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RE: SLOPE STABILITY ASSESSMENT AND RETAINING WALL DESIGN
Site Plan Control Application - City of Ottawa File Number: D07-12014-0038
Proposed Greely Commercial Center
5640 Bank Street, 7107 Marco Street, 701 Mitch Owens Road
Ottawa, Ontario

Dear Sir:

Kollaard Associates Inc. was retained to undertake a slope stability assessment and retaining wall design for the slope along the south side of the proposed Greely Commercial Center Site commonly known as 5640 Bank Street, 7107 Marco Street, 701 Mitch Owens Road, located in Greely, Ottawa, Ontario. The purpose of this assessment and design is to address the concern with respect to the stability of the existing slope along the south side of the site and to provide retaining wall design for the proposed retaining wall to be located along this slope.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The site area proposed for development in the current site plan application consists of the eastern about 5 hectare portion of a 13 hectare irregularly shaped parcel of land at the southwest corner of the intersection of Bank Street and Mitch Owens Road. This about 5 hectare portion will be referred to as the site. For the purposes of this letter, Bank Street is considered to be oriented along a north south axis.

The subject property is currently vacant and was formerly used as a gravel pit. Extraction of sand and gravel from the pit has resulted in and/or increased the slope along the south side of the site. A portion of the gravel pit has been filled in resulting a relatively level flat land at the base of the slope on which the proposed Greely Commercial Centre development will be located.



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Two geotechnical reports were prepared for the site by BAE & Associates Environmental Inc. in support of the proposed development for the site plan application. The first report was dated April 11, 2012 and the second report was dated August 9th 2013. It is understood that the report did not address the slope stability of the slope along the south side of the site or the design of the retaining wall. Copies of these reports were provided by the client to Kollaard Associates. From the borehole logs provided with the report dated April 11, 2012, the subsurface soil conditions for the level area below the slope consist of between about 0 and 8 metres of fill overlying grey brown fine to coarse silty sand followed by glacial till and bedrock. Standard penetration test results within the sand and glacial till ranged from 32 to greater than 100 blows per 0.3 metres indicating the glacial till is dense to very dense.

The geotechnical report completed August 9th 2013 provided the factual data obtained during the additional field investigation for the report in a Table. The table indicates auger refusal in glacial till at between 1.2 and 3.0 metres below the existing ground surface in boreholes put down on the level ground at the site near the base of the slope.

The existing slope and proposed retaining wall are located along the south side of the site. Existing and proposed grades have been provided on the Grading Plan prepared by WMI & Associates Limited drawing No. GR Project 11-183. Revision 2 dated February 4, 2014. An AutoCad version of this drawing was provided to Kollaard Associates and has been copied into the attached drawing 140208-PLAN. This drawing illustrates the area in question and provides existing and proposed slope conditions.

FIELD OBSERVATIONS

The undersigned of Kollaard Associates Inc visited the site on April 17, 2014 to observe the conditions of the existing slope. During the site visit measurements of the slope were obtained using a hand clinometre and level and were compared to the existing topographical survey information provided on the grading plan prepared by WMI & Associates Limited. The information obtained during site visit was in keeping with the topographic information provided on the grading plan prepared by WMI & Associates Limited.

In general the slope along the south side of the site begins at about 20 metres west of the east property line and has a height of about 1.5 metre with an inclination from horizontal of about 6 to 7 degrees. The height and inclination of the slope increase to the west over a distance of about 200 metres as follows:

- At about 70 metres from the east property line, the slope has a height of about 2.5 metres and an inclination from horizontal of about 9.5 degrees



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- At about 100 metres from the east property line, the slope has a height of about 3.3 metres and an inclination from horizontal of about 12 degrees
- At about 130 metres from the east property line, the slope has a height of about 4.3 metres and an inclination from horizontal of about 21 degrees
- At about 170 metres from the east property line, the slope has a height of about 7.0 metres and an inclination from horizontal of about 28 degrees
- Between about 210 metres from the east property line and the west edge of the site, the slope has a height of about 7.7 to 7.8 metres and an inclination from horizontal of about 26 to 31 degrees

The ground surface immediately above the slope consists of near horizontal table land.

A review of the slope conditions indicated that a thin veneer of fill has been placed on the slope in many places. It is expected that the fill is a result of waste materials being deposited off the top edge of the slope. The slope and table land immediately adjacent the slope is well vegetated with grass and trees ranging from saplings to trees of 0.3 metres DBH or greater. There was no evidence of slope instability or previous slope movement in the form of tension cracks or terracing of the ground surface or in the vegetation on the slope.

Kollaard Associates Inc. returned to the site on April 25, 2014 to supervise the excavation of 4 test pits at the base of the slope. The test pits were put down using a backhoe supplied and operated by a local excavating contractor.

The test pits were put down on the face of the slope beginning at about 1 to 2 metres above the level ground surface at the toe of the slope. The test pits were advanced to about 1 to 1.5 metres below the level ground surface. The subsurface conditions were classified based on visual and tactile examination of the materials exposed on the sides and bottom of the test pits. The ground water conditions were observed in the open test pits at the time of excavating. The test pits were loosely backfilled with the excavated materials upon completion of the field work. A description of the subsurface conditions encountered at the test pits is given in the attached Record of Test pits sheets.

Observations of the slope face and information obtained from the test pits indicate that the subsurface conditions of the slope in general consists of a layer of fill overlying a thin layer of topsoil followed by grey brown dense to very dense silty sand with some gravel cobbles and boulders (Glacial Till).



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The following was observed within the test pits during excavation.

- It was difficult to advance the test pits beyond 1.0 metres into the glacial till with the backhoe due to the density of the glacial till.
- Significant quantities of cobbles and boulders were present with depth within the glacial till.
- The backhoe could not advance test pit TP3 beyond 1.2 metres below the level ground surface due to the presence of boulders and density of the glacial till.

It is noted that the ground surface conditions encountered in the test pits put down by Kollaard Associates Inc. are consistent with the subsurface conditions identified in the geotechnical reports prepared by BAE & Associates Environmental Inc.

SLOPE STABILITY

As previously indicated the slope varies in height from about 1.5 to 7.8 metres and in inclination from about 7 degrees to 31 degrees from horizontal. Four sections were identified as shown in the attached drawing 140208-Plan to model the various slope conditions along the south slope at the site.

GeoStudio: Slope/W (2012) slope stability software was used to model the existing conditions of the slope at the site and determine the worst case factor of safety. The Slope/W model incorporated the slope's approximate dimensions, soil types and properties to complete a two-dimensional slope analysis. The Morgenstern-Price method was used to compute the factor of safety for each section.

For seismic (earthquake) loading, the potential for instability was evaluated using a simple "pseudo-static" model where a horizontal force is applied to the failure mass. This horizontal force is proportional to the weight of the failure mass and is determined using a "seismic coefficient", which is typically taken as half the design peak horizontal ground acceleration for the region of Ottawa (Barhaven) as specified in the 2012 Ontario Building Code, of 0.32. A seismic coefficient k_h of 0.16 was therefore used.

The soil parameters used in the analyses were based on experience with similar soils in eastern Ontario as well as published correlations with the results of the information obtained from the field investigations of both Kollaard Associates Inc and BAE & Associates Environmental Inc.



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The soil parameters used in the analyses are:

Material	Effective Angle of Internal Friction (degrees)	Effective Cohesion (kPa)	Unit Weight (kN/m ³)
Fill	27	3	19
Glacial Till	40	1	20
Compacted Granular "A" backfill	38	0	21

It is noted that the effective angle of internal friction of the glacial till used is somewhat higher than the typical range of 30 to 35 degrees indicated in the City of Ottawa slope stability guidelines. It is noted however, dense to very dense glacial till is often considered to be impenetrable. Further, published correlations between standard penetration resistance and density with respect to the effective angle of internal friction indicate that values of 40 to greater than 45 would be appropriate.

The water table was conservatively set at between 0.8 to 1.5 meters below the existing ground surface to model close to fully saturated conditions. It is noted that ground water was not encountered within the test pits on April 25, 2014. Ground water was measured at depths of 3.6 metres and greater within the boreholes put down on April 4, 2013 by BAE & Associates Environmental Inc.

EXISTING SLOPE GEOMETRY

Static Conditions

The slope stability analysis results for the existing slope geometry at the site is indicated on the attached Kollaard Associates Inc. drawings 140208-SL1 and 140208-SL2.

The overall slope stability factor for each section analyzed is as follows:

Section 7055 – min FS = 1.54

Section 7065 – min FS = 1.51

Section 7077 – min FS = 1.56

Section 7089 – min FS = 3.67

Under static conditions, slopes with a factor of safety of 1.1 to 1.3 are considered marginally stable, slopes with a factor of safety of greater than 1.3 are considered stable, and slopes with a factor of



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safety of 1.5 and greater are considered to be adequately stable for the construction of dwellings located close to the slope crests.

Based on the existing minimum factors of safety for each section, the slope is considered to be stable under static conditions with no setbacks from the top of slope.

Seismic Conditions

The slope sections used for the static analysis were re-assessed for seismic conditions using pseudo-static analysis.

The overall slope stability factor under seismic loading for each section analyzed is as follows:

Section 7055 – min FS = 1.11

Section 7065 – min FS = 1.10

Section 7077 – min FS = 1.13

Section 7089 – min FS = 1.88

From the City of Ottawa slope stability guidelines, a minimum factor of safety of 1.1 is suggested for seismic slope stability analysis.

Based on the existing minimum factors of safety for each section, the slope is considered to be stable under static conditions with no setbacks from the top of slope.

PROPOSED SLOPE GEOMETRY (GLOBAL STABILITY OF RETAINING WALL)

The slope sections previously assessed to model the stability of the existing slope geometry were re-assessed with the proposed retaining wall in place.

It is noted that the retaining wall design presented in the proposed grading plan by WMI & Associates Limited was modified with respect to the proposed top of retaining wall elevation. The top of wall elevation was reduced in combination with cutting the slope above the retaining wall.

The slope stability analysis results for the proposed slope geometry with the retaining wall in place at the site is indicated on the attached Kollaard Associates Inc. drawing 140208-PLAN.



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The global slope stability factor for each section analyzed under static load conditions is as follows:

Section 7055 – min FS = 1.63

Section 7065 – min FS = 1.60

Section 7077 – min FS = 1.65

Section 7089 – min FS = 2.75

The global slope stability of the retaining wall used for the static analysis were re-assessed for seismic conditions using pseudo-static analysis.

The overall slope stability factor under seismic loading for each section analyzed is as follows:

Section 7055 – min FS = 1.19

Section 7065 – min FS = 1.12

Section 7077 – min FS = 1.23

Section 7089 – min FS = 1.69

Since the minimum factor of safety under static conditions is above 1.5 and under seismic conditions is above 1.1, the proposed retaining wall is considered to be globally stable. Therefore, the slope along the south side of the site with the proposed geometry is considered to be stable.

It is noted that the existing structures on the properties above the slope consist of lightly loaded garden style sheds or auxiliary garages and swimming pools. The loading from these structures was considered in the analysis as concentrated loading or line loads at the top of the slope. It was assumed that these structures would result in a line load of 40 kN at a distance of 3.5 metres from the property line.

The loading from these structures did not impact the stability of the slope as the structures were located beyond the slip surfaces resulting in the minimum factor of safety. As such, the proposed geometry will not have an impact on the stability of the slope with respect to the existing structures above the slope.

RETAINING WALL DESIGN

The retaining wall design presented in this letter has been completed using Stone Strong Segmental Blocks. It is considered that the blocks are filled with 20 mm or 25 mm clear stone. The fill immediately behind the blocks will consist of Granular "A" material compacted to a minimum of 98% of standard proctor maximum dry density. The block wall will be placed on a prepared engineered granular pad consisting of Granular "A" material compacted to a minimum of 100%



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SPDD. The allowable bearing capacity of the soil subgrade below the retaining wall is 250 kPa for serviceability limit states design.

As previously indicated, during the analysis, it was assumed that the structures on the adjacent property would result in a line load of 40 kN at a distance of 3.5 metres from the property line.

For the purposes of the retaining wall construction it is considered that the glacial till between the original ground surface and 1.2 metres below the original ground surface may be taken as soil Type 2 with respect to Ontario Regulation 213/91. The glacial till below 1.2 metres below the original ground surface may be taken as soil Type 1.

The strong stone blocks used in the design consist of:

24SF Block – face of 0.9 metres height and 2.4 metres width, depth of 1.12 metres.

6SF Block – face of 0.45 metres height and 1.2 metres width, depth of 1.12 metres.

24-86 Block – face of 0.9 metres height and 2.4 metres width, depth of 2.18 metres.

The wall at sections 7055, 7065 and 7077 was designed with two 24-86 block units followed by three 24SF block units and 1 6SF block Unit. There is no geogrid reinforcement required.

The assessment of the retaining wall at the above sections produced the following factors of safety.

Against Overturning	– 2.05 to 2.27
Against Sliding	– 2.07 to 2.24
Against Bearing Capacity Failure	– 1.95 to 1.98
Against Internal Overturning	– 2.05 to 2.06
Against Internal Sliding	– 2.25 to 2.27

Against Seismic Overturning	– 2.07 to 2.20
Against Seismic Sliding	– 2.28 to 2.29
Against Seismic Internal Overturning	– 1.87 to 2.20
Against Seismic Internal Sliding	– 2.39 to 2.45

The wall at section 7089 was designed with two 24SF block units and 1 6SF block Unit. There is no geogrid reinforcement required.

The assessment of the retaining wall at the above sections produced the following factors of safety.

Against Overturning	– 3.67
Against Sliding	– 3.22
Against Bearing Capacity Failure	– 6.5



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Against Internal Overturning	- 3.67
Against Internal Sliding	- 3.79
Against Seismic Overturning	- 2.67
Against Seismic Sliding	- 2.70
Against Seismic Internal Overturning	- 2.67
Against Seismic Internal Sliding	- 3.13

Since all of the factors of safety in the assessment against overturning and sliding are above 2.0 and the allowable bearing capacity is in excess of the pressure on the subgrade due to the wall, the retaining wall as designed is considered stable and adequate for the proposed design.

SLOPE STABILITY AND RETAINING WALL DESIGN RESULTS

Based on our field observations, review of the available information and the results of the slope stability analysis and retaining wall design assessment, it is stated that the existing slope along the south side of the site is stable in both the present geometry and in the proposed geometry. The proposed retaining wall is suitable to support the intended slope cut and is adequate for the proposed grading plan design as amended with the proposed slope cut above the retaining wall.

We trust that this report provides sufficient information for your present purposes. If you have any questions concerning this information or if we can be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Regards,
Kollaard Associates Inc.



Steve DeWit, P.Eng



DRAWING NUMBER:
SITE PLAN, FIGURE 1

LEGEND:
TP1
■ APPROXIMATE TEST PIT LOCATION

REFERENCE: PLAN SUPPLIED BY
CITY OF OTTAWA EMAPS.

SPECIAL NOTE: THIS DRAWING TO
BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH
THE ACCOMPANYING REPORT.

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CLIENT:
ALIMUM INVESTMENTS LTD.

PROJECT:
TEST PITS FOR RETAINING WALL DESIGN
FOR PROPOSED GREELY COMMERCIAL
CENTRE

LOCATION:
7041 MITCH OWENS ROAD, 5640 BANK
STREET AND 7107 MARCO STREET
CITY OF OTTAWA, ONTARIO

DESIGNED BY: -- DATE: APRIL 25, 2014

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TABLE I
RECORD OF TEST PITS
SUBSURFACE INVESTIGATION
PROPOSED COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT
BANK STREET AT MITCH OWENS ROAD
CITY OF OTTAWA, ONTARIO

TEST PIT NUMBER	DEPTH (METRES)	DESCRIPTION
TP1	0.0 – 0.6	Grey brown silty sand, some gravel and clay (FILL)
	0.6 – 0.8	TOPSOIL
	0.8 – 2.7	Grey brown silty sand, some gravel, cobbles and large boulders (GLACIAL TILL)
	2.7	End of test pit in glacial till

0.0 depth is about 1.2 metres above level ground at toe of slope and ended about 1.5 metres below level ground at toe of slope

Test pit dry, April 24, 2014.

TP2	0.0 – 0.6	Grey brown silty sand, some gravel and clay and topsoil (FILL)
	0.6 – 1.8	Grey brown silty sand, some gravel, cobbles and large boulders (GLACIAL TILL)
	1.8	End of test pit in glacial till

0.0 depth is about 0.9 metres above level ground at toe of slope and ended about 0.9 metres below level ground at toe of slope

Test pit dry, April 24, 2014.



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TABLE I (continued)

RECORD OF TEST PITS

TEST PIT NUMBER	DEPTH (METRES)	DESCRIPTION
TP3	0.0 – 0.6	Grey brown sandy clay, some gravel and topsoil (FILL)
	0.6 – 2.3	Grey brown SILTY SAND, some gravel
	2.3 – 2.5	Grey brown silty sand, some gravel, cobbles and large boulders (GLACIAL TILL)
	2.5	End of test pit, refusal on large boulder

0.0 depth is about 1.3 metres above level ground at toe of slope and ended about 1.2 metres below level ground at toe of slope

Test pit dry, April 24, 2014.

TP4	0.0 – 1.0	Grey brown silty sand, some gravel and clay (FILL)
	1.0 – 1.2	TOPSOIL
	1.2 – 2.7	Grey brown silty sand, some gravel, cobbles and large boulders (GLACIAL TILL)
	2.7	End of test pit in glacial till

0.0 depth is about 1.3 metres above level ground at toe of slope and ended about 1.4 metres below level ground at toe of slope

Test pit dry, April 24, 2014.

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3. This drawing is intended to indicate the minimum factor of safety of the indicated sections along the slope of the south side of the site known as 5640 Bank Street, 7107 Marco Street, and 701 Mitch Owens Road.



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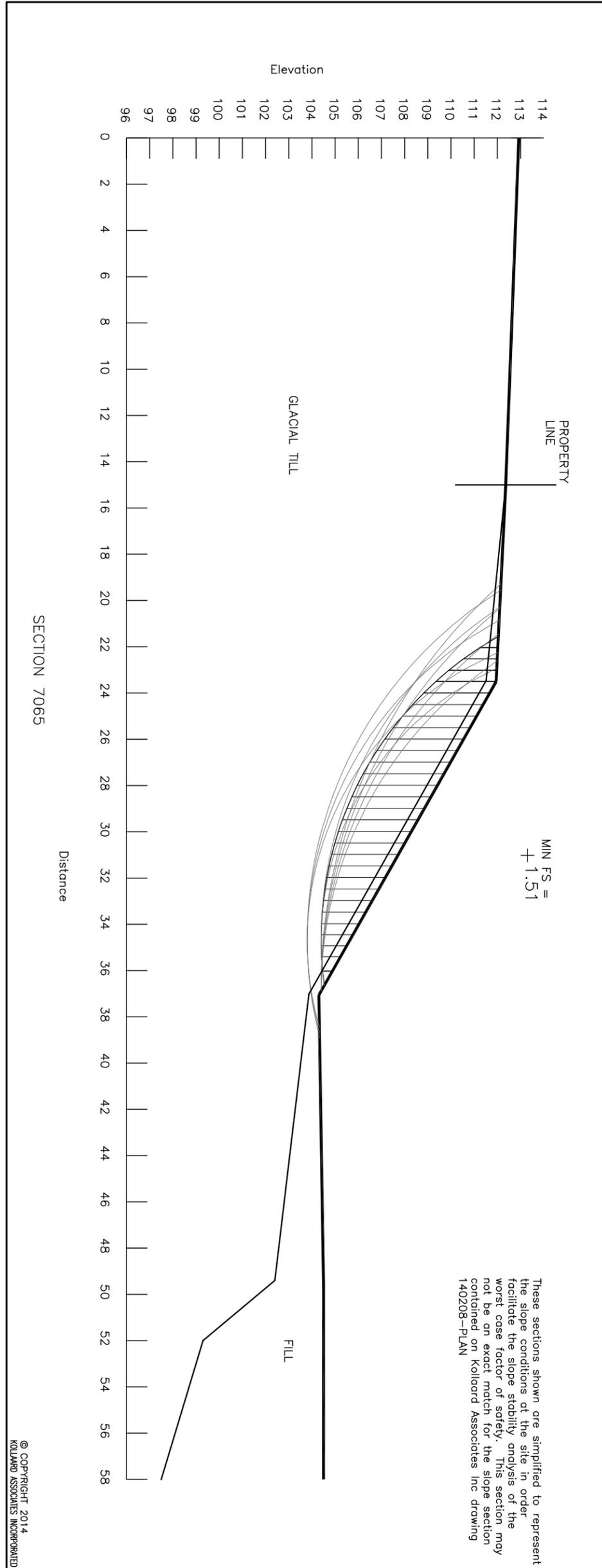
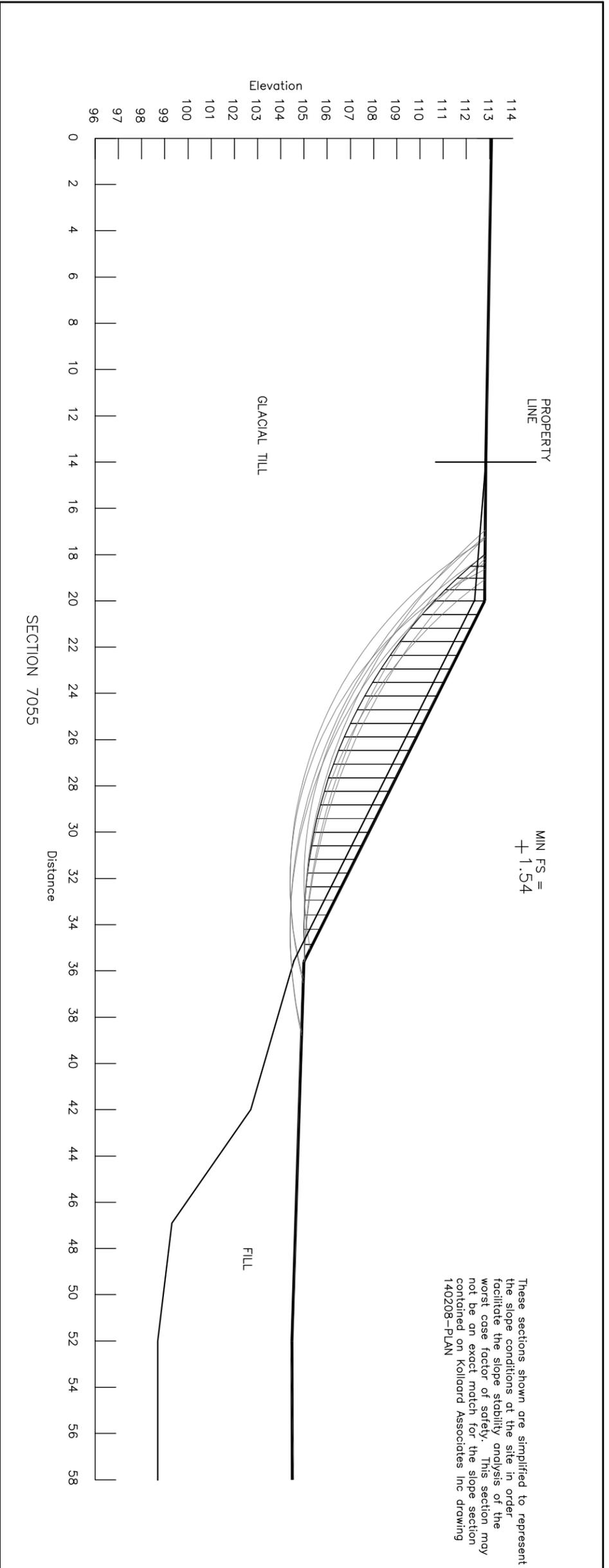
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Slope Stability Analysis

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Minimum Factor of Safety

LOCATION:
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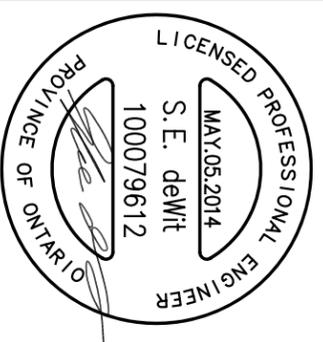
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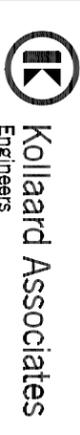
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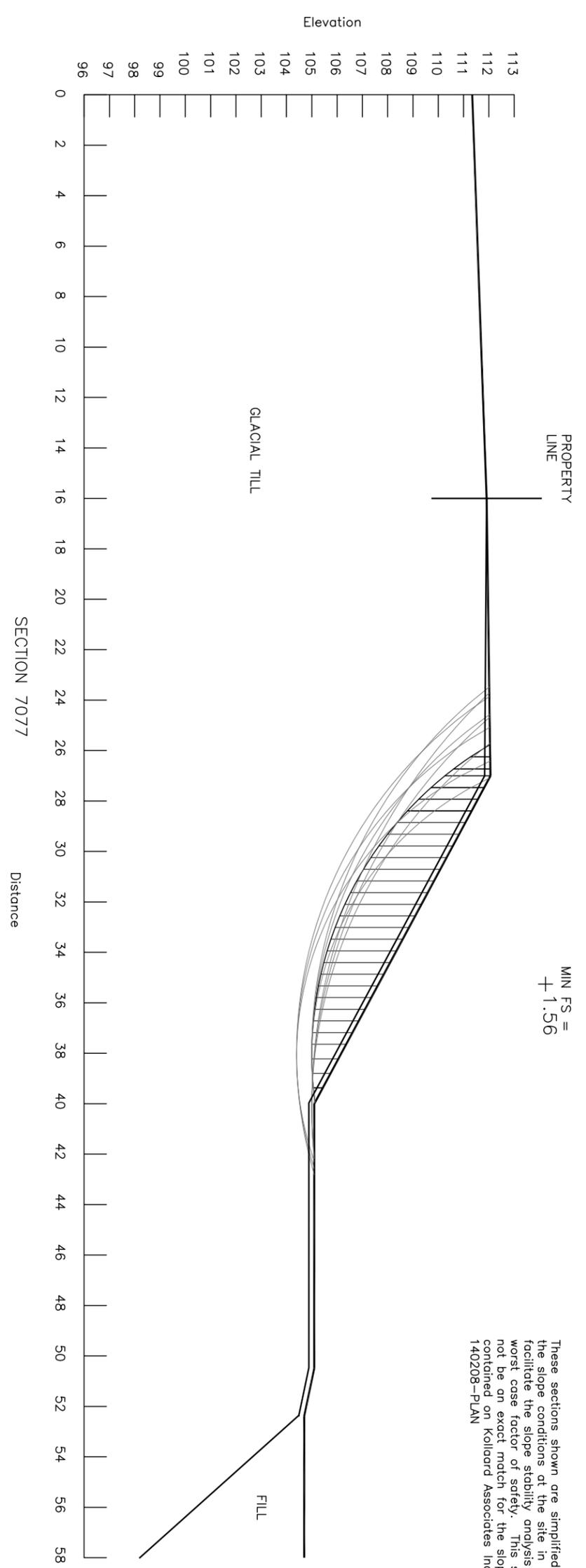
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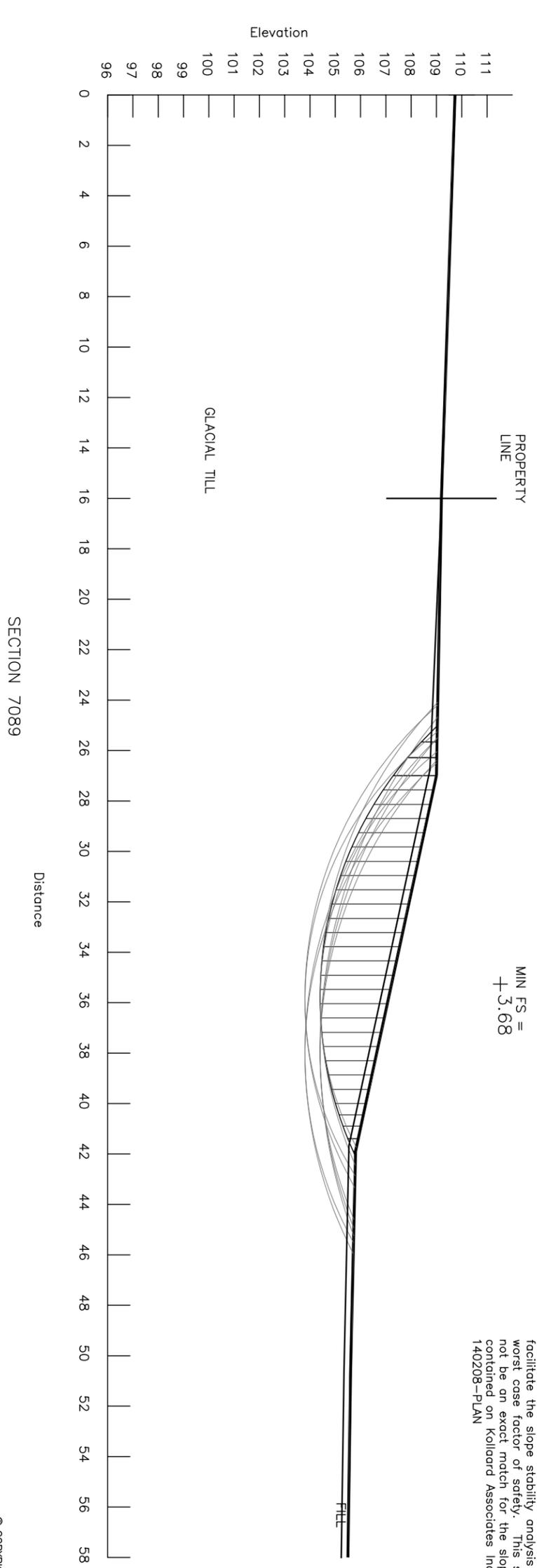
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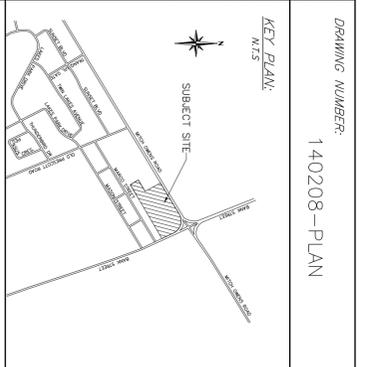
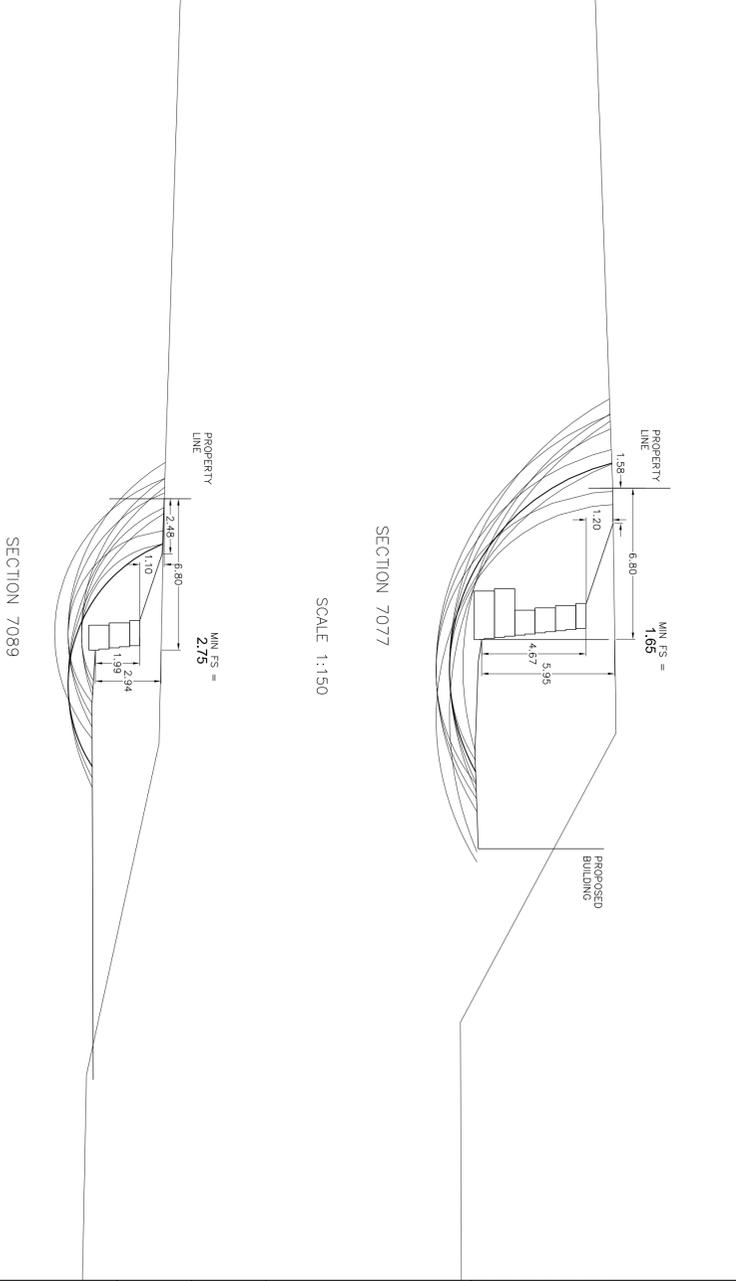
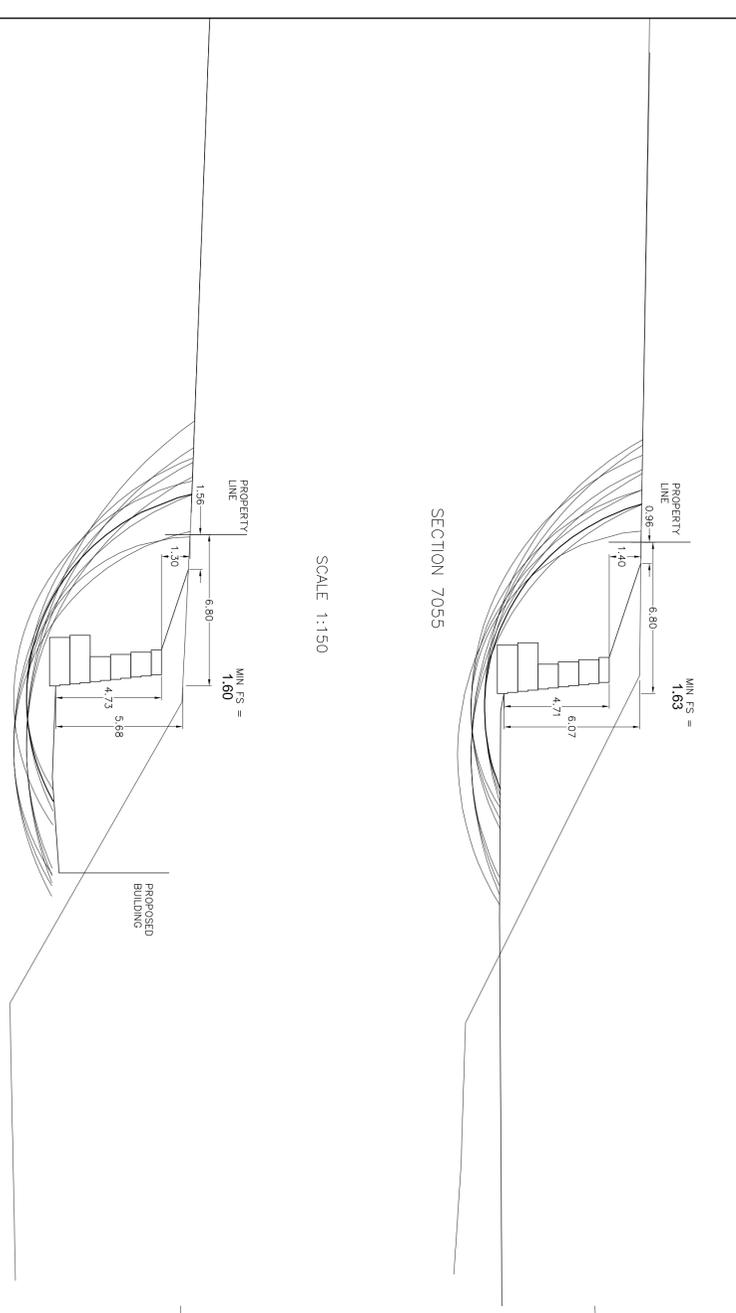
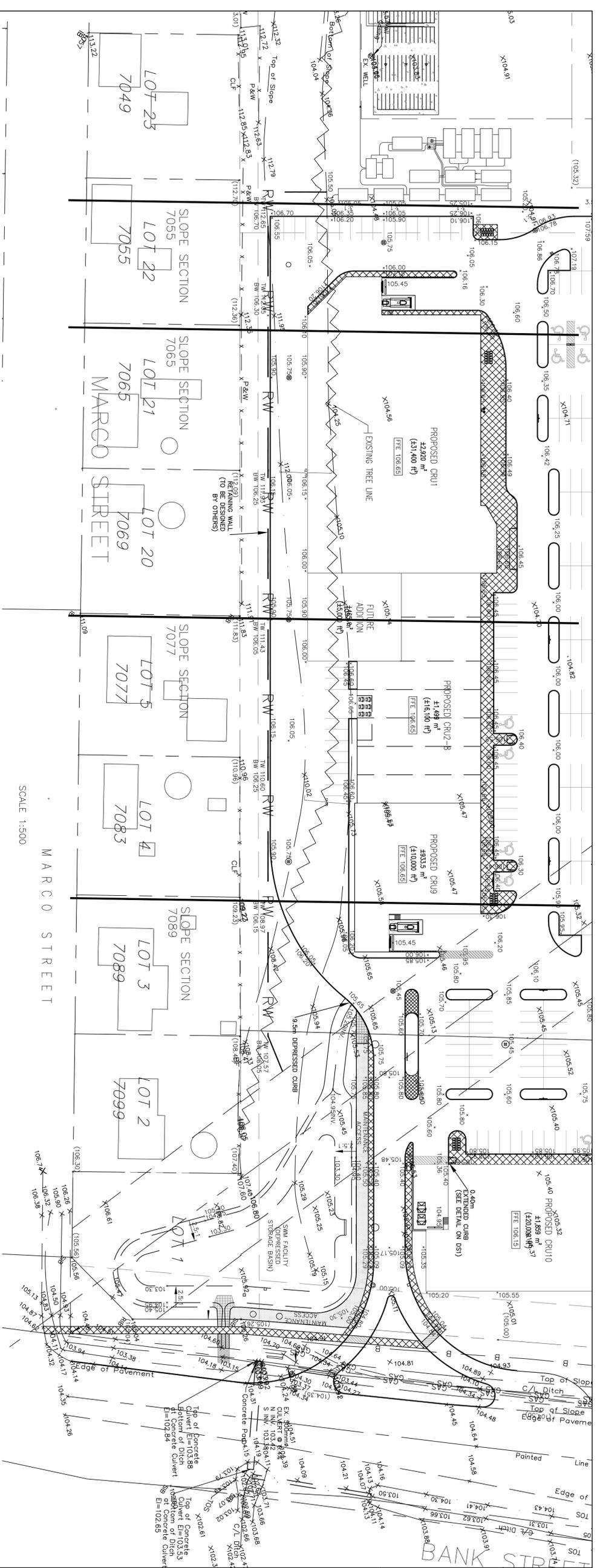
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- NOTES:**
1. THE PLAN PROVIDED IN THIS DRAWING HAS BEEN OBTAINED FROM THE ASSOCIATION'S LIMITED TO THIS DRAWING WITH NO MODIFICATIONS TO THE EXISTING TOPOGRAPHY, BUILDING LOCATION OR RETAINING WALL LOCATION. IT IS NOT INTENDED TO BE MODIFIED BY THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ON THIS DRAWING, EXCEPT TO CORRECT THE HEIGHT OF THE RETAINING WALL. THE CUT ILLUSTRATED ABOVE THE RETAINING WALL IS THE RETAINING WALL. THE WALL SHALL VARY ABOVE THE LENGTH OF THE PROPOSED SECTIONS HAVE BEEN PROVIDED TO ILLUSTRATE THE MINIMUM FACTOR OF SAFETY WITH RESPECT TO GLOBAL STABILITY. THE RETAINED SLOPE IS CONSIDERED STABLE. AS SUCH THE STRUCTURE LOCATIONS INDICATED ON THE ADJACENT PROFILES WERE OBTAINED FROM AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY AND THE STRUCTURE ON LOT 5 STREET ADDRESS 7077 IS A LIGHTLY LOADED GARAGE/SHED AND IS LOCATED GREATER THAN 2 METRES BEYOND THE MINIMUM SLIP SURFACE.

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PROJECT: PROPOSED GREELY COMMERCIAL CENTER

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