

**REPORT OF THE  
GEOTECHNICAL INVESTIGATION**

**FESTIVAL ARTISTIC SHADE STRUCTURE  
CLEARWATER, FLORIDA**



November 20, 2020

The City of Clearwater  
100 S. Myrtle Avenue, Suite 220  
Clearwater, Florida 33756

Attn: Catherine Corcoran, RLA

**RE: Report of the Geotechnical Investigation  
Festival Artistic Shade Structure  
Gulf to Bay Boulevard and Cleveland Street  
Clearwater, Florida  
Purchase Order No. 900792  
Our File: DES 208630**

Dear Catherine:

In accordance with your authorization, **DRIGGERS ENGINEERING SERVICES, INC.** has completed the requested geotechnical investigation for the proposed shade structure. Presented herein are the results of our field and laboratory testing together with our analyses and geotechnical recommendations.

#### **FIELD INVESTIGATION PROGRAM**

Plate I of the report attachments identifies the respective positioning of five (5) requested Standard Penetration Test (SPT) borings that were conducted at locations which you directed and survey staked in the field. The Standard Penetration Test method of sampling was utilized in accordance with ASTM D-1586. Logs of the test borings are presented in the report attachments reflecting visual together with estimated Unified Soil Classification. The test boring logs also present tabulated and graphically plotted Standard Penetration resistance values corresponding to each sample interval. Please note that the lines connecting the graphically plotted penetration resistance values is for ease of visualization and do not imply linear variation in soil or limestone properties. A brief description of this method of testing is included in the report attachments.

## LABORATORY TESTING

A limited laboratory testing program was also undertaken to aid in characterizing the engineering properties of the subsurface soils. Our laboratory tests included grainsize analyses, Atterberg Limits determinations and natural moisture content testing. The results of our laboratory tests are included on the Summary of Laboratory Results in the report appendix.

## GENERALIZED SUBSURFACE CONDITIONS

Plate II of the report illustrations presents a profile of subsurface conditions encountered in our investigation program. Below the current asphalt pavement and shell base, the test borings generally encountered an upper unit of predominantly fine sands with variable silt and clay fines locally containing traces of gravel and cemented sand. These upper sandy soils generally comprise the SP to SM and SC Unified Soil Classification and typically had a thickness varying from about 3 to 6 feet. Below 3 to 6 feet, the test borings generally encountered interbedded sandy to very sandy clays and clayey sands that were generally stiff to very stiff or medium dense in consistency. These interbedded clays comprise the CH, CL and SC Unified Soil Classification, whereas the clayey sands comprise the SC Unified Soil Classification. It should be noted that the sandy clays typically within the upper 10 feet were relatively dry or desiccated.

Typically, below 23 feet very stiff high plasticity clay was penetrated that generally overlay hard and variably cemented clays below 33 to 38 feet beneath present grade.

In 3 of the 5 borings, the cemented clays overlay the limestone formation evidenced in the depth range of 48 to 53 feet below present grade.

Test borings B-4 and B-5 encountered silty to slightly clayey fines sands below 43 feet which in turn, overlay the limestone formation encountered in the depth range of 51 to 53 feet. All of the test borings were terminated within the limestone formation.

Groundwater was not evidenced above the shallow clayey soils during the course of our investigation. This is probably due to the fact that the entire area is paved with positive surface runoff and so there is minimal opportunity for any recharge to the thin surficial sandy soils. Naturally, if the pavements were removed and the subgrade exposed, then groundwater levels during rainfall would probably be perched close to existing grade.

## **EVALUATION AND GEOTECHNICAL RECOMMENDATIONS**

**STRUCTURE TYPE AND LOADING CONDITIONS** – The proposed artistic canopy would generally be primarily supported by six (6) tripod configuration columns and two (2) isolated single columns. Based upon information provided by the project structural engineer, Mr. Jeremy Case, P.E. with Pennoni, the worst case simultaneous loads on a tripod would be 121 kips compression, 85 kips tension and a combined lateral load of 30 kips. The isolated column loads approach 16 kips in compression with lateral loads of 3 kips.

Although we have not been provided with any specific grading information, we would anticipate that a slab-on-grade would be utilized for this structure which would probably be supported relatively close to existing grade.

**FOUNDATION RECOMMENDATIONS** – Based upon various discussions and analyses with the project structural engineer, we have concluded that the most efficient foundation system to support the tripod column configuration would include utilization of 24-inch diameter drilled shafts. A single shaft would be constructed at each tripod column base with the 3 shafts connected with a shallow grade beam to distribute loads. Based upon our analyses, we would recommend installing each of the drilled shafts to a tip elevation of EL. -5 ft. (NAVD88) which corresponds to a nominal shaft penetration of about 35 feet below existing grade. Based upon utilizing a relatively conservative analysis, we would not anticipate the need for any costly load testing program.

With the utilization of the small diameter drilled shaft foundations together with the grade beam configuration, foundations can easily carry the anticipated maximum lateral loads with minimal deflection. Appended are the results of lateral load analyses performed based upon structural loading information provided by Mr. Case. You will note that this information was previously provided to Mr. Case to expedite his foundation design drawing.

The locations where single columns are being utilized would be subjected to worst case loadings of 3 kips lateral load, 0 tension and a maximum compression of 16 kips. One could consider utilizing a spread footing designed based upon an allowable bearing pressure of up to 1,500 pounds per square foot (psf). The following soil parameters are recommended for evaluating the lateral resistance:

Buoyant Soil Unit Weight:	60 pcf
Active Earth Pressure Coefficient:	$K_a=0.33$
Passive Earth Pressure Coefficient:	$K_p=3.0$
Coefficient of sliding friction:	$\text{Tan}\delta=0.45$

Naturally an appropriate factor of safety should be utilized to account for mobilized passive resistance.

Alternatively, these columns could also be shaft supported and we would anticipate that a shaft penetrating in a nominal depth of 10 feet should provide sufficient axial and lateral capacity with the lateral deflection of less than  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch. Results of lateral load analyses are also appended.

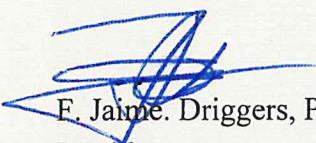
Currently, test borings have been performed at four (4) of the six (6) primary tripod column locations. In order to confirm the penetration requirements for the drilled shafts at the remaining two (2) tripod locations, a Standard Penetration Test (SPT) boring will ultimately be required at each of those staked locations.

The drilled shafts should be installed under the continuous inspection by a representative of the project geotechnical engineer to check for specification compliance and also to sample concrete for laboratory compression testing.

**SLAB-ON-GRADE** – Subgrade preparation for slab-on-grade construction would necessitate the removal of the existing pavements and proof-rolling the subgrade so as to develop a Uniform Density of not less than 98% of the Modified Proctor, maximum dry density per ASTM D-1557. With proper subgrade compaction, we would recommend utilization of a Modulus of subgrade reaction  $K=150$  pounds per cubic inch (pci) for the design of the slab-on-grade that may be subjected to point or vehicular loading.

**DRIGGERS ENGINEERING SERVICES, INC.** appreciates the opportunity to serve you and we trust that if you have any questions concerning our report, you will not hesitate to contact the undersigned at your convenience.

Respectfully submitted,  
**DRIGGERS ENGINEERING SERVICES, INC.**

  
F. Jaime. Driggers, P.E.  
President  
FL Registration No. 16989



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**APPENDIX**

**PLATE I - BORING LOCATION PLAN**

**PLATE II – SOIL BORING PROFILE**

**STANDARD PENETRATION TEST BORING LOGS**

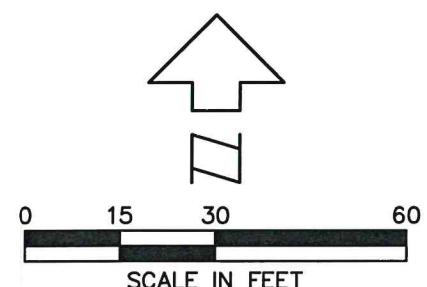
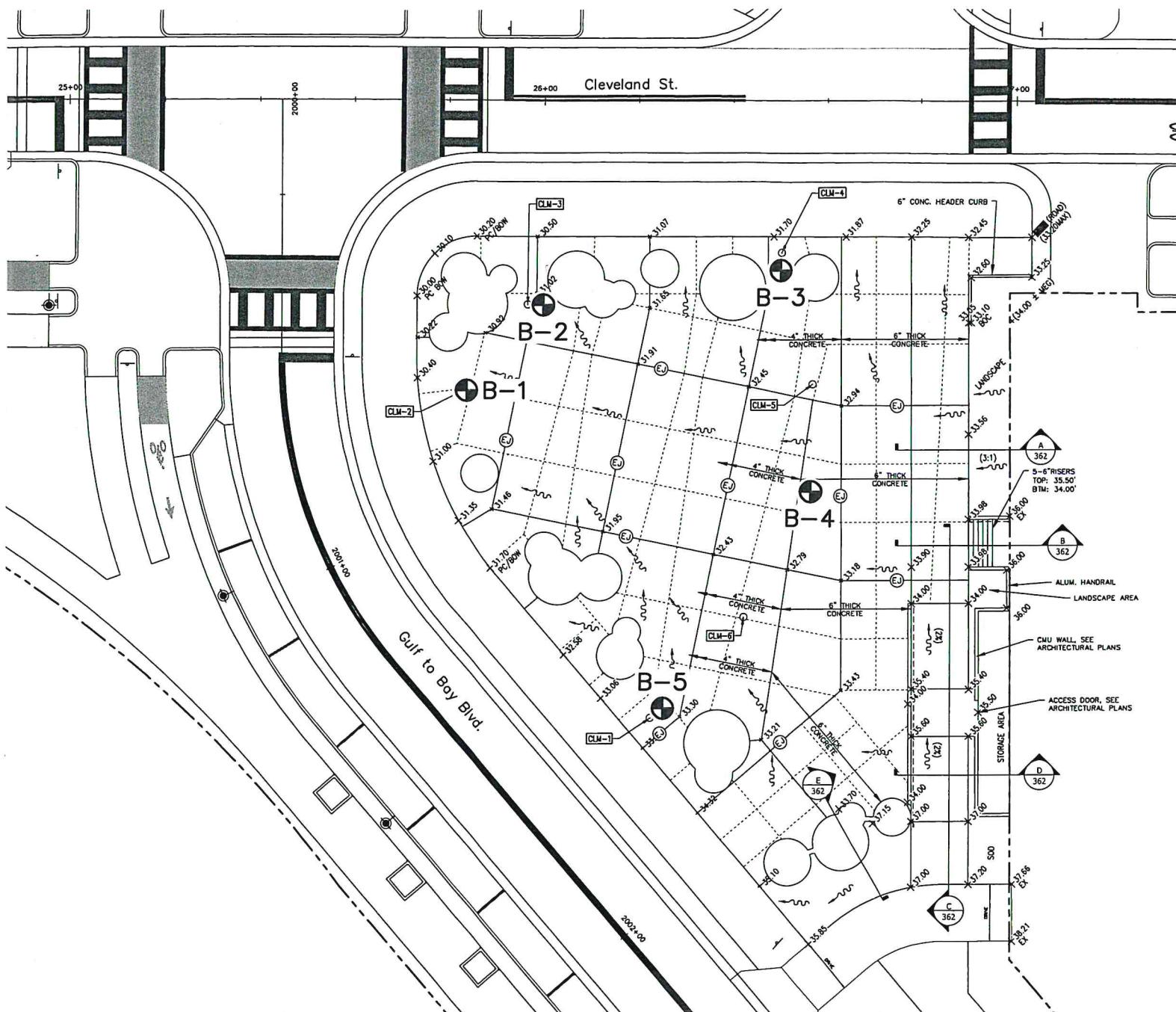
**HAND AUGER BORING / HAND CONE SOUNDING LOGS**

**SUMMARY OF LABORATORY TEST RESULTS**

**LATERAL LOADING ANALYSES**

**METHOD OF TESTING**

**PLATE I – BORING LOCATION PLAN**



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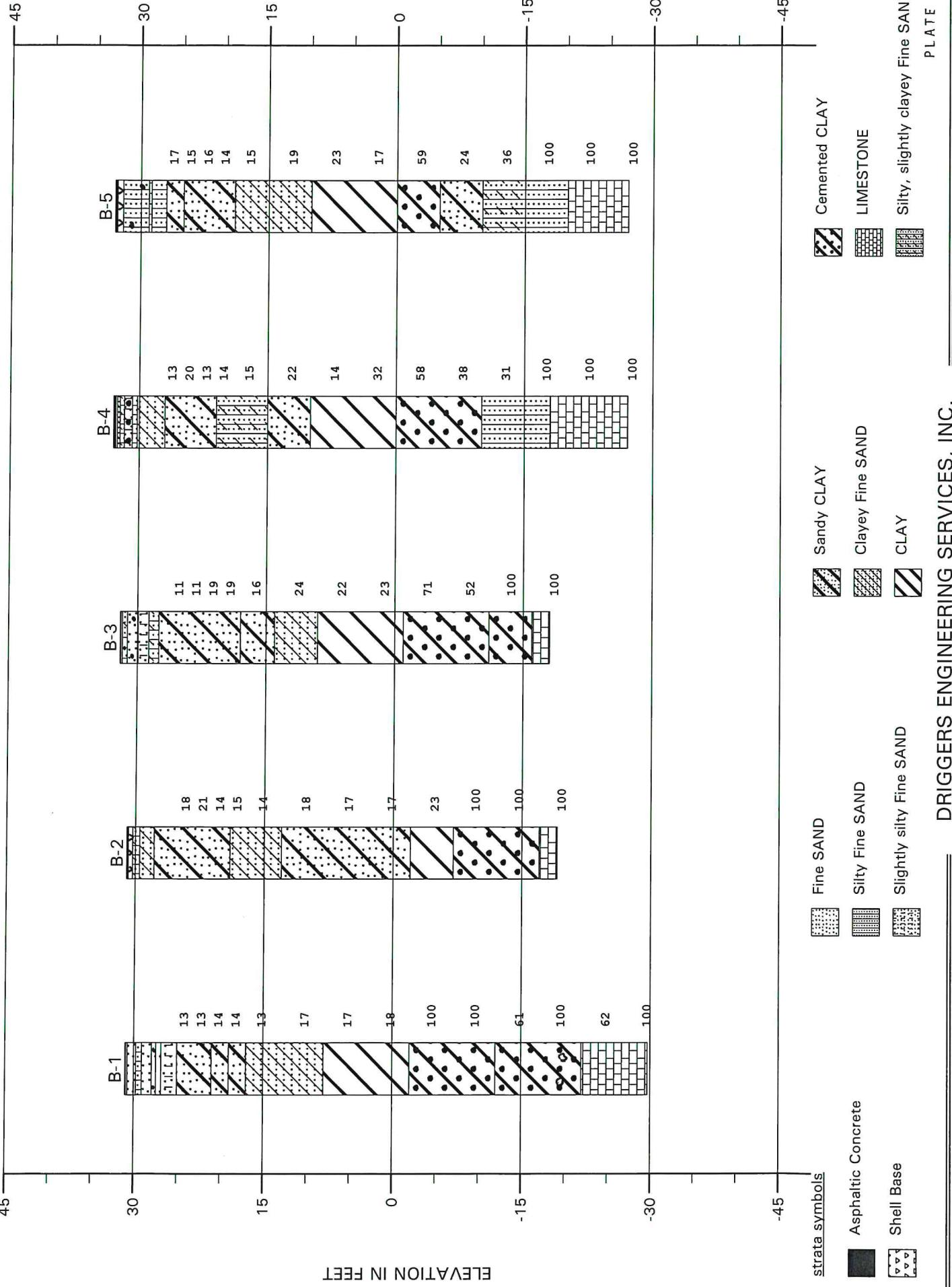
● STANDARD PENETRATION TEST BORING/  
HAND CONE SOUNDING LOCATION

CAD / ENGINEER	SHEET TITLE	PROJECT NO.	DATE
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PREPARED BY	PROJECT NAME	SCALE	SHEET NO.
<b>DESI</b> DRIGGERS ENGINEERING SERVICES, INCORPORATED	<b>PROPOSED SHADE STRUCTURE GULF TO BAY BOULEVARD &amp; CLEVELAND STREET CLEARWATER, FLORIDA</b>	AS SHOWN	PLATE I

**PLATE II – SOIL BORING PROFILE**

## SOIL BORING PROFILE

Proposed Shade Structure, Gulf To Bay Boulevard & Cleveland Street, Clearwater, Florida



## **STANDARD PENETRATION TEST BORING LOGS**

**DRIGGERS ENGINEERING SERVICES INCORPORATED**

Project No. DES 208630

**BORING NO. B-1**

Project Proposed Shade Structure, Gulf To Bay Boulevard & Cleveland Street, Clearwater, Florida

Location See Plate I

Foreman J.G.

Completion

Depth 60.7'

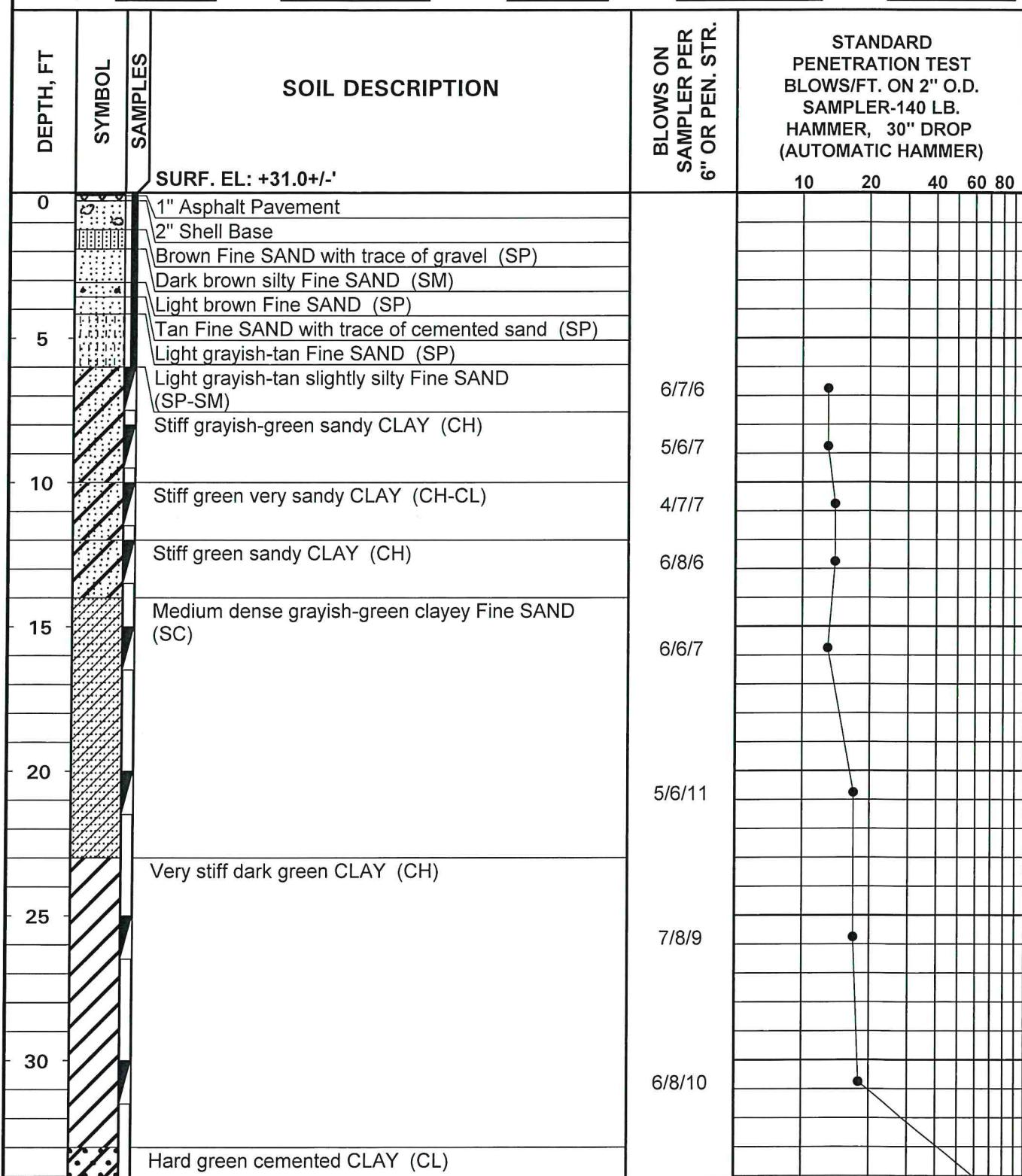
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Depth To Water

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Time

Date 10/27/20



Remarks \*\* Water Table not encountered above depth of 6.0'

Borehole Grouted

Casing Length 25.0'

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Depth 60.7'

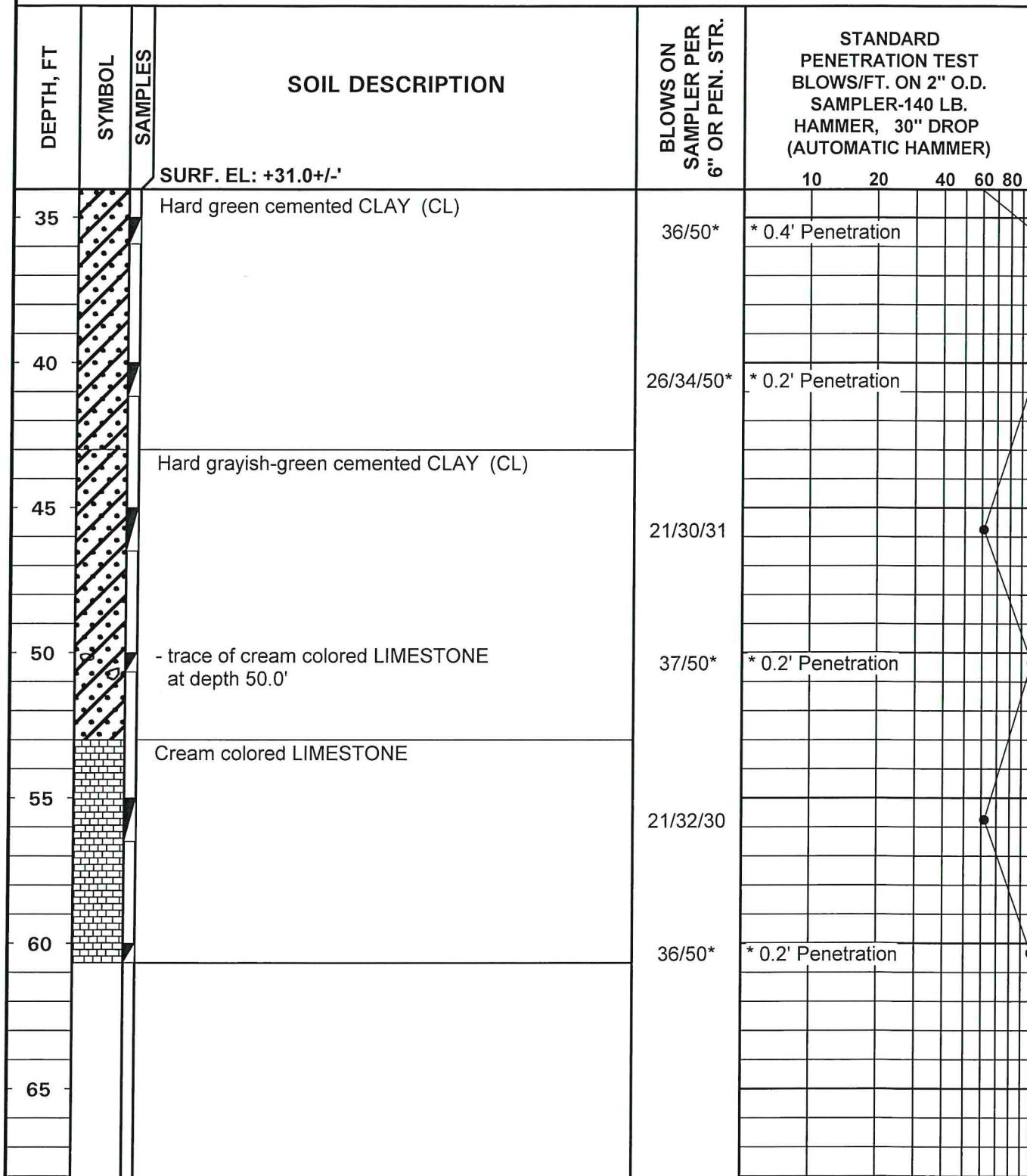
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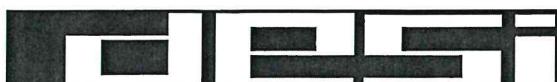
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Borehole Grouted

Casing Length 25.0'



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Project No. DES 208630

**BORING NO. B-2**

Project Proposed Shade Structure, Gulf To Bay Boulevard & Cleveland Street, Clearwater, Florida

Location See Plate I

Foreman J.G.

Completion

Depth 50.1'

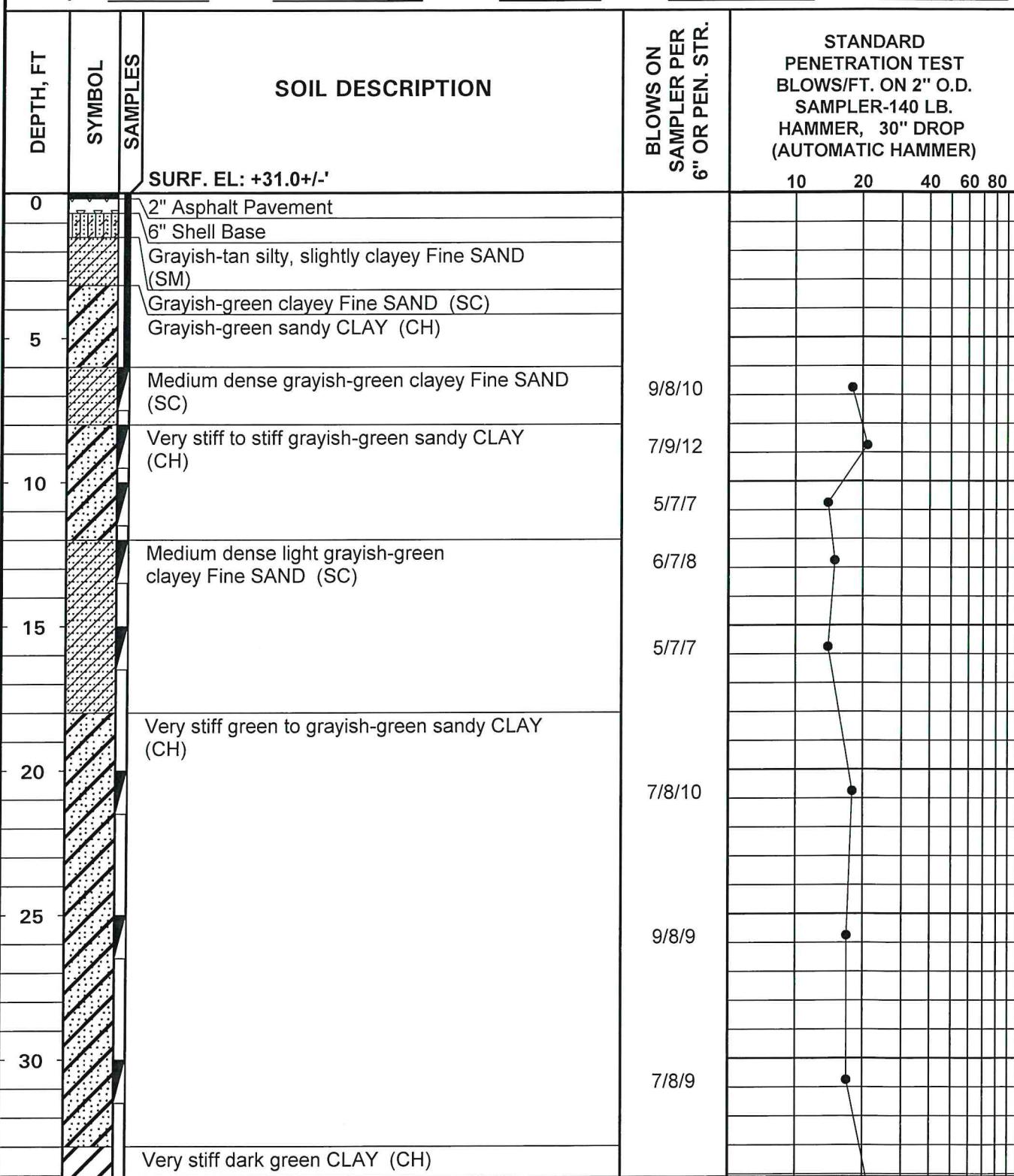
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Depth To Water

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Time

Date 10/27/20



Remarks \*\* Water Table not encountered above shallow clayey soils

Borehole Grouted

Casing Length 25.0'

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Project No. DES 208630

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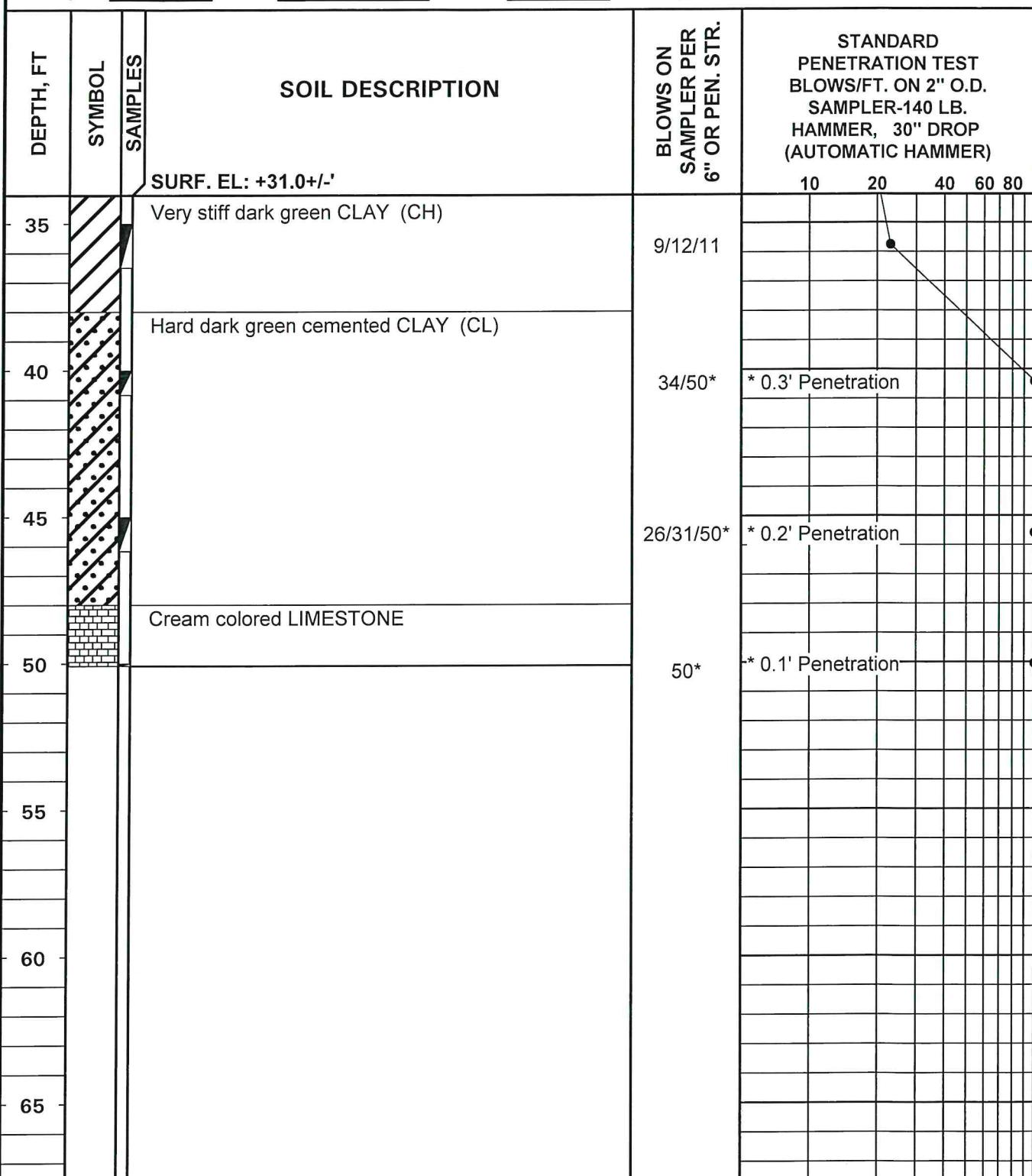
Project Proposed Shade Structure, Gulf To Bay Boulevard & Cleveland Street, Clearwater, Florida

Location See Plate I

Foreman J.G.

Completion

Depth 50.1' Date 10/27/20 Depth To Water \*\* Time \_\_\_\_\_ Date 10/27/20



Remarks \*\* Water Table not encountered above shallow clayey soils

Borehole Grouted

Casing Length 25.0'

**DRIGGERS ENGINEERING SERVICES INCORPORATED**

Project No. DES 208630

**BORING NO. B-3**

Project Proposed Shade Structure, Gulf To Bay Boulevard & Cleveland Street, Clearwater, Florida

Location See Plate I

Foreman J.G.

Completion

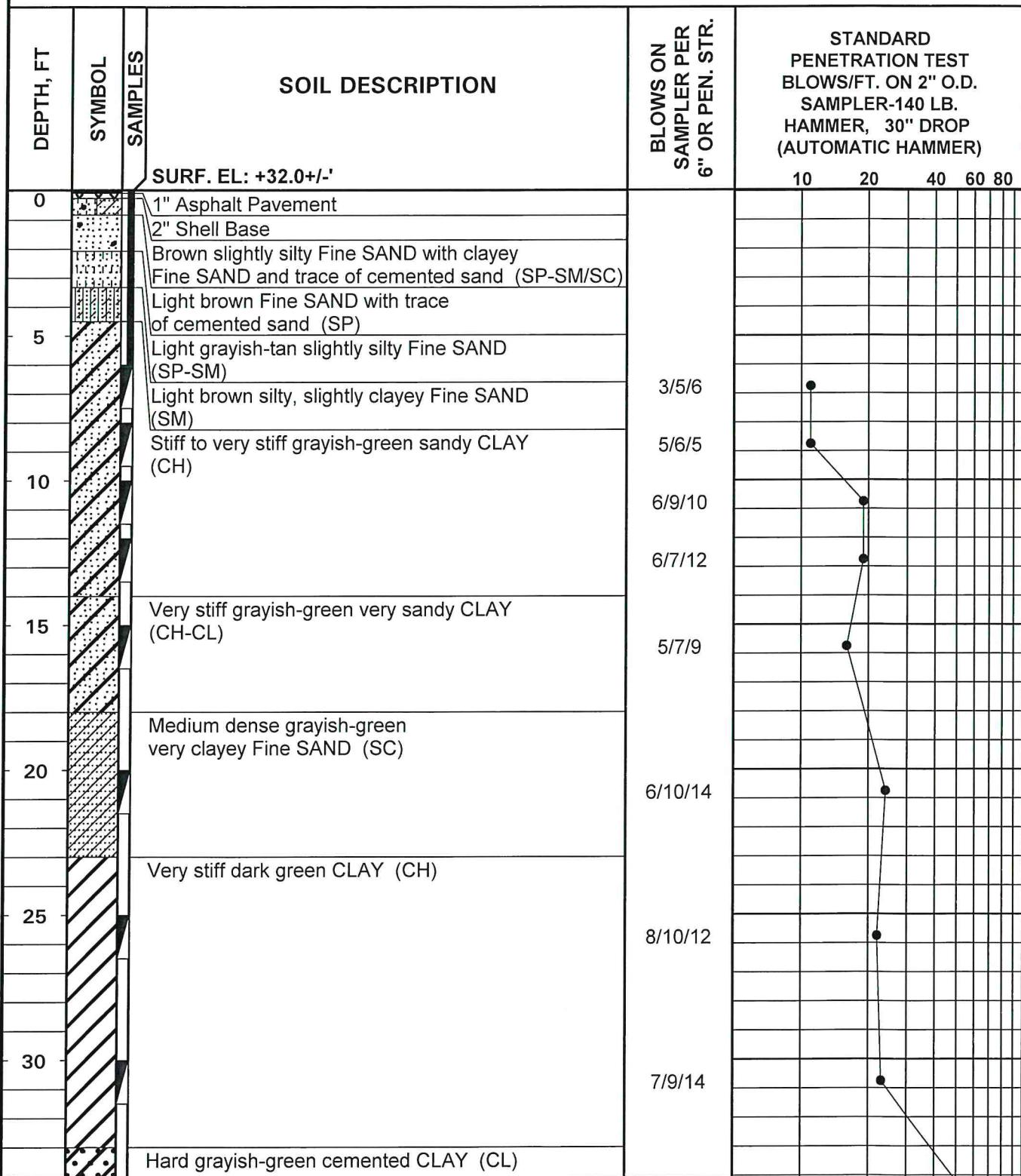
Depth 50.1'

Date 10/27/20

Depth To Water \*\*

Time

Date 10/27/20



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Borehole Grouted

Casing Length 25.0'

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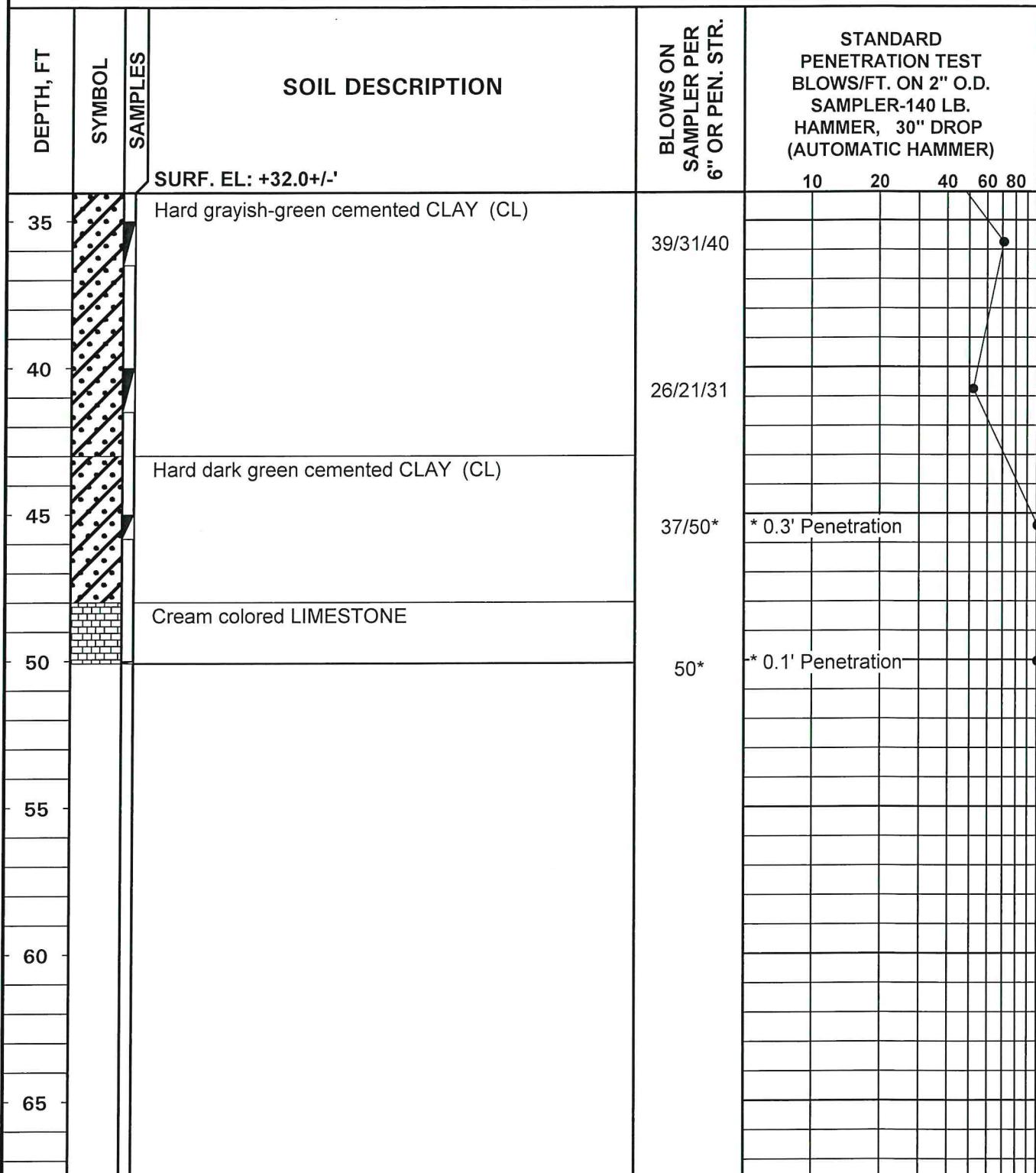
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**BORING NO. B-3**

Project Proposed Shade Structure, Gulf To Bay Boulevard & Cleveland Street, Clearwater, Florida

Location See Plate I Foreman J.G.

Completion Depth 50.1' Date 10/27/20 Depth To Water \*\* Time \_\_\_\_\_ Date 10/27/20



Remarks \*\* Water Table not encountered above shallow clayey soils

Borehole Grouted

Casing Length 25.0'

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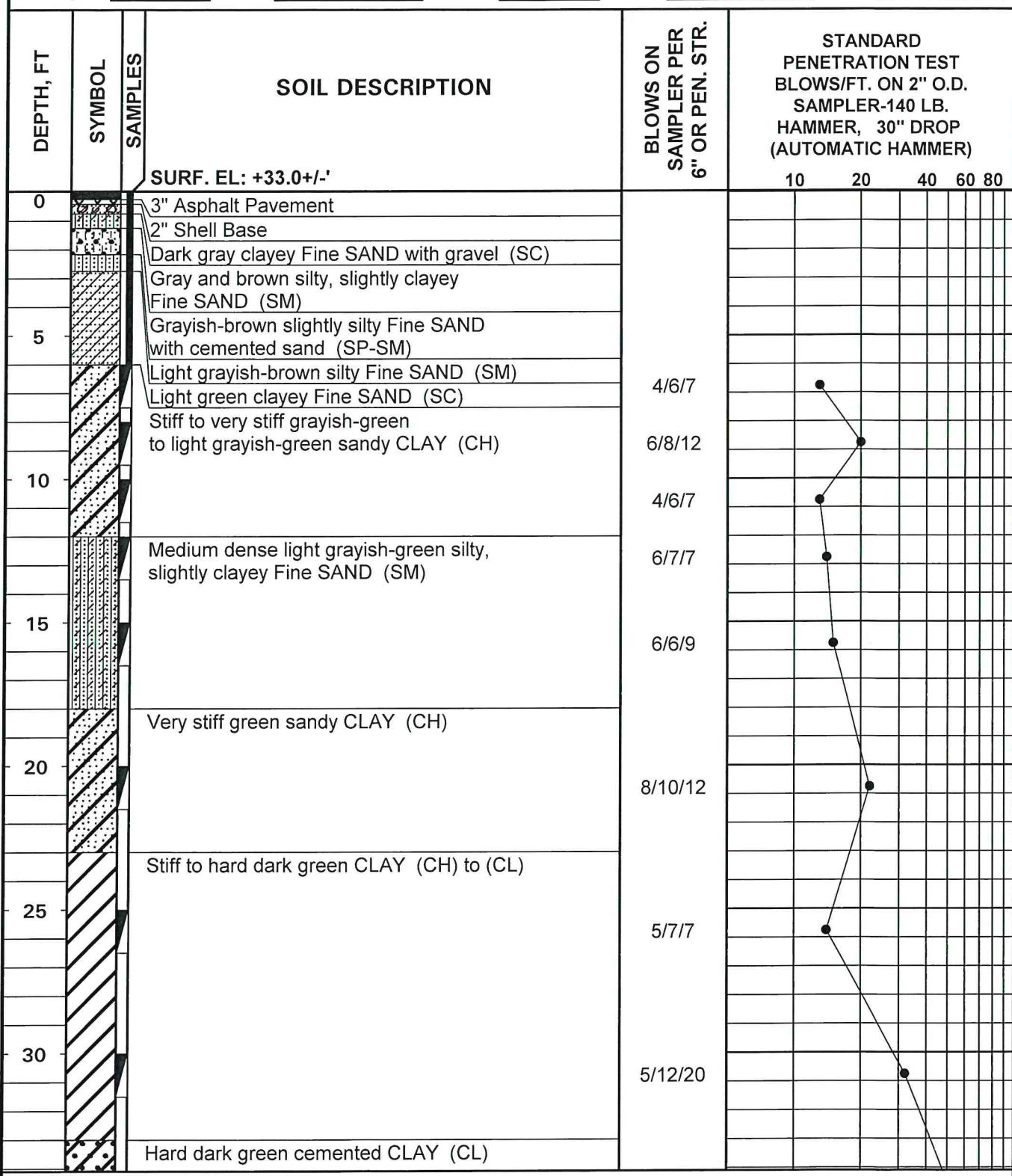
Project Proposed Shade Structure, Gulf To Bay Boulevard & Cleveland Street, Clearwater, Florida

Location See Plate I

Foreman J.G.

Completion

Depth 60.0' Date 10/28/20 Depth To Water \*\* Time \_\_\_\_\_ Date 10/28/20



Remarks \*\* Water Table not encountered above shallow clayey soils

Borehole Grouted

Casing Length 25.0'



**DRIGGERS ENGINEERING SERVICES INCORPORATED**

Project No. DES 208630		BORING NO. B-4					
Project Proposed Shade Structure, Gulf To Bay Boulevard & Cleveland Street, Clearwater, Florida		Foreman J.G.					
Location See Plate I							
Completion Depth	60.0'	Date	10/28/20	Depth To Water	**	Time	Date
DEPTH, FT	SAMPLES	SOIL DESCRIPTION				BLOWS ON SAMPLER PER 6" OR PEN. STR.	STANDARD PENETRATION TEST BLOWS/FT. ON 2" O.D. SAMPLER-140 LB. HAMMER, 30" DROP (AUTOMATIC HAMMER)
SURF. EL: +33.0+/-'						10 20 40 60 80	
35		Hard dark green cemented CLAY (CL)				14/20/38	
40						8/15/23	
45		Dense green silty Fine SAND (SM)				6/12/19	
50						19/50*	* 0.3' Penetration
55		Cream colored LIMESTONE				50*	* 0.3' Penetration
60						50*	* 0.0' Penetration
65							



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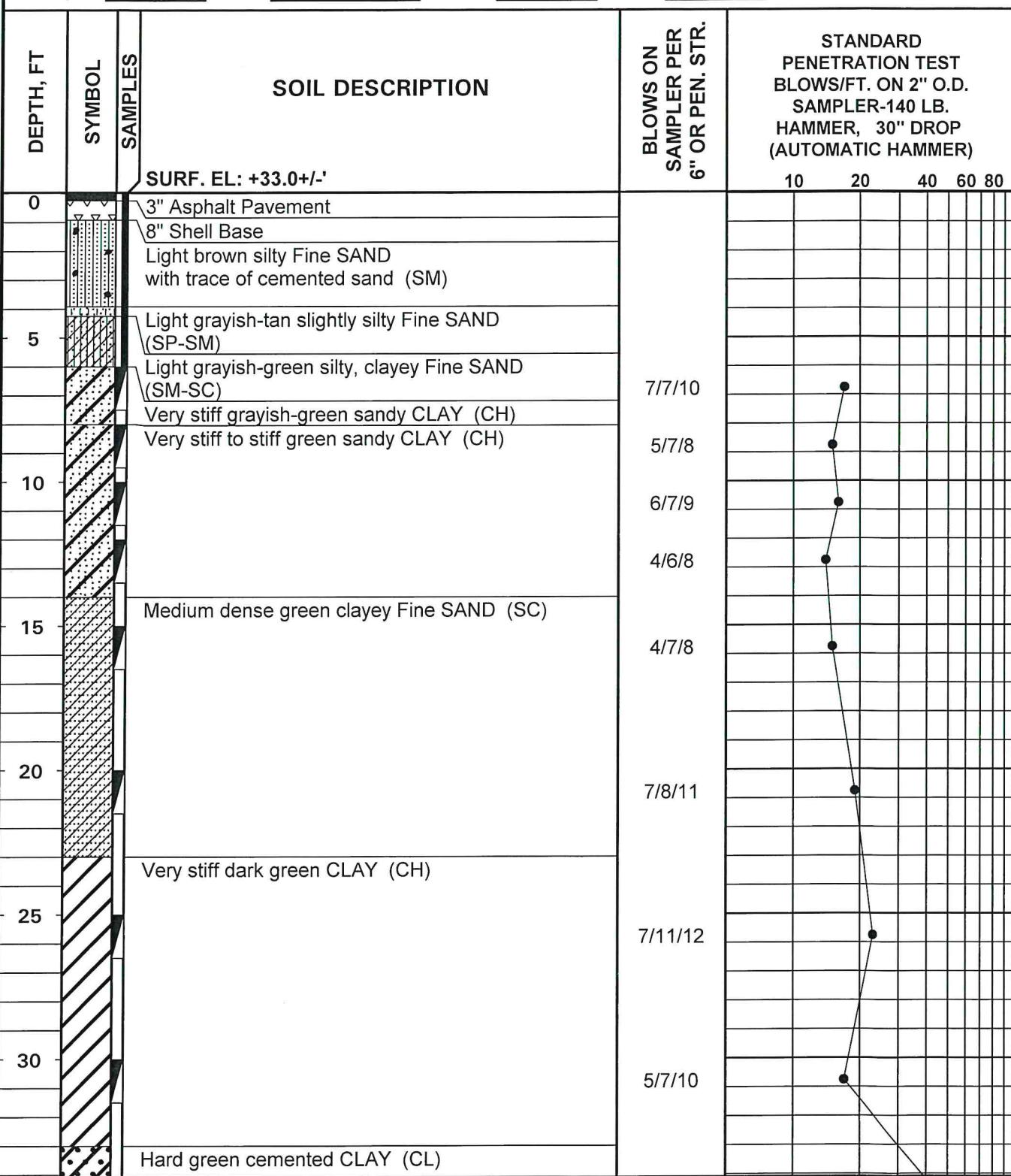
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Project Proposed Shade Structure, Gulf To Bay Boulevard & Cleveland Street, Clearwater, Florida

Location See Plate I

Foreman J.G.

Completion Depth 60.0' Date 10/26/20 Depth To Water \*\* Time \_\_\_\_\_ Date 10/26/20



Remarks \*\* Water Table not encountered above shallow clayey soils

Borehole Grouted

Casing Length 25.0'



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Project No. DES 208630

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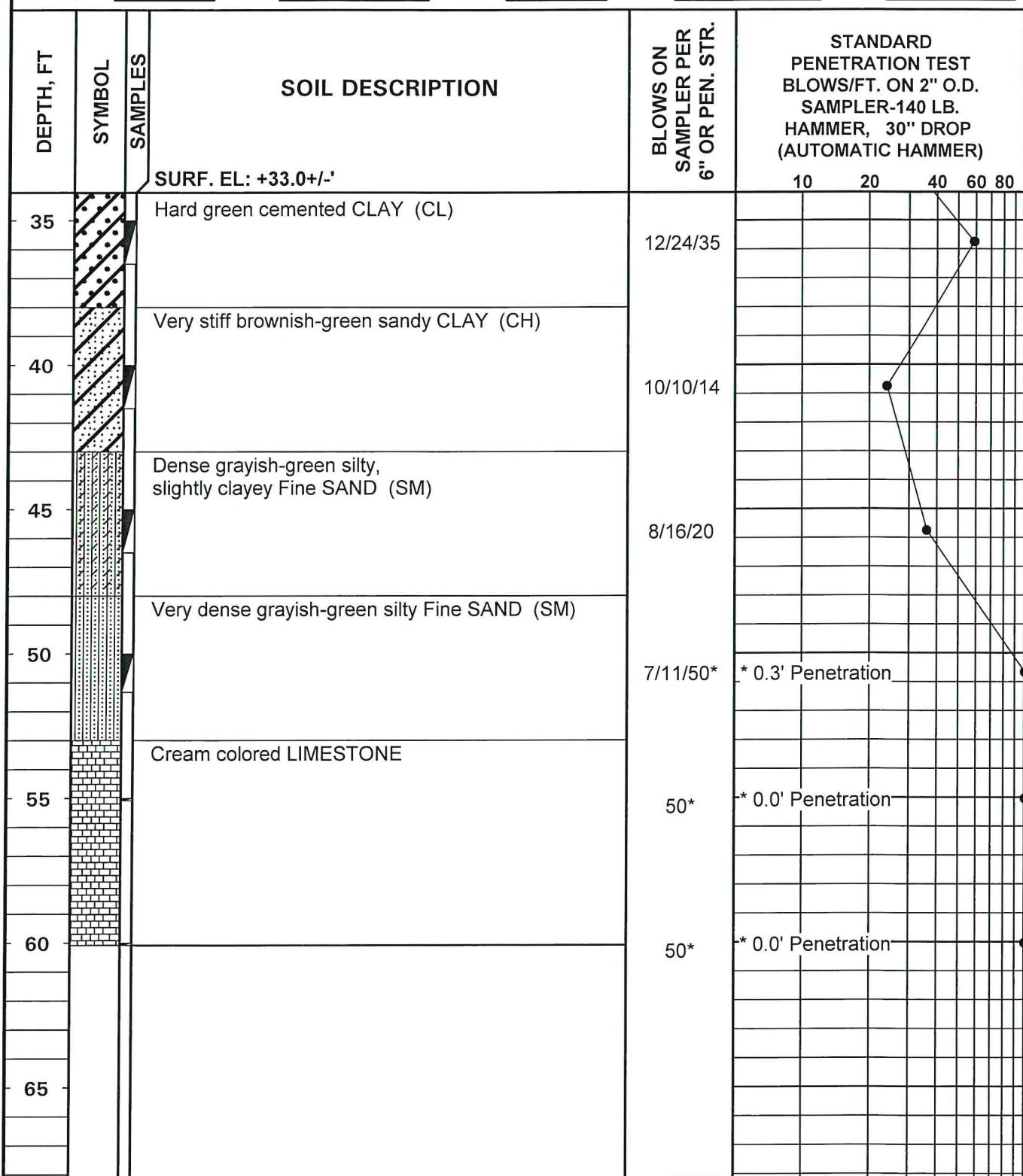
Location See Plate I

Foreman J.G.

Completion

Depth

60.0' Date 10/26/20 Depth To Water \*\* Time Date 10/26/20



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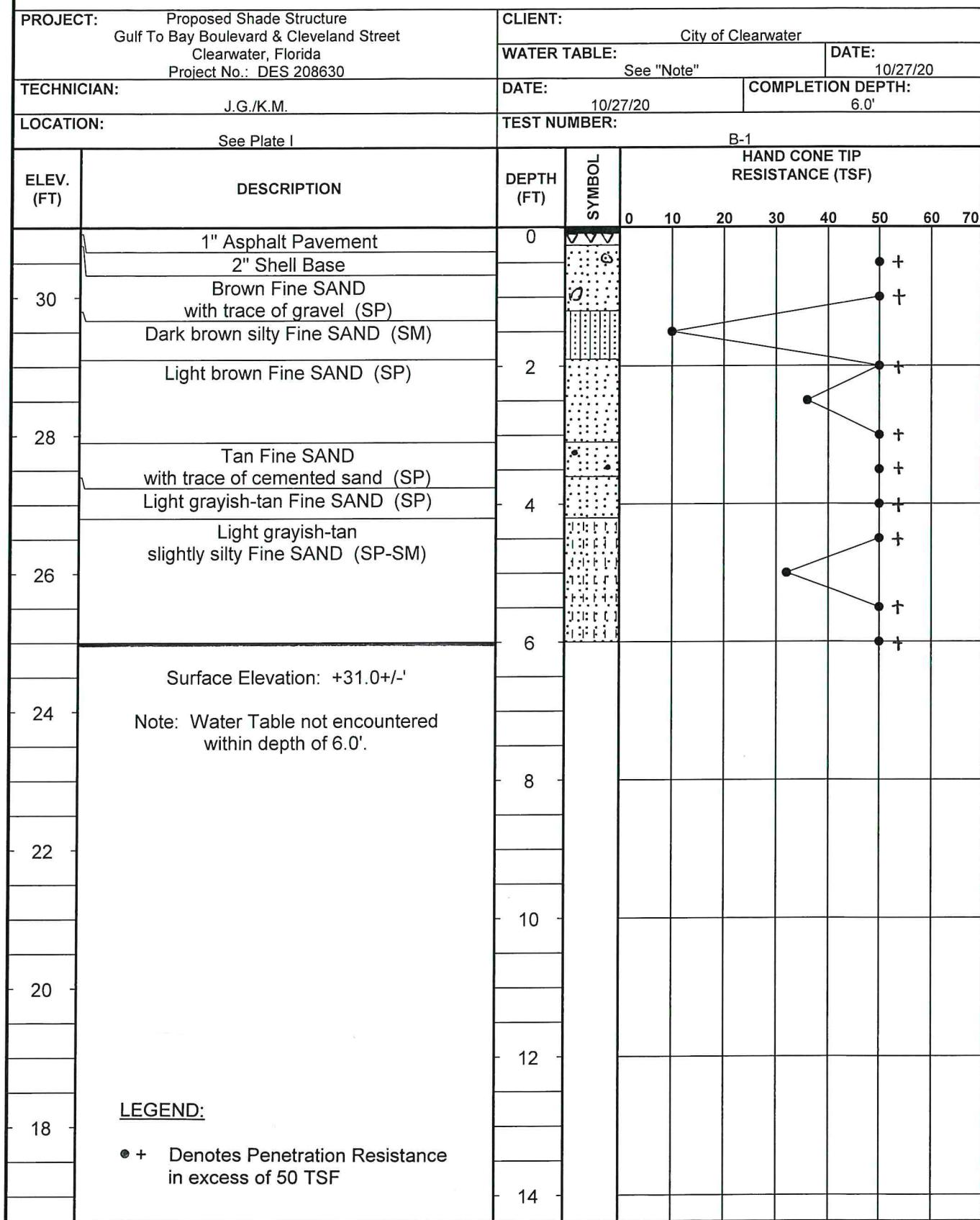
Borehole Grouted

Casing Length 25.0'

## **HAND AUGER BORING / HAND CONE SOUNDING LOGS**

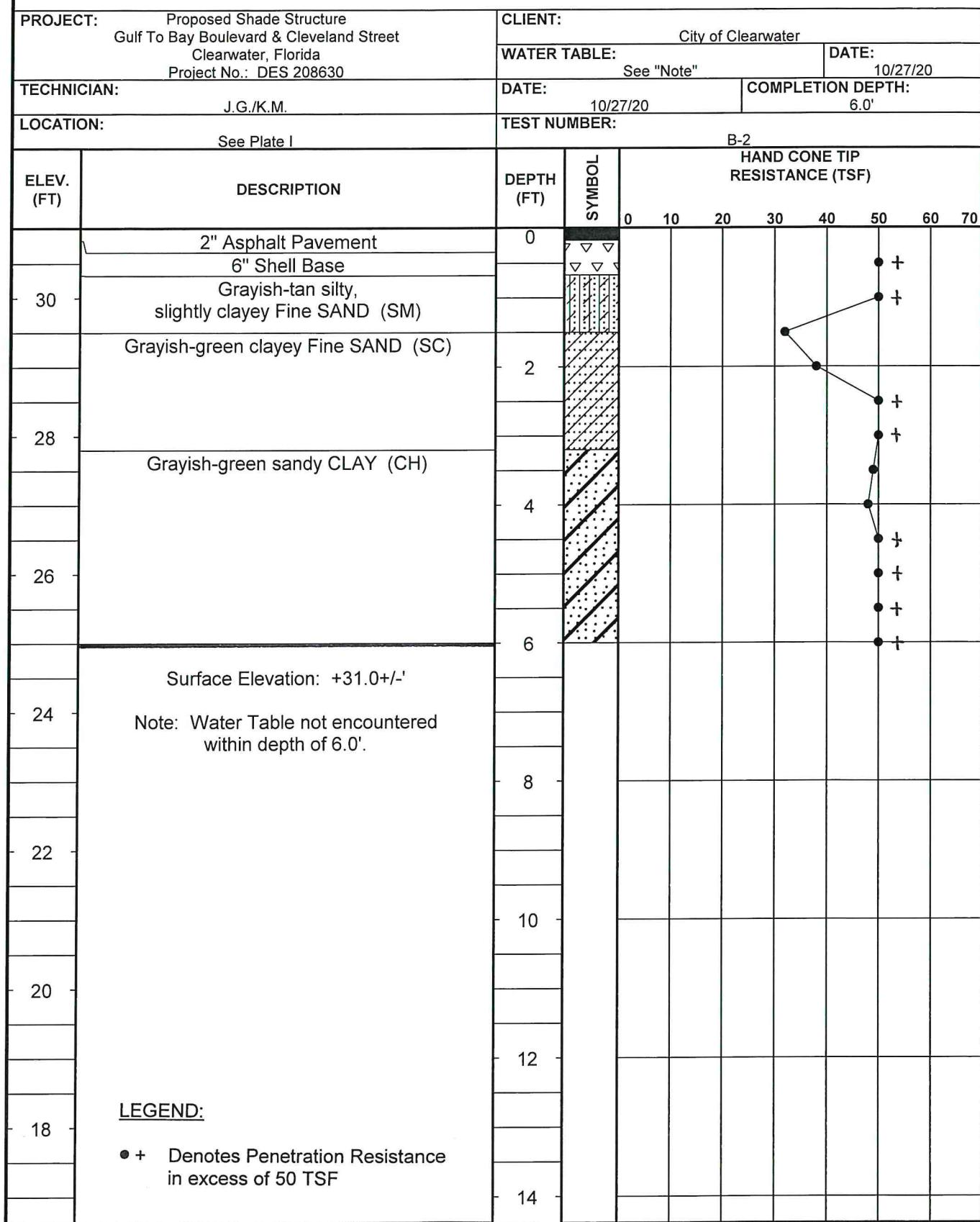
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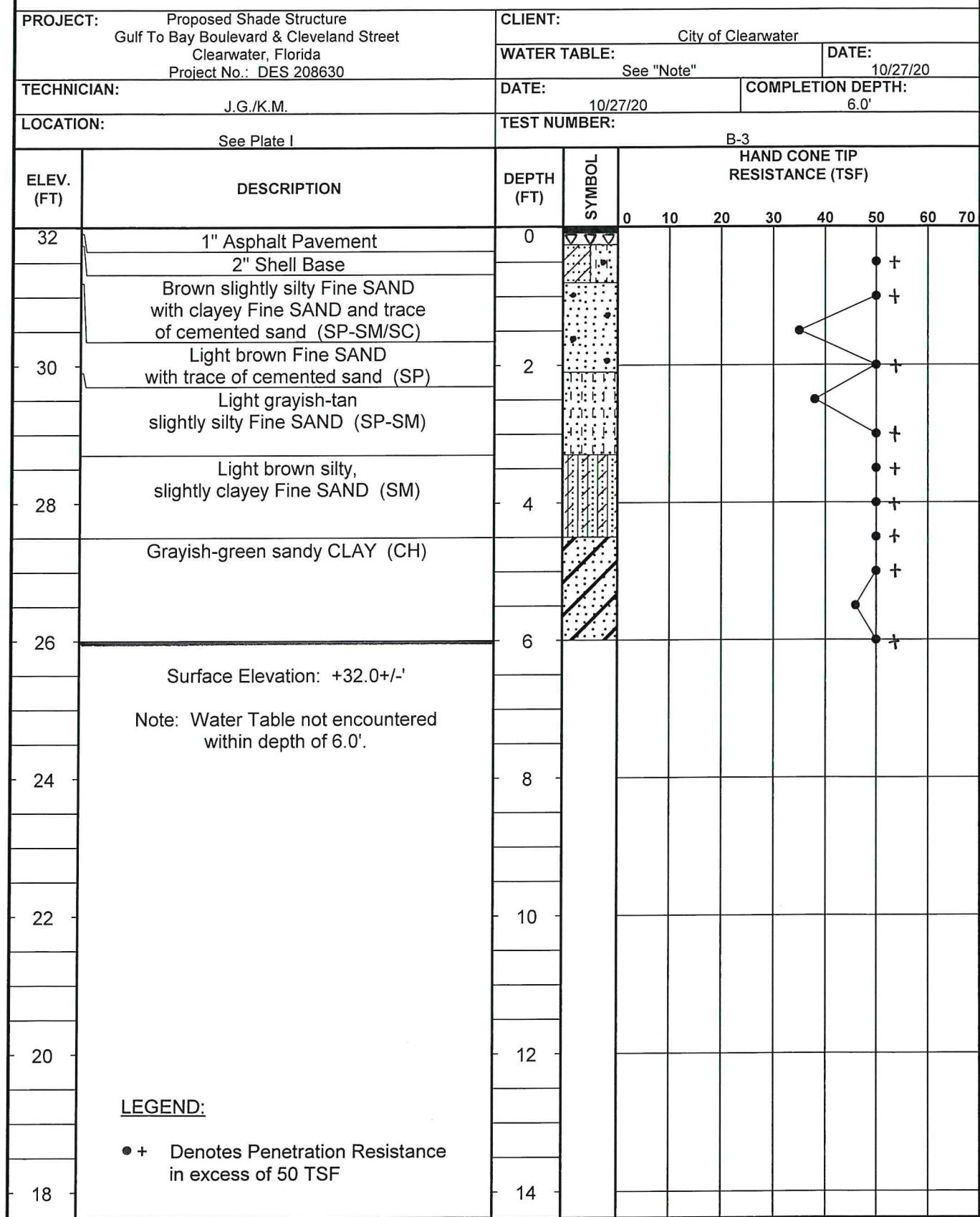
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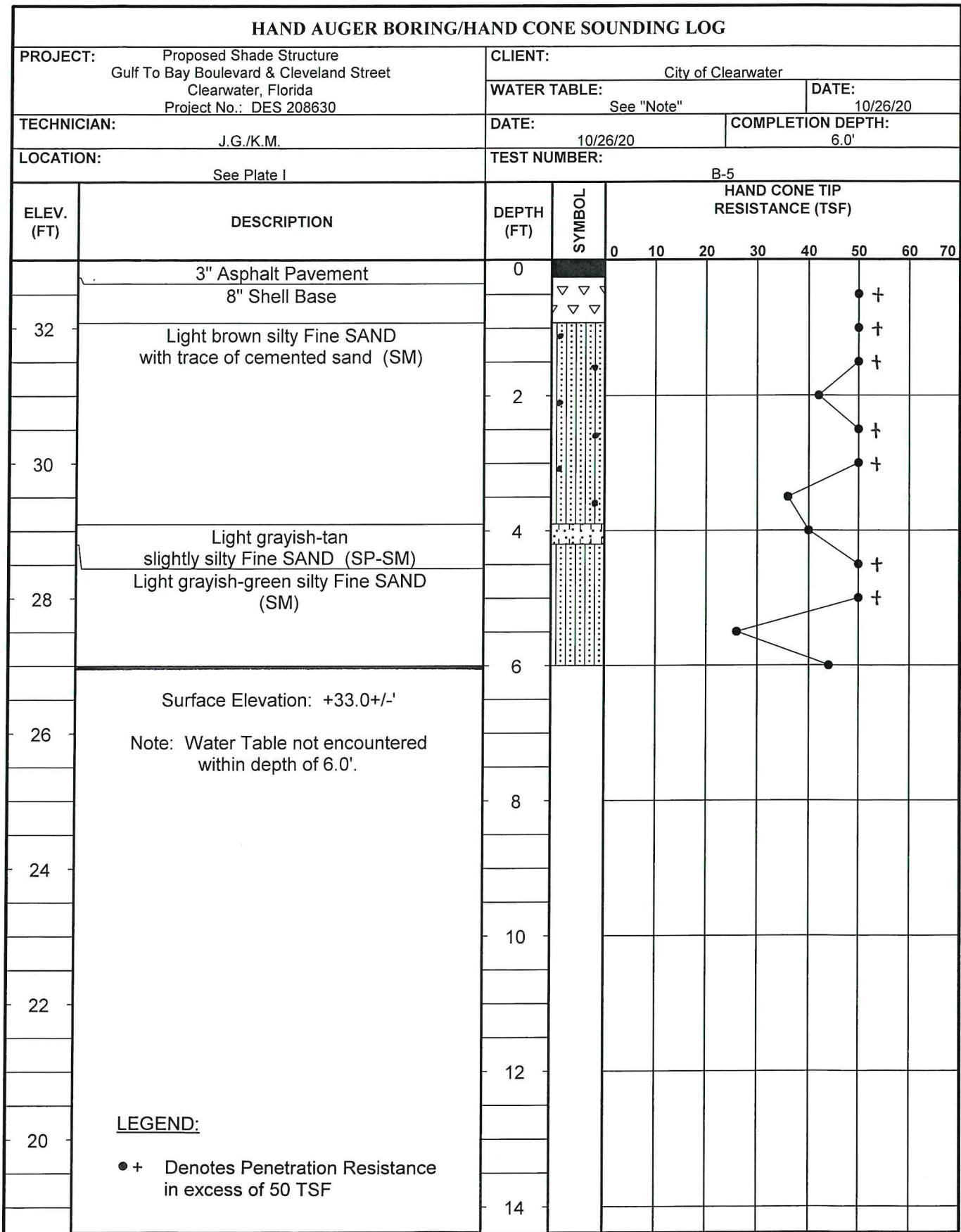


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## **SUMMARY OF LABORATORY TEST RESULTS**

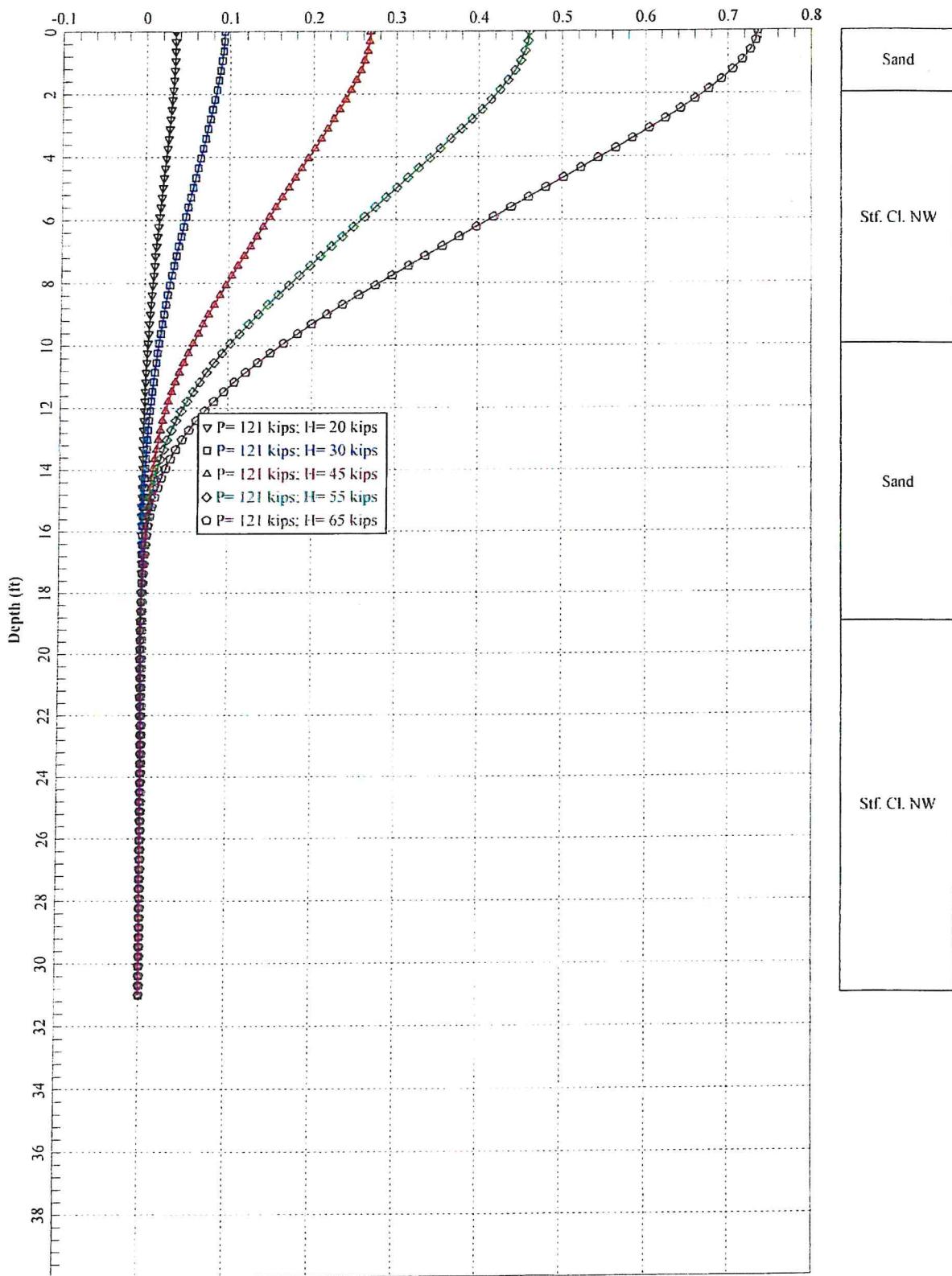
## SUMMARY OF LABORATORY TEST RESULTS

BORING NO.	DEPTH (ft)	DESCRIPTION	W %	Y <sub>d</sub> (pcf)	G <sub>s</sub>	ATTERBERG LIMITS			P.P. (tsf)	U.C.	CON.	G.S.	ORG. (%)	pH	Cl. (ppm)	SO <sub>4</sub> (ppm)	RES. (ohm-cm)
						LL	PL	PI									
B-1	6.0-7.5	Grayish-green sandy CLAY	36.7						74	27	47			**			
B-1	8.0-9.5	Grayish-green sandy CLAY	27.3											64.2			
B-2	6.0-7.5	Grayish-green clayey Fine SAND	21.5											**			
B-2	8.0-9.5	Grayish-green sandy CLAY	17.9											44.0			
B-2	10.0-11.5	Grayish-green sandy CLAY	22.1														
B-3	6.0-7.5	Grayish-green sandy CLAY	23.2						77	31	46			**			
B-3	8.0-9.5	Grayish-green sandy CLAY	30.8											56.9			
B-3	10.0-11.5	Grayish-green sandy CLAY	20.5														
B-4	12.0-13.5	Light grayish-green silty, slightly clayey Fine SAND	22.9						39	21	18			**			
B-5	4.3-6.0	Light grayish-green silty, clayey Fine SAND							37	23	14			**			
B-5	8.0-9.5	Grayish-green sandy CLAY	25.3						66	28	38			**			
B-5	10.0-11.5	Grayish-green sandy CLAY	23.3											34.9			
B-5	12.0-13.5	Grayish-green sandy CLAY	21.3											59.4			

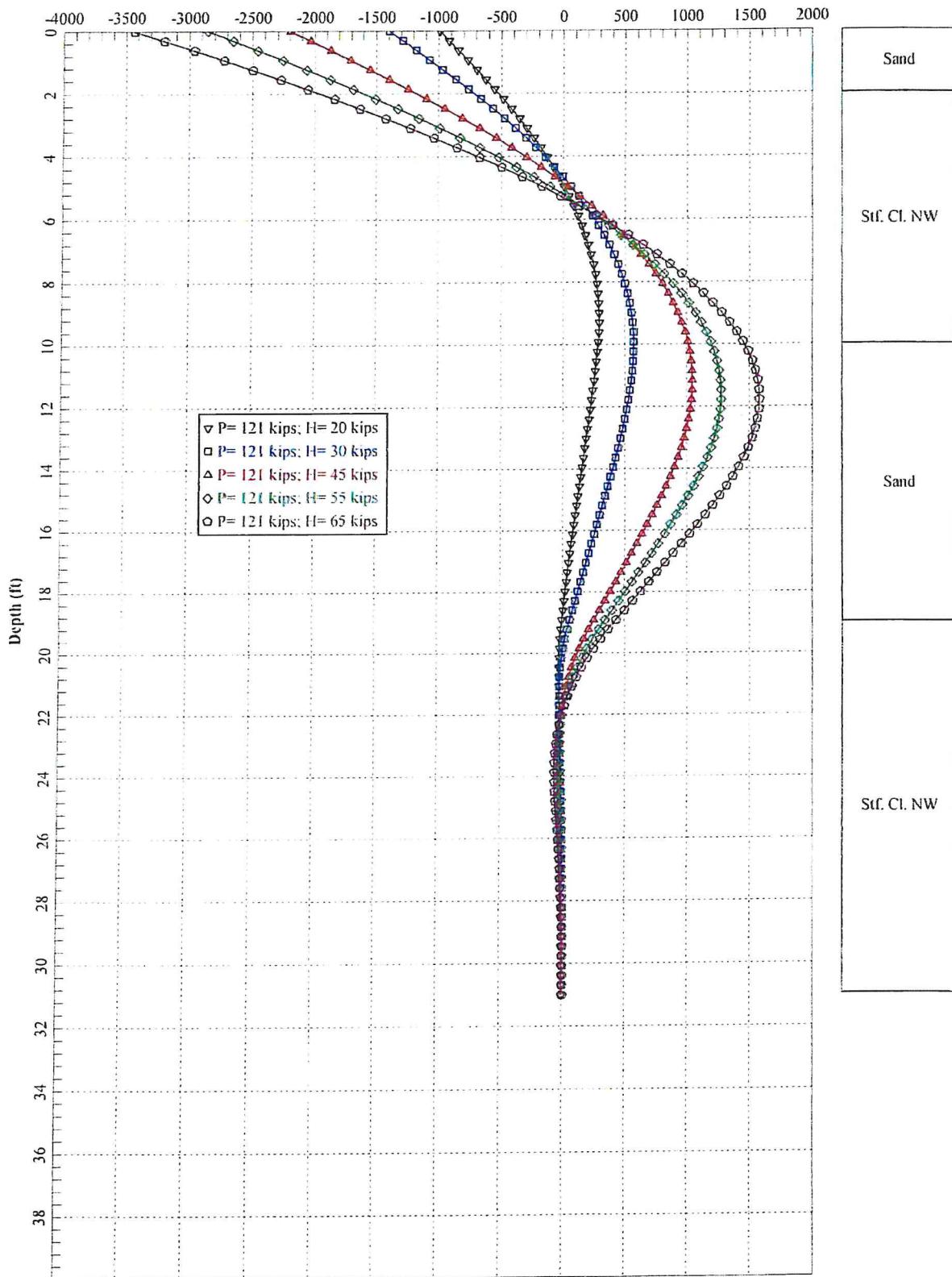
W. %	=	Con.	=	Consolidation Test
Y'd (pcf)	=	G.S. (+1)	=	Grainsize Analysis (Hydrometer)
G <sub>s</sub>	=	ORG. (%)	=	Organic Content
LL	=	Cl. (ppm)	=	Total Chloride
PL	=	SO <sub>4</sub> (ppm)	=	Total Sulfate
PI	=	RES. (ohm-cm)	=	Lab Resistivity
P.P. (tsf)	=	*	=	See Test Curves
U.C.	=	**	=	Percent Passing No. 200 Sieve
				Unconfined Compression

## **LATERAL LOADING ANALYSES**

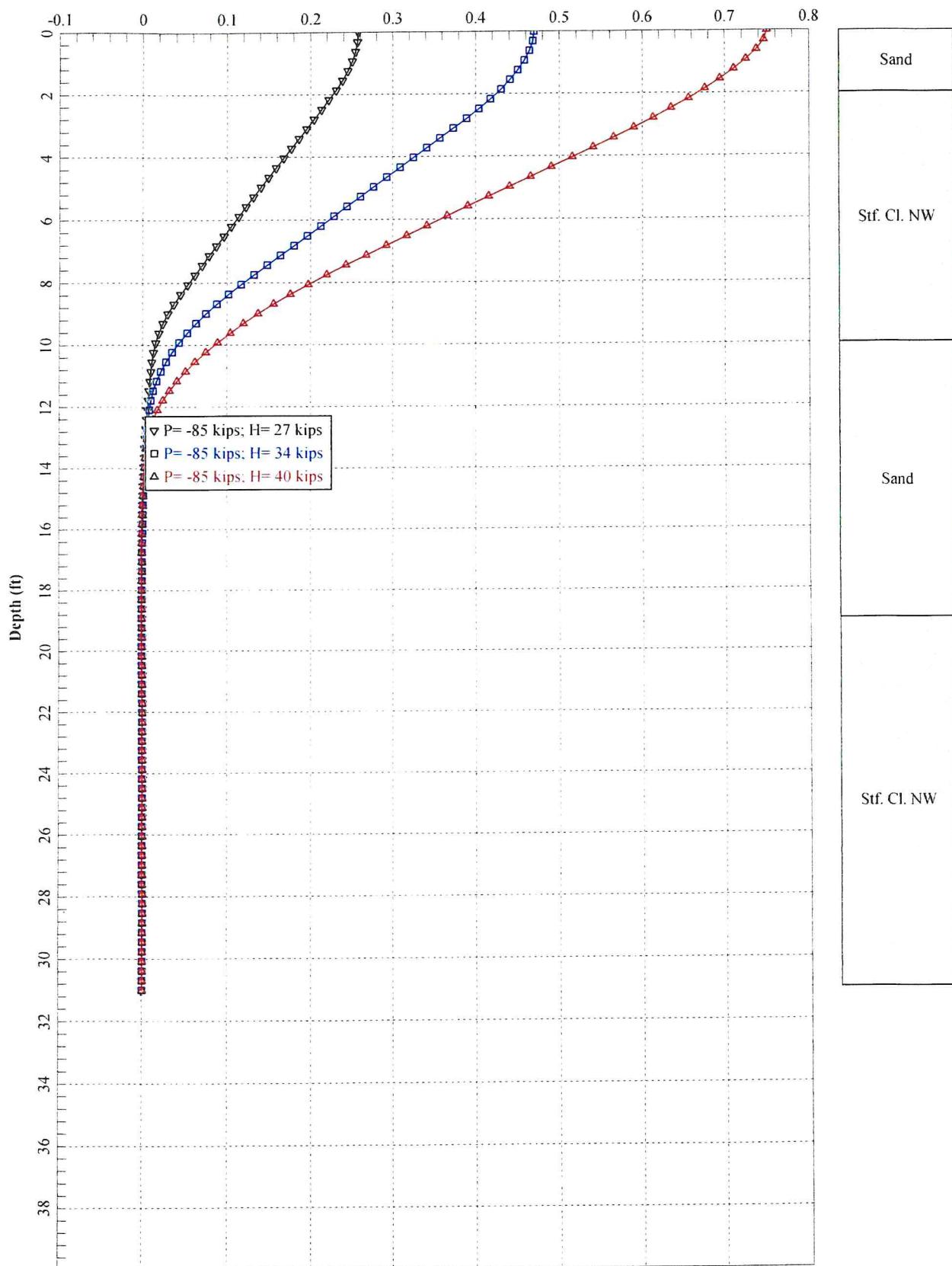
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Lateral Pile Deflection (inches)



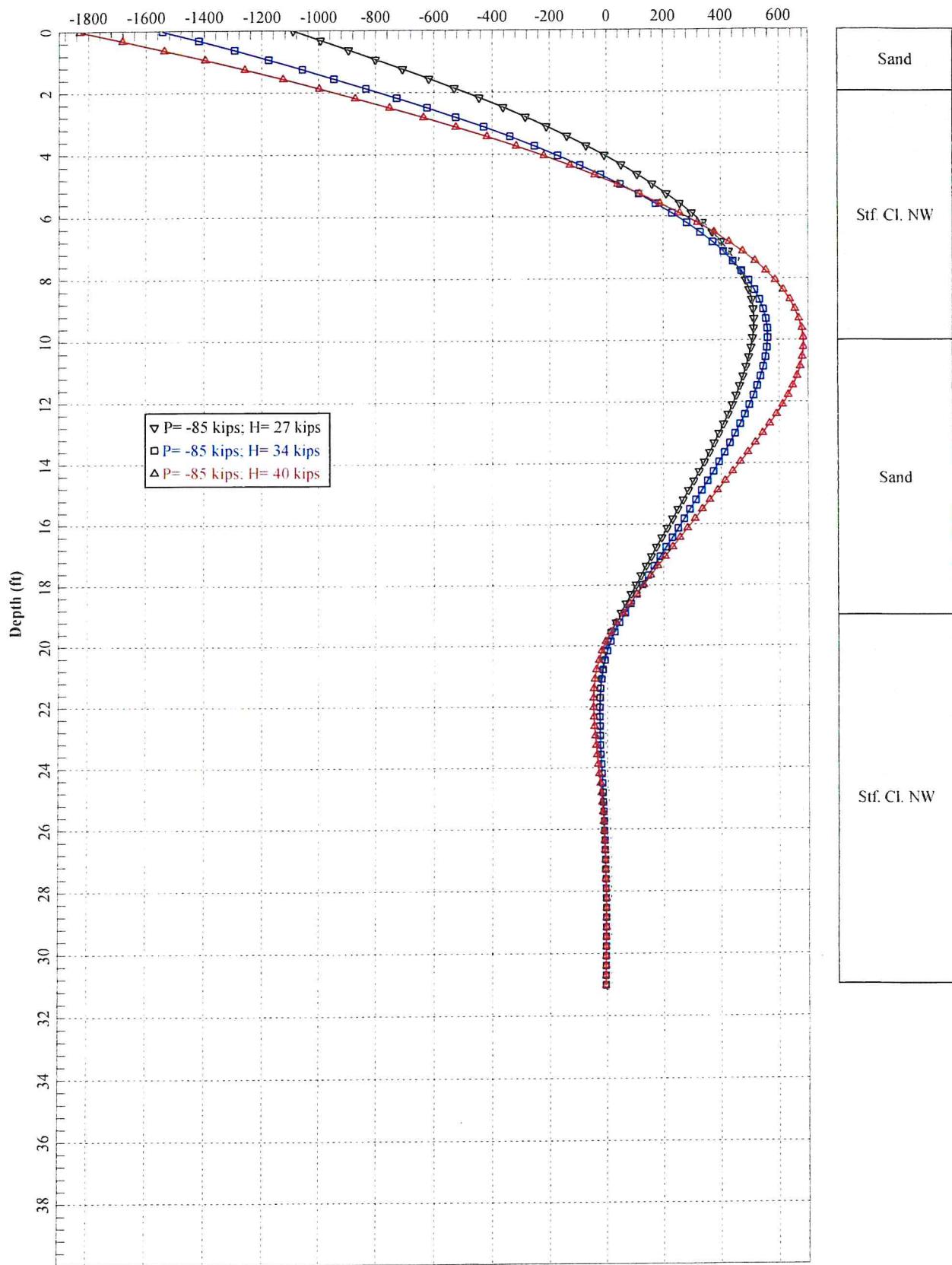
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 Bending Moment (in-kips)



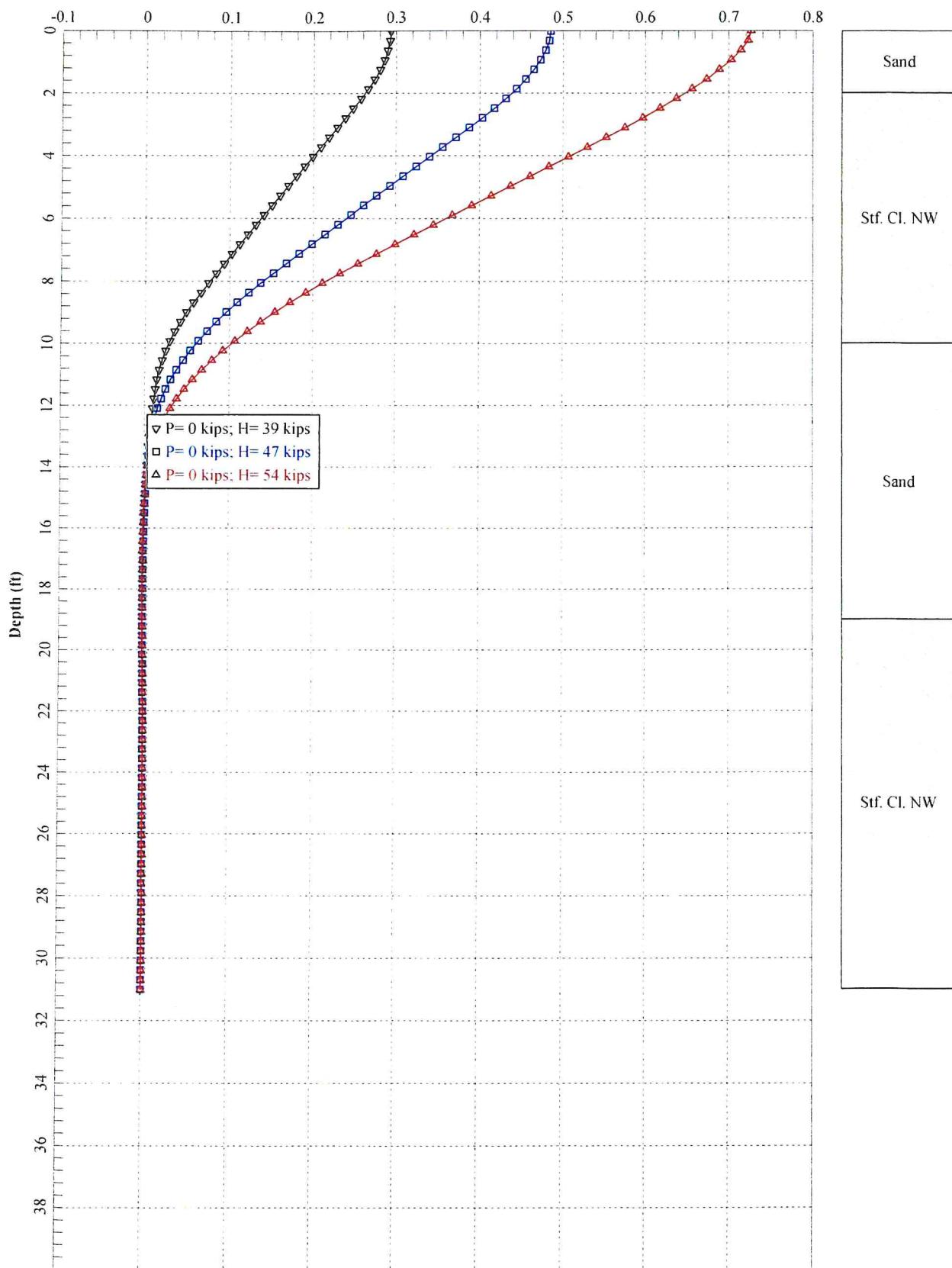
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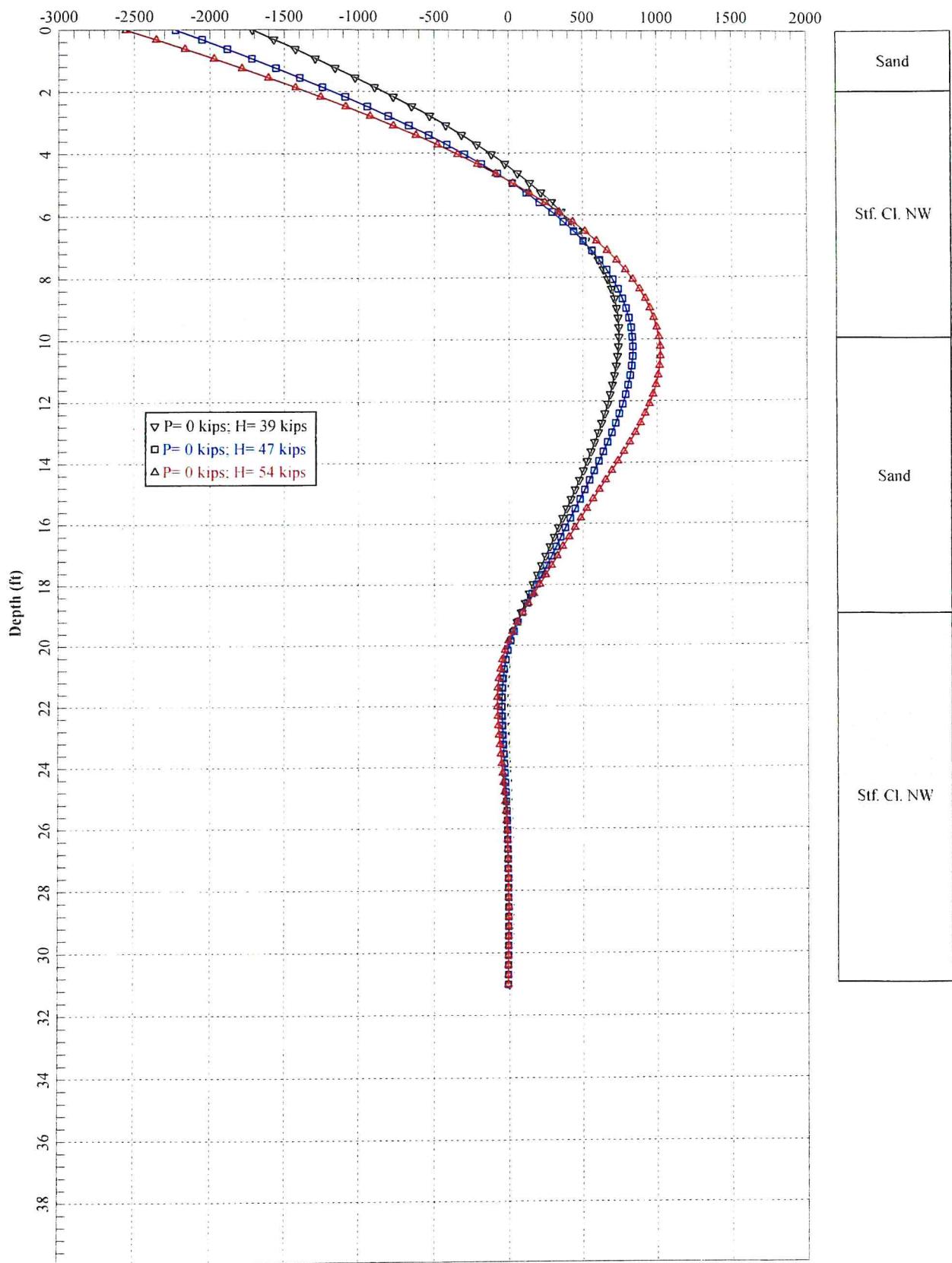
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 Bending Moment (in-kips)



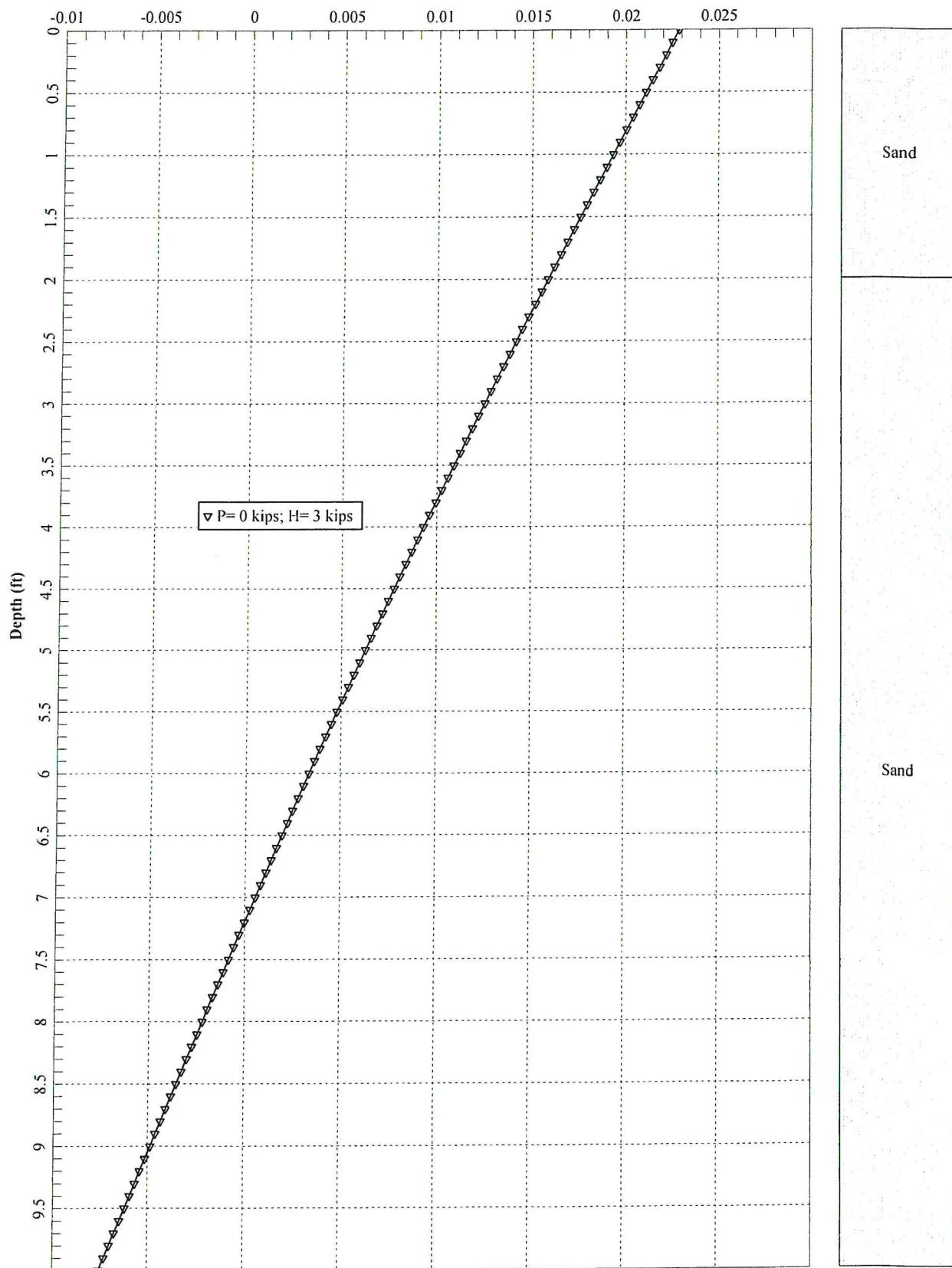
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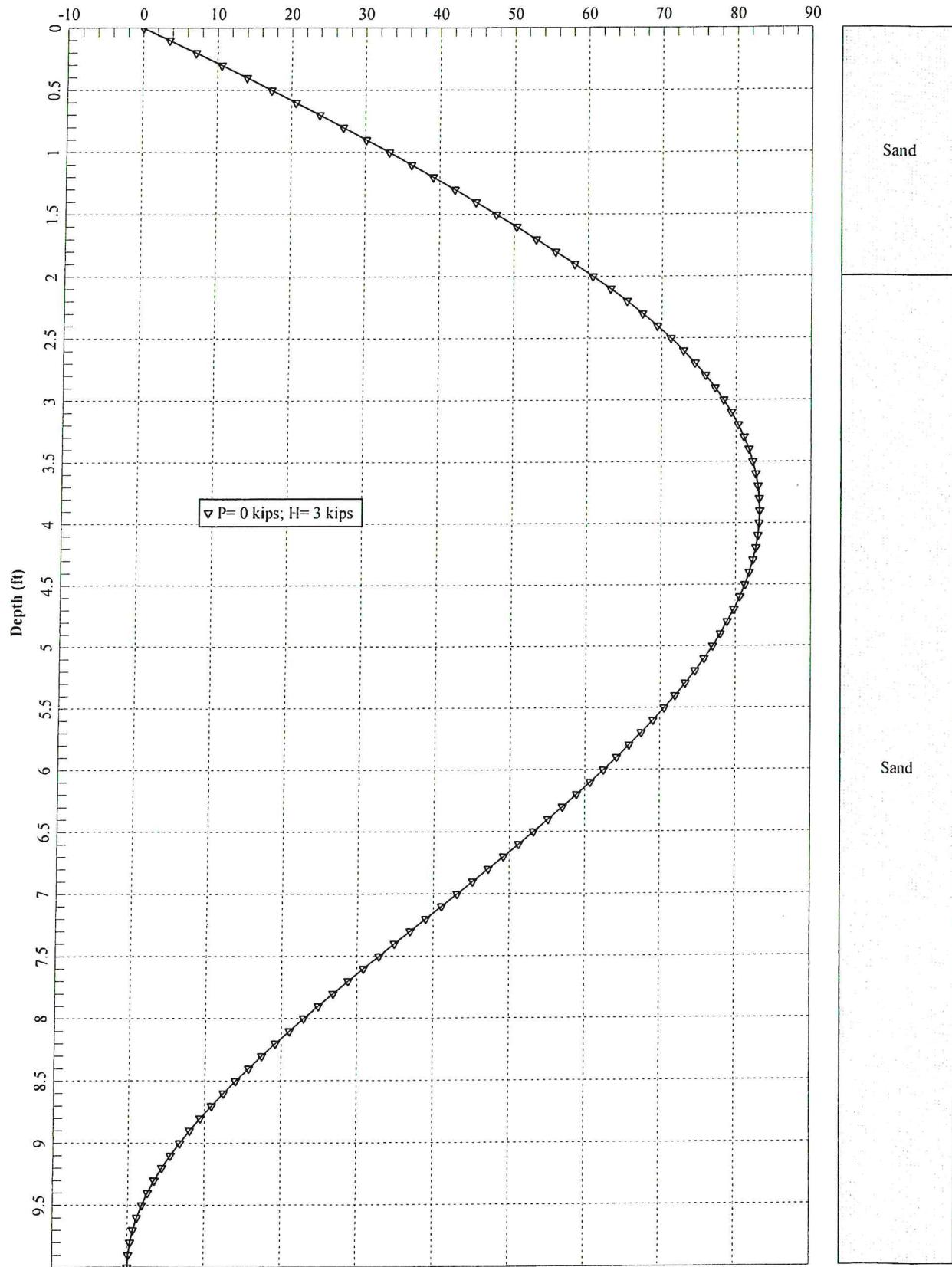
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Bending Moment (in-kips)



Shade Structure- 24" Diameter Drilled Shaft ; Free Head; 4#6 (0.5%) Reinforcement Bars; Pmult= 1.0  
Lateral Pile Deflection (inches)



Shade Structure- 24" Diameter Drilled Shaft ; Free Head; 4#6 (0.5%) Reinforcement Bars; Pmult= 1.0  
Bending Moment (in-kips)



## **METHOD OF TESTING**

# **STANDARD PENETRATION TEST WITH AUTOMATIC HAMMER AND SOIL CLASSIFICATION**

## **STANDARD PENETRATION TEST (ASTM D-1586)**

In the Standard Penetration Test borings, a rotary drilling rig is used to advance the borehole to the desired test depth. A viscous drilling fluid is circulated through the drill rods and bit to stabilize the borehole and to assist in removal of soil and rock cuttings up and out of the borehole.

Upon reaching the desired test depth, the 2 inch O.D. split-barrel sampler or "split-spoon", as it is sometimes called, is attached to an N-size drill rod and lowered to the bottom of the borehole. A 140 pound automatic hammer, attached to the drill string at the ground surface, is then used to drive the sampler into the formation. The hammer is successively raised and dropped for a distance of 30 inches using an automated lifting mechanism. The number of blows is recorded for each 6 inch interval of penetration or until virtual refusal is achieved. In the above manner, the samples are ideally advanced a total of 18 inches. The sum of the blows required to effect the final 12 inches of penetration is called the blowcount, penetration resistance or "N" value of the particular material at the sample depth.

After penetration, the rods and sampler are retracted to the ground surface where the core sample is removed, sealed in a glass jar and transported to the laboratory for verification of field classification and storage.

## **SOIL SYMBOLS AND CLASSIFICATION**

Soil and rock samples secured in the field sampling operation were visually classified as to texture, color and consistency. The Unified Soil Classification was assigned to each soil stratum per ASTM D-2487. Soil classifications are presented descriptively and symbolically for ease of interpretation. The stratum identification lines represent the approximate boundary between soil types. In many cases, this transition may be gradual.

Consistency of the soil as to relative density or undrained shear strength, unless otherwise noted, is based upon Standard Penetration resistance values of "N" values and industry-accepted standards. "N" values, or blowcounts, are presented in both tabular and graphical form on each respective boring log at each sample interval. The graphical plot of blowcount versus depth is for illustration purposes only and does not warrant continuity in soil consistency or linear variation between sample intervals.

The borings represent subsurface conditions at respective boring locations and sample intervals only. Variations in subsurface conditions may occur between boring locations. Groundwater depths shown represent water depths at the dates and time shown only. The absence of water table information does not necessarily imply that groundwater was not encountered.

## HAND CONE PENETRATION TEST

The cone penetration test was performed using a DGSI Model S-215 double rod Static Cone Penetrometer.

Dual rods enable the cone stress to be measured directly. Soil friction on the outer rod does not influence the reading. Depending upon the application, either the maximum bearing for an increment of push or the least bearing for an increment can be reported. If you were investigating for soft spots, you would take the least reading. In typical use, you would force the cone into the soil 6 inches, retract the cone slightly until the gauge reads zero, then advance an additional 6 inch increment. If you meet with refusal, the cone can be removed and the hole opened with a hand auger to permit a continuation of measurements against depth.

The tool has been designed to allow a maximum force of 250 lbs. to be applied, somewhat more than the average weight of an operator. The unit can be operated in a vertical or horizontal position. The cone tip has an included angle of 60°. The cone has a section area of 1.5 cm<sup>2</sup>. The maximum total bearing ( $Q_c$ ) is 70 kg/cm<sup>2</sup>.

The reading ( $Q_c$ ) is in kg/cm<sup>2</sup> which is essentially equal to ton/ft<sup>2</sup>.

The cone index ( $Q_c$ ) is read directly. The correlation between the cone index and soil constants is not absolute. Generally, the following results have been determined through extensive field use of the unit. Further verification of correlation in your local soil types is essential.

Standard Penetration (Sands)	Strength and Cohesion
Test AN@ Value $Q_c = 4$ AN@	$Q_u$ - Unconfined compression (kg/cm <sup>2</sup> ) $c$ - Cohesion (kg/cm <sup>2</sup> )  Uniform clay and silty clays: $Q_c = 5 Q_u$ $Q_c = 10 c$ Clayey Silts: $Q_c = (10 \text{ to } 20) Q_u$ $Q_c = (20 \text{ to } 40) c$