003132 GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING STUDY

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Dear Mr. Vann:

ECS Southeast, LLP (ECS) has finished the subsurface exploration and geotechnical engineering analyses for the above-referenced project. Our services were performed in general accordance with our agreed to scope of work. This report presents our understanding of the geotechnical aspects of the project along with the results of the field exploration and our design and construction recommendations.

It has been our pleasure to be of service to Pender County Government during the design phase of this project. We would appreciate the opportunity to remain involved during the continuation of the design phase, and we would like to provide our services during construction phase operations as well to verify subsurface conditions assumed for this report. Should you have questions concerning the information contained in this report, or if we can be of further assistance to you, please contact us.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The following summarizes the main findings of the exploration, particularly those that may have a cost impact on the planned development. Further, our principal foundation recommendations are summarized. Information gleaned from the Executive Summary should not be utilized in lieu of reading the geotechnical report.

- The geotechnical exploration performed for the site included thirteen (13) electronic cone penetration test (CPT) soundings drilled to termination and refusal depths of approximately 25 to 41.5 feet. Twelve (12) Kessler dynamic cone penetrometer (DCP) tests with hand auger borings were performed in the proposed pavements.

- Provided the subgrades are prepared as recommended in this report and the column and wall loads do not exceed the anticipated column and wall loads provided in the table in **Section 2.2**, the planned structures may be supported by conventional shallow foundations consisting of column or strip footings bearing on compacted structural fill and natural soils using a net allowable soil bearing pressure of 1,500 psf.

- Groundwater was encountered in the soundings and hand auger borings at depths ranging from approximately 1.0 to 7.9 feet below existing grade. Groundwater was not encountered in the hand auger borings K-1 through K-3 and K-5 through K-9 at the depths explored. If final site grades are not raised from existing grades in the vicinity of S-1 through S-3 and S-5 through S-7, a permanent dewatering subsurface drainage system should be anticipated.

- Due to the near surface very soft clays encountered in the soundings S-3 and S-7, undercutting approximately 1.5 feet in the vicinity of the soundings should be anticipated prior to construction of foundations and placement of Structural Fill.

- Due to the very soft clays encountered in the soundings S-2, S-6, S-11, and S-12, undercutting approximately 4 to 5 feet in the vicinity of the soundings should be anticipated prior to construction of foundations and placement of Structural Fill.

- Due to the near surface soft clays encountered in the hand auger borings, undercutting approximately 18 to 24 inches, should be anticipated prior to construction of pavements and placement of Structural Fill.

Please note this Executive Summary is an important part of this report and should be considered a ***"summary"*** only. The subsequent sections of this report constitute our findings, conclusions, and recommendations in their entirety.

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this study was to provide geotechnical information for the design of foundations and pavements for the proposed law enforcement center located off of Old Savannah Road in Burgaw, North Carolina. The recommendations developed for this report are based on project information supplied by Mr. Allen Vann of Pender County and Mr. Bryan Payne with Moseley Architects.

Our services were provided in accordance with our Proposal No. 22:25564-A, dated February 17, 2022, as authorized by Pender County Government on March 15, 2022, which includes our Terms and Conditions of Service.

This report contains the procedures and results of our subsurface exploration programs, review of existing site conditions, engineering analyses, and recommendations for the design and construction of the project.

The report includes the following items.

- A brief review and description of our field test procedures and the results of testing conducted;
- A review of surface topographical features and site conditions;
- A review of subsurface soil stratigraphy with pertinent available physical properties;
- Foundation recommendations;
  - Allowable bearing pressure;
  - Settlement estimates (total and differential);
- Site development recommendations;
- Reusability of soils for use as fill material;
- Pavement design recommendations;
- Seismic site class and liquefaction recommendations;
- Discussion of groundwater impact;
- Compaction recommendations;
- Site vicinity map;
- Exploration location plan;
- Hand auger boring logs with Kessler DCP test results;
- CPT sounding logs; and
- Laboratory test results.

2.0 PROJECT INFORMATION

2.1 PROJECT LOCATION/CURRENT SITE USE/PAST SITE USE

The proposed site is located off of Old Savannah Road in Burgaw, North Carolina. The site is bounded on the northeast by Old Savannah Road, on the north and southeast by wooded land, and on the west by agricultural fields. Figure 2.1.1 below shows an image of where the site is located.

Figure 2.1.1 Site Location

At the time of our exploration, the site currently consisted of an agricultural field with existing ditches traversing through the site. The site is a portion of an approximately 98.81-acre parcel further identified by Pender County GIS PIN 3219-87-6937-0000. Based on our site visit, provided plans and approximate elevations from Google Earth, the site is relatively level except for the ditches on site with typical elevations on site ranging from approximately 39 to 46 feet.

2.2 PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION

The following information explains our understanding and assumptions of the planned development including proposed building and related infrastructure.

SUBJECT	DESIGN INFORMATION / ASSUMPTIONS
Usage	Law Enforcement Center
Column Loads	Up to 100 kips
Wall Loads	Up to 5 kips per linear foot (klf)
Finish Floor Elevation	within +/- 3 feet of existing grades

ECS understands the project consists of construction of a new one-story building consisting of sheriff's office, detention center, administrative offices and a proposed future expansion. Also auxiliary buildings are proposed for utilities and service area and evidence storage. The project also includes associated paved drives, delivery pads, and parking throughout the site and proposed stormwater control measures to the north and south of the proposed buildings.

3.0 FIELD EXPLORATION TESTING

Our exploration procedures are explained in greater detail in Appendix B including the Reference Notes for Cone Penetration Soundings. Our scope of work included performing thirteen (13) CPT soundings and twelve (12) hand auger borings with Kessler DCP tests in the proposed pavements. Our approximate CPT soundings and hand auger boring locations are shown on the Exploration Location Diagram in Appendix A.

3.1 SUBSURFACE CHARACTERIZATION

The subsurface conditions encountered were generally consistent with published geological mapping. The following sections provide generalized characterizations of the soil. Please refer to the CPT sounding and hand auger boring logs in Appendix B.

The site is located in the Coastal Plain Physiographic Province of North Carolina. The Coastal Plain is composed of seven terraces, each representing a former level of the Atlantic Ocean. Soils in this area generally consist of sedimentary materials transported from other areas by the ocean or rivers. These deposits vary in thickness from a thin veneer along the western edge of the region to more than 10,000 feet near the coast. The sedimentary deposits of the Coastal Plain rest upon consolidated rocks similar to those underlying the Piedmont and Mountain Physiographic Provinces. In general, shallow unconfined groundwater movement within the overlying soils is largely controlled by topographic gradients. Recharge occurs primarily by infiltration along higher elevations and typically discharges into streams or other surface water bodies. The elevation of the shallow water table is transient and can vary greatly with seasonal fluctuations in precipitation.

Table 3.1.1 Subsurface Stratigraphy

Approximate Depth Range	Stratum	Description	Ranges of N*-Values(1) blows per foot (bpf)
0 to (0.4-0.75) (Surface cover)	N/A	Topsoil was encountered on-site with an observed thickness of approximately 5 to 9 inches. Deeper topsoil or organic laden soils are likely present in wet, poorly drained areas and potentially unexplored areas of the site.	N/A
(0.4-0.75) to 15	I	Very Soft to Stiff, SILTY, SANDY LEAN, LEAN, and FAT CLAY (CL-ML, CL, CH) with very occasional interbedded layers of Firm to Very Stiff, SANDY and CLAYEY SILT (ML) and Very Loose to Medium Dense, SILTY SAND (SM)	1 to 27
15 to 25	II	Very Loose to Dense, SILTY TO CLEAN SAND (SM, SP) and Very Soft to Stiff, SILTY, SANDY LEAN, LEAN, and FAT CLAY (CL-ML, CL, CH)	2 to 37
25 to 41.5	III	Medium Dense to Very Dense, SILTY TO CLEAN SAND (SM, SP)	13 to 65

Notes: (1) Equivalent Corrected Standard Penetration Test Resistances

3.2 GROUNDWATER OBSERVATIONS

Water levels were encountered in our CPT soundings and hand auger borings and are shown in Appendix B. Groundwater depths measured at the time of exploration ranged from approximately 1.0 to 7.9 feet below the ground surface. Groundwater was not encountered at the time of exploration in the hand auger borings, K-1 through K-3 and K-5 through K-9, at the depths explored. Variations in the long-term water table may occur as a result of changes in precipitation, evaporation, surface water runoff, construction activities, and other factors.

3.3 LABORATORY TESTING

The laboratory testing consisted of selected tests performed on samples obtained during our field exploration operations. Classification and index property tests were performed on representative soil samples from the hand auger borings including moisture content, percent finer than #200 sieve, Atterberg Limits, and Organic Content tests.

Each sample was visually classified on the basis of texture and plasticity in accordance with ASTM D2488 Standard Practice for Description and Identification of Soils (Visual-Manual Procedures) and including USCS classification symbols, and ASTM D2487 Standard Practice for Classification for Engineering Purposes (Unified Soil Classification System, USCS). After classification, the samples were grouped in the major zones noted on the boring logs in Appendix B. The group symbols for each soil type are indicated in parentheses along with the soil descriptions. The stratification lines between strata on the logs are approximate; in situ, the transitions may be gradual.

Results of the laboratory testing are shown in Appendix C.

4.0 DESIGN RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 SHALLOW FOUNDATIONS

Provided subgrades and structural fills are prepared as recommended in this report and the anticipated column and wall loads in **Section 2.2** are not exceeded, the proposed structures can be supported by shallow foundations including column footings and continuous wall footings. We recommend the foundation design use the following parameters*:*

Design Parameter	Column Footing	Wall Footing
Net Allowable Bearing Pressure[1]	1,500 psf	1,500 psf
Recommended Bearing Soil Material	Stratum I Soils or Structural Fill	Stratum I Soils or Structural Fill
Minimum Width	30 inches	18 inches
Minimum Footing Embedment Depth (below slab or finished grade) [2]	12 inches	12 inches
Minimum Exterior Frost Depth (below final exterior grade)	6 inches	6 inches
Estimated Total Settlement [3]	Less than 1- inch	Less than 1- inch
Estimated Differential Settlement [4]	Less than ½ inches between columns	Less than ½ inches

Notes:

(1) Net allowable bearing pressure is the applied pressure in excess of the surrounding overburden soils above the base of the foundation.
(2) For bearing considerations and frost penetration requirements.
(3) Based on assumed structural loads. If final loads are different, ECS must be contacted to update foundation recommendations and settlement calculations.
(4) Based on maximum column/wall loads and variability in borings. Differential settlement can be re-evaluated once the foundation plans are finished.

Potential Undercuts: A majority of the soils at the estimated foundation bearing elevation are anticipated to not be adequate for support of the proposed structures. If soft or loose soils are observed at the footing bearing elevations, the soils should be undercut and removed. Undercut should be backfilled with structural fill up to the original design bottom of footing elevation; the original footing may be constructed on top of the structural fill.

Due to the near surface very soft clays encountered in the soundings S-3 and S-7, undercutting approximately 1.5 feet in the vicinity of the soundings should be anticipated prior to construction of foundations and placement of Structural Fill. Due to the very soft clays encountered in the soundings S-2, S-6, S-11, and S-12, undercutting approximately 4 to 5 feet in the vicinity of the soundings should be anticipated prior to construction of foundations and placement of Structural Fill.

4.2 SLABS ON GRADE

The on-site natural soils are generally considered adequate for support of the slab-on-grade floor slabs. Based on the assumption that the finished floor elevation is around existing grades, it appears that the slabs for the structure will likely bear on the Stratum I CLAY (CL) or Structural Fill. The following graphic depicts our soil-supported slab recommendations:

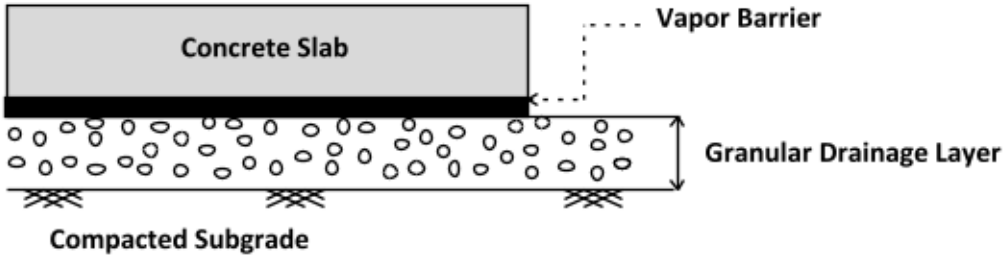

Figure 4.2.1

1. Drainage Layer Thickness: 6 inches
2. Drainage Layer Material: GRAVEL (GP) or SAND containing <5% fines passing #200 sieve (SP, SW)

Soft or yielding soils may be encountered in some areas. Those soils should be removed and replaced with compacted Structural Fill in accordance with the recommendations included in this report.

Subgrade Modulus: Provided the Structural Fill and Granular Drainage Layer are constructed in accordance with our recommendations, the slab may be designed assuming a modulus of subgrade reaction, k_1 of 125 pci (lbs./cu. inch). The modulus of subgrade reaction value is based on a 1 ft by 1 ft plate load test basis.

Vapor Barrier: Before the placement of concrete, a vapor barrier may be placed on top of the granular drainage layer to provide additional protection against moisture vapor penetration through the floor slab. Curing of the slab should be performed in accordance with ACI specifications to reduce the potential for uneven drying, curling and/or cracking of the slab. Depending on proposed flooring material types, the structural engineer and/or the architect may choose to do away with the vapor barrier.

Slab Isolation: Soil-supported slabs should be isolated from the foundations and foundation-supported elements of the structure so that differential movement between the foundations and slab will not induce excessive shear and bending stresses in the floor slab. Where the structural configuration inhibits the use of a free-floating slab such as in a drop down footing/monolithic slab configuration, the slab should be designed to avoid overstressing of the slab.

4.3 SEISMIC DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

Liquefaction: When a saturated soil with little to approximately no cohesion liquefies during a major earthquake, it experiences a temporary loss of shear strength as a result of a transient rise in excess pore water pressure generated by strong ground motion. Flow failure, lateral spreading, differential settlement, loss of bearing, ground fissures, and sand boils are evidence of excess pore pressure generation and liquefaction. Due to the anticipated liquefaction at depths greater than 10 feet, loss of bearing pressure and lateral spread are not anticipated for this site.

The potential for liquefaction at the site is considered high based upon the CPT results and the liquefaction index procedure developed by Iwasaki (1982). Based on our CPT results and our evaluation using a site peak ground acceleration of 0.16 (PGA_m) per IBC 2015, an earthquake event with a magnitude of 7.3 and procedures developed by Robertson (2009) and Boulanger & Idriss (2014), the liquefaction induced settlement at the subject site is estimated to be approximately 3 inches or less. The max differential settlement is estimated to be approximately 1.7 inches over a distance of 165 feet.

Section 1613.3.2 of the IBC 2015 classifies sites with the potential for liquefaction as Seismic Site Class F. However, Chapter 20 of ASCE 7 allows the design spectral response accelerations for a site to be determined without regard to liquefaction provided structures have a fundamental period of less than or equal to 0.5 seconds and the risks of liquefaction are considered in design. The structures should meet this criterion; however, this must be confirmed by the Structural Engineer.

Ground Motion Parameters: Provided that the fundamental period of the structure is less than or equal to 0.5 seconds, the design spectral response acceleration parameters can be based on a Seismic Site Classification "D" based on the weighted average shear wave velocity at the site. ECS has established the design spectral response acceleration parameters following the IBC 2015 methodology. The mapped responses were estimated from the free ATC Hazards by Location Tool available from the USGS website (https://hazards.atcouncil.org). The design responses for the short (0.2 sec, S_{DS}) and 1-second period (S_{D1}) are noted in bold at the far right end of the following table. If the fundamental period of the structure exceeds 0.5 seconds, the design spectral response acceleration parameters will require a Site Specific Response Analysis (SSRA).

GROUND MOTION PARAMETERS – SITE CLASS D [IBC 2015 Method]								
Period (sec)	**Mapped Spectral Response Accelerations (g)**		**Values of Site Coefficient for Site Class**		**Maximum Spectral Response Acceleration Adjusted for Site Class (g)**		**Design Spectral Response Acceleration (g)**	
Reference	Figures 1613.3.1 (1) & (2)		Tables 1613.3.3 (1) & (2)		Eqs. 16-37 & 16-38		Eqs. 16-39 & 16-40	
0.2	S_S	0.198	F_a	1.6	$S_{MS}=F_aS_s$	0.317	$S_{DS}=2/3\ S_{MS}$	**0.211**
1.0	S_1	0.086	F_v	2.4	$S_{M1}=F_vS_1$	0.207	$S_{D1}=2/3\ S_{M1}$	**0.138**

The Site Class definition should not be confused with the Seismic Design Category designation which the Structural Engineer typically assesses.

4.4 PAVEMENTS

Subgrade Characteristics: Based on the results of our hand auger borings, it appears that the pavement subgrades will consist mainly of Structural Fill. Due to the near surface soft clays encountered in the hand auger borings, undercutting approximately 18 to 24 inches, should be anticipated prior to construction of pavements and placement of Structural Fill. Alternatively, the undercut can be reduced to 6.5 inches with the use of Tensar NX850. If used, the NX850 should be installed per manufacture's recommendations.

California Bearing Ratio (CBR) values were estimated from the Kessler DCP tests performed on site adjacent to the hand auger borings. For preliminary design purposes, provided subgrade preparation and undercut recommendations are followed, we recommend assuming a preliminary CBR value of 8.

We were not provided traffic loading information, so we have assumed loadings typical of this type of project. Our recommended pavement sections are based on up to 20,000 ESALs over a 20 year design life for light duty and up to 100,000 ESALs over a 20 year design life for heavy duty.

The preliminary pavement sections below are guidelines that may or may not comply with local jurisdictional minimums.

PRELIMINARY PAVEMENT SECTIONS				
	FLEXIBLE PAVEMENT		RIGID PAVEMENT	
MATERIAL	Heavy Duty	Light Duty	Heavy Duty	Light Duty
Portland Cement Concrete (f'_c = 4000 psi)	-	-	6 in.	5 in.
Asphalt Surface Course	3 in.	2 in.	-	-
Aggregate Base Course (ABC)	8 in.	6 in.	4 in.	-

In general, heavy duty sections are areas that will be subjected to trucks, buses, or other similar vehicles including main drive lanes of the development. Light duty sections are appropriate for vehicular traffic and parking areas.

Large, front loading trash dumpsters frequently impose concentrated front wheel loads on pavements during loading. This type of loading typically results in rutting of asphalt pavement and ultimately pavement failures. For preliminary design purposes, we recommend that the pavement in trash pickup areas consist of a 6-inch thick, 4,500 psi, reinforced concrete slab overlying 4 inches of ABC stone. When traffic loading becomes available, ECS or the Civil Engineer can design the pavements.

Prior to subbase placement and paving, CBR testing of the subgrade soils (both natural and fill soils) should be performed to determine the soil engineering properties for final pavement design. A minimum distance of 18 inches should be maintained between the bottom of the pavement section and the groundwater table.

The soil subgrade should be smooth-rolled and proofrolled prior to ABC placement. Areas that pump, rut, or are otherwise unstable should be re-compacted or undercut and replaced. The ABC should conform to the gradation, liquid limit, plasticity index, resistance to abrasion, and soundness per Section 1005 of the 2012 NCDOT Standard Specifications for Roads and Structures.

The ABC should be placed and be compacted in accordance with Section 520 of the 2012 NCDOT Standard Specifications for Roads and Structures. The ABC should be placed in a single lift. It should be spread after end-dumping on previously-placed ABC to deter rutting and degradation of the relatively clean sand subgrade soils by rubber-tired dump trucks. The ABC should be compacted to at least 98 percent of its Modified Proctor maximum dry unit weight per ASTM D1557 or AASHTO T180 (as modified by NCDOT), provided nuclear density testing is performed. Otherwise, at least 100 percent compaction is recommended.

To confirm that the specified degree of compaction is being obtained, field compaction testing should be performed in each ABC lift by ECS' representative. We recommend that compaction tests be performed at a minimum frequency of one test per 5,000 square feet per lift in pavement areas.

Minimum Material Lift Thickness: The minimum lift thickness for asphalt surface course mix S9.5B is 1.0 inch and the maximum lift thickness for S9.5B is 1.5 inches. For sections with more than 1.5 inches of S9.5B surface asphalt, it should be placed in two lifts. Asphalt pavement S9.5B should be compacted to least 90.0 percent of the material's specific gravity G_{mm}.

Drainage: An important consideration with the design and construction of pavements is surface and subsurface drainage. Where standing water develops, either on the pavement surface or within the aggregate base course layer, softening of the subgrades and other problems related to the deterioration of the pavement can be expected. This is particularly important at the site due to the moisture sensitive near-surface soils. Furthermore, good drainage should help reduce the possibility of the subgrade materials becoming saturated during the normal service period of the pavement.

4.5 LATERAL EARTH PRESSURE AND SOIL PARAMETERS

Below-grade structures utilized for this project should be designed to withstand the lateral earth pressures and hydrostatic forces exerted upon them. In the design of the retaining walls to restrain compacted engineered fill or in-situ natural soils, the soil parameters that can be utilized for the retaining walls during the construction are summarized in the following tables:

Table 4.1.1 Soil Parameters

Depth Range[(1)] (ft)	Coefficient of Active Earth Pressure, K_a	Coefficient of Passive Earth Pressure, K_p	Coefficient of At-Rest Earth Pressure, K_0	Friction Angle	Cohesion (psf)	Total and Effective Unit Weight (pcf)
0.0 to 15.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	600	120 (57.6)

Notes: (1) Depths are based depth below existing grade at the time of the soundings.

These recommendations have assumed no surcharge loads. The increased lateral pressures generated by surcharge loads (i.e. slopes, parking and building areas, etc.) should be considered in the design. The wall should be designed to resist hydrostatic pressures.

For wall conditions where wall movement cannot be tolerated or where the wall is restrained at the top, the "At Rest" earth pressure should be used. For wall conditions where outward wall movement in the range of 0.5 to 1 percent of the wall height can be tolerated, the "Active" earth pressure should be used. In evaluating the resistance of soil to lateral loads imposed by structures, the "Passive" earth pressure should be used. Please note that the full development of passive pressure requires deflections toward the soil mass on the order of 1 to 4 percent of the wall height.

5.0 SITE CONSTRUCTION RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1 SUBGRADE PREPARATION

5.1.1 Stripping and Grubbing

The subgrade preparation should consist of stripping vegetation, rootmat, topsoil, existing fill, existing foundations, existing pavements, and soft or loose materials from the 10-foot expanded building and 5-foot expanded pavement limits. The soundings and borings performed in "undisturbed" areas of the site contained an observed thickness of approximately 5 to 9 inches of topsoil. Deeper topsoil or organic laden soils may be present in wet, low-lying, and poorly drained areas. ECS should be retained to verify that topsoil, existing foundations, and substandard surficial materials have been removed prior to the placement of structural fill or construction of structures.

5.1.2 Proofrolling

Prior to fill placement or other construction on subgrades, the subgrades should be evaluated by an ECS field technician. The exposed subgrade should be proofrolled with construction equipment having a minimum axle load of 10 tons [e.g. tandem-axle dump truck loaded to capacity]. Proofrolling should be traversed in two perpendicular directions with overlapping passes of the vehicle under the observation of an ECS technician. This procedure is intended to assist in identifying localized yielding materials.

Where proofrolling identifies areas that are unsteady or "pumping" subgrade those areas should be repaired prior to the placement of subsequent Structural Fill or other construction materials. Methods of stabilization include undercutting and moisture conditioning. The situation should be discussed with ECS to determine the appropriate procedure. Test pits may be excavated to explore the shallow subsurface materials to help in determining the cause of the observed unsteady materials, and to assist in the evaluation of appropriate remedial actions to stabilize the subgrade.

Due to the near surface very soft clays encountered in the soundings S-3 and S-7, undercutting approximately 1.5 feet in the vicinity of the soundings should be anticipated prior to construction of foundations and placement of Structural Fill. Due to the very soft clays encountered in the soundings S-2, S-6, S-11, and S-12, undercutting approximately 4 to 5 feet in the vicinity of the soundings should be anticipated prior to construction of foundations and placement of Structural Fill. Due to the near surface soft clays encountered in the hand auger borings, undercutting approximately 18 to 24 inches, should be anticipated prior to construction of pavements and placement of Structural Fill.

5.1.3 Site Temporary Dewatering

Perched Groundwater: After periods of precipitation, surface water can be characterized as being broadly perched above less permeable materials. In low-lying areas, the presence of perched water is more pronounced after rain events. Once the site is graded to drain and storm features are installed, ECS anticipates the perched conditions will become less pronounced after rain events.

Limited Excavation Dewatering: Based upon our subsurface exploration at this site, as well as significant experience on sites in nearby areas of similar geologic setting, depending on final grades, we believe construction dewatering may be needed for removing accumulated rainwater and for seepage from the support of excavation (SOE) during undercutting operations, construction of foundations, and installation of underground utilities in the vicinity of S-1 through S-3 and S-5 through S-7.

Deep wells should not be required for the temporary dewatering system. However, the dewatering operations can be handled by the use of conventional submersible pumps directly in the excavation or temporary trenches.

If temporary sump pits are used, we recommend they be established at an elevation one to two feet below the bottom of the excavation subgrade or bottom of footing. A perforated 55 gallon drum or other temporary structure could be used to house the pump. We recommend continuous dewatering of the excavations using electric pumps or manned gasoline pumps be used during construction.

If dewater operations are performed at the site, ECS recommends that the dewatering operations be performed in accordance with Local, State and Federal Government regulatory requirements for surface water discharges. ECS would be pleased to be consulted by the client on those requirements, if requested.

5.1.4 Site Permanent Dewatering

If the final site grades are not raised from existing grades in the vicinity of S-1 through S-3 and S-5 through S-7, a subsurface foundation and pavement drainage system should be anticipated. Due to the scope of the project and the amount of groundwater at the site, ECS recommends that the permanent dewatering system being designed by engineer proficient in these systems.

5.2 EARTHWORK OPERATIONS

5.2.1 Structural Fill

Prior to placement of Structural Fill, bulk samples (about 50 pounds) of on-site and/or off-site borrow should be submitted to ECS for laboratory testing, which typically include Atterberg limits, natural moisture content, grain-size distribution, and moisture-density relationships (i.e., Proctors) for compaction. Import materials should be tested prior to being hauled to the site to determine if they meet project specifications. Alternatively, Proctor data from other accredited laboratories can be submitted if the test results are within the last 90 days.

Structural Fill Materials: Materials selected for use as structural fill should consist of inorganic soils with the following engineering properties and compaction requirements.

STRUCTURAL FILL INDEX PROPERTIES	
Subject	**Property**
Building and Pavement Areas	LL < 40, PI<10
Max. Particle Size	3 inches
Fines Content	Max. 20 % < #200 sieve
Max. organic content	5% by dry weight

STRUCTURAL FILL COMPACTION REQUIREMENTS	
Subject	**Requirement**
Compaction Standard	Standard Proctor, ASTM D698
Required Compaction	98% of Max. Dry Density
Dry Unit Weight	>100 pcf
Moisture Content	-2 to +2 % points of the soil's optimum value
Loose Thickness	8 inches prior to compaction

On-Site Borrow Suitability: Natural deposits of possible fill material are not present near surface on the site. The on-site near surface clays do not meet the recommendations for re-use as Structural Fill.

Fill Placement: Fill materials should not be placed on frozen soils, on frost-heaved soils, and/or on excessively wet soils. Borrow fill materials should not contain frozen materials at the time of placement, and frozen or frost-heaved soils should be removed prior to placement of structural fill or other fill soils and aggregates. Excessively wet soils or aggregates should be scarified, aerated, and moisture conditioned.

5.3 FOUNDATION AND SLAB OBSERVATIONS

Protection of Foundation Excavations: Exposure to the environment may weaken the soils at the footing bearing level if the foundation excavations remain open for too long a time. Therefore, foundation concrete should be placed the same day that excavations are made. If the bearing soils are softened by surface water intrusion or exposure, the softened soils must be removed from the foundation excavation bottom immediately prior to placement of concrete. If the excavation must remain open overnight, or if rainfall becomes imminent while the bearing soils are exposed, a 1 to 3-inch thick "mud mat" of "lean" concrete should be placed on the bearing soils before the placement of reinforcing steel.

Footing Subgrade Observations: A majority of the soils encountered on site at the foundation bearing elevation are anticipated to not be adequate for support of the proposed structure. It is important to have ECS observe the foundation subgrade prior to placing foundation concrete, to confirm the bearing soils are what has been specified.

Slab Subgrade Verification: Prior to placement of a drainage layer, the subgrade should be prepared in accordance with the recommendations found in **Section 5.1.2 Proofrolling**.

5.4 UTILITY INSTALLATIONS

Utility Subgrades: The soils encountered in our exploration are expected to be generally not adequate for support of utility pipes. The pipe subgrades should be observed and probed for stability by ECS. Loose or unsteady materials encountered should be removed and replaced with compacted Structural Fill, or pipe stone bedding material.

Utility Backfilling: The granular bedding material (AASHTO #57 stone) should be 4 inches thick, but not less than that specified by the civil engineer's project drawings and specifications. We recommend that the bedding materials be placed up to the springline of the pipe. Fill placed for support of the utilities, as well as backfill over the utilities, should meet the requirements for Structural Fill and fill placement.

Excavation Safety: Excavations and slopes should be constructed and maintained in accordance with OSHA excavation safety standards. The contractor is solely responsible for designing, constructing, and maintaining stable temporary excavations and slopes. The contractor's Responsible Person, as defined in 29 CFR Part 1926, should evaluate the soil exposed in the excavations as part of the contractor's safety procedures. The slope height, slope inclination, and excavation depth, including utility trench excavation depth, should not exceed those specified in local, state, and federal safety regulations. ECS is providing this information solely as a service to our client. ECS is not assuming responsibility for construction site safety or the contractor's activities; such responsibility is not being implied and should not be inferred.

6.0 CLOSING

ECS has prepared this report to guide the geotechnical-related design and construction aspects of the project. We performed these services in accordance with the standard of care expected of professionals in the industry performing similar services on projects of like size and complexity at this time in the region. No other representation, expressed or implied, and no warranty or guarantee is included or intended in this report.

The description of the proposed project is based on information provided to ECS by Mr. Allen Vann of Pender County and Mr. Bryan Payne with Moseley Architects. If this information is untrue or changes, either because of our interpretation of the documents provided or site or design changes that may occur later, ECS should be contacted so we can review our recommendations and provide additional or alternate recommendations that reflect the proposed construction.

We recommend that ECS review the project plans and specifications so we can confirm that those plans/specifications are in accordance with the recommendations of this geotechnical report.

Field observations and quality assurance testing during earthwork and foundation installation are an extension of, and integral to, the geotechnical design. We recommend that ECS be retained to apply our expertise throughout the geotechnical phases of construction, and to provide consultation and recommendation should issues arise.

ECS is not responsible for the conclusions, opinions, or recommendations of others based on the data in this report.

APPENDIX A – Diagrams & Reports

Site Location Diagram
Exploration Location Diagram

SITE LOCATION DIAGRAM
PENDER COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT

OLD SAVANNAH ROAD, BURGAW, NC

PENDER COUNTY

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SCALE	AS NOTED
PROJECT NO.	22:31544
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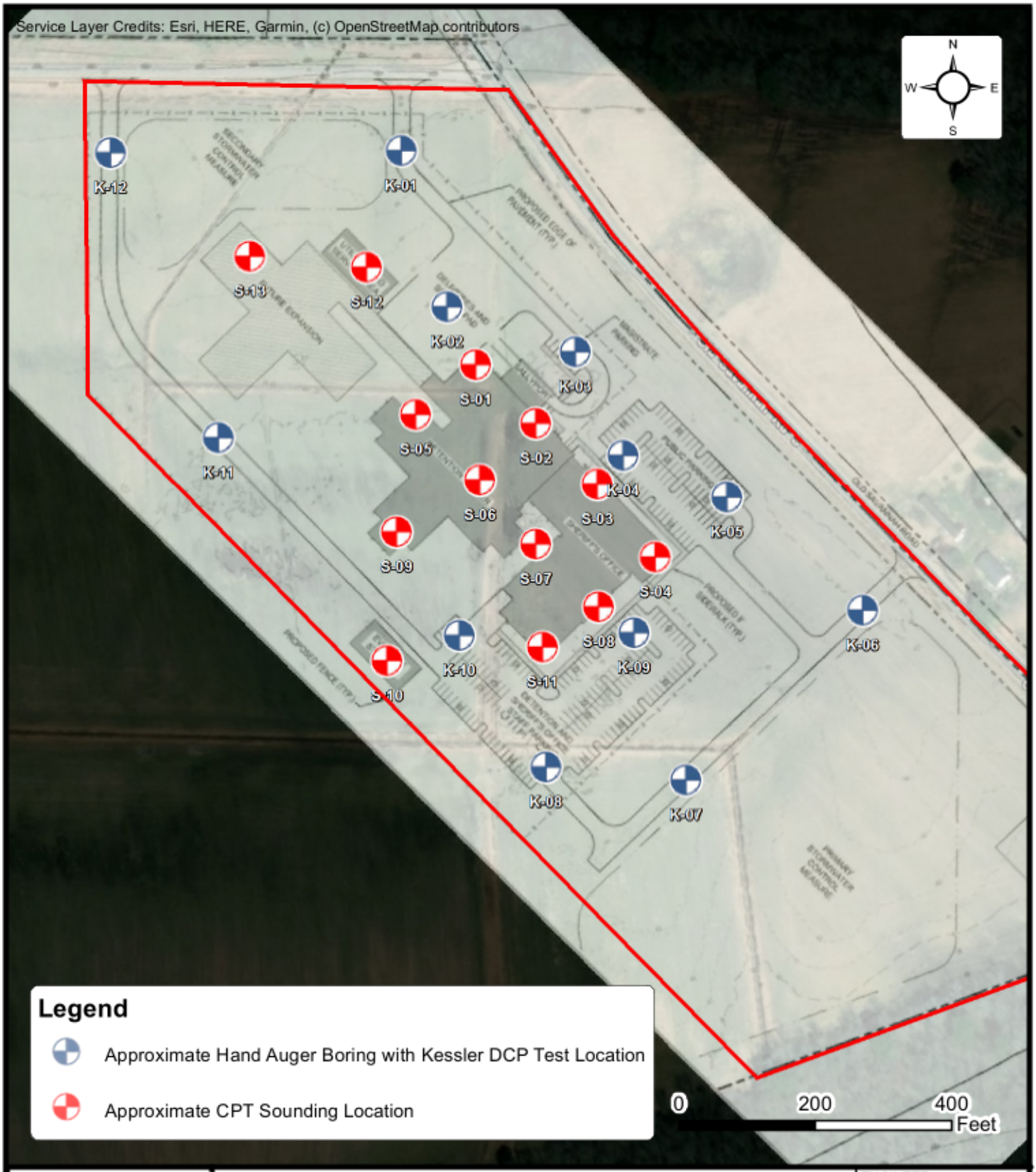
DATE	5/23/2022



BORING LOCATION DIAGRAM
PENDER COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT

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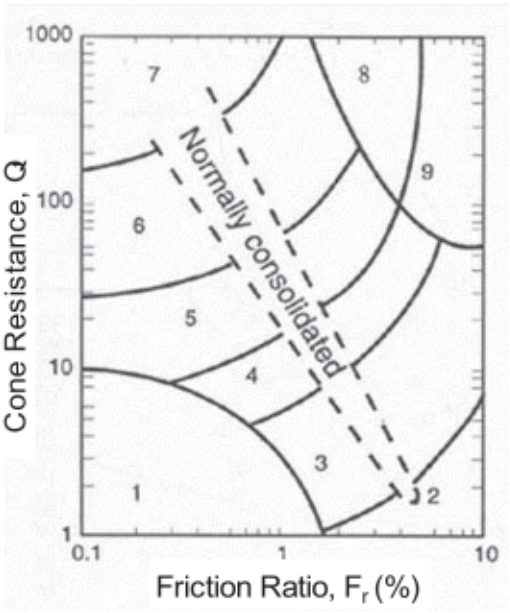
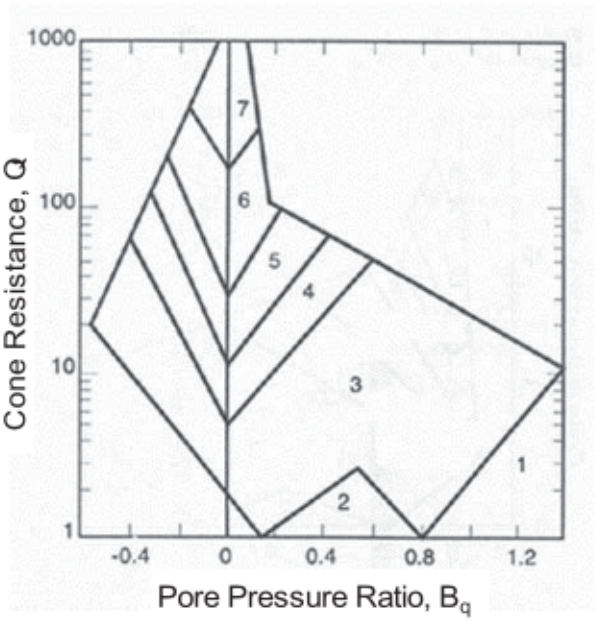
APPENDIX B – Field Operations

Reference Notes for CPT Sounding Logs
Cone Penetration Test Sounding Logs (S-1 through S-13)
Reference Notes for Boring Logs
Hand Auger Boring Logs (K-1 through K-12)
Kessler DCP Test Data (K-1 through K-12)

REFERENCE NOTES FOR CONE PENETRATION TEST (CPT) SOUNDINGS

In the CPT sounding procedure (ASTM-D-5778), an electronically instrumented cone penetrometer is hydraulically advanced through soil to measure point resistance (q_c), pore water pressure (u_2), and sleeve friction (f_s). These values are recorded continuously as the cone is pushed to the desired depth. CPT data is corrected for depth and used to estimate soil classifications and intrinsic soil parameters such as angle of internal friction, preconsolidation pressure, and undrained shear strength. The graphs below represent one of the accepted methods of CPT soil behavior classification (Robertson, 1990).





1. Sensitive, Fine Grained
2. Organic Soils-Peats
3. Clays; Clay to Silty Clay
4. Clayey Silt to Silty Clay
5. Silty Sand to Sandy Silt
6. Clean Sands to Silty Sands
7. Gravelly Sand to Sand
8. Very Stiff Sand to Clayey Sand
9. Very Stiff Fine Grained

The following table presents a correlation of corrected cone tip resistance (q_t) to soil consistency or relative density:

SAND		SILT/CLAY	
Corrected Cone Tip Resistance (q_t) (tsf)	**Relative Density**	**Corrected Cone Tip Resistance (q_t) (tsf)**	**Relative Density**
<20	Very Loose	<5	Very Soft
20-40	Loose	5-10	Soft
40-120	Medium Dense	10-15	Firm
		15-30	Stiff
120-200	Dense	30-45	Very Stiff
>200	Very Dense	45-60	Hard
		>60	Very Hard

SUBSURFACE EXPLORATION PROCEDURE: CONE PENETRATION TESTING (CPT) ASTM D 5778

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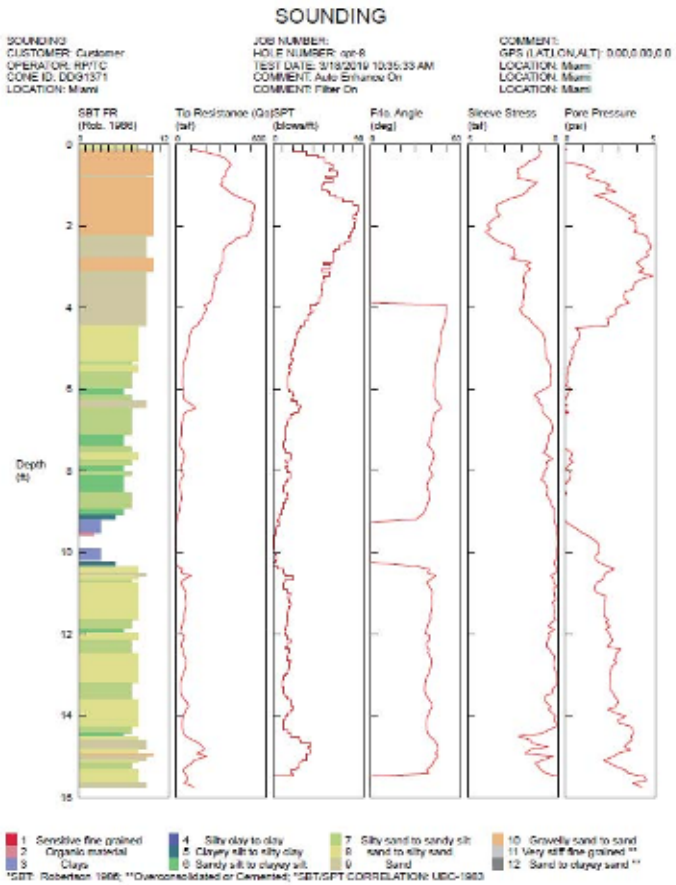

CPT Procedure:

- Involves the direct push of an electronically instrumented cone penetrometer* through the soil
- Values are recorded continuously
- CPT data is corrected and correlated to soil parameters

**CPT Penetrometer Size May Vary*

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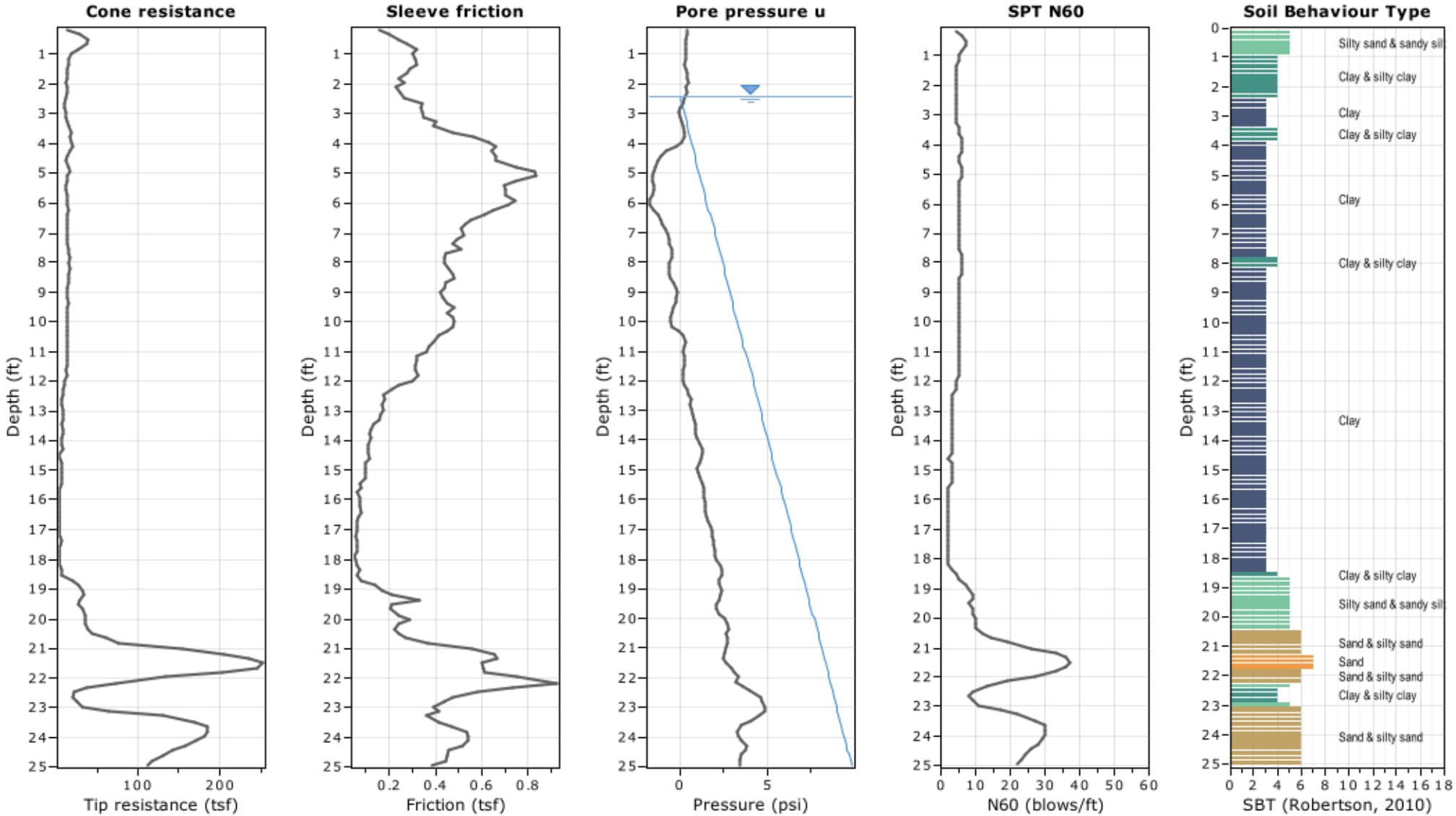
CPT: S-1

Project: **Pender County Law Enforcement Center**
Location: **Burgaw, Pender County, North Carolina**

Total depth: 24.93 ft, Date: 4/6/2022
Cone Operator: Cory Robison



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CPT: S-2

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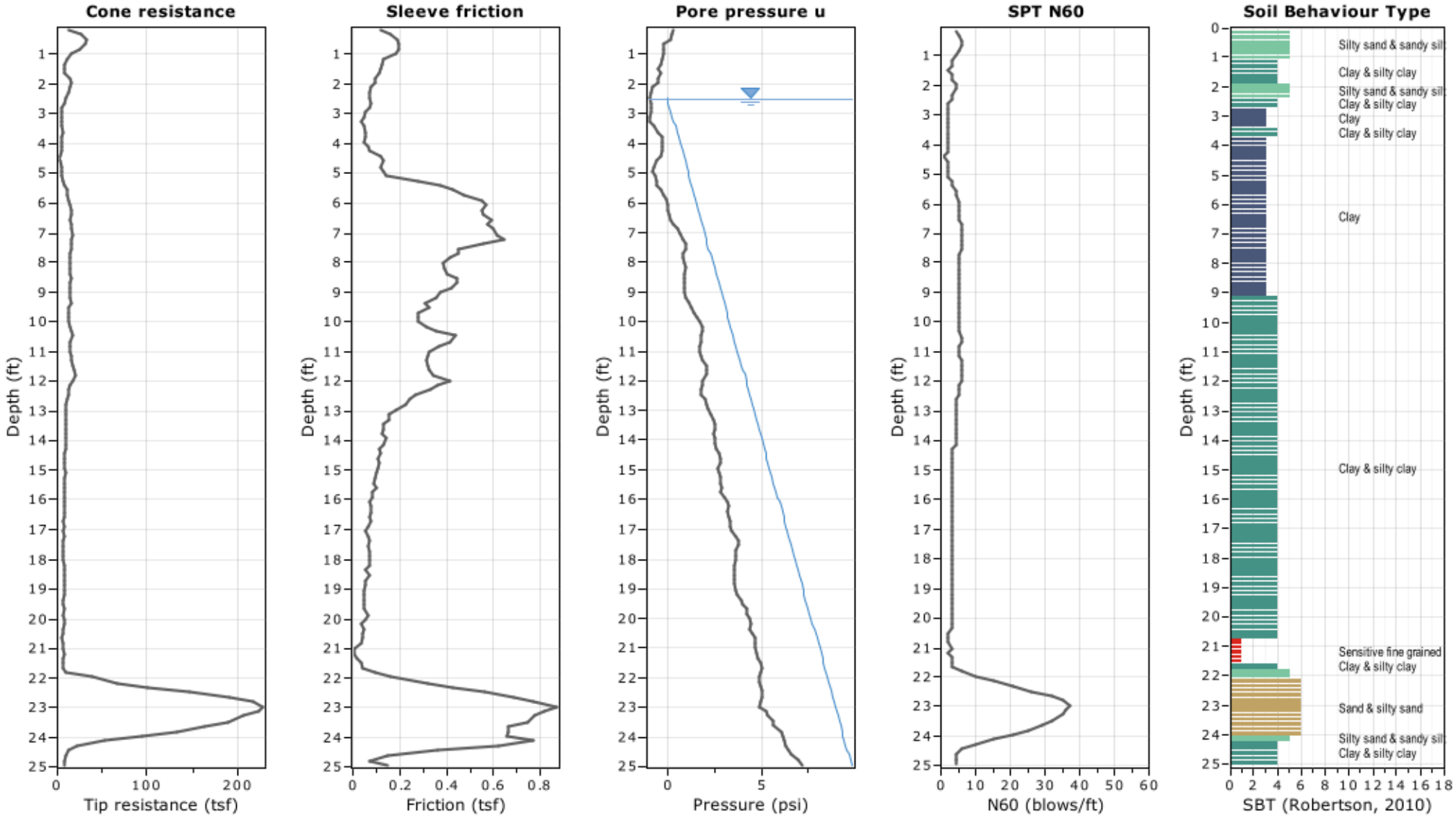

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CPT: S-3
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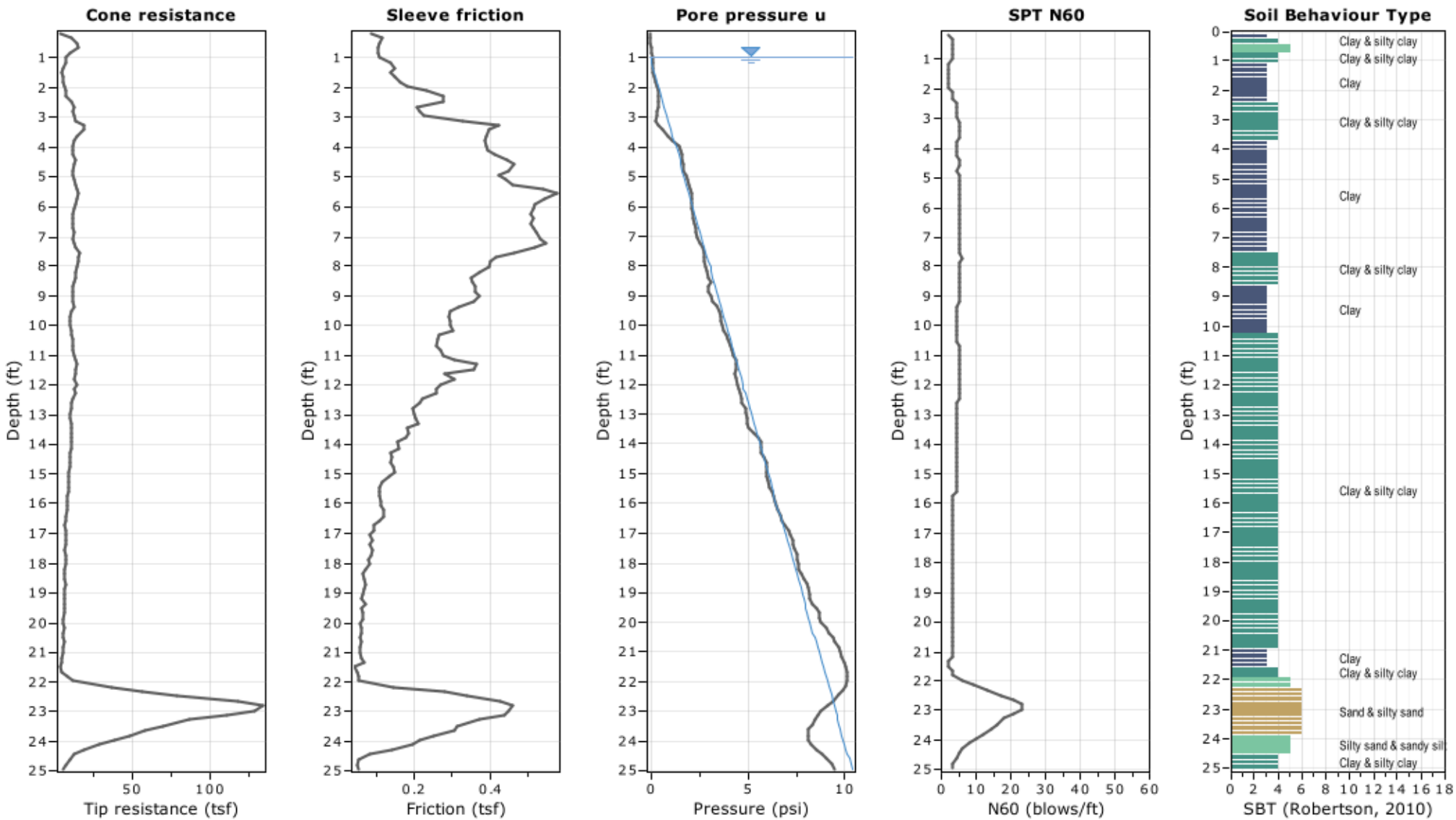
Location: **Burgaw, Pender County, North Carolina**



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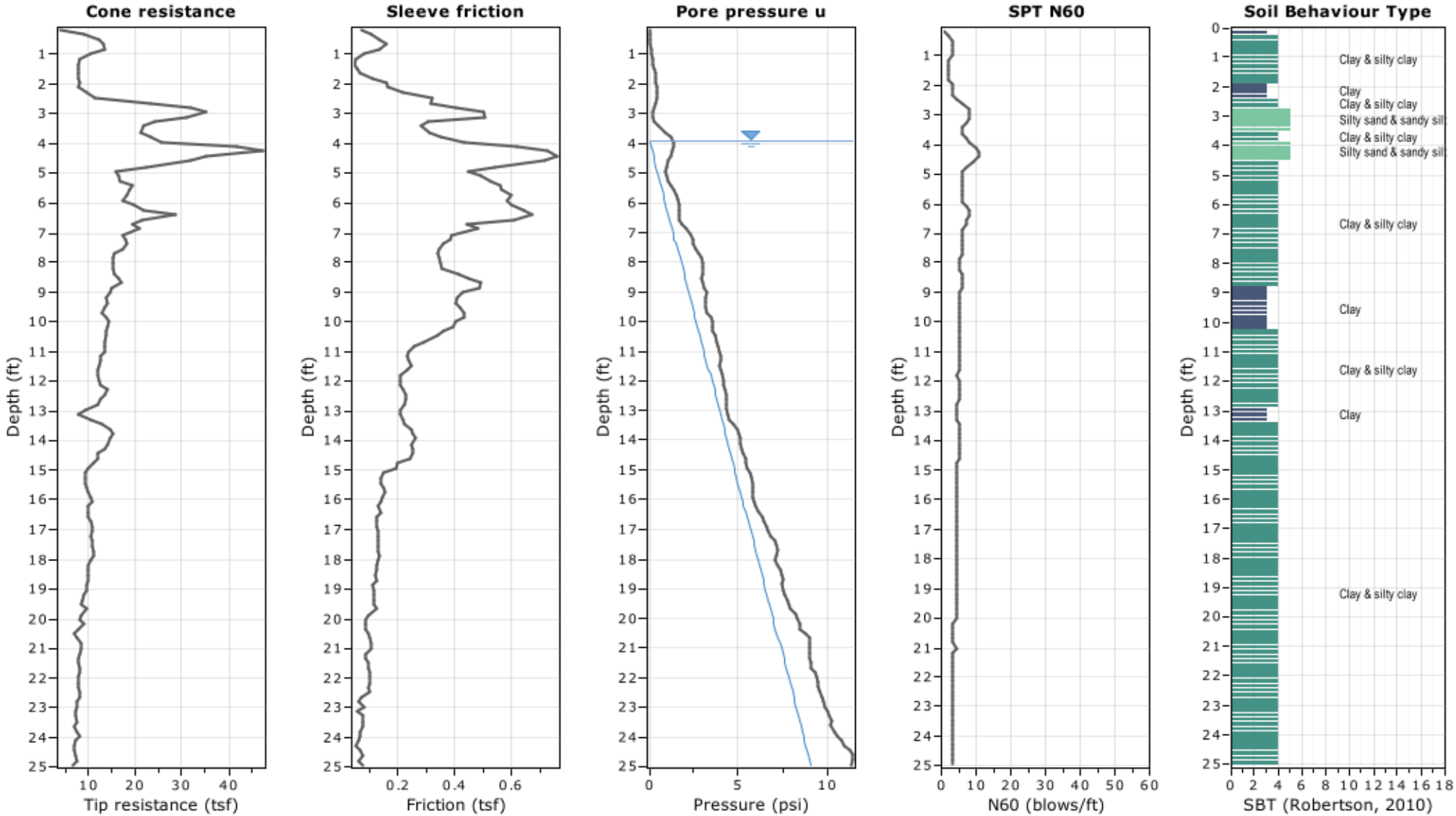
Project: **Pender County Law Enforcement Center**
Location: **Burgaw, Pender County, North Carolina**

CPT: S-4
Total depth: 24.93 ft, Date: 4/6/2022
Cone Operator: Cory Robison



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CPT: S-5

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Location: **Burgaw, Pender County, North Carolina**

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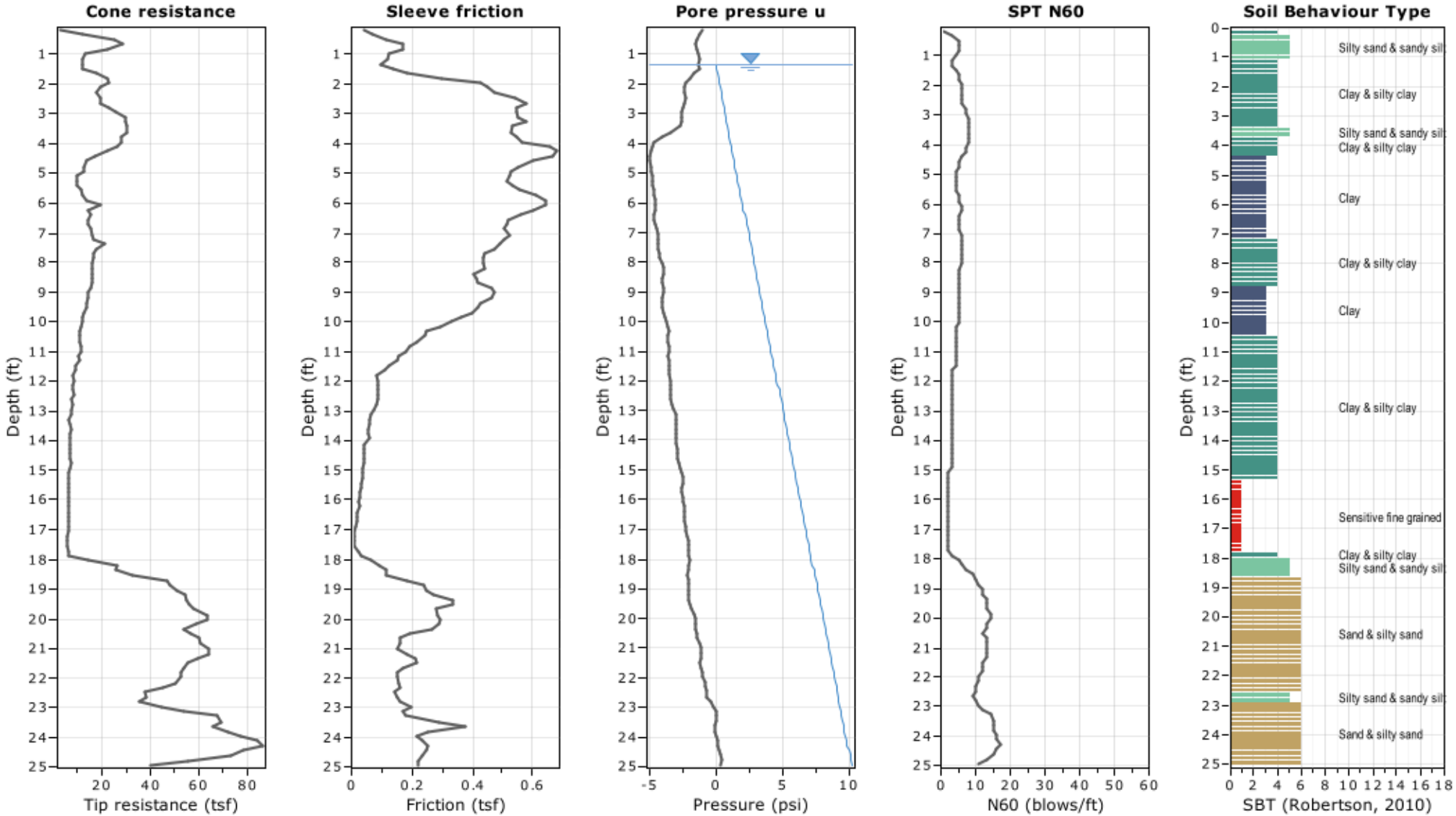

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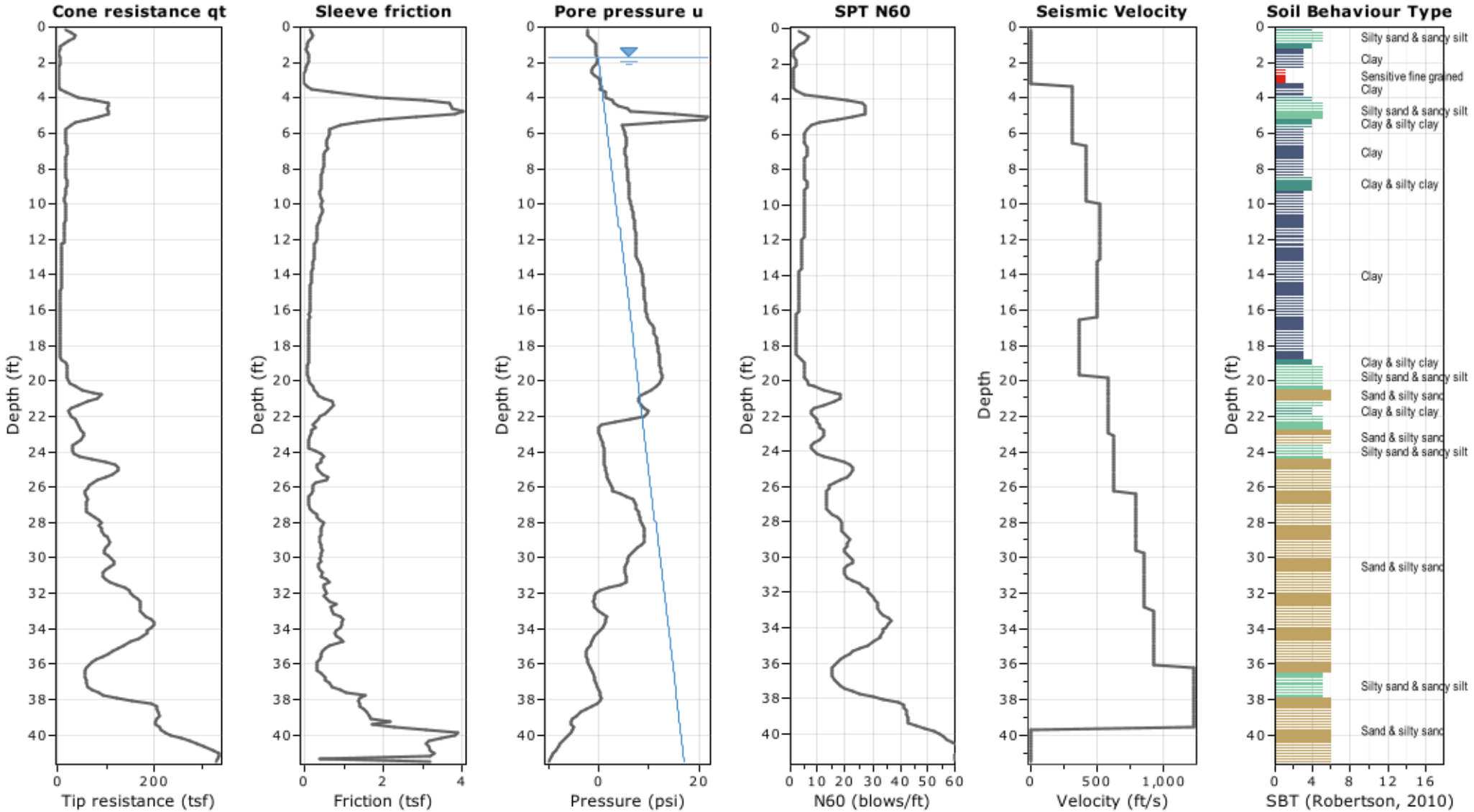
Project: **Pender County Law Enforcement Center**
Location: **Burgaw, Pender County, North Carolina**

CPT: S-6
Total depth: 41.50 ft, Date: 4/6/2022
Cone Operator: Cory Robison



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CPT: S-7

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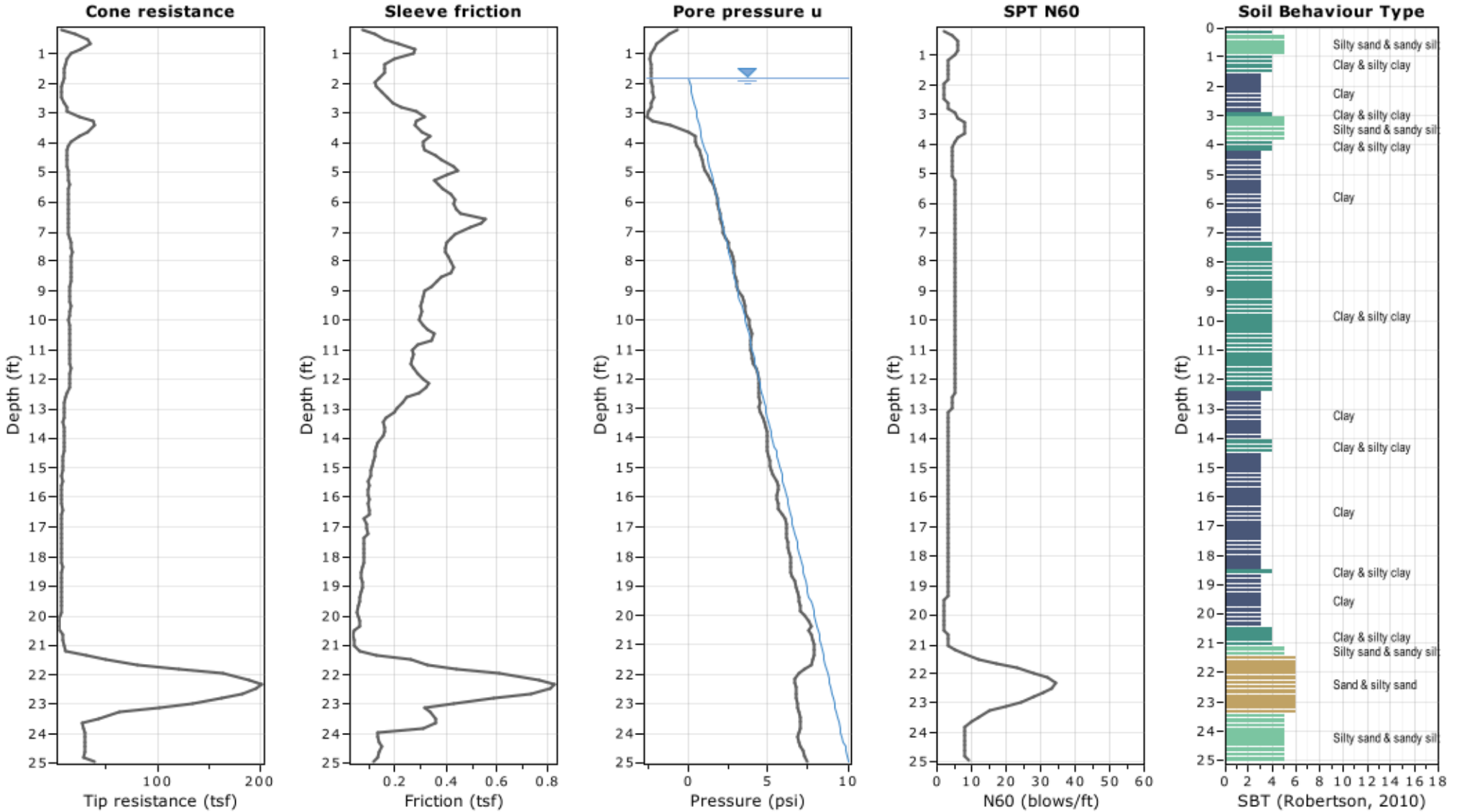

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CPT: S-8
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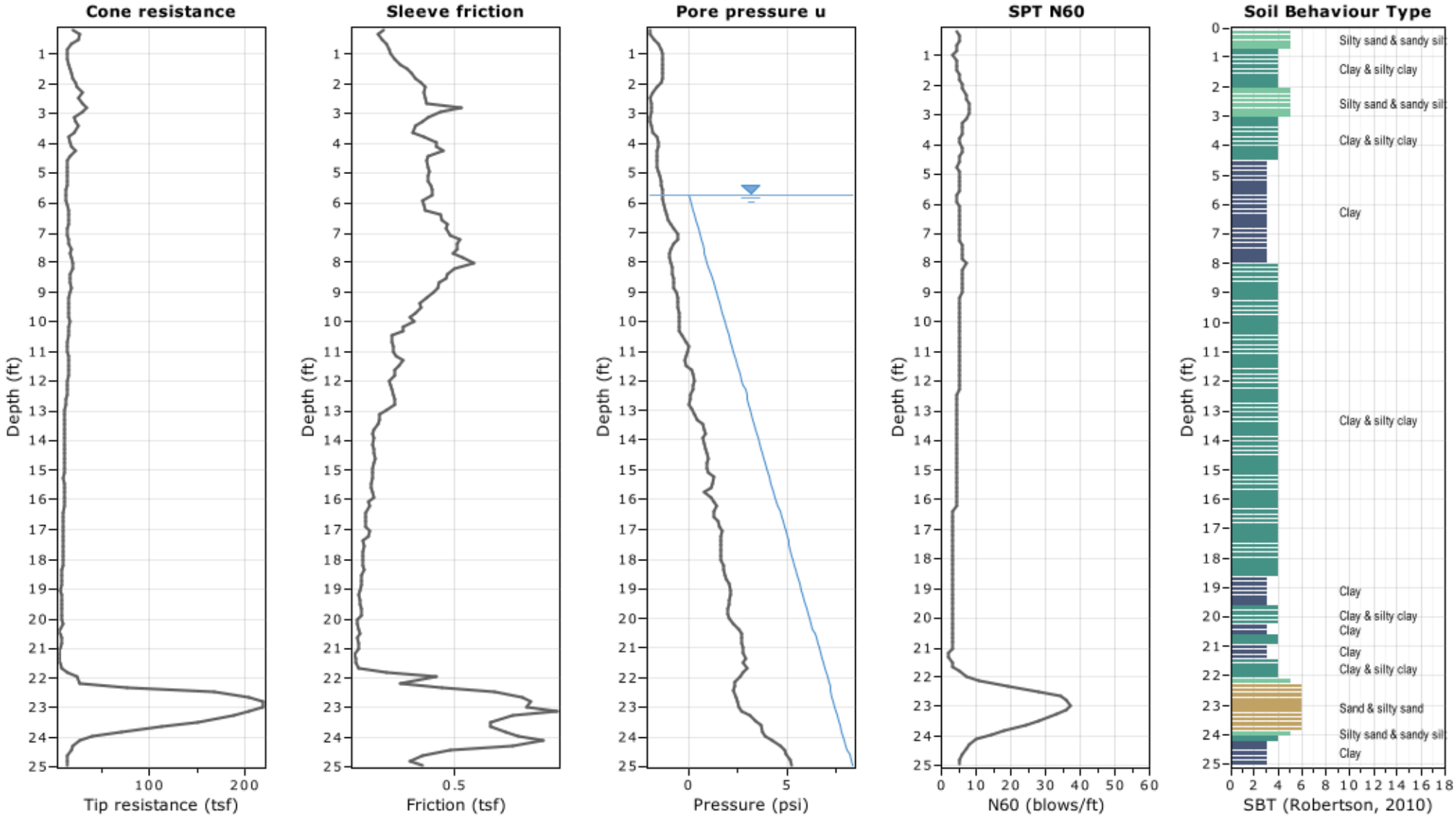
Project: **Pender County Law Enforcement Center**
Location: **Burgaw, Pender County, North Carolina**



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CPT: S-9

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Location: **Burgaw, Pender County, North Carolina**

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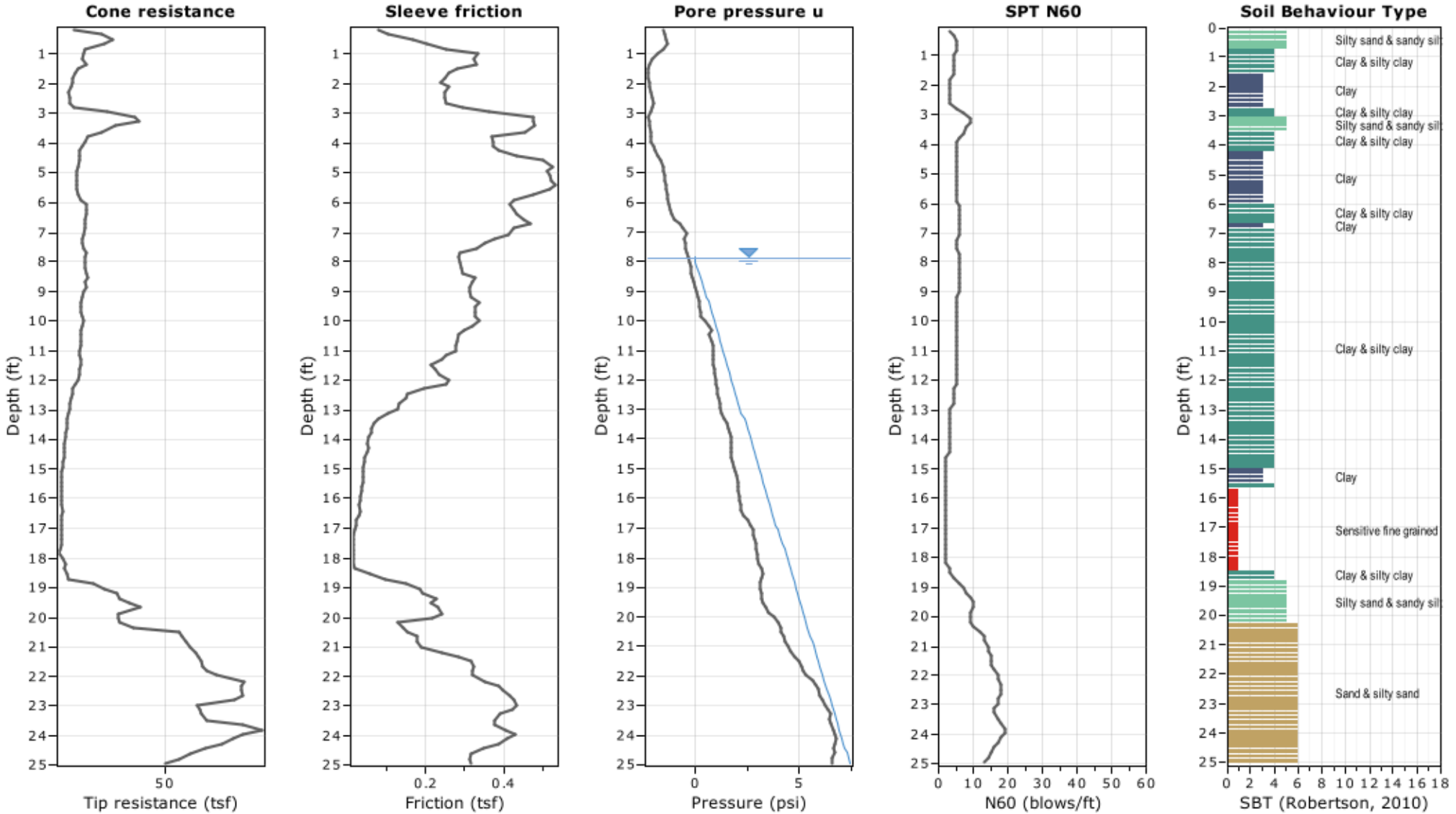

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CPT: S-10

Project: **Pender County Law Enforcement Center**
Location: **Burgaw, Pender County, North Carolina**

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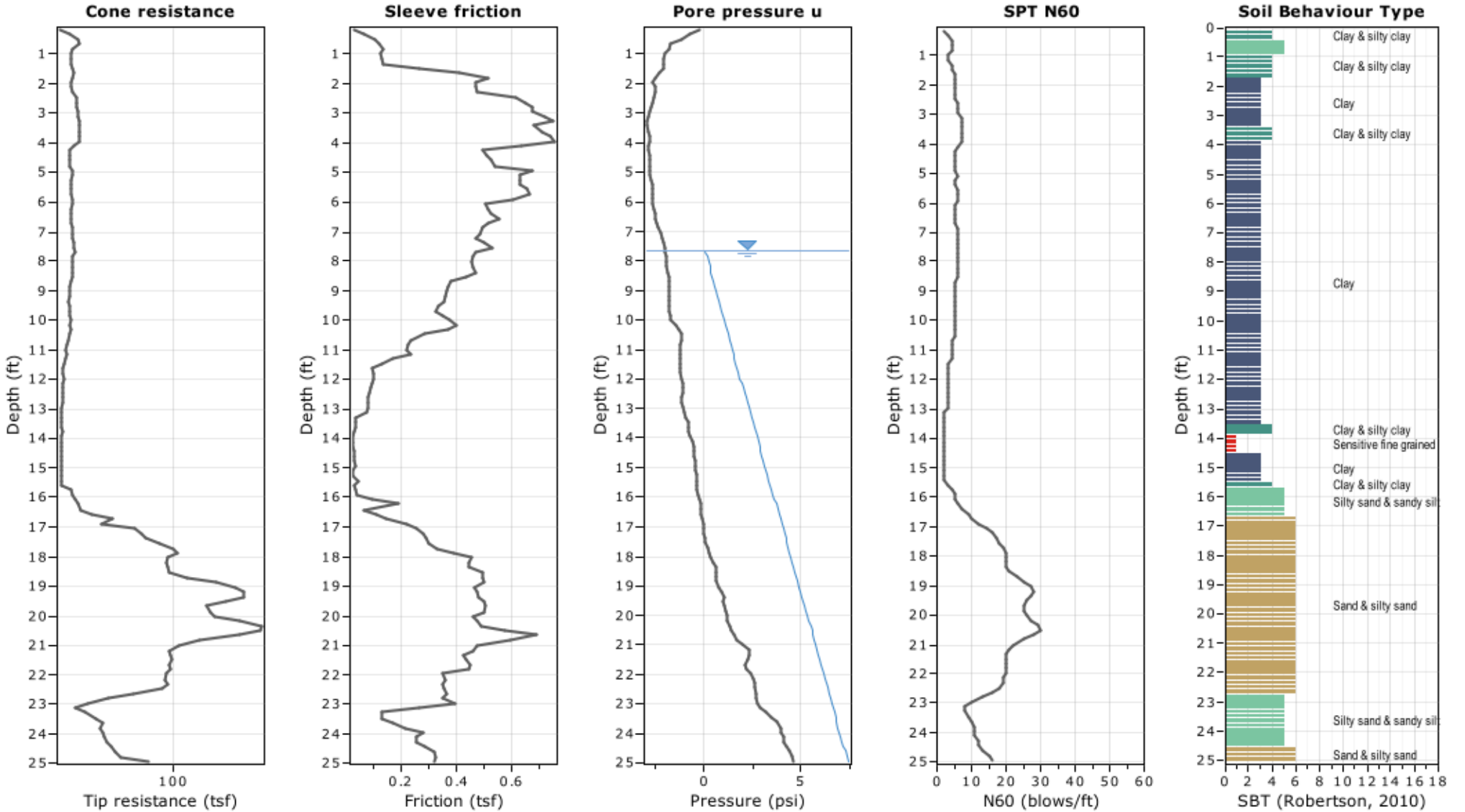

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CPT: S-11

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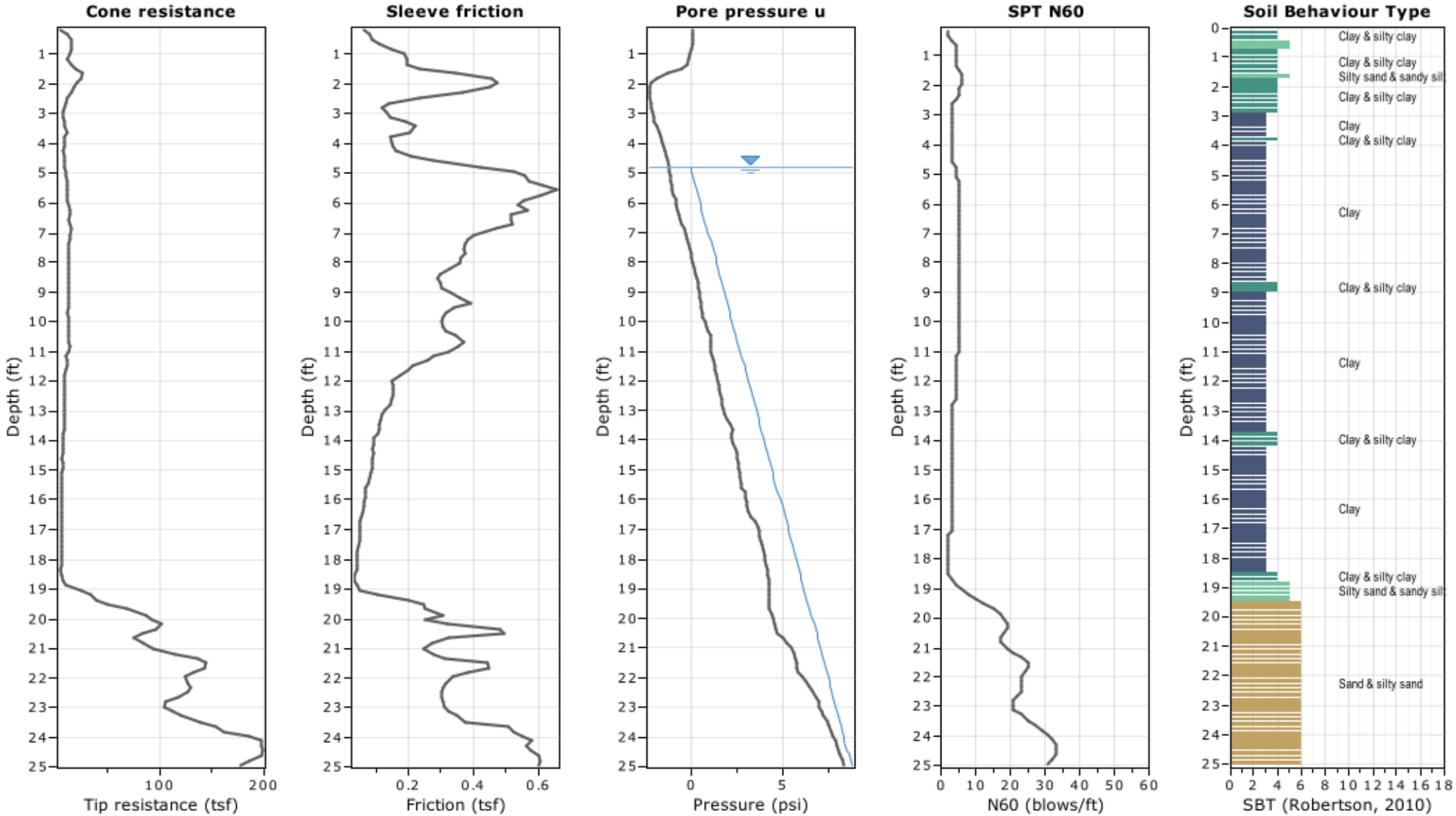
Cone Operator: Cory Robison



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CPT: S-12
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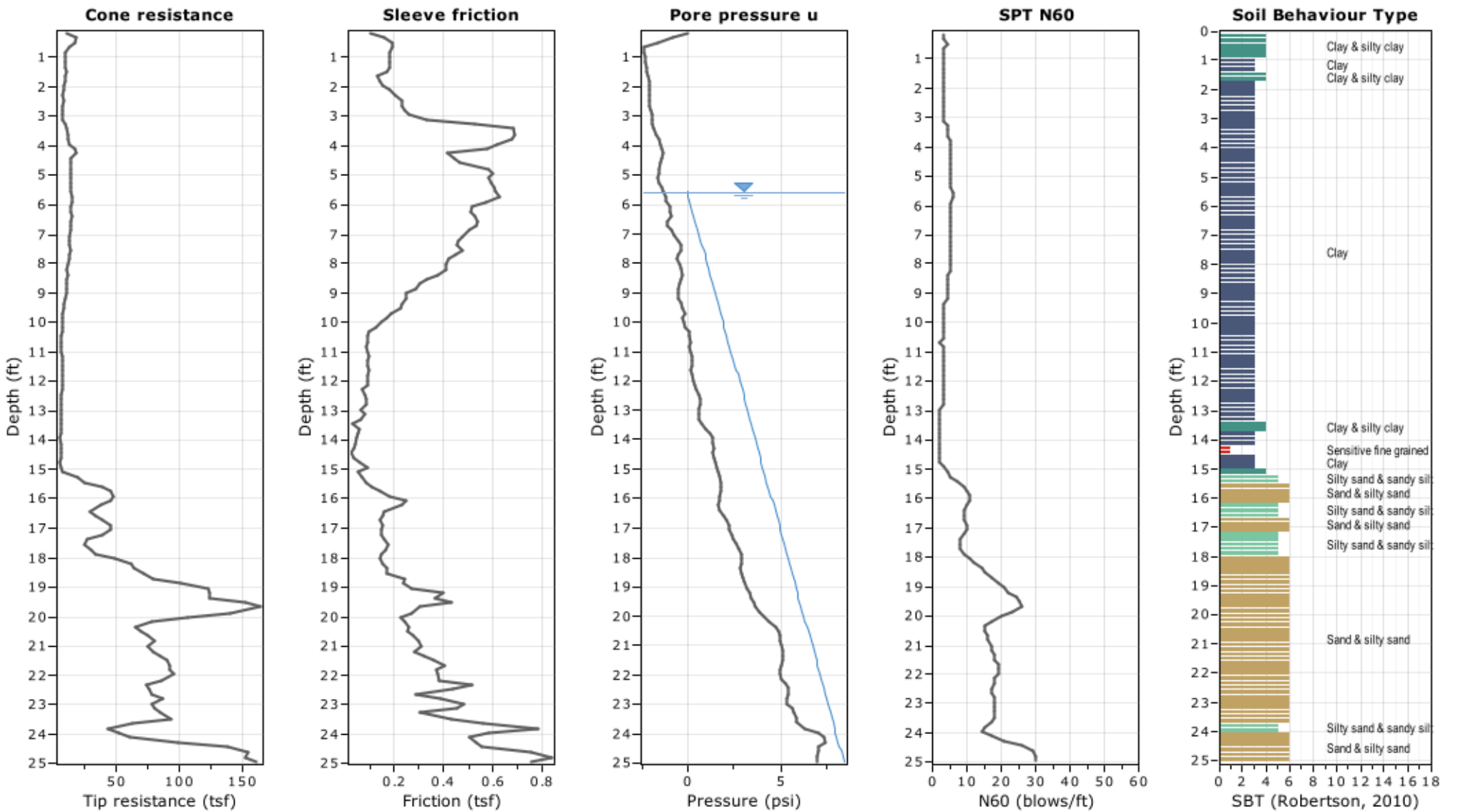
Project: **Pender County Law Enforcement Center**
Location: **Burgaw, Pender County, North Carolina**



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Project: **Pender County Law Enforcement Center**
Location: **Burgaw, Pender County, North Carolina**

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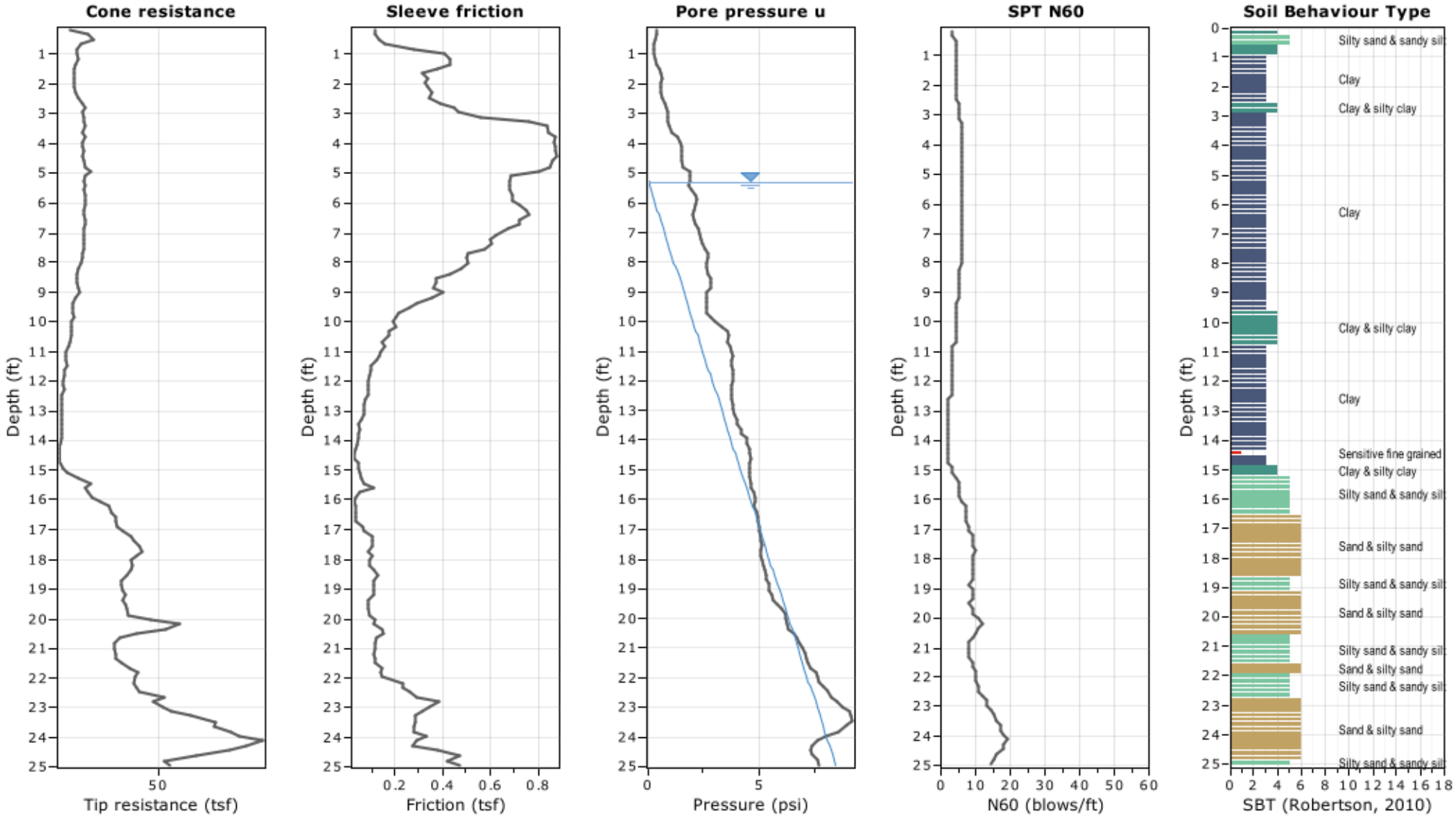

REFERENCE NOTES FOR BORING LOGS

MATERIAL[1,2]

	ASPHALT
	CONCRETE
	GRAVEL
	TOPSOIL
	VOID
	BRICK
	AGGREGATE BASE COURSE
GW	WELL-GRADED GRAVEL gravel-sand mixtures, little or no fines
GP	POORLY-GRADED GRAVEL gravel-sand mixtures, little or no fines
GM	SILTY GRAVEL gravel-sand-silt mixtures
GC	CLAYEY GRAVEL gravel-sand-clay mixtures
SW	WELL-GRADED SAND gravelly sand, little or no fines
SP	POORLY-GRADED SAND gravelly sand, little or no fines
SM	SILTY SAND sand-silt mixtures
SC	CLAYEY SAND sand-clay mixtures
ML	SILT non-plastic to medium plasticity
MH	ELASTIC SILT high plasticity
CL	LEAN CLAY low to medium plasticity
CH	FAT CLAY high plasticity
OL	ORGANIC SILT or CLAY non-plastic to low plasticity
OH	ORGANIC SILT or CLAY high plasticity
PT	PEAT highly organic soils

DRILLING SAMPLING SYMBOLS & ABBREVIATIONS

SS	Split Spoon Sampler	PM	Pressuremeter Test
ST	Shelby Tube Sampler	RD	Rock Bit Drilling
WS	Wash Sample	RC	Rock Core, NX, BX, AX
BS	Bulk Sample of Cuttings	REC	Rock Sample Recovery %
PA	Power Auger (no sample)	RQD	Rock Quality Designation %
HSA	Hollow Stem Auger		

PARTICLE SIZE IDENTIFICATION

DESIGNATION		PARTICLE SIZES
Boulders		12 inches (300 mm) or larger
Cobbles		3 inches to 12 inches (75 mm to 300 mm)
Gravel:	Coarse	¾ inch to 3 inches (19 mm to 75 mm)
	Fine	4.75 mm to 19 mm (No. 4 sieve to ¾ inch)
Sand:	Coarse	2.00 mm to 4.75 mm (No. 10 to No. 4 sieve)
	Medium	0.425 mm to 2.00 mm (No. 40 to No. 10 sieve)
	Fine	0.074 mm to 0.425 mm (No. 200 to No. 40 sieve)
Silt & Clay ("Fines")		<0.074 mm (smaller than a No. 200 sieve)

COHESIVE SILTS & CLAYS

UNCONFINED COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH, Q_P[4]	SPT[5] (BPF)	CONSISTENCY[7] (COHESIVE)
<0.25	<2	Very Soft
0.25 - <0.50	2 - 4	Soft
0.50 - <1.00	5 - 8	Firm
1.00 - <2.00	9 - 15	Stiff
2.00 - <4.00	16 - 30	Very Stiff
4.00 - 8.00	31 - 50	Hard
>8.00	>50	Very Hard

GRAVELS, SANDS & NON-COHESIVE SILTS

SPT[5]	DENSITY
<5	Very Loose
5 - 10	Loose
11 - 30	Medium Dense
31 - 50	Dense
>50	Very Dense

RELATIVE AMOUNT[7]	COARSE GRAINED (%)[8]	FINE GRAINED (%)[8]
Trace	≤5	≤5
With	10 - 20	10 - 25
Adjective *(ex: "Silty")*	25 - 45	30 - 45

WATER LEVELS[6]

- WL (First Encountered)
- WL (Completion)
- WL (Seasonal High Water)
- WL (Stabilized)

FILL AND ROCK

FILL | POSSIBLE FILL | PROBABLE FILL | ROCK

[1]Classifications and symbols per ASTM D 2488-17 (Visual-Manual Procedure) unless noted otherwise.

[2]To be consistent with general practice, "POORLY GRADED" has been removed from GP, GP-GM, GP-GC, SP, SP-SM, SP-SC soil types on the boring logs.

[3]Non-ASTM designations are included in soil descriptions and symbols along with ASTM symbol [Ex: (SM-FILL)].

[4]Typically estimated via pocket penetrometer or Torvane shear test and expressed in tons per square foot (tsf).

[5]Standard Penetration Test (SPT) refers to the number of hammer blows (blow count) of a 140 lb. hammer falling 30 inches on a 2 inch OD split spoon sampler required to drive the sampler 12 inches (ASTM D 1586). "N-value" is another term for "blow count" and is expressed in blows per foot (bpf). SPT correlations per 7.4.2 Method B and need to be corrected if using an auto hammer.

[6]The water levels are those levels actually measured in the borehole at the times indicated by the symbol. The measurements are relatively reliable when augering, without adding fluids, in granular soils. In clay and cohesive silts, the determination of water levels may require several days for the water level to stabilize. In such cases, additional methods of measurement are generally employed.

[7]Minor deviation from ASTM D 2488-17 Note 14.

[8]Percentages are estimated to the nearest 5% per ASTM D 2488-17.

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PROJECT NAME:	HAND AUGER NO.:	SURFACE ELEVATION:
Pender County Law Enforcement Center	**K-01**	
SITE LOCATION:		STATION:
Old Savannah Road, Burgaw, North Carolina 28425		
NORTHING:	EASTING:	

DEPTH (FT)	WATER LEVELS	ELEVATION (FT)	DESCRIPTION OF MATERIAL	EXCAVATION EFFORT	DCP	SAMPLE NUMBER	FINES CONTENT (%)	MOISTURE CONTENT (%)
			Topsoil Thickness[9.00"]					
			(CL) SANDY LEAN CLAY, gray/ orange/ red, moist					
			END OF HAND AUGER AT 4 FT					
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REMARKS:

THE STRATIFICATION LINES REPRESENT THE APPROXIMATE BOUNDRY LINES BETWEEN SOIL TYPES. IN-SITU THE TRANSITION MAY BE GRADUAL

EXCAVATION EFFORT: E - EASY M - MEDIUM D - DIFFICULT VD - VERY DIFFICULT

▽ WL (First Encountered)	▼ WL (Seasonal High)	ECS REP:	DATE COMPLETED:	UNITS:	CAVE-IN-DEPTH:
▼ WL (Completion)			**Apr 05 2022**	**English**	

HAND AUGER LOG

DCP TEST DATA

Project: *Pender County Law Enforcement Center* **Date:** 5-Apr-22
Location: K-1 **Soil Type(s):** CLAY (CL)

Hammer
- ○ 10.1 lbs.
- ● 17.6 lbs.
- ○ Both hammers used

Soil Type
- ○ CH
- ○ CL
- ● All other soils

No. of Blows	Accumulative Penetration (mm)	Type of Hammer
0	0	1
5	43.18	1
5	223.52	1
5	525.78	1
5	708.66	1
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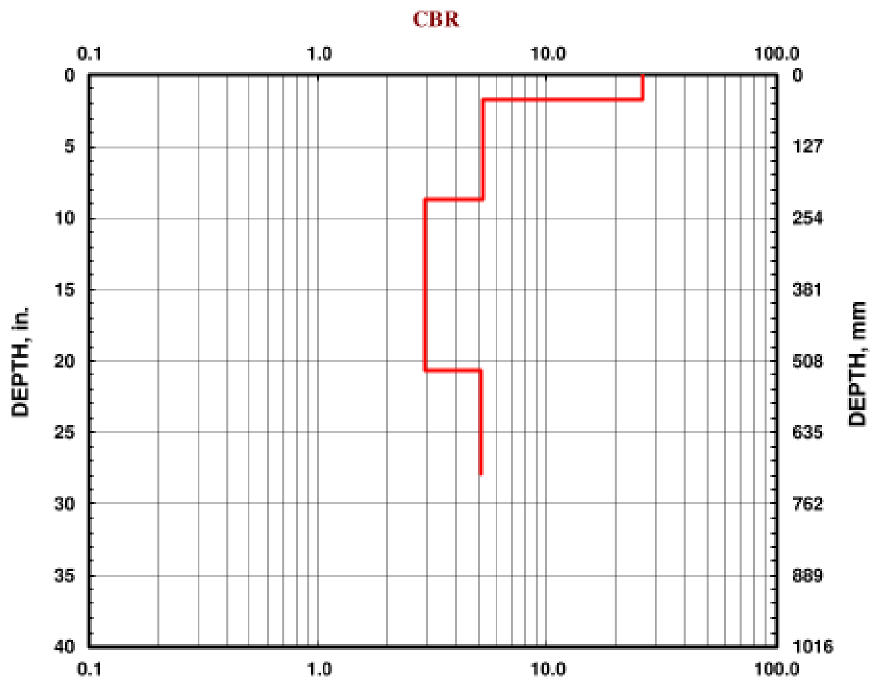

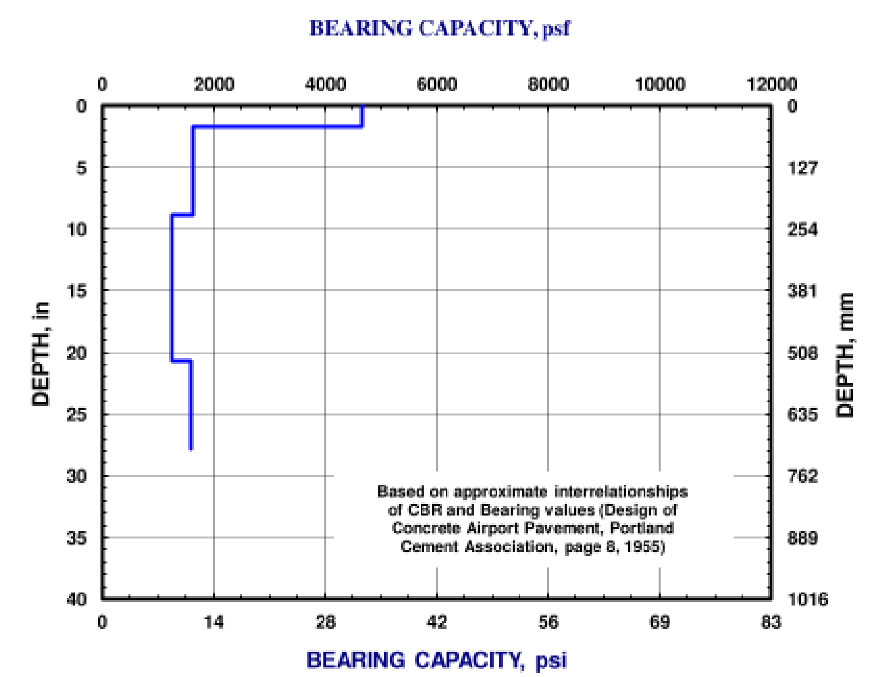

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Pender County Law Enforcement Center	**K-02**	
SITE LOCATION:		STATION:
Old Savannah Road, Burgaw, North Carolina 28425		
NORTHING:	EASTING:	

DEPTH (FT)	WATER LEVELS	ELEVATION (FT)	DESCRIPTION OF MATERIAL	EXCAVATION EFFORT	DCP	SAMPLE NUMBER	FINES CONTENT (%)	MOISTURE CONTENT (%)
			Topsoil Thickness[8.00"]					
			(CL) SANDY LEAN CLAY, tan to gray/ orange, moist					
			END OF HAND AUGER AT 4 FT					
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▼ WL (Completion)			**Apr 05 2022**	**English**	

HAND AUGER LOG

DCP TEST DATA

Project: *Pender County Law Enforcement Center* **Date:** 5-Apr-22
Location: K-2 **Soil Type(s):** CLAY (CL)

Hammer
- ○ 10.1 lbs.
- ● 17.6 lbs.
- ○ Both hammers used

Soil Type
- ○ CH
- ○ CL
- ● All other soils

No. of Blows	Accumulative Penetration (mm)	Type of Hammer
0	0	1
5	358.14	1
5	510.54	1
5	619.76	1
5	708.66	1
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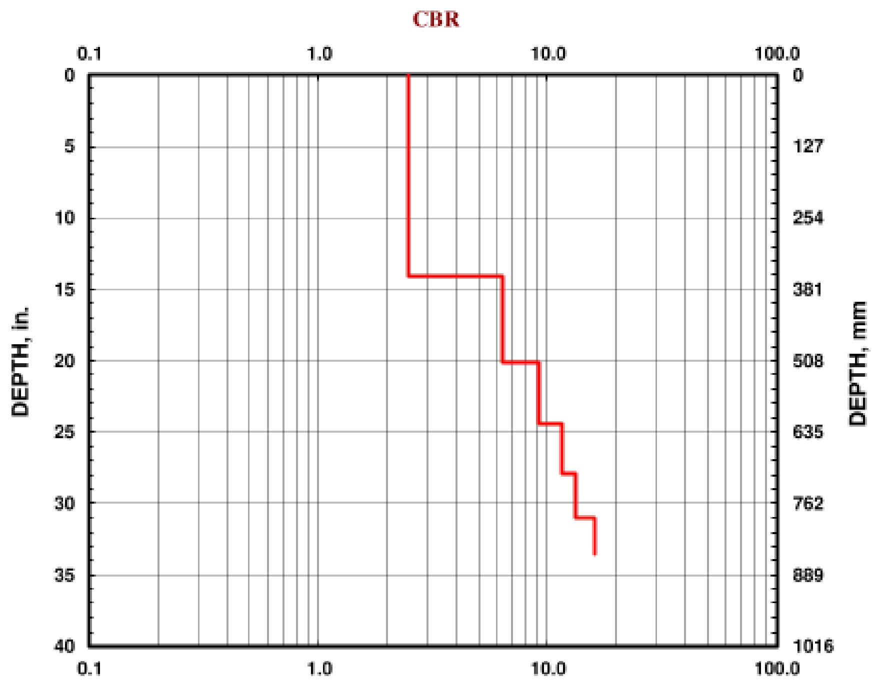

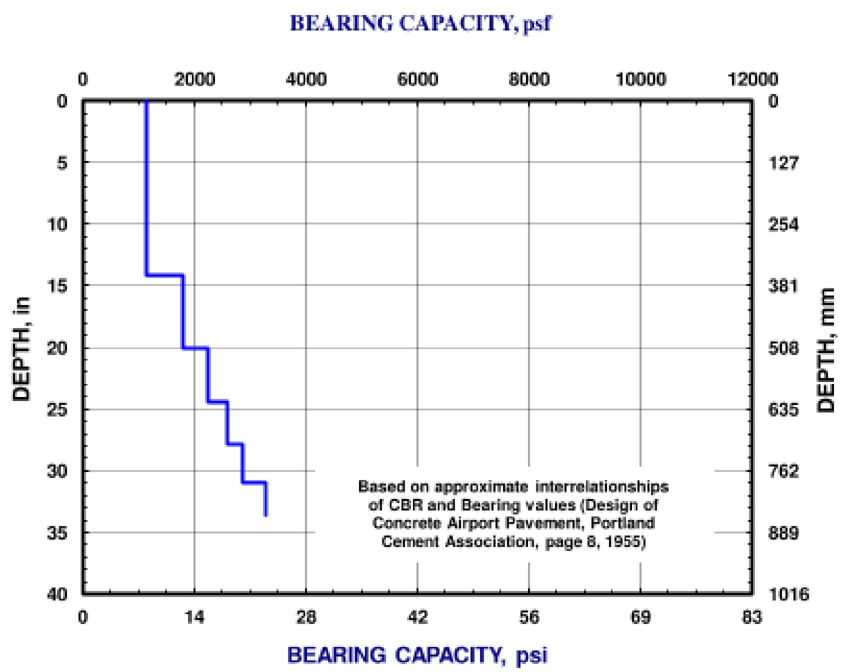

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PROJECT NAME:	HAND AUGER NO.:	SURFACE ELEVATION:
Pender County Law Enforcement Center	**K-03**	
SITE LOCATION:		STATION:
Old Savannah Road, Burgaw, North Carolina 28425		
NORTHING:	EASTING:	

DEPTH (FT)	WATER LEVELS	ELEVATION (FT)	DESCRIPTION OF MATERIAL	EXCAVATION EFFORT	DCP	SAMPLE NUMBER	FINES CONTENT (%)	MOISTURE CONTENT (%)
			Topsoil Thickness[9.00"]					
			(CL) SANDY LEAN CLAY, tan to gray/ orange, moist					
			END OF HAND AUGER AT 4 FT					
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REMARKS:

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EXCAVATION EFFORT: E - EASY M - MEDIUM D - DIFFICULT VD - VERY DIFFICULT

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HAND AUGER LOG

DCP TEST DATA

Project: *Pender County Law Enforcement Center* **Date:** 5-Apr-22
Location: K-3 **Soil Type(s):** CLAY (CL)

Hammer
- ○ 10.1 lbs.
- ● 17.6 lbs.
- ○ Both hammers used

Soil Type
- ○ CH
- ○ CL
- ● All other soils

No. of Blows	Accumulative Penetration (mm)	Type of Hammer
0	0	1
5	264.16	1
5	497.84	1
5	655.32	1
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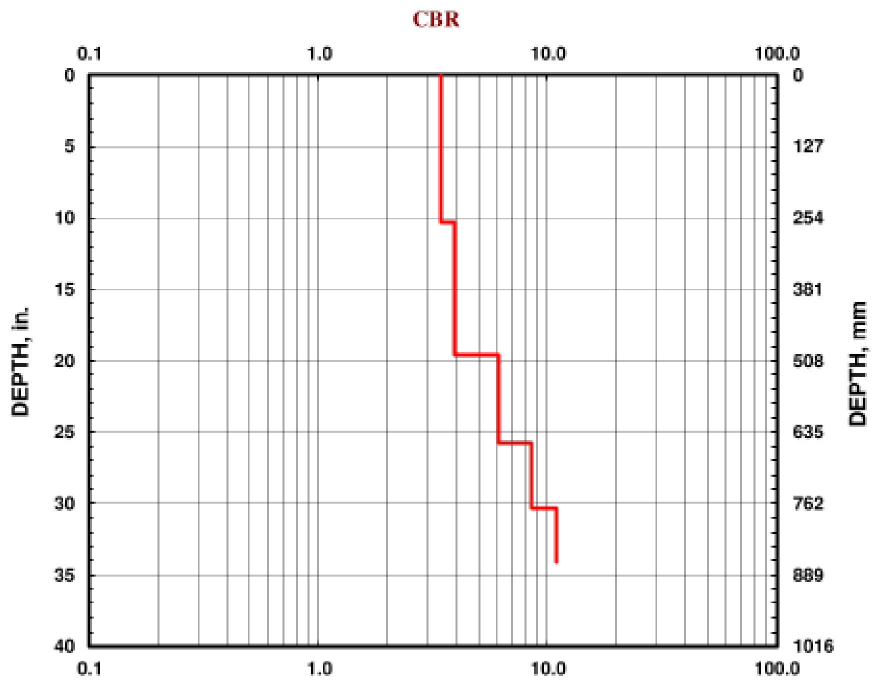

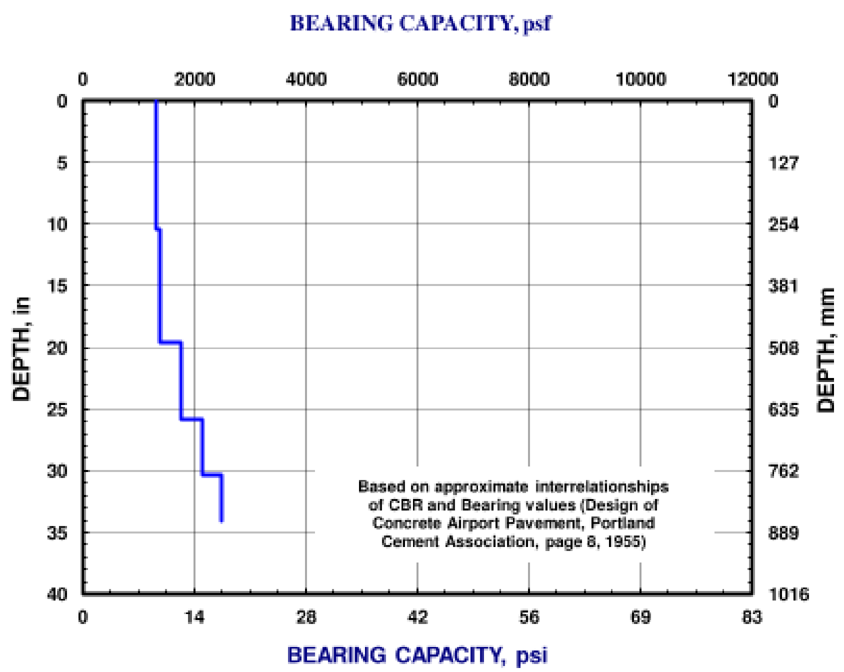

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Pender County Law Enforcement Center	**K-04**	
SITE LOCATION:		STATION:
Old Savannah Road, Burgaw, North Carolina 28425		
NORTHING:	EASTING:	

DEPTH (FT)	WATER LEVELS	ELEVATION (FT)	DESCRIPTION OF MATERIAL	EXCAVATION EFFORT	DCP	SAMPLE NUMBER	FINES CONTENT (%)	MOISTURE CONTENT (%)
			Topsoil Thickness[9.00"]					
	▼		(CL) SANDY LEAN CLAY, tan to gray/ orange, moist to saturated					
5			**END OF HAND AUGER AT 4 FT**					

REMARKS:

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EXCAVATION EFFORT: E - EASY M - MEDIUM D - DIFFICULT VD - VERY DIFFICULT

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▼ WL (Completion) **3.50**			**Apr 05 2022**	**English**	

HAND AUGER LOG

DCP TEST DATA

Project: *Pender County Law Enforcement Center* **Date:** 5-Apr-22
Location: K-4 **Soil Type(s):** CLAY (CL)

Hammer
- ○ 10.1 lbs.
- ● 17.6 lbs.
- ○ Both hammers used

Soil Type
- ○ CH
- ○ CL
- ● All other soils

No. of Blows	Accumulative Penetration (mm)	Type of Hammer
0	0	1
5	215.9	1
5	421.64	1
5	624.84	1
5	739.14	1
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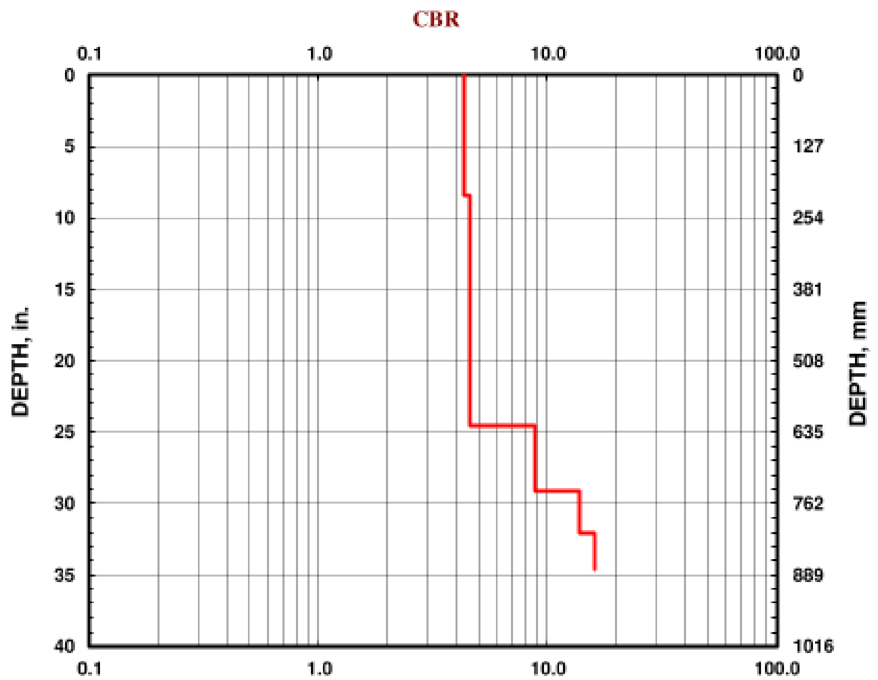

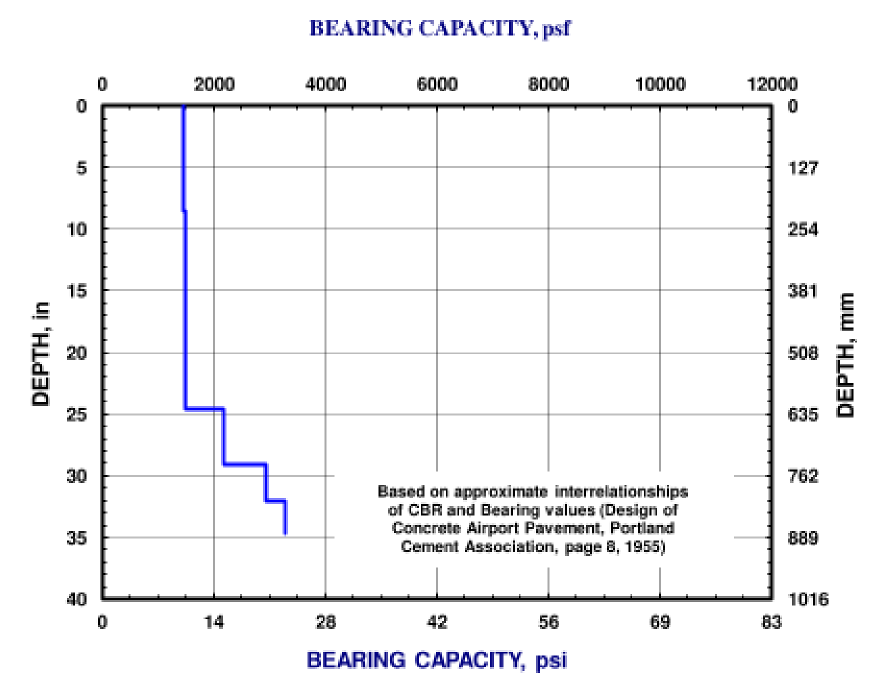

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Pender County Law Enforcement Center	**K-05**	
SITE LOCATION:		STATION:
Old Savannah Road, Burgaw, North Carolina 28425		
NORTHING:	EASTING:	

DEPTH (FT)	WATER LEVELS	ELEVATION (FT)	DESCRIPTION OF MATERIAL	EXCAVATION EFFORT	DCP	SAMPLE NUMBER	FINES CONTENT (%)	MOISTURE CONTENT (%)
			Topsoil Thickness[8.00"]					
			(CL) SANDY LEAN CLAY, tan to gray/ orange, moist			S-1	73	17.2
			(SC) CLAYEY FINE TO MEDIUM SAND, gray/ orange, moist					
			END OF HAND AUGER AT 4 FT					
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REMARKS:

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EXCAVATION EFFORT: E - EASY M - MEDIUM D - DIFFICULT VD - VERY DIFFICULT

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HAND AUGER LOG

DCP TEST DATA

Project: *Pender County Law Enforcement Center* **Date:** 5-Apr-22
Location: K-5 **Soil Type(s):** CLAY (CL)

Hammer
- ○ 10.1 lbs.
- ● 17.6 lbs.
- ○ Both hammers used

Soil Type
- ○ CH
- ○ CL
- ● All other soils

No. of Blows	Accumulative Penetration (mm)	Type of Hammer
0	0	1
5	238.76	1
5	335.28	1
5	477.52	1
5	698.5	1
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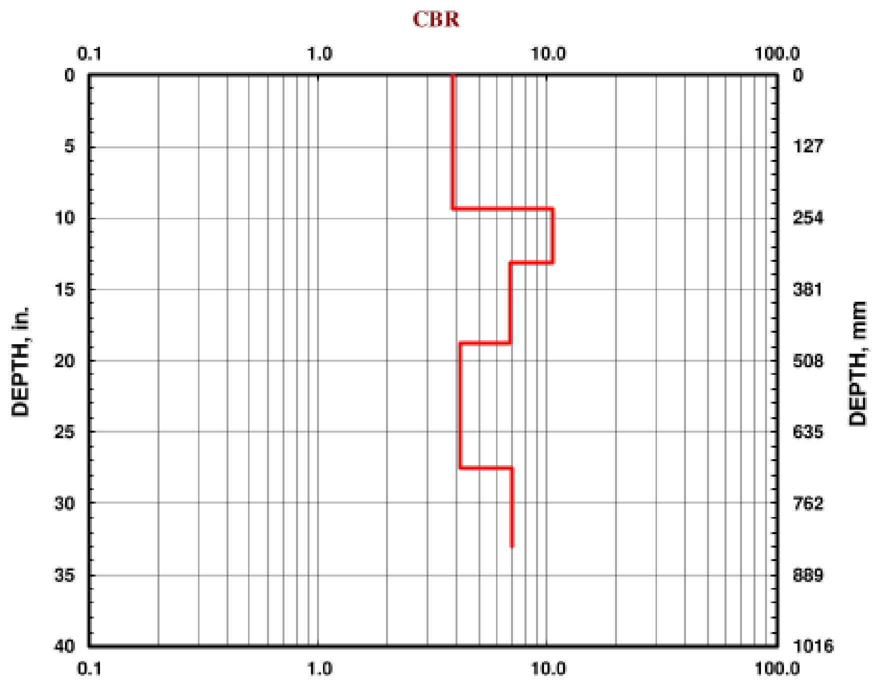

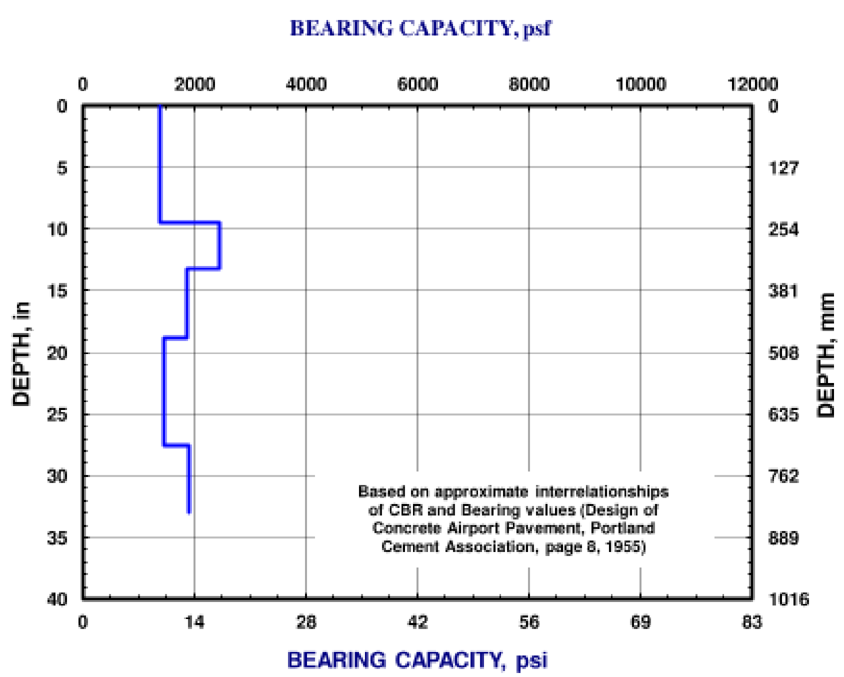

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Pender County Law Enforcement Center	**K-06**	
SITE LOCATION:		STATION:
Old Savannah Road, Burgaw, North Carolina 28425		
NORTHING:	EASTING:	

DEPTH (FT)	WATER LEVELS	ELEVATION (FT)	DESCRIPTION OF MATERIAL	EXCAVATION EFFORT	DCP	SAMPLE NUMBER	FINES CONTENT (%)	MOISTURE CONTENT (%)
			Topsoil Thickness[8.00"]					
			(CL) SANDY LEAN CLAY, tan to gray/ orange, moist					
			(SC) CLAYEY FINE TO MEDIUM SAND, gray/ orange, moist					
			END OF HAND AUGER AT 4 FT					
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REMARKS:

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EXCAVATION EFFORT: E - EASY M - MEDIUM D - DIFFICULT VD - VERY DIFFICULT

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HAND AUGER LOG

DCP TEST DATA

Project: *Pender County Law Enforcement Center*
Date: 5-Apr-22
Location: K-6
Soil Type(s): CLAY/SAND (CL, SC)

Hammer
- ○ 10.1 lbs.
- ● 17.6 lbs.
- ○ Both hammers used

Soil Type
- ○ CH
- ○ CL
- ● All other soils

No. of Blows	Accumulative Penetration (mm)	Type of Hammer
0	0	1
5	238.76	1
5	492.76	1
5	650.24	1
5	764.54	1
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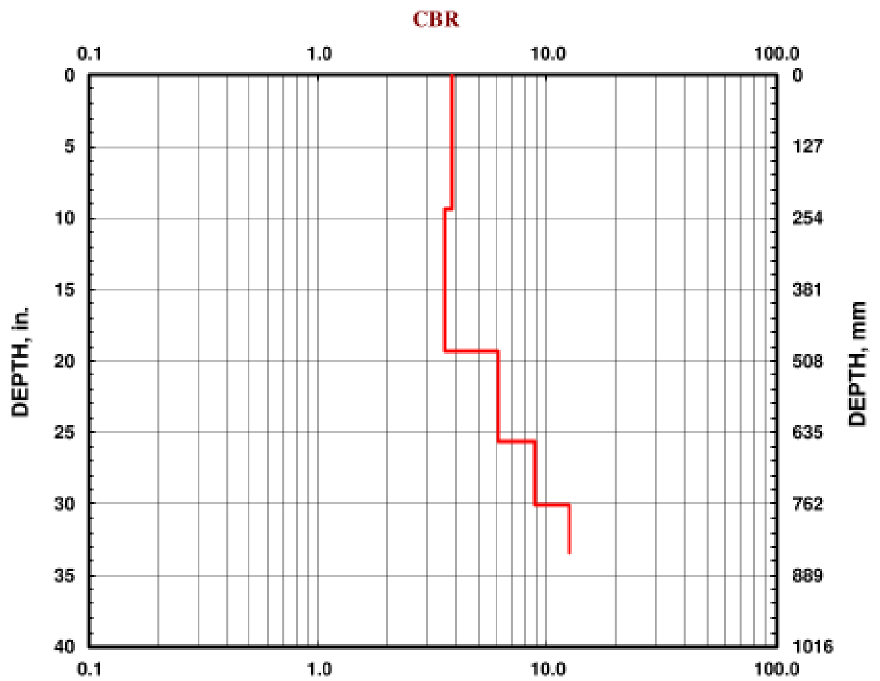

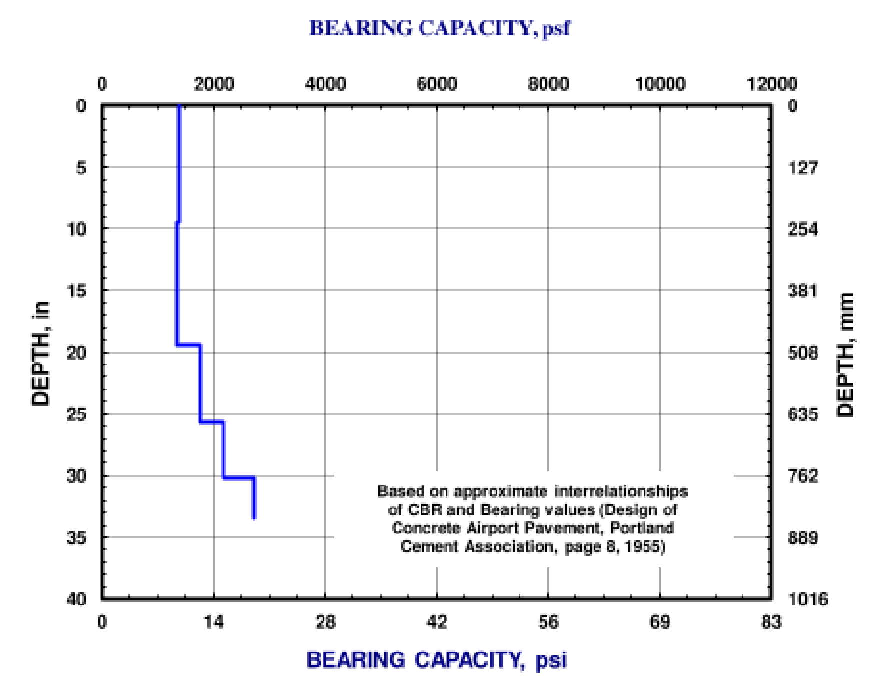

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Pender County Law Enforcement Center	**K-07**	
SITE LOCATION:		STATION:
Old Savannah Road, Burgaw, North Carolina 28425		
NORTHING:	EASTING:	

DEPTH (FT)	WATER LEVELS	ELEVATION (FT)	DESCRIPTION OF MATERIAL	EXCAVATION EFFORT	DCP	SAMPLE NUMBER	FINES CONTENT (%)	MOISTURE CONTENT (%)
			Topsoil Thickness[9.00"]					
			(CL) SANDY LEAN CLAY, tan to gray/ orange/ red, moist					
			END OF HAND AUGER AT 4 FT					
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REMARKS:

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EXCAVATION EFFORT: E - EASY M - MEDIUM D - DIFFICULT VD - VERY DIFFICULT

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HAND AUGER LOG

DCP TEST DATA

Project: *Pender County Law Enforcement Center*
Date: 5-Apr-22
Location: K-7
Soil Type(s): CLAY (CL)

Hammer
- ○ 10.1 lbs.
- ● 17.6 lbs.
- ○ Both hammers used

Soil Type
- ○ CH
- ○ CL
- ● All other soils

No. of Blows	Accumulative Penetration (mm)	Type of Hammer
0	0	1
5	175.26	1
5	261.62	1
5	347.98	1
5	492.76	1
5	632.46	1
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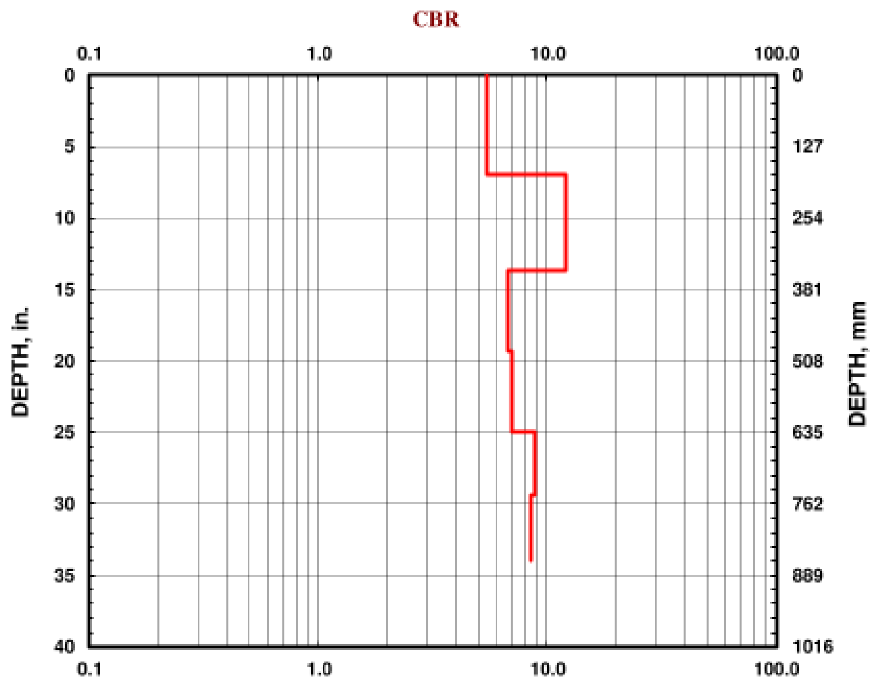

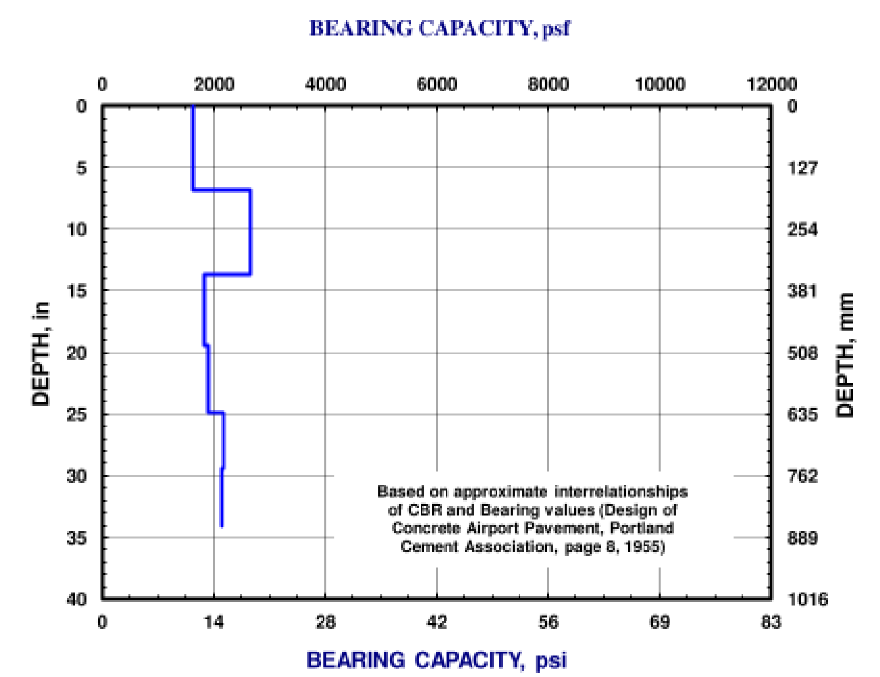

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Pender County Law Enforcement Center	**K-08**	
SITE LOCATION:		STATION:
Old Savannah Road, Burgaw, North Carolina 28425		
NORTHING:	EASTING:	

DEPTH (FT)	WATER LEVELS	ELEVATION (FT)	DESCRIPTION OF MATERIAL	EXCAVATION EFFORT	DCP	SAMPLE NUMBER	FINES CONTENT (%)	MOISTURE CONTENT (%)
			Topsoil Thickness[9.00"]					
			(CL) SANDY LEAN CLAY, tan to gray/ red, moist			S-1		19.7
			END OF HAND AUGER AT 4 FT					
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REMARKS:

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EXCAVATION EFFORT: E - EASY M - MEDIUM D - DIFFICULT VD - VERY DIFFICULT

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HAND AUGER LOG

DCP TEST DATA

Project: *Pender County Law Enforcement Center* **Date:** 5-Apr-22
Location: K-8 **Soil Type(s):** CLAY (CL)

Hammer
- ○ 10.1 lbs.
- ● 17.6 lbs.
- ○ Both hammers used

Soil Type
- ○ CH
- ○ CL
- ● All other soils

No. of Blows	Accumulative Penetration (mm)	Type of Hammer
0	0	1
5	236.22	1
5	381	1
5	508	1
5	622.3	1
5	754.38	1
5	873.76	1
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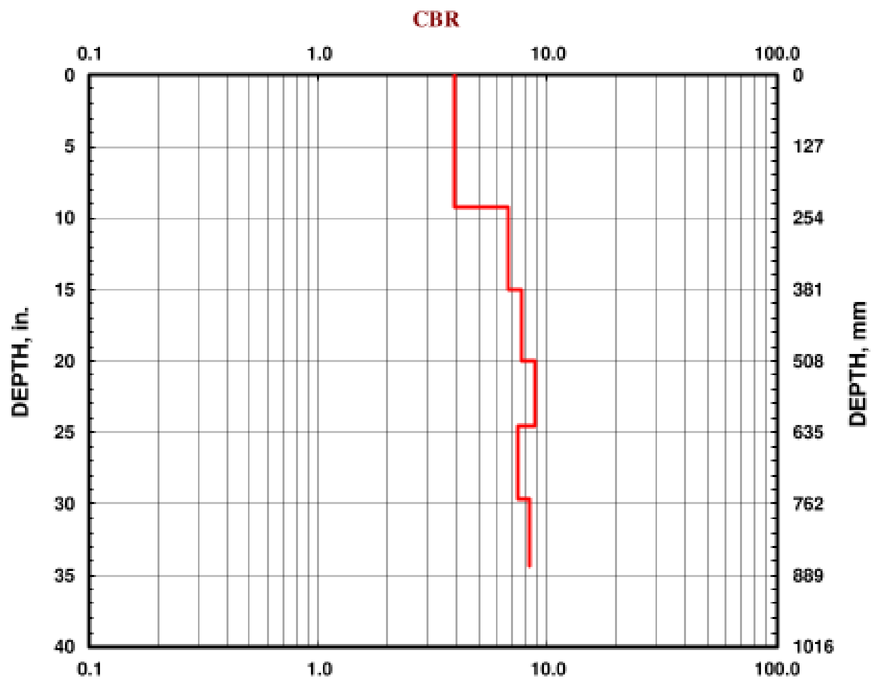

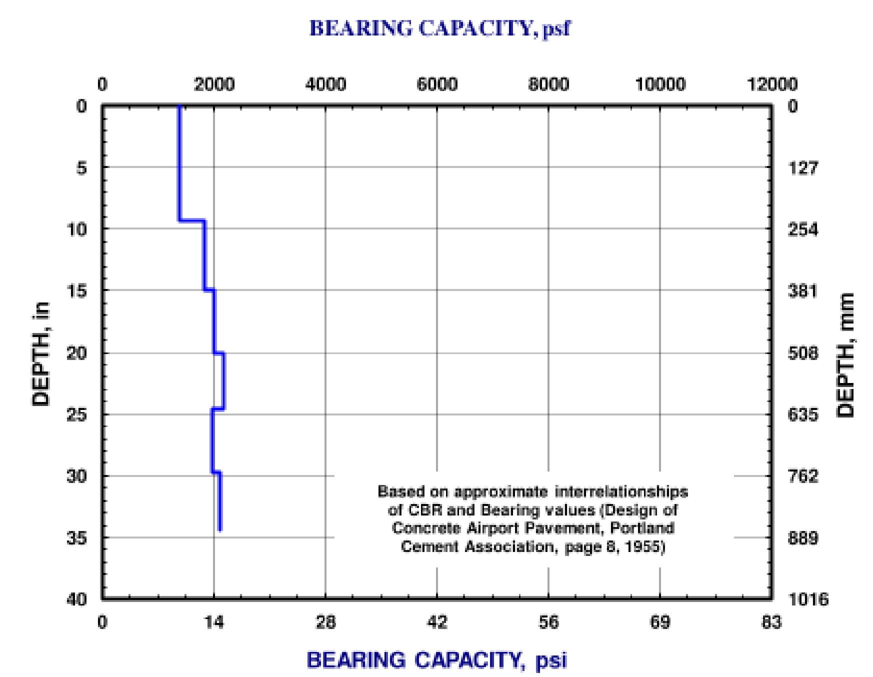

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Pender County Law Enforcement Center	**K-09**	
SITE LOCATION:		STATION:
Old Savannah Road, Burgaw, North Carolina 28425		
NORTHING:	EASTING:	

DEPTH (FT)	WATER LEVELS	ELEVATION (FT)	DESCRIPTION OF MATERIAL	EXCAVATION EFFORT	DCP	SAMPLE NUMBER	FINES CONTENT (%)	MOISTURE CONTENT (%)
			Topsoil Thickness[9.00"]					
			(CL) SANDY LEAN CLAY, tan to gray/ red, moist					
			END OF HAND AUGER AT 4 FT					
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REMARKS:

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EXCAVATION EFFORT: E - EASY M - MEDIUM D - DIFFICULT VD - VERY DIFFICULT

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HAND AUGER LOG

DCP TEST DATA

Project: *Pender County Law Enforcement Center* **Date:** 5-Apr-22
Location: K-9 **Soil Type(s):** CLAY (CL)

Hammer
- ○ 10.1 lbs.
- ● 17.6 lbs.
- ○ Both hammers used

Soil Type
- ○ CH
- ○ CL
- ● All other soils

No. of Blows	Accumulative Penetration (mm)	Type of Hammer
0	0	1
5	236.22	1
5	330.2	1
5	436.88	1
5	635	1
5	822.96	1
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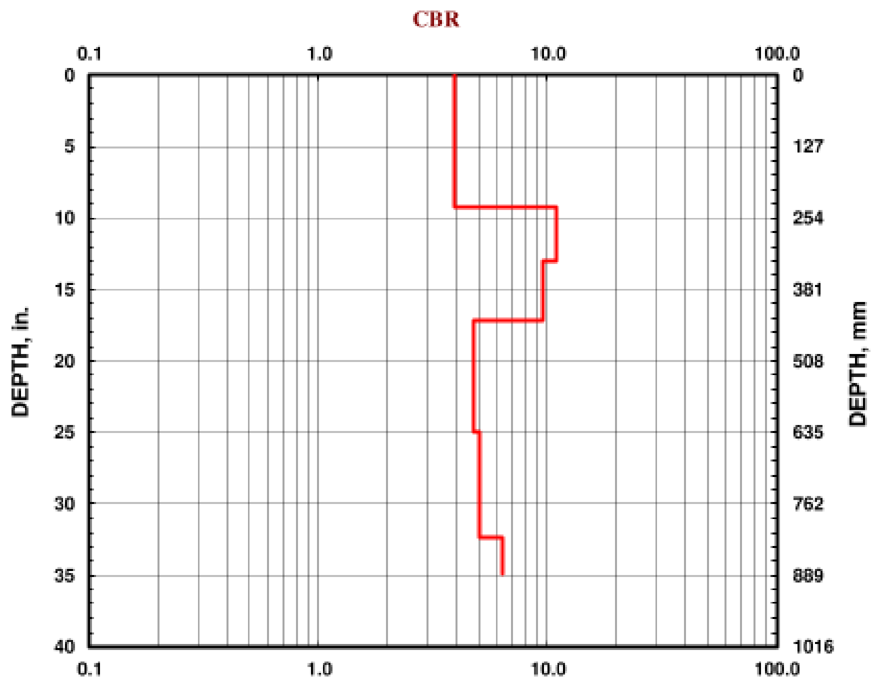

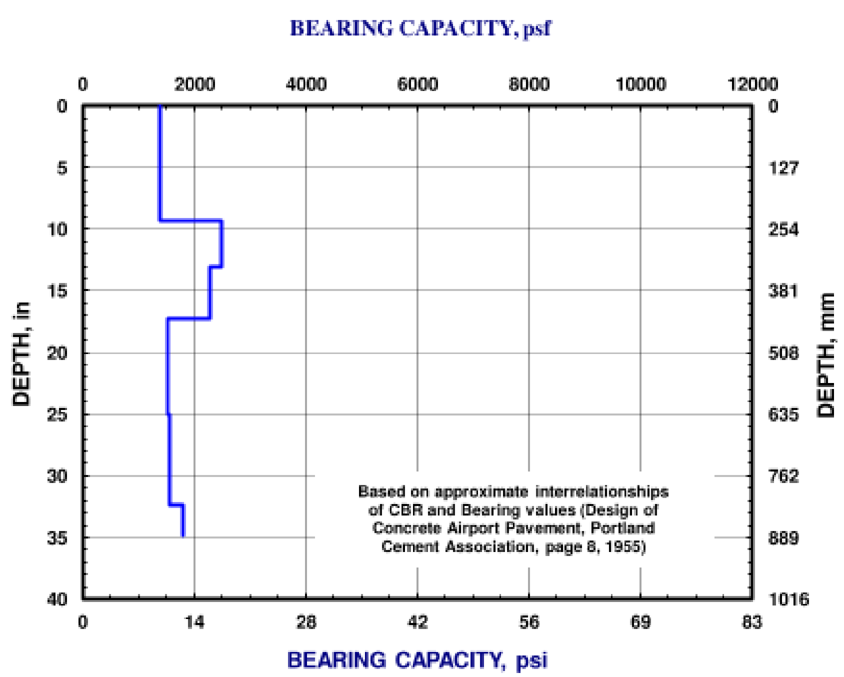

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Pender County Law Enforcement Center	**K-10**	
SITE LOCATION:		STATION:
Old Savannah Road, Burgaw, North Carolina 28425		
NORTHING:	EASTING:	

DEPTH (FT)	WATER LEVELS	ELEVATION (FT)	DESCRIPTION OF MATERIAL	EXCAVATION EFFORT	DCP	SAMPLE NUMBER	FINES CONTENT (%)	MOISTURE CONTENT (%)
			Topsoil Thickness[9.00"]					
	▼		(CL) SANDY LEAN CLAY, gray/ orange/ red, moist to saturated			S-1		30.1
5			**END OF HAND AUGER AT 4 FT**					

REMARKS:

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EXCAVATION EFFORT: E - EASY M - MEDIUM D - DIFFICULT VD - VERY DIFFICULT

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HAND AUGER LOG

DCP TEST DATA

Project: *Pender County Law Enforcement Center* **Date:** 5-Apr-22
Location: K-10 **Soil Type(s):** CLAY (CL)

Hammer
- ○ 10.1 lbs.
- ● 17.6 lbs.
- ○ Both hammers used

Soil Type
- ○ CH
- ○ CL
- ● All other soils

No. of Blows	Accumulative Penetration (mm)	Type of Hammer
0	0	1
5	195.58	1
5	274.32	1
5	393.7	1
5	637.54	1
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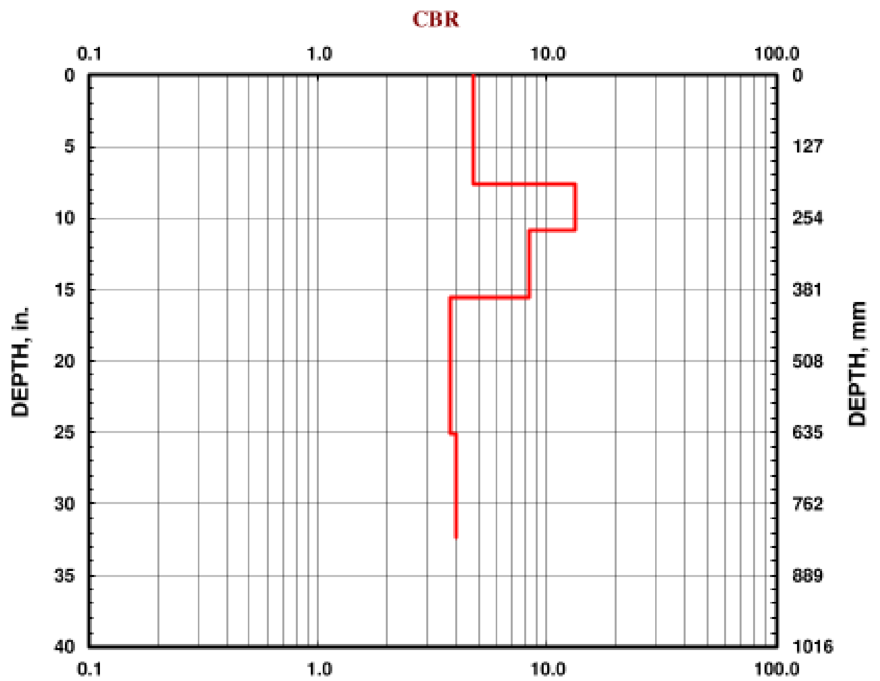

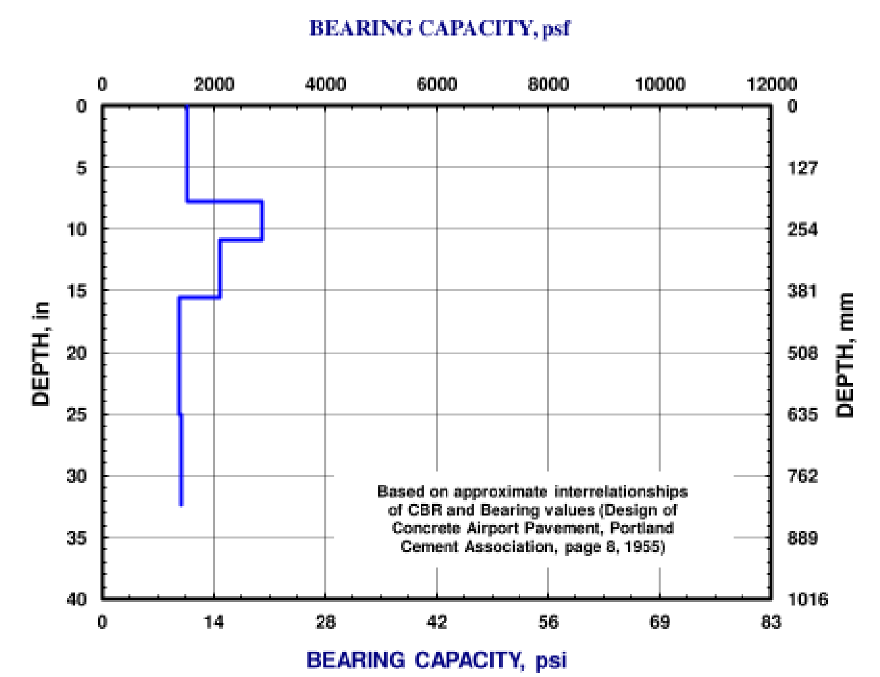

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Pender County Law Enforcement Center	**K-11**	
SITE LOCATION:		STATION:
Old Savannah Road, Burgaw, North Carolina 28425		
NORTHING:	EASTING:	

DEPTH (FT)	WATER LEVELS	ELEVATION (FT)	DESCRIPTION OF MATERIAL	EXCAVATION EFFORT	DCP	SAMPLE NUMBER	FINES CONTENT (%)	MOISTURE CONTENT (%)
			Topsoil Thickness[8.00"]					
	▼		(CL) SANDY LEAN CLAY, gray/ orange, moist to saturated					
5			**END OF HAND AUGER AT 4 FT**					

REMARKS:

THE STRATIFICATION LINES REPRESENT THE APPROXIMATE BOUNDRY LINES BETWEEN SOIL TYPES. IN-SITU THE TRANSITION MAY BE GRADUAL

EXCAVATION EFFORT: E - EASY M - MEDIUM D - DIFFICULT VD - VERY DIFFICULT

▽ WL (First Encountered)	▼ WL (Seasonal High)	ECS REP:	DATE COMPLETED:	UNITS:	CAVE-IN-DEPTH:
▼ WL (Completion) **3.00**			**Apr 05 2022**	**English**	

HAND AUGER LOG

DCP TEST DATA

Project: *Pender County Law Enforcement Center* **Date:** 5-Apr-22
Location: K-11 **Soil Type(s):** CLAY (CL)

Hammer
- ○ 10.1 lbs.
- ● 17.6 lbs.
- ○ Both hammers used

Soil Type
- ○ CH
- ○ CL
- ● All other soils

No. of Blows	Accumulative Penetration (mm)	Type of Hammer
0	0	1
5	208.28	1
5	436.88	1
5	561.34	1
5	647.7	1
5	718.82	1
5	779.78	1
5	835.66	1
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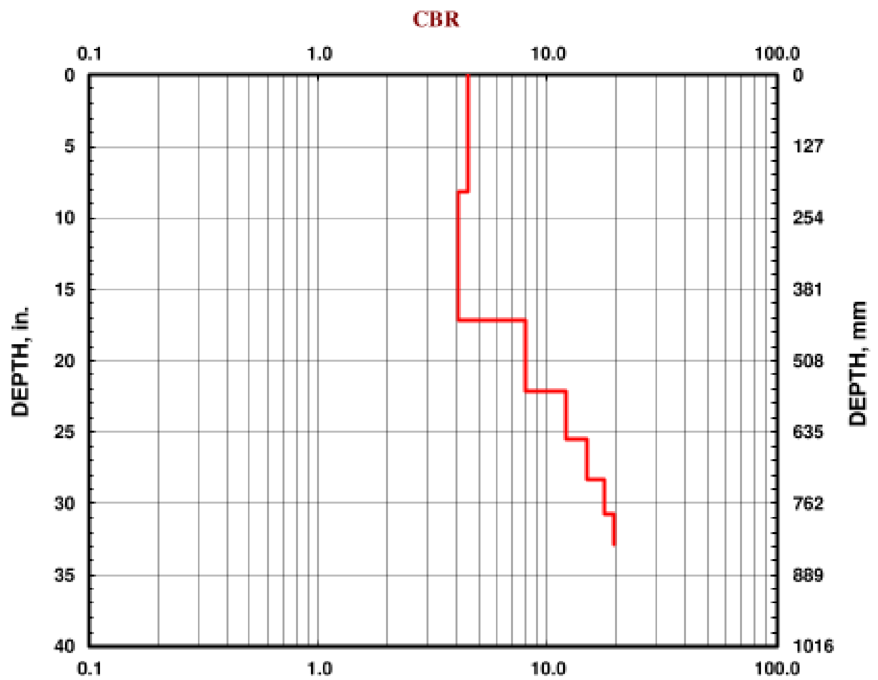

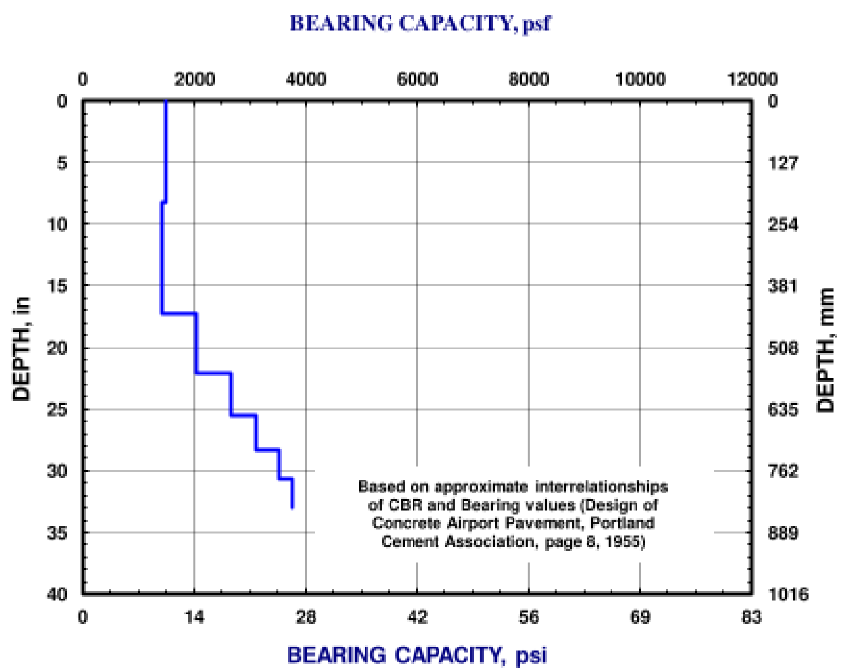

CLIENT:	PROJECT NO.:	SHEET:
Pender County	**22:31544**	**1 of 1**
PROJECT NAME:	HAND AUGER NO.:	SURFACE ELEVATION:
Pender County Law Enforcement Center	**K-12**	
SITE LOCATION:		STATION:
Old Savannah Road, Burgaw, North Carolina 28425		
NORTHING:	EASTING:	

DEPTH (FT)	WATER LEVELS	ELEVATION (FT)	DESCRIPTION OF MATERIAL	EXCAVATION EFFORT	DCP	SAMPLE NUMBER	FINES CONTENT (%)	MOISTURE CONTENT (%)
			Topsoil Thickness[9.00"]					
			(CL) SANDY LEAN CLAY, tan to gray/ orange, moist			S-1	86	21.2
	▼		**END OF HAND AUGER AT 4 FT**					
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EXCAVATION EFFORT: E - EASY M - MEDIUM D - DIFFICULT VD - VERY DIFFICULT

▽ WL (First Encountered)	▼ WL (Seasonal High)	ECS REP:	DATE COMPLETED:	UNITS:	CAVE-IN-DEPTH:
▼ WL (Completion) **3.50**			**Apr 05 2022**	**English**	

HAND AUGER LOG

DCP TEST DATA

Project: *Pender County Law Enforcement Center* **Date:** 5-Apr-22
Location: K-12 **Soil Type(s):** CLAY (CL)

Hammer
- ○ 10.1 lbs.
- ● 17.6 lbs.
- ○ Both hammers used

Soil Type
- ○ CH
- ○ CL
- ● All other soils

No. of Blows	Accumulative Penetration (mm)	Type of Hammer
0	0	1
5	284.48	1
5	419.1	1
5	505.46	1
5	581.66	1
5	637.54	1
5	688.34	1
5	731.52	1
5	774.7	1
5	815.34	1
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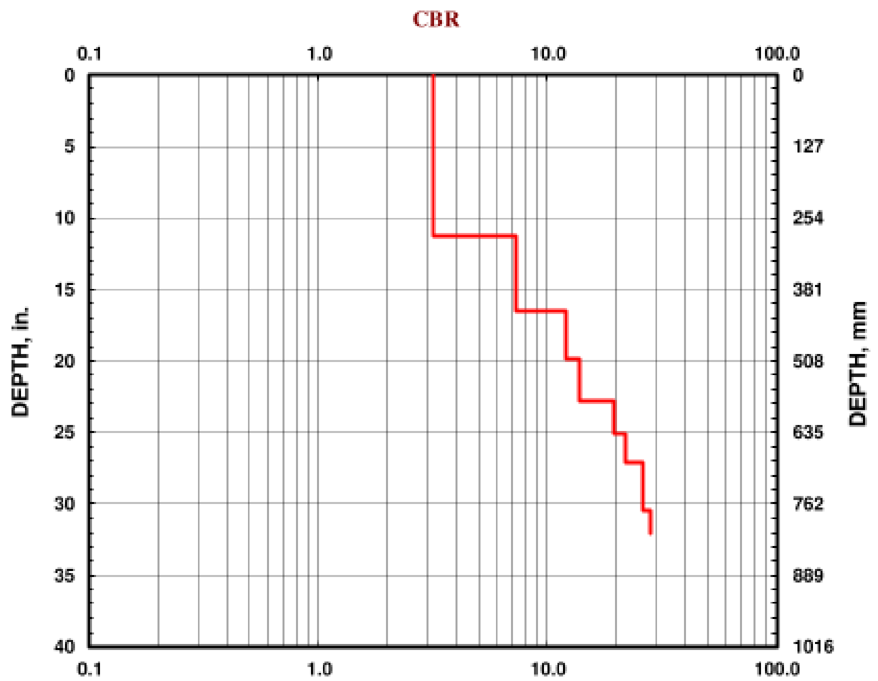

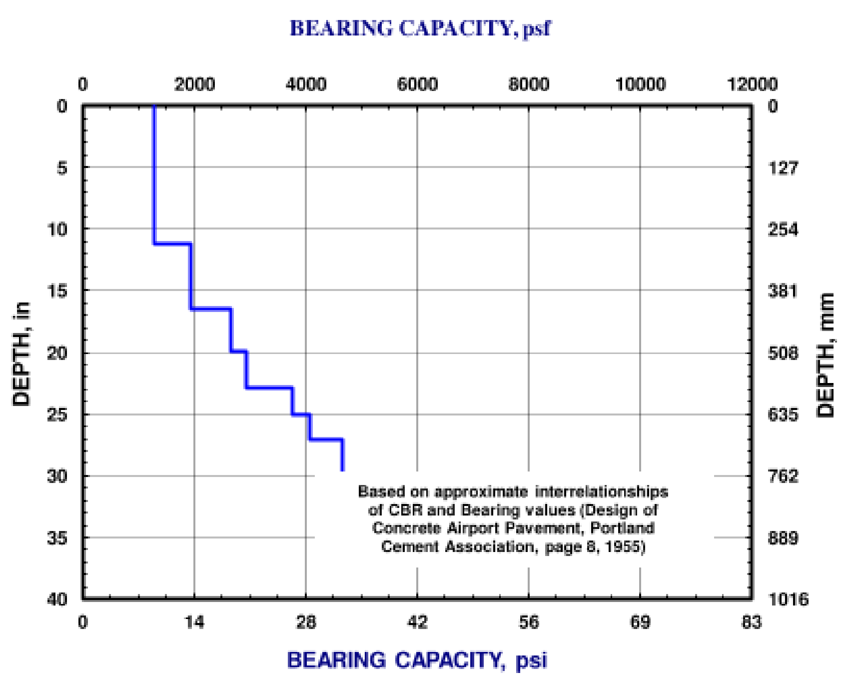

APPENDIX C – Laboratory Testing

Laboratory Testing Summary
Plasticity Chart
Organic Content Results

Laboratory Testing Summary

Sample Location	Sample Number	Depth (feet)	^MC (%)	Soil Type	Atterberg Limits			**Percent Passing No. 200 Sieve	Moisture - Density		CBR (%)		#Organic Content (%)
					LL	PL	PI		<Maximum Density (pcf)	<Optimum Moisture (%)	0.1 in.	0.2 in.	
K-05	S-1	1-2	17.2					72.5					
K-08	S-1	2-3	19.7		32	18	14						
K-10	S-1	3-4	30.1		36	18	18						
K-12	S-1	1-2	21.2					85.8					

Notes: See test reports for test method, ^ASTM D2216-19, *ASTM D2488, **ASTM D1140-17, #ASTM D2974-20e1 < See test report for D4718 corrected values

Definitions: MC: Moisture Content, Soil Type: USCS (Unified Soil Classification System), LL: Liquid Limit, PL: Plastic Limit, PI: Plasticity Index, CBR: California Bearing Ratio, OC: Organic Content

Project: Pender County Law Enforcement Center
Client: Pender County

Project No.: 22:31544
Date Reported:

Office / Lab	Address	Office Number / Fax
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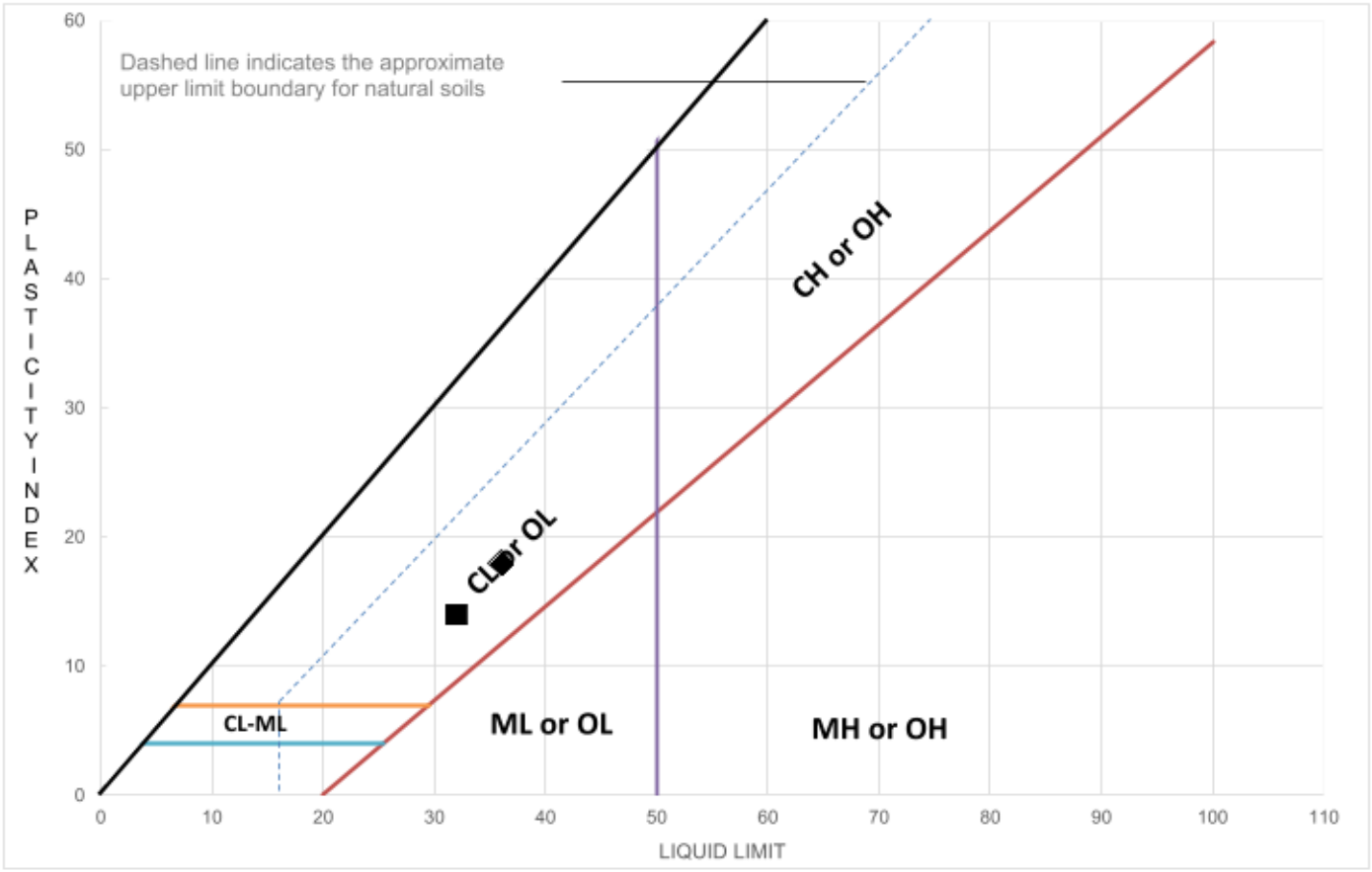
LIQUID AND PLASTIC LIMITS TEST REPORT



TEST RESULTS (ASTM D4318-10 (SINGLE POINT TEST))

	Sample Location	Sample Number	Sample Depth (ft)	LL	PL	PI	%<#40	%<#200	AASHTO	USCS	Material Description
■	K-08	S-1	2-3	32	18	14					gray/red
◆	K-10	S-1	3-4	36	18	18					gray/orange/red

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Determination of Organic Content in Soils by Loss on Ignition AASHTO T 267

Job No.: 22:31544
Date: 4/12/2022
Job name: Pender County Law Enforcement Center
Location:
Station:

Loss On Ignition (LOI) Test	
Boring Number	K-11
Sample Number	S-1
Depth Range, ft.	0-1'
Tare Number	LP 512
Wt Tare+oven dried soil before ignition(A)	257.32
Wt Tare+dried soil after ignition(B)	253.97
Wt Tare (g) (C)	156.24
% Organics: (A-B)/(A-C)*100	3.3

Loss On Ignition (LOI) Test	
Boring Number	
Sample Number	
Depth Range, ft.	
Tare Number	
Wt Tare+oven dried soil before ignition(A)	
Wt Tare+dried soil after ignition(B)	
Wt Tare (g) (C)	
% Organics: (A-B)/(A-C)*100	

Loss On Ignition (LOI) Test	
Boring Number	K-4
Sample Number	S-1
Depth Range, ft.	0-1'
Tare Number	LP513
Wt Tare+oven dried soil before ignition(A)	242.98
Wt Tare+dried soil after ignition(B)	239.80
Wt Tare (g) (C)	153.90
% Organics: (A-B)/(A-C)*100	3.6

Loss On Ignition (LOI) Test	
Boring Number	
Sample Number	
Depth Range, ft.	
Tare Number	
Wt Tare+oven dried soil before ignition(A)	
Wt Tare+dried soil after ignition(B)	
Wt Tare (g) (C)	
% Organics: (A-B)/(A-C)*100	

Loss On Ignition (LOI) Test	
Boring Number	
Sample Number	
Depth Range, ft.	
Tare Number	
Wt Tare+oven dried soil before ignition(A)	
Wt Tare+dried soil after ignition(B)	
Wt Tare (g) (C)	
% Organics: (A-B)/(A-C)*100	

Loss On Ignition (LOI) Test	
Boring Number	
Sample Number	
Depth Range, ft.	
Tare Number	
Wt Tare+oven dried soil before ignition(A)	
Wt Tare+dried soil after ignition(B)	
Wt Tare (g) (C)	
% Organics: (A-B)/(A-C)*100	

Loss On Ignition (LOI) Test	
Boring Number	
Sample Number	
Depth Range, ft.	
Tare Number	
Wt Tare+oven dried soil before ignition(A)	
Wt Tare+dried soil after ignition(B)	
Wt Tare (g) (C)	
% Organics: (A-B)/(A-C)*100	

Loss On Ignition (LOI) Test	
Boring Number	
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Depth Range, ft.	
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Wt Tare+oven dried soil before ignition(A)	
Wt Tare+dried soil after ignition(B)	
Wt Tare (g) (C)	
% Organics: (A-B)/(A-C)*100	

APPENDIX D – Supplemental Report Documents

GBA Document

Important Information about This

Geotechnical-Engineering Report

Subsurface problems are a principal cause of construction delays, cost overruns, claims, and disputes.

While you cannot eliminate all such risks, you can manage them. The following information is provided to help.

The Geoprofessional Business Association (GBA) has prepared this advisory to help you – assumedly a client representative – interpret and apply this geotechnical-engineering report as effectively as possible. In that way, clients can benefit from a lowered exposure to the subsurface problems that, for decades, have been a principal cause of construction delays, cost overruns, claims, and disputes. If you have questions or want more information about any of the issues discussed below, contact your GBA-member geotechnical engineer. Active involvement in the Geoprofessional Business Association exposes geotechnical engineers to a wide array of risk-confrontation techniques that can be of genuine benefit for everyone involved with a construction project.

Geotechnical-Engineering Services Are Performed for Specific Purposes, Persons, and Projects

Geotechnical engineers structure their services to meet the specific needs of their clients. A geotechnical-engineering study conducted for a given civil engineer will not likely meet the needs of a civil-works constructor or even a different civil engineer. Because each geotechnical-engineering study is unique, each geotechnical-engineering report is unique, prepared *solely* for the client. *Those who rely on a geotechnical-engineering report prepared for a different client can be seriously misled.* No one except authorized client representatives should rely on this geotechnical-engineering report without first conferring with the geotechnical engineer who prepared it. *And no one – not even you – should apply this report for any purpose or project except the one originally contemplated.*

Read this Report in Full

Costly problems have occurred because those relying on a geotechnical-engineering report did not read it *in its entirety*. Do not rely on an executive summary. Do not read selected elements only. *Read this report in full.*

You Need to Inform Your Geotechnical Engineer about Change

Your geotechnical engineer considered unique, project-specific factors when designing the study behind this report and developing the confirmation-dependent recommendations the report conveys. A few typical factors include:

- the client's goals, objectives, budget, schedule, and risk-management preferences;
- the general nature of the structure involved, its size, configuration, and performance criteria;
- the structure's location and orientation on the site; and
- other planned or existing site improvements, such as retaining walls, access roads, parking lots, and underground utilities.

Typical changes that could erode the reliability of this report include those that affect:

- the site's size or shape;
- the function of the proposed structure, as when it's changed from a parking garage to an office building, or from a light-industrial plant to a refrigerated warehouse;
- the elevation, configuration, location, orientation, or weight of the proposed structure;
- the composition of the design team; or
- project ownership.

As a general rule, *always* inform your geotechnical engineer of project changes – even minor ones – and request an assessment of their impact. *The geotechnical engineer who prepared this report cannot accept responsibility or liability for problems that arise because the geotechnical engineer was not informed about developments the engineer otherwise would have considered.*

This Report May Not Be Reliable

Do not rely on this report if your geotechnical engineer prepared it:

- for a different client;
- for a different project;
- for a different site (that may or may not include all or a portion of the original site); or
- before important events occurred at the site or adjacent to it; e.g., man-made events like construction or environmental remediation, or natural events like floods, droughts, earthquakes, or groundwater fluctuations.

Note, too, that it could be unwise to rely on a geotechnical-engineering report whose reliability may have been affected by the passage of time, because of factors like changed subsurface conditions; new or modified codes, standards, or regulations; or new techniques or tools. *If your geotechnical engineer has not indicated an "apply-by" date on the report, ask what it should be*, and, in general, *if you are the least bit uncertain* about the continued reliability of this report, contact your geotechnical engineer before applying it. A minor amount of additional testing or analysis – if any is required at all – could prevent major problems.

Most of the "Findings" Related in This Report Are Professional Opinions

Before construction begins, geotechnical engineers explore a site's subsurface through various sampling and testing procedures. *Geotechnical engineers can observe actual subsurface conditions only at those specific locations where sampling and testing were performed.* The data derived from that sampling and testing were reviewed by your geotechnical engineer, who then applied professional judgment to form opinions about subsurface conditions throughout the site. Actual sitewide-subsurface conditions may differ – maybe significantly – from those indicated in this report. Confront that risk by retaining your geotechnical engineer to serve on the design team from project start to project finish, so the individual can provide informed guidance quickly, whenever needed.

This Report's Recommendations Are Confirmation-Dependent

The recommendations included in this report – including any options or alternatives – are confirmation-dependent. In other words, *they are not final*, because the geotechnical engineer who developed them relied heavily on judgment and opinion to do so. Your geotechnical engineer can finalize the recommendations *only after observing actual subsurface conditions* revealed during construction. If through observation your geotechnical engineer confirms that the conditions assumed to exist actually do exist, the recommendations can be relied upon, assuming no other changes have occurred. *The geotechnical engineer who prepared this report cannot assume responsibility or liability for confirmation-dependent recommendations if you fail to retain that engineer to perform construction observation.*

This Report Could Be Misinterpreted

Other design professionals' misinterpretation of geotechnical-engineering reports has resulted in costly problems. Confront that risk by having your geotechnical engineer serve as a full-time member of the design team, to:

- confer with other design-team members,
- help develop specifications,
- review pertinent elements of other design professionals' plans and specifications, and
- be on hand quickly whenever geotechnical-engineering guidance is needed.

You should also confront the risk of constructors misinterpreting this report. Do so by retaining your geotechnical engineer to participate in prebid and preconstruction conferences and to perform construction observation.

Give Constructors a Complete Report and Guidance

Some owners and design professionals mistakenly believe they can shift unanticipated-subsurface-conditions liability to constructors by limiting the information they provide for bid preparation. To help prevent the costly, contentious problems this practice has caused, include the complete geotechnical-engineering report, along with any attachments or appendices, with your contract documents, *but be certain to note conspicuously that you've included the material for informational purposes only*. To avoid misunderstanding, you may also want to note that "informational purposes" means constructors have no right to rely on the interpretations, opinions, conclusions, or recommendations in the report, but they may rely on the factual data relative to the specific times, locations, and depths/elevations referenced. Be certain that constructors know they may learn about specific project requirements, including options selected from the report, *only* from the design drawings and specifications. Remind constructors that they may perform their own studies if they want to, and *be sure to allow enough time* to permit them to do so. Only then might you be in a position to give constructors the information available to you, while requiring them to at least share some of the financial responsibilities stemming from unanticipated conditions. Conducting prebid and preconstruction conferences can also be valuable in this respect.

Read Responsibility Provisions Closely

Some client representatives, design professionals, and constructors do not realize that geotechnical engineering is far less exact than other engineering disciplines. That lack of understanding has nurtured unrealistic expectations that have resulted in disappointments, delays, cost overruns, claims, and disputes. To confront that risk, geotechnical engineers commonly include explanatory provisions in their reports. Sometimes labeled "limitations," many of these provisions indicate where geotechnical engineers' responsibilities begin and end, to help others recognize their own responsibilities and risks. *Read these provisions closely*. Ask questions. Your geotechnical engineer should respond fully and frankly.

Geoenvironmental Concerns Are Not Covered

The personnel, equipment, and techniques used to perform an environmental study – e.g., a "phase-one" or "phase-two" environmental site assessment – differ significantly from those used to perform a geotechnical-engineering study. For that reason, a geotechnical-engineering report does not usually relate any environmental findings, conclusions, or recommendations; e.g., about the likelihood of encountering underground storage tanks or regulated contaminants. *Unanticipated subsurface environmental problems have led to project failures*. If you have not yet obtained your own environmental information, ask your geotechnical consultant for risk-management guidance. As a general rule, *do not rely on an environmental report prepared for a different client, site, or project, or that is more than six months old.*

Obtain Professional Assistance to Deal with Moisture Infiltration and Mold

While your geotechnical engineer may have addressed groundwater, water infiltration, or similar issues in this report, none of the engineer's services were designed, conducted, or intended to prevent uncontrolled migration of moisture – including water vapor – from the soil through building slabs and walls and into the building interior, where it can cause mold growth and material-performance deficiencies. Accordingly, ***proper implementation of the geotechnical engineer's recommendations will not of itself be sufficient to prevent moisture infiltration.*** Confront the risk of moisture infiltration by including building-envelope or mold specialists on the design team. ***Geotechnical engineers are not building-envelope or mold specialists.***

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