



December 17, 2020

Mr. David Carter  
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**Subject: Summary of Foundation Bearing Material Evaluation & 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Inspection  
Lot No. 21 – (488 Village Bend Drive)  
Olde Mill Village Subdivision  
Fuquay-Varina, North Carolina  
Permit Number: 2008-0036  
SUMMIT Project Number: 3241-14R (30804-00)  
Order Numbers: 5243\_003624 & 5243\_004160**

Dear Mr. Carter:

On December 12 and 15, 2020, a representative of SUMMIT Engineering, Laboratory and Testing, P.C. (SUMMIT) visited the subject site for the purpose of observing and evaluating the near surface foundation bearing materials and to perform a third-party inspection for the proposed residential structure including the rear patio footings. The following is a summary of our onsite observations and evaluation.

The residential foundations were excavated approximately 18 inches wide and approximately 18 inches below the existing ground surface prior to our site visit. The exterior and interior wall foundations and lugs, including rear porch footings, were prepared per the onsite structural plans. Based on our measurements the footings are in compliance with the structural foundation plans provided onsite and Chapter 4 of the 2018 North Carolina Residential code.

Our work included testing and bearing grade evaluations of the in-place soil at the bottom of the foundation excavations. Hand auger borings were incrementally advanced by manually twisting a sharpened steel auger into the soil at selected locations along the footing excavation. The soil consistency in the bottom of the excavation and at selected intervals below the bearing grade was evaluated by Dynamic Cone Penetrometer (DCP) testing. The conical point of the DCP was first seated to penetrate any loose cuttings and then driven three additional 1-3/4 inch increments with blows from a 15-pound hammer falling 20 inches. The soil's strength characteristics and foundation support capability was determined based on the average blows per increment (bpi) over the last two increments to achieve this penetration. Additionally, the entire excavated foundation was evaluated by hand probing using a ½ inch diameter steel probe rod to check for soft areas at the surface intermediate of our hand auger boring locations.

The materials exposed at the bottom of excavations generally consisted of orange-brown, sandy-clay (residual soils) and were free of significant quantities of organics and debris. **SUMMIT** revisited the site on December 15, 2020 to re-evaluate the excavated footing after being exposed to inclement weather. **SUMMIT** observed that the footing was free of standing water and wet soils. **SUMMIT** probed the bottom of the footings with a ½” diameter steel probe rod and firm soils were encountered. If additional testing for the purpose of estimating volumetric change (shrink/swell) potential or to estimate consolidation of the tested soils is desired, **SUMMIT** can provide these services.

Based on the results of our DCP testing, hand probing, and our site observations, the soils encountered are suitable for support of the residential structure utilizing a net allowable soil bearing pressure of **2,000 pounds-per-square-foot**. The foundation bearing soils are in accordance with HUD requirements. Concrete is ready to be placed for the foundation areas.

If foundation bearing materials are exposed to inclement weather or adverse construction activities, **SUMMIT** should be contacted to re-evaluate the foundation bearing materials prior to concrete placement. If it is imminent that inclement weather is forecasted prior to concrete placement, then the footings can be over-excavated (deepened) approximately 2 to 4 inches and a mud-mat (lean concrete) can be placed up to the foundation bearing elevation to help protect the foundation bearing materials from softening.

We appreciate the opportunity to assist you during this phase of the project. If you need further assistance or additional information please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,  
**SUMMIT** Engineering, Laboratory and Testing, P.C.

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Raleigh Branch Manager



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam D. Perry".

Adam D. Perry, E.I.  
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