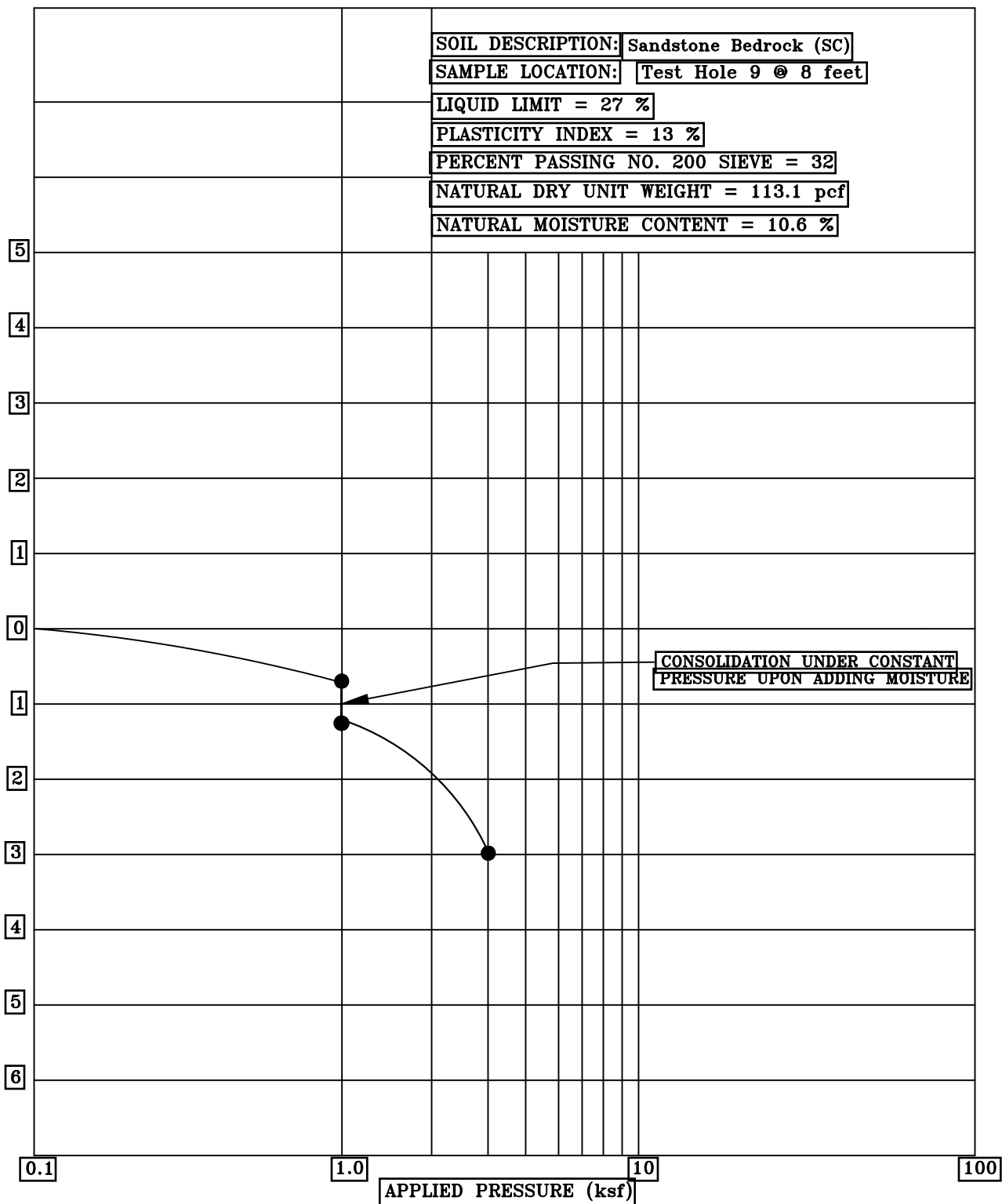
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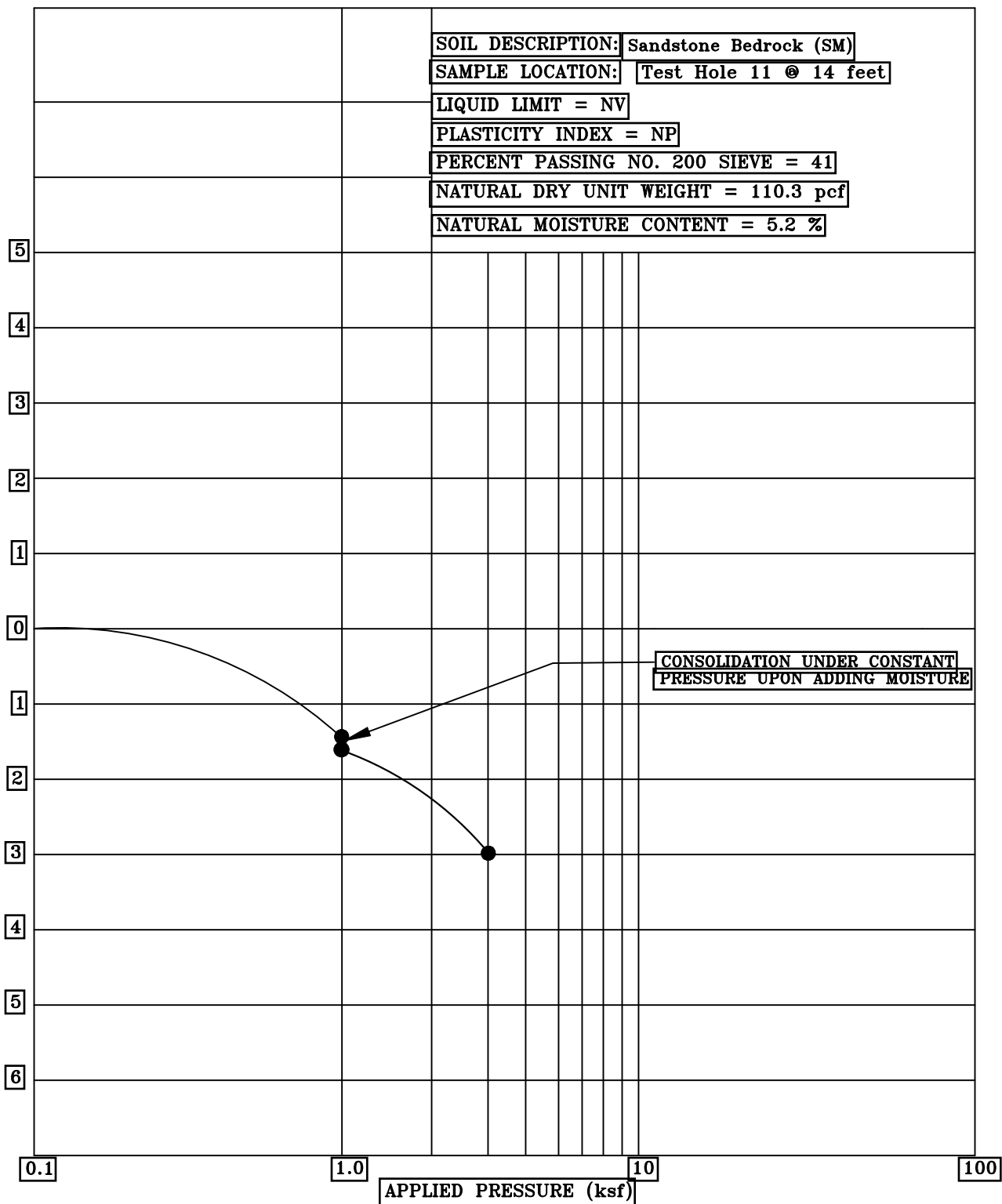
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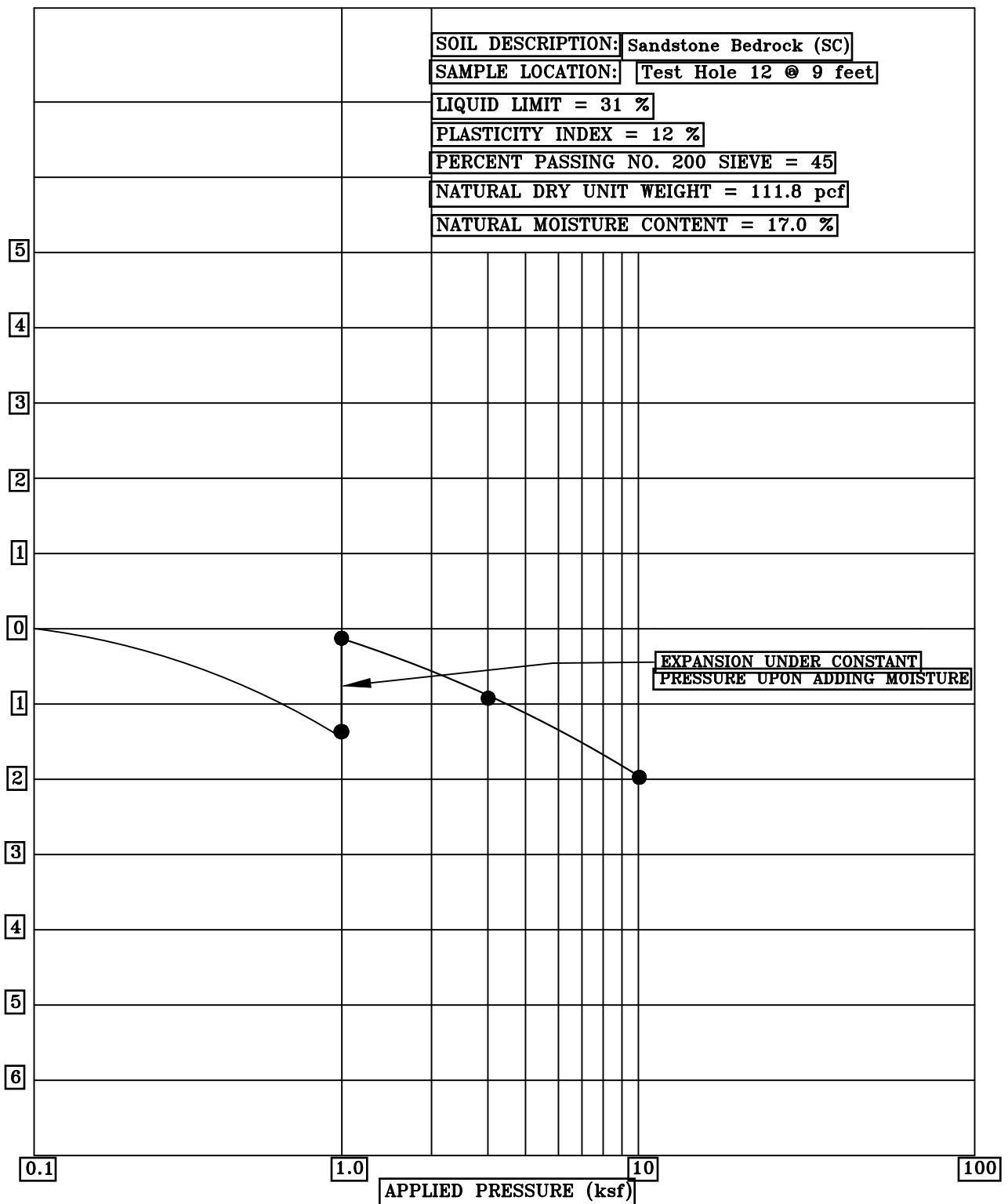
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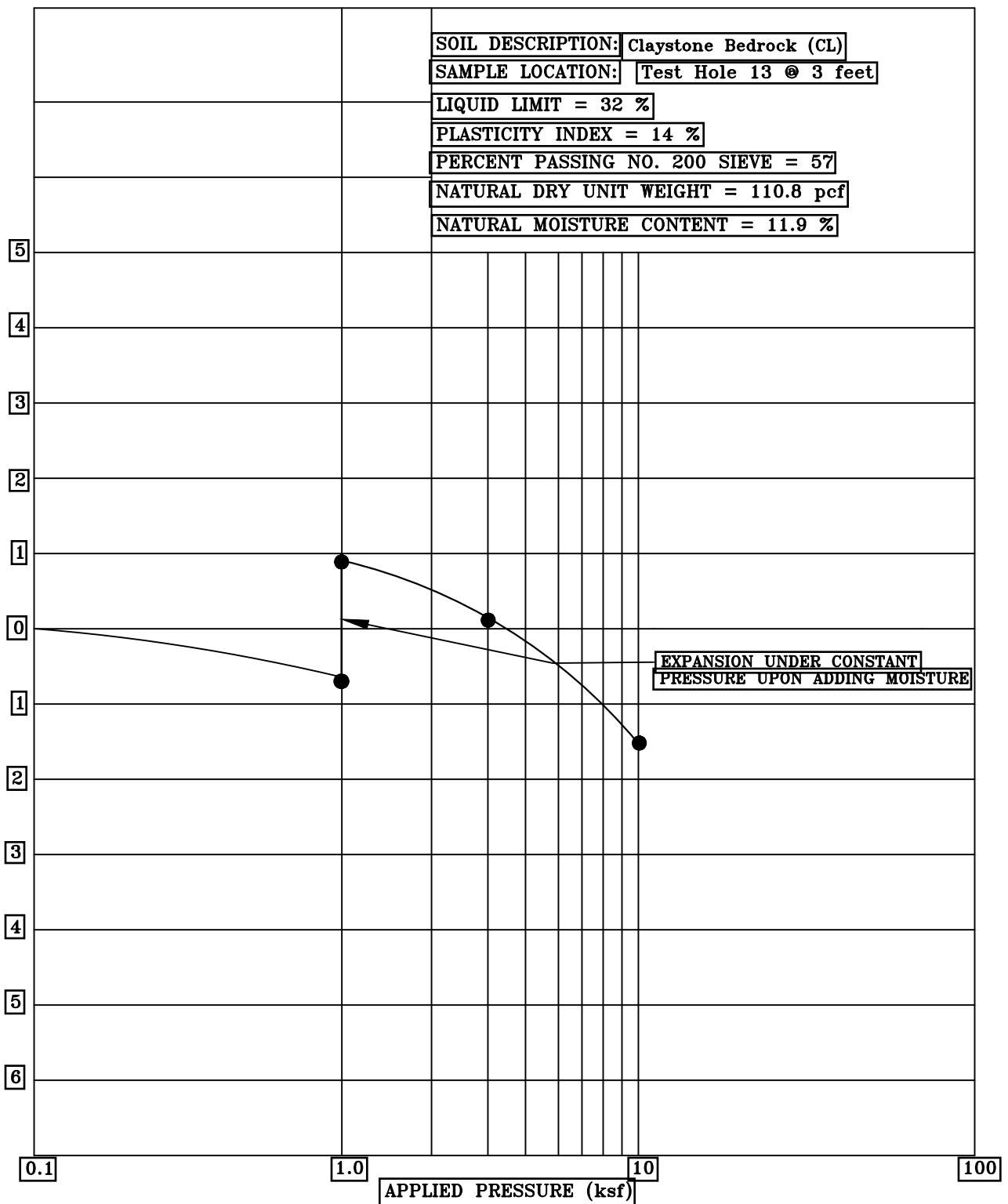
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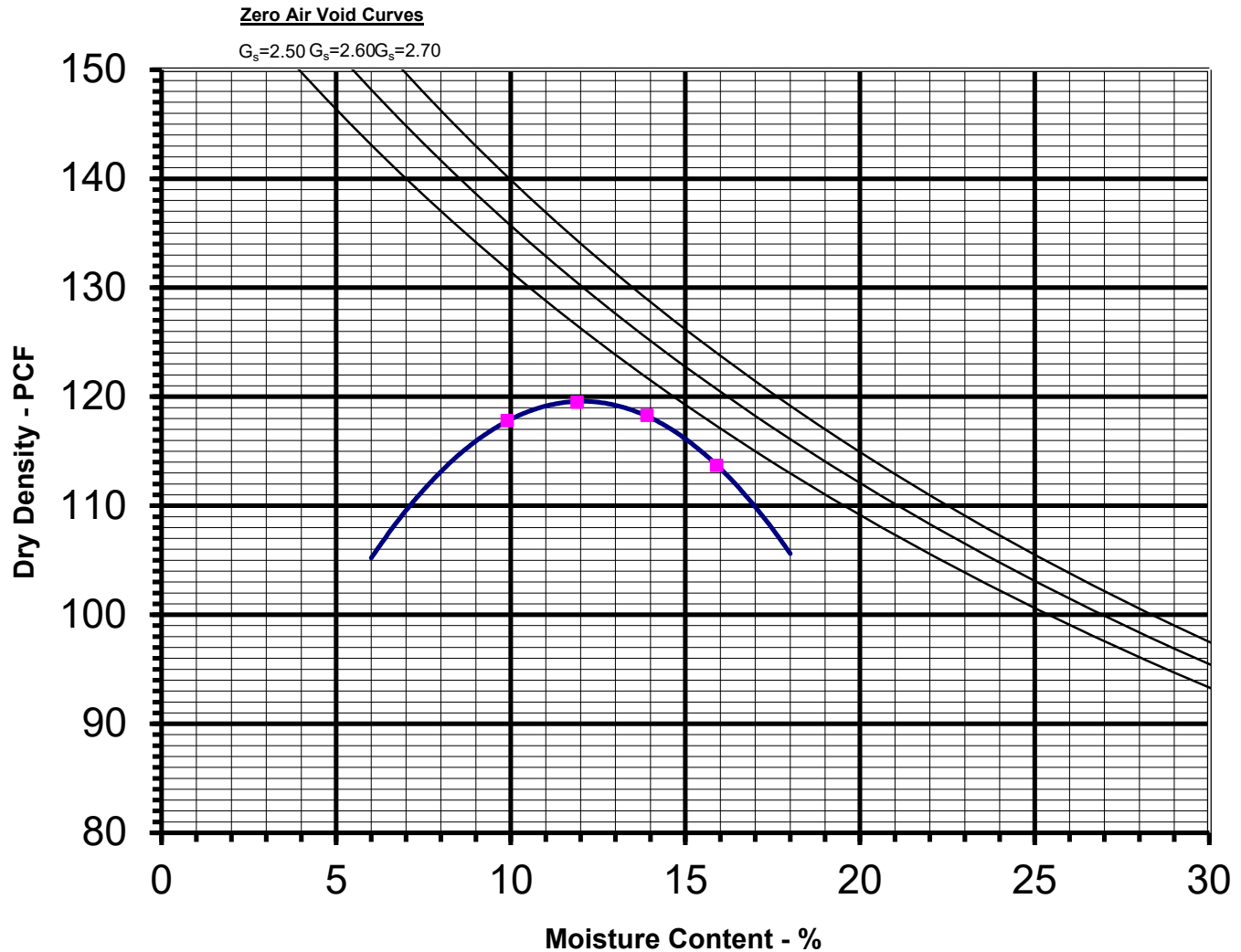
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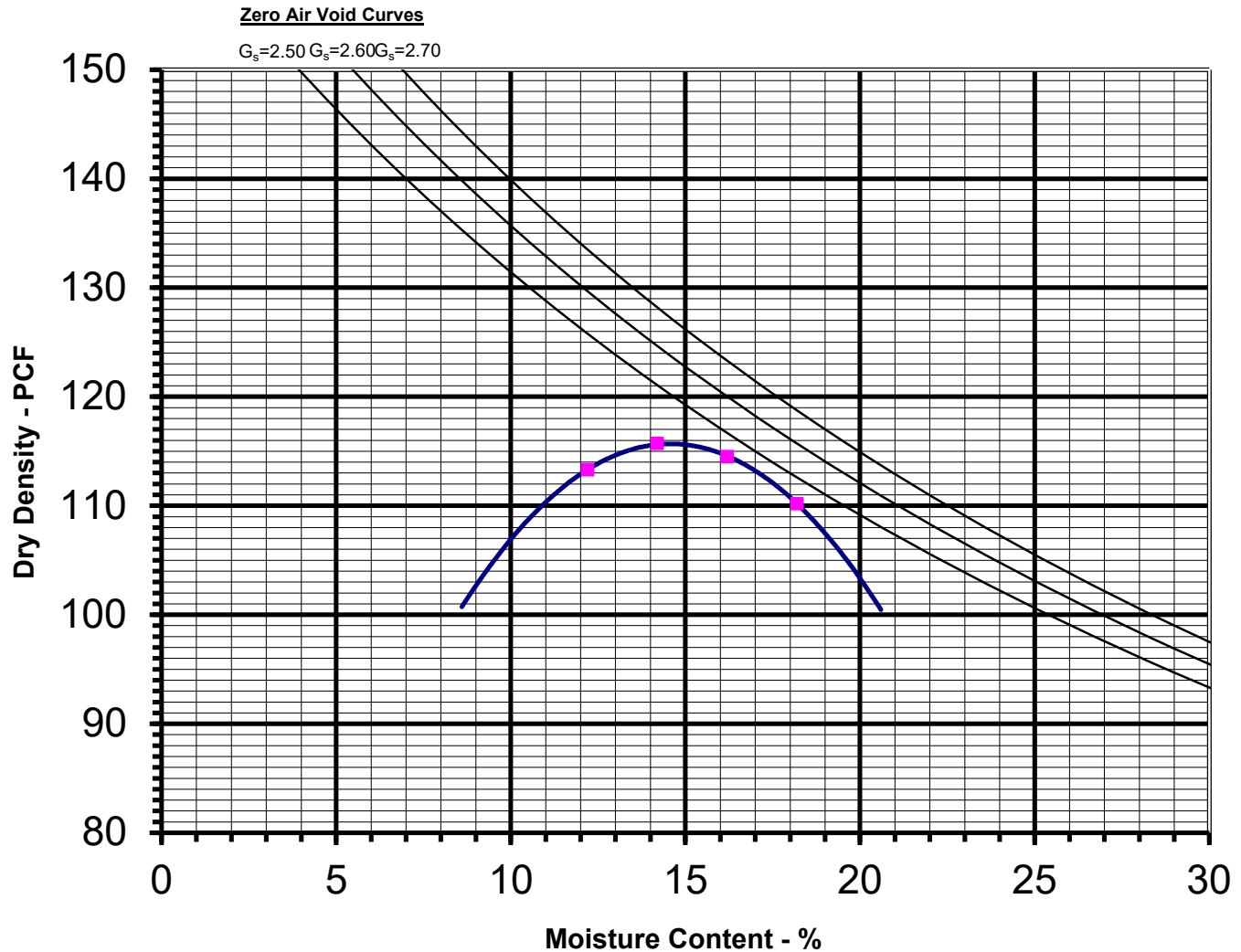


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<b>Location:</b> 2410 Ski Trail Lane, Steamboat Springs, Colorado		<b>Figure:</b> #15	

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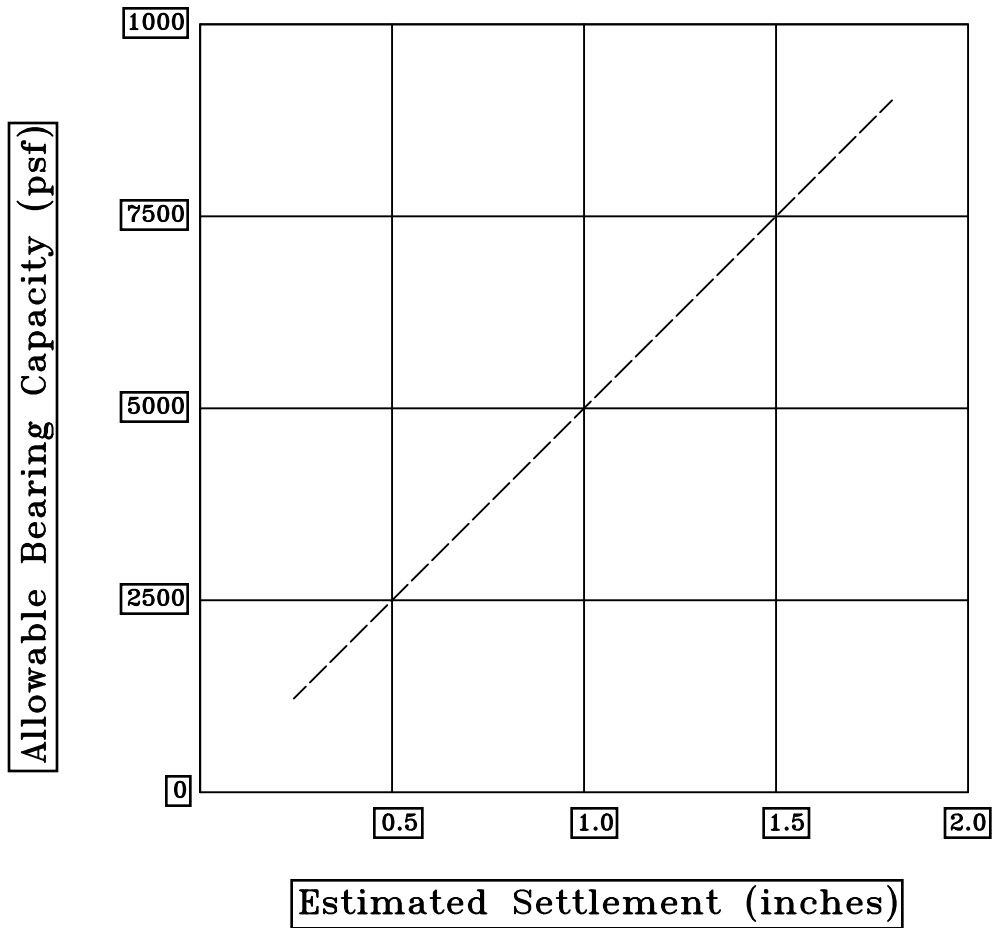
<b>Job Name:</b> The Astrid			<b>PROCTOR TEST RESULTS</b>		<div><p><b>NorthWest Colorado Consultants, Inc.</b> Geotechnical / Environmental Engineering • Materials Testing (970) 879-7888 Fax (970) 879-7891 2580 Copper Ridge Drive Steamboat Springs, Colorado 80487</p></div>
<b>Sample Location:</b> Test Hole 6					
<b>Soil Description:</b> FILL: Gravelly Very Clayey Sand			<b>Figure:</b>	#16	
<b>Maximum Dry Density:</b> 119.5 pcf <b>Opt. Moisture Content:</b> 11.9 %			<b>Procedure:</b>	ASTM D698	
<b>Liquid Limit:</b> 30 % <b>Plasticity Index:</b> 14			<b>Date:</b>	10/31/2022	
<b>Gravel:</b> 22 % <b>Sand:</b> 42 % <b>Silt &amp; Clay (-200):</b> 36 %			<b>Job No:</b> 22-12805	<b>Tech:</b> JS	



<b>Job Name:</b> The Astrid	
<b>Sample Location:</b> Test Hole 8	
<b>Soil Description:</b> Sandstone Bedrock	
<b>Maximum Dry Density:</b> 115.7 pcf	<b>Opt. Moisture Content:</b> 14.2 %
<b>Liquid Limit:</b> 27 %	<b>Plasticity Index:</b> 8
<b>Gravel:</b> 5 %	<b>Sand:</b> 58 % <b>Silt &amp; Clay (-200):</b> 37 %


PROCTOR TEST RESULTS	
<b>Figure:</b>	#17
<b>Procedure:</b>	ASTM D698
<b>Date:</b>	10/31/2022
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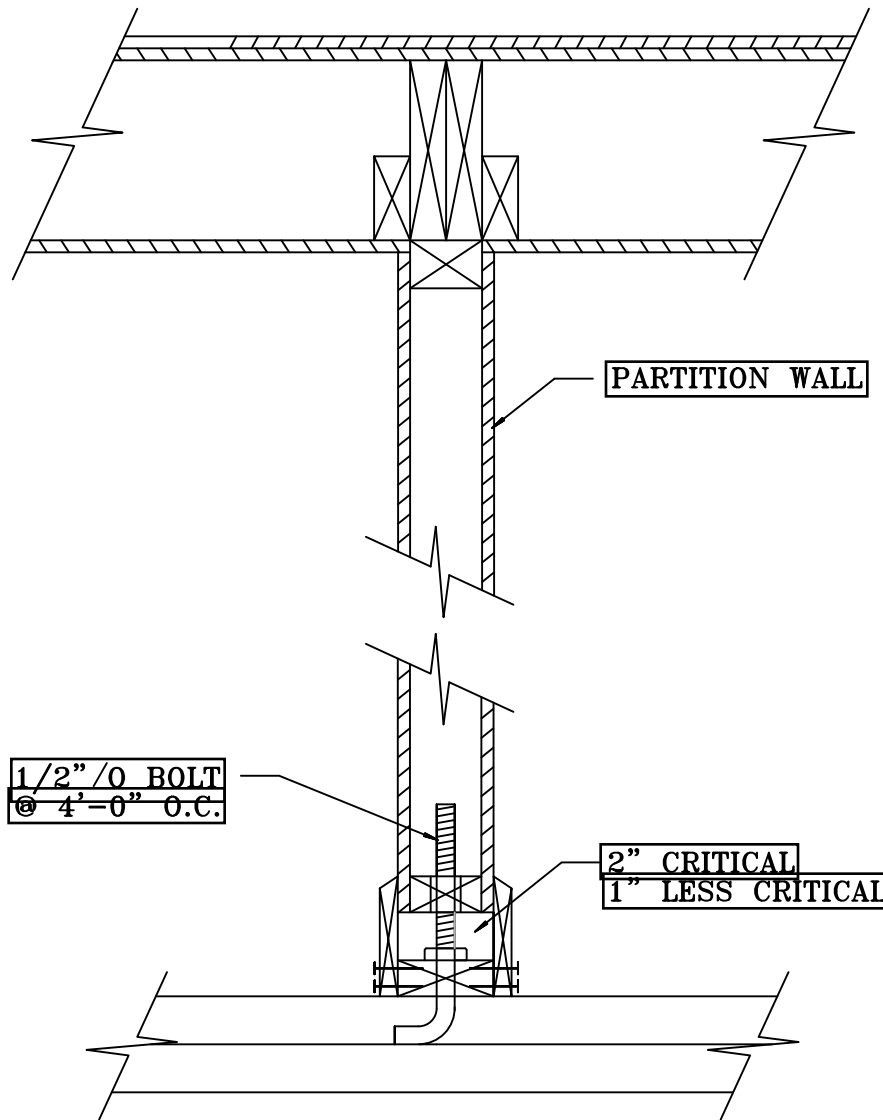


**Note: These values are based on footing widths of 1 to 4 feet. If the footing width is to be greater than 4 feet in width, then we should be notified to re-evaluate these recommendations.**


<b>Title:</b> BEARING CAPACITY CHART		<b>Date:</b> 12/5/22	
<b>Job Name:</b> The Astrid		<b>Job No.:</b> 22-12805	
<b>Location:</b> 2410 Ski Trail Lane, Steamboat Springs, Colorado		<b>Figure:</b> #18	



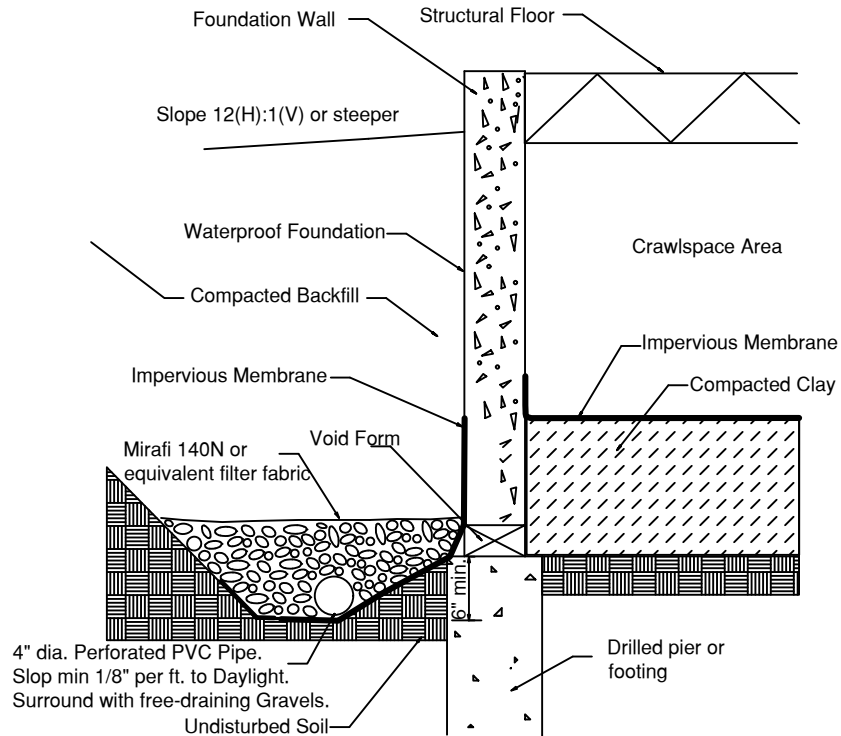
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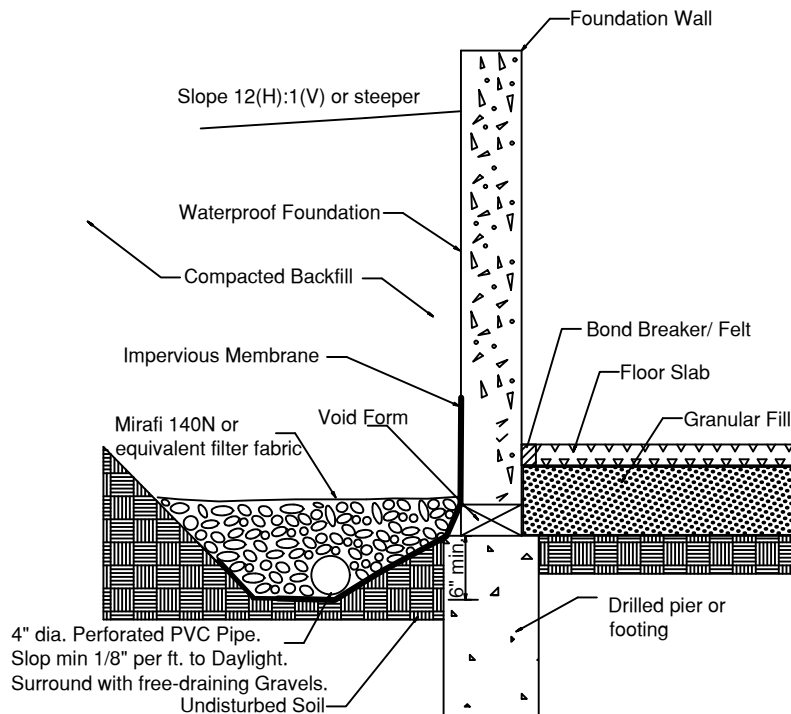
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<b>Job Name:</b>	<b>The Astrid</b>	<b>Job No.:</b>	<b>22-12805</b>
<b>Location:</b>	<b>2410 Ski Trail Lane, Steamboat Springs, Colorado</b>	<b>Figure</b>	<b>#19</b>



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Crawlspace Area



Lower Level with Floor Slab

Title: PERIMETER/UNDERDRAIN DETAIL

Date: 12/5/22

Job Name: The Astrid

Job No. 22-12805

Location: 2410 Ski Trail Lane, Steamboat Springs, Colorado

Figure #20





## SUMMARY OF LABORATORY TEST RESULTS

SAMPLE LOCATION		NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT	NATURAL DRY DENSITY	ATTERBERG LIMITS		GRADATION		PERCENT PASSING No. 200 SIEVE	UNCONFINED COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH	SOIL or BEDROCK DESCRIPTION	UNIFIED SOIL CLASS.
TEST HOLE	DEPTH (feet)	(%)	(pcf)	LIQUID LIMIT (%)	PLASTICITY INDEX (%)	GRAVEL (%)	SAND (%)		(PSF)		
1	9	18.3	108.8	37	18	1	50	49		Sandstone/Clasytone Bedrock	CL/SC
2	4	11.5	111.0	NV	NP	0	62	38		Sandstone Bedrock	SM
3	4	17.0	108.4	34	14	0	45	55	8,900	Claystone Bedrock	CL
4	4	16.1	112.9	NV	NP	15	57	28		FILL: Gravelly Silty Sand	SM
5	13	11.2	110.2	36	20	1	49	50		Sandstone/Claystone	SC/CL
6	0-5	11.9*	119.5*	30	14	22	42	36		FILL: Gravelly Very Clayey Sand	SC

NV = No value

NP = Non Plastic

\*Indicates optimum moisture contend and maximum dry  
density determined in accordance with ASTM D698.

## SUMMARY OF LABORATORY TEST RESULTS

SAMPLE LOCATION		NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT	NATURAL DRY DENSITY	ATTERBERG LIMITS		GRADATION		PERCENT PASSING No. 200 SIEVE	UNCONFINED COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH	SOIL or BEDROCK DESCRIPTION	UNIFIED SOIL CLASS.
TEST HOLE	DEPTH (feet)	(%)	(pcf)	LIQUID LIMIT (%)	PLASTICITY INDEX (%)	GRAVEL (%)	SAND (%)		(PSF)		
6	14	10.2	111.7	26	9	2	63	35		Sandstone Bedrock	SC
7	3	7.8	104.2	31	14	18	40	32		FILL: Gravelly Clayey Sand	SC
8	4	9.7	103.9	NV	NP	5	67	28	7,400	Sandstone Bedrock	SM
8	0-5	14.2*	115.7*	27	8	5	58	37		Sandstone Bedrock	SC
9	8	10.6	113.1	27	13	0	56	44		Sandstone Bedrock	SC
10	13	12.1	107.5	27	8	0	70	30	12,200	Sandstone Bedrock	SC

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TEST HOLE	DEPTH (feet)	(%)	(pcf)	LIQUID LIMIT (%)	PLASTICITY INDEX (%)	GRAVEL (%)	SAND (%)		(PSF)		
11	14	5.2	110.3	NV	NP	2	57	41		Sandstone Bedrock	SM
12	9	17.0	111.8	31	12	0	55	45		Sandstone Bedrock	SC
13	3	11.9	110.8	32	14	0	43	57		Claystone Bedrock	CL

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TABLE 2

SUMMARY OF CORROSION TEST RESULTS

SAMPLE LOCATION		OPTIMUM MOISTURE CONTENT (%)	WATER SOLUBLE SULFATES (%)	PH	CHLORIDE CONTENT (%)	MINIMUM ELECTRICAL RESISTIVITY (ohm-cm)
SAMPLE	DEPTH (feet)					
TH-8	0-5	14.2	0.00	7.47	0.006525	=

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