November 4, 2022

Mr. Austin Brown Capital City Homes 5711 Six Forks Road, Suite #200 Raleigh, North Carolina 27609



**Subject:** Summary of Foundation Bearing Material Evaluation

Lot No. 51 – (115 Pinnacle Drive) Anderson Creek Crossing Subdivision

**Spring Lake, North Carolina** 

Permit Number: N/A

**Project Number: 6033.500 (36987-00)** 

Dear Mr. Brown:

On November 2, 2022, a representative of SUMMIT Engineering, Laboratory and Testing, Inc. (**SUMMIT**) visited the subject site for the purpose of observing the near surface foundation bearing materials for the proposed residential structure. The following is a summary of our onsite observations and evaluation.

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 encountered in our hand auger borings generally consisted of brown-tan, silty-sand (residual soils) and were free of significant quantities of organics and debris. It should be noted that soft soils were encountered to approximate depths ranging from 1 to 3 feet below the planned foundation bearing elevation along the rear exterior wall and rear left exterior wall foundation corner. Additionally, **SUMMIT** encountered soft soils along the right wall of the garage. The contractor was informed and **SUMMIT** recommended over-excavating to firm soils in the areas designated in marking paint. **SUMMIT** remained onsite to observe that the recommended over-excavations were completed. We recommend backfilling the over-excavated areas with compacted clean washed stone (NCDOT No. 57 stone) wrapped in a woven geotextile (Mirafi 500x or equivalent) or place full depth concrete. If additional testing for the purpose of

estimating volumetric change (shrink/swell) potential or to estimate consolidation is desired, **SUMMIT** can provide these services.

Based on the results of our DCP testing, the completed remedial measures, 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**.

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.

**SUMMIT** appreciates the opportunity to provide our professional services to you on this project. If you have any questions concerning the information in this report or if we can be of further service, please contact us.

Sincerely,

Jeff A. Taylor, P.E. Geotechnical Engineer

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