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Arcadis of New York Inc. (Arcadis), on behalf of Ford Motor Company (Ford), is submitting the 2018 Annual Restoration Monitoring Report for Operable Unit 2 (OU-2) of the Ramapo Paint Sludge Site located in the Town of Ramapo, Rockland County, New York.

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The Torne Valley Road Area, designated as OU-2, was subject to a Remedial Action consisting of excavation, removal and off-site transportation and disposal of paint sludge and impacted soils in accordance with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) approved Final RD dated July 2015. Following removal and off-site transportation of the paint sludge and impacted soils, the site was backfilled with clean imported fill material and restored in accordance with the NYSDEC approved Site Restoration Plan (SRP) dated February 2016.

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The attached Annual Restoration Monitoring Reports have been prepared by Amy S. Green Environmental Consultants, Inc. (ASGCEI) to document to the NYSDEC the following:

- The woody and herbaceous plant species composition within the restoration area following the 2018 growing seasons; and,
- The routine maintenance and monitoring activities that were/will be conducted at OU-2 for the duration of the restoration monitoring program.

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Should you have any additional questions or concerns related to the restoration monitoring program, please feel free to contact me at any time.

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**2018 ANNUAL  
RESTORATION MONITORING REPORT**

**For The**

**Ford Motor Company Site: Operable Unit 2 Remediation Project  
Ramapo, Rockland County, New York, Site No. 3-44-065**



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## **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

On behalf of Ford Motor Company (Ford) and ARCADIS U.S., Inc. (ARCADIS), Amy S. Greene Environmental Consultants, Inc. (ASGECI) has prepared this third Annual Restoration Monitoring Report (2018) for Torne Valley Road Area designated as Operable Unit 2 (OU-2) of the Ramapo Paint Sludge Site, located in the Town of Ramapo, Rockland County, New York (the Site).

Annual restoration monitoring is being implemented at OU-2 in accordance with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) approved Site Restoration Plan (SRP) dated February 11, 2016 (Appendix A). A remedial action consisting of targeted removal and disposal of paint sludge with embankment excavation was performed at the Site during 2015 in accordance with the Record of Decision (ROD) issued by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), dated March 2014. This Annual Restoration Monitoring Report is the third of five annual monitoring reports planned for the OU-2 Project. The purpose of this report is to:

- Quantify and document woody and herbaceous plant species composition within the restoration area; and,
- Discuss routine maintenance & monitoring activities that have been conducted at the Site as of the date of this report.

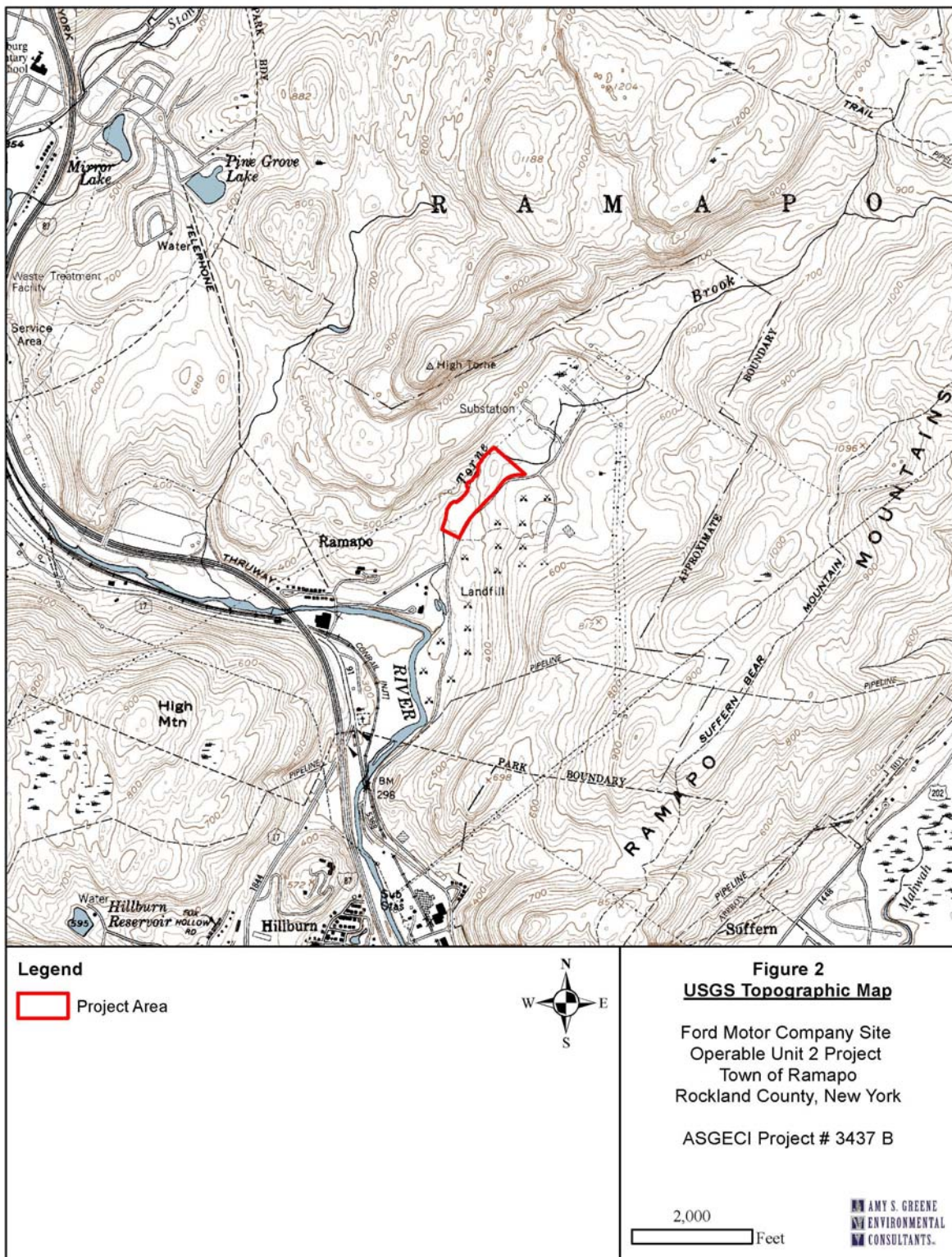
### **1.1 Site Description and History**

The Site includes valley side and river flat areas and extends along the bottom of Torne Valley in a north/south direction. OU-2 is generally bound to the west by the Ramapo River and Torne Brook; to the north by Harriman State Park and a Consolidated-Edison Substation; to the east by Harriman State Park and Torne Valley Road; and to the south by Sloatsburg Road/State Route 59.

The majority of OU-2 (approximately 15.4 acres) is located west of Torne Valley Road (OU-2 North) with an additional area (approximately 0.7 acres) located east of Torne Valley Road (OU-2 South), approximately 3,765 feet south of OU-2 North.

OU-2 is comprised of natural lands and includes upland forests, maintained accessways, and riparian corridors along Torne Brook. Torne Brook flows to the Ramapo River, which flows to the Pompton River, part of the Passaic River Drainage System. The project area is also adjacent to the nearby Harriman State Park, which is owned and operated by the NYSDEC.





## **1.2 Project Description**

The Remedial Action consisted of excavation, removal, transportation and disposal of paint sludge and impacted soil as outlined in the Final Remedial Design approved by the NYSDEC in July 2015. The total area disturbed during the execution of the Remedial Design is approximately 12.67 acres. Of this, only 0.31 acres is located within OU-2 South. All areas of disturbance can be viewed in the As-Built Monitoring Plan (Appendix B).

A total of 56,537 tons of impacted soil and paint sludge were excavated, removed, and disposed of at the approved off-site disposal facilities. A total of 19,990 tons of general clean fill was imported to backfill the excavation areas. The general backfill was sourced from the Braen Van Orden Pit located in Ringwood, New Jersey. The analytical and geotechnical parameters for the approved fill material are provided in Appendix C.

The Site topography was generally restored to pre-existing elevations and graded to drain towards Torne Brook. Site stabilization also occurred as particular areas were remediated, concurrent with final grading. A total of 32,200 cubic yards of topsoil was imported from RER Supply located in Wantage, New Jersey for use in restoring the Site to original grade. The analytical parameters for the approved topsoil are provided in Appendix C. Following placement of topsoil, the disturbed area was hydroseeded with annual rye grass and straw.

## **1.3 Site Restoration Summary**

Remediation of the project area resulted in the temporary disturbance of 11.63 acres of upland forest, approximately 550 linear feet of streambank as well as 0.94 acres of upland meadow. The project area was planted to restore vegetative communities within six months after the disturbances occur. The area was restored with the following communities:

- 10.12 acres of upland forest
- 0.10 acres streambank areas
- 2.13 acres upland meadow
- 0.32 acres gravel access areas

The project area was planted entirely with native species, similar to those that will be removed as a result of the remediation process. Plants were installed in a random pattern, with groups of similar species clustered together. All of the selected species are native plants that will require no maintenance once established. The plant diversity should, as the Site matures, improve the value of the Site to a variety of wildlife.

The seeding of the disturbed project area with the herbaceous seed mix may be performed at any time after remediation. Planting, seeding, fertilizing, and stabilization will be performed according to the specifications prepared specifically for this project.

### 1.3.1 Upland Meadow

A total of 2.13 acres of upland meadows were restored in areas along Torne Valley Road. All upland meadow areas were permanently stabilized by seeding with a warm season grass mixture, including little bluestem (*Schizachyrium scoparium*), big bluestem (*Andropogon gerardii*), Indian grass (*Sorghastrum nutans*), switchgrass (*Panicum virgatum*), oats (*Avena sativa*), Virginia wild rye (*Elymus virginicus*), annual ryegrass (*Lolium multiflorum*), smooth aster (*Aster laevis*), black-eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia hirta*), purple coneflower (*Echinacea purpurea*), wild bergamot (*Monarda fistulosa*), and lance-leaved coreopsis (*Coreopsis lanceolata*). All permanent seeding and stabilization was completed in accordance with the SRP dated March 2016.

### 1.3.2 Upland Forest Areas

10.12 acres of upland forest habitat was restored in accordance with the SRP. All disturbed upland forests were planted with a combination of containerized plant materials. Trees and shrubs were planted at approximately 20-foot on-center. Tree and shrub species including northern red oak (*Quercus rubra*), sugar maple (*Acer saccharum*), white ash (*Fraxinus americana*), sweet birch (*Betula lenta*), American sycamore (*Platanus occidentalis*), tulip poplar (*Liriodendron tulipifera*), black chokeberry (*Aronia melanocarpa*), eastern red cedar (*Juniperus virginica*), Virginia rose (*Rosa virginiana*), witch hazel (*Hamamelis virginiana*), and southern arrowwood (*Viburnum dentatum*) were installed within the upland areas. All upland areas were stabilized by seeding with a warm season grass mixture including little bluestem, big bluestem, Indian grass, switchgrass, oats, Virginia wild rye, annual ryegrass, smooth aster, black-eyed Susan, purple coneflower, wild bergamot, and lance-leaved coreopsis.

Within the upland forest restoration area, steep slopes were identified and received additional seeding and stabilization measures. All slopes 25-percent (4:1 slope) or steeper were stabilized with the temporary stabilization seed mixture in addition to the upland forest seed mix. The steep slope areas were also stabilized with high performance biodegradable erosion control matting. All permanent seeding, stabilization, and plantings were completed in accordance with the SRP.

### 1.3.3 Streambank Stabilization Area

The streambank stabilization area can be described as all areas within 3 feet horizontally from the mean high water mark of Torne Brook. Therefore, the width of the streambank stabilization will vary depending on proposed disturbance and slopes. Streambank stabilization areas restored included 0.03 acres located along approximately 550 linear feet of the southern bank of Torne Brook. As needed, streambank areas were stabilized by adding natural stone at the toe-of-slope within Torne Brook. All areas above the toe-of-slope and normal water levels were restored utilizing only soil, vegetation, and other bioengineering devices. All disturbed riverbank areas were planted with a combination of live stakes and containerized plant materials. Live stakes were planted in a staggered fashion along the riverbank at approximately one-foot on-center to provide instant protection from scour and erosion. Containerized shrubs were planted at four-foot on-center in streambank areas that are more than two feet above bank full. Additionally, containerized trees were planted at ten-foot on-center. Tree and shrub species such as black willow (*Salix nigra*), silky dogwood (*Cornus amomum*), elderberry (*Sambucus canadensis*), and witch hazel were installed within the streambank stabilization areas.

All stream bank stabilization areas were stabilized by seeding a native grass mixture including little bluestem, Indian grass, switchgrass, Virginia wild rye, annual ryegrass, fox sedge (*Carex vulpinoides*), soft rush (*Juncus effusus*), path rush (*Juncus tenuis*), swamp sunflower (*Helianthus angustifolius*), joe-pye-weed (*Eupatorium fistulosum*), boneset (*Eupatorium perfoliatum*), narrow-leaved goldenrod (*Euthamia graminifolia*), Canada goldenrod (*Solidago canadensis*), and wild bergamot. The streambank areas also received the temporary stabilization mixtures to insure stabilization. All permanent seeding, stabilization, and plantings were completed in accordance with the SRP.

## **2.0 MONITORING PROGRAM**

In accordance with the NYSDEC approved Site Remediation Plan (SRP), the Site will be monitored for five growing seasons following the completion of the planting/seeding within the restored project area. Monitoring will be used to determine if the requirements of the approved SRP have been met and if additional maintenance and monitoring is necessary to meet the goals of the project. Monitoring commenced in the fall of 2016 and will continue until 2020.

During the monitoring period, planted species and any additional "volunteer" species are identified. The average percent coverage of vegetation is estimated and noted for the annual and final reports. Permanent sampling station locations and photograph locations were established onsite in order to illustrate the relative success of the project and annual changes in vegetative cover. The monitoring protocol utilized is adapted from Peet et al. (1998) and is briefly discussed under Section 3 below.

Invasive weed species are evaluated and monitored. The overall health and vigor of the plantings are evaluated. Herbivory is evaluated, to determine if it is resulting in plant mortality. In addition, any maintenance activities (such as hand weeding, application of a pesticide or other approved method for the removal of invasive/noxious species in the restoration Site) are identified.

This annual monitoring report has been prepared in accordance with the approved SRP. A comprehensive, final report that summarizes the results and success of the restoration project will be prepared after the final site visit in the fall of the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) year.

## **3.0 VEGETATION**

Vegetation monitoring following the 2018 growing season was conducted on October 12, 2018. Vegetative success criteria was evaluated by systematic sampling within the riparian restoration area. Permanent vegetation plots were established within the restoration area in 2016 (quantity 6). Plot locations are indicated on the "Restoration Monitoring Plan" included in Appendix B.

Representative photographs of the plot locations are presented in Appendix D. Photographs are useful in documenting the change and establishment of a restoration project throughout the monitoring period.

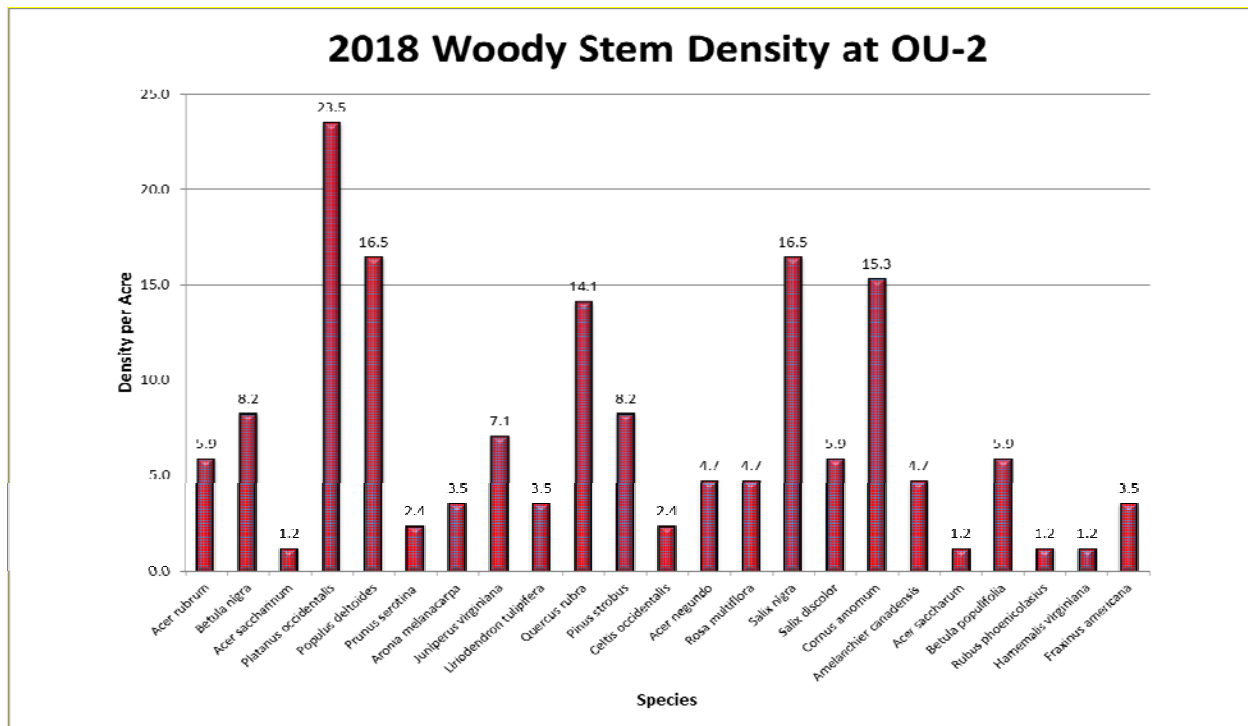
The corners of the vegetation sampling plots were also staked in the field. The sampling methodology for inventory plots is discussed in detail by Peet et al. (1998). Generally, each plot consists of a 2 by 3 array of modules, each module being 10 meters long by 10 meters wide. A 2 x 5 module array is the recommended size for description of forest communities; however, smaller arrays may be used in areas with homogeneous overstory vegetation or dense understory. The smaller 2 by 3 module array is suitable for sampling this project area, due to its size and relatively homogenous cover. The standard observation unit used was a 20 by 30 meter plot. Within each array, woody stem presence, cover, diameter, and height was recorded. Depending on coverage of herbs and bryophytes (i.e., mosses), these strata were sampled using a subset of modules or nested quadrats within modules. Plot and site data was recorded for each array including soil morphology, aspect, slope, elevation, topographic position, and total estimated cover of the vegetative strata (trees, saplings, shrubs, herbs, vines, and bryophytes).

Estimates of woody stem density, woody stem height, and herbaceous cover were obtained for each planted and naturally regenerating species. In addition, a complete count of all planted trees was performed to determine tree planting success. Field data sheets can be viewed in Appendix E.

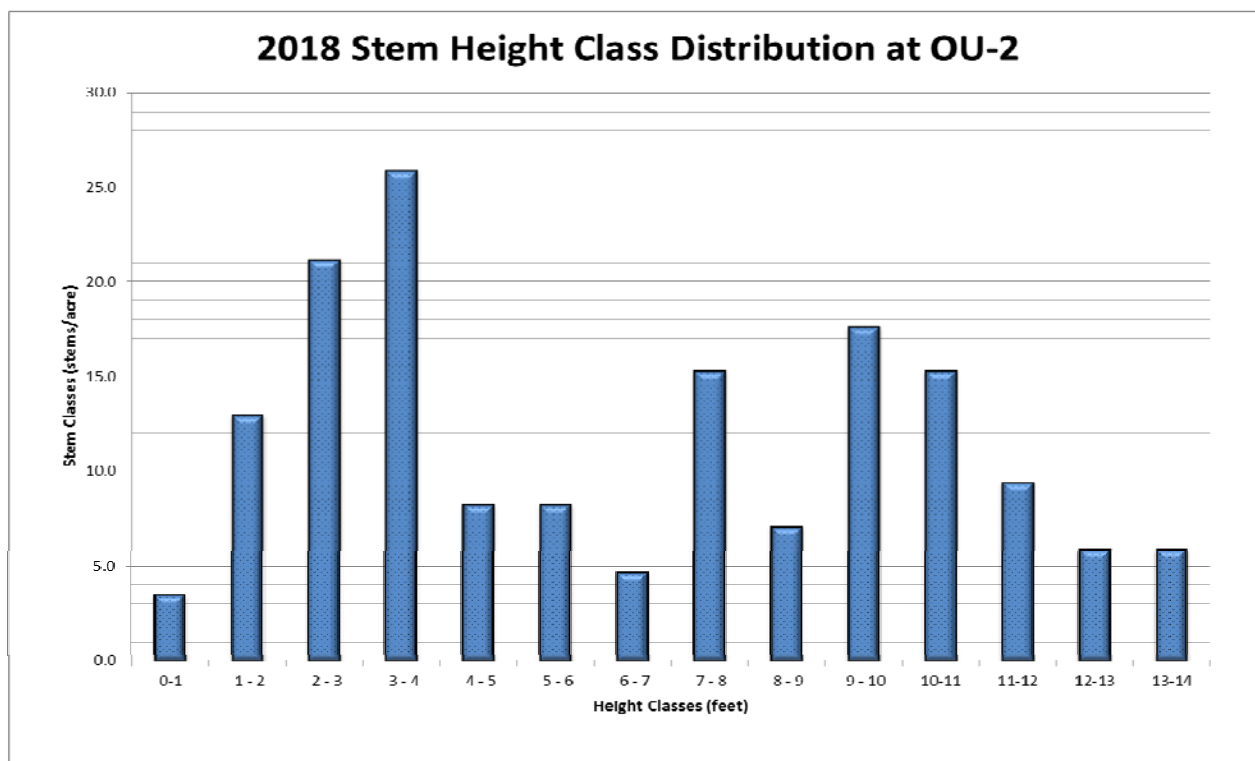
### 3.1 Results of Vegetation Monitoring

Average density of planted species is estimated to be 155 trees and shrubs per acre (see Table 1 below). Some naturally-regenerating species were identified within the sample plots, including sycamore (*Platanus occidentalis*), cottonwood (*Populus deltoides*), and invasive species such as multiflora rose.

<b>Table 1: Average Density and Average Height for Planted and Naturally Regenerating Woody Plants Following the 2018 Growing Season</b>			
<b>Common Name</b>	<b>Scientific Name</b>	<b>Average Density (stems/acre)</b>	<b>Average Height (feet)</b>
Red Maple	<i>Acer rubrum</i>	5.9	9.1
River Birch	<i>Betula nigra</i>	8.2	8.6
Silver Maple	<i>Acer saccharinum</i>	1.2	6.5
American Sycamore	<i>Platanus occidentalis</i>	23.5	7.4
Eastern Cottonwood	<i>Populus deltoides</i>	16.5	8.5
Black Cherry	<i>Prunus serotina</i>	2.4	2.5
Black Chokeberry	<i>Aronia melanocarpa</i>	3.5	3.5
Eastern Red Cedar	<i>Juniperus virginiana</i>	7.1	3.8
Tulip Poplar	<i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i>	3.5	5.8
Red Oak	<i>Quercus rubra</i>	14.1	9.1
White Pine	<i>Pinus strobus</i>	8.2	8.5
Hackberry	<i>Celtis occidentalis</i>	2.4	8.5
Box Elder	<i>Acer negundo</i>	4.7	7.5
Multiflora Rose	<i>Rosa multiflora</i>	4.7	2.8
Black Willow	<i>Salix nigra</i>	16.5	3.3
Pussy Willow	<i>Salix discolor</i>	5.9	2.5
Silky Dogwood	<i>Cornus amomum</i>	15.3	2.9
Serviceberry	<i>Amelanchier canadensis</i>	4.7	7.0
Sugar Maple	<i>Acer saccharum</i>	1.2	8.5
Gray Birch	<i>Betula populifolia</i>	5.9	8.5
Wineberry	<i>Rubus phoenicolasius</i>	1.2	2.5
Witchhazel	<i>Hamamelis virginiana</i>	1.2	7.5
White Ash	<i>Fraxinus americana</i>	3.5	13.2
<b>Summary</b>		<b>Average Density (stems/acre)</b>	<b>Average Height (feet)</b>
<b>Total All Species</b>		161.2	6.4
<b>Total Planted Species</b>		155.3	6.8
<b>Total Naturally Regenerating Species</b>		5.9	2.6



**FIGURE 3:** Average woody stem density for all species recorded within monitoring plots at the OU-2 Restoration following the 2017 growing season.



**FIGURE 4:** Woody stem height class distribution for planted species within the OU-2 restoration area following the 2017 growing season.

Overall woody species diversity is excellent. Over 20 species of desirable species are present within the Site. Distribution of these species is fairly equal, with only a few species extending more than 10 stems per acre. Sycamore has established as the most prevalent tree species, while cottonwood and red oak (*Quercus rubrum*) also are readily found.

Planted tree and shrub density for individual species ranged from approximately 1 to 24 stems per acre (see Table 1 and Figure 3 above). Shrub establishment and growth is minimal, except for the stream embankment area where black willow (*Salix nigra*), pussy willow (*Salix discolor*) and silky dogwood (*Cornus amomum*) are present from the establishment of live stakes. Shrub establishment has been undoubtedly hindered by the presence of deer.

Average height class of planted species sampled within the monitoring plots during 2018 was estimated at 6.8 feet, increasing slightly from the previous monitoring event. Individual species ranged from 2 foot saplings to trees over 14 feet tall. The most abundant stem class was in the 3-4 foot range due to the presence of live stakes. Putting those live stakes aside, the highest number of trees and shrubs fell within the 9 to 10 feet average height classes. A majority of the planted species have average heights greater than 6 feet. Comparing the collected data from previous years, it is evident that the trees throughout the Site are thriving and growing.

Table 2: 2018 Estimated Herbaceous Cover		
Common Name	Scientific Name	Average Cover (%)
Switchgrass	<i>Panicum virgatum</i>	27.50
Indiangrass	<i>Sorghastrum nutans</i>	14.83
Wild Bergamot	<i>Monarda fistulosa</i>	11.33
Black-Eyed Susan	<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>	10.83
Virginia Wild Rye	<i>Elymus virginicus</i>	4.50
Mugwort	<i>Artemisia vulgaris</i>	4.33
Barnyard Grass	<i>Echinochloa crus-galli</i>	4.17
Japanese Hops	<i>Humulus japonicus</i>	4.17
Fall Panicum	<i>Panicum dichotomiflorum</i>	3.17
Lance-Leaved Coreopsis	<i>Coreopsis lanceolata</i>	3.00
Calico Aster	<i>Symphyotrichum lateriflorum</i>	2.67
Fireweed	<i>Erechtites hieraciifolius</i>	2.00
Tickseed Sunflower	<i>Bidens sp.</i>	1.67
Little Bluestem	<i>Schizachryium scoparium</i>	0.83
New England Aster	<i>Symphyotrichum novae-angliae</i>	0.83
Evening Primrose	<i>Oenothera biennis</i>	0.67
Pennsylvania Smartweed	<i>Polygonum pennsylvanica</i>	0.33
Yellow Foxtail	<i>Setaria pumila</i>	0.33
Common Cocklebur	<i>Xanthium stumarium</i>	0.33
Swamp Sunflower	<i>Helianthus angustifolius</i>	0.33
Narrow-Leaved Goldenrod	<i>Euthamia graminifolia</i>	0.33
Common Mullein	<i>Verbascum thapsus</i>	0.33
Giant Dandelion	<i>Tragopogon dubius</i>	0.00
2018 Totals		98.50

Herbaceous coverage within the 2018 growing season continued to excel as the designed seed mix continues to establish and thicken. Since native grass mixtures often take 2-3 years to establish, the full establishment of the design mixture has likely matured. The original designed native herbaceous seed mixture was applied to the Site in 2016 as specified on the Restoration Notes and Detailed Plan (Appendix B). Overall coverage, including native plantings and volunteer species, was again estimated at 98-percent (see Table 2 above). Switchgrass (*Panicum virgatum*), and indiangrass (*Sorghastrum nutans*) are the dominant species, as can be determined by qualitative and visual assessments of the Site. Wildflowers such as black-eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia hirta*), and wild bergamot (*Monarda fistulosa*) are also prevalent throughout the herbaceous layer. Several other volunteer species were identified within the sample plots. Volunteer species including fireweed (*Erechtites hieraciifolius*), barnyard grass (*Echinochloa crus-galli*), fall panicum (*Panicum dichotomiflorum*), and calico aster (*Symphyotrichum lateriflorum*) all were identified within a majority of the sampling plots. Invasive species including Japanese hops (*Humulus japonicus*), and mugwort (*Artemisia vulgaris*) were identified within the Site, mainly along areas sloping toward the stream. These species were targeted during the Fall 2018 herbicide treatment. Further information regarding invasive species control can be viewed in Section 5 of this report.

### 3.2 Conclusions of Vegetation Monitoring

The 2018 monitoring effort documented the successful establishment of the OU-2 restoration area. Woody stem density was over 150 stems per acre, which equates to a survival rate of approximately 65%. Tree survival can be estimated as nearly 90% after a robust successful replant in 2017. Shrubs have not survived well for a variety of reasons including the presence of deers and the subsequent herbivory that takes place to all smaller plants. Trees have fared better against the deer damage, although many trees were noted to be browsed or rubbed despite the presence of tree guards. Often, tree guards are displaced from the tree trunks by deers during the rubbing of the trunks. Despite difficult conditions, trees continue to establish and grow. Many tree species have an average height of 6 feet or greater. Overall average woody stem height is 6.4 feet. Sycamore and cottonwood are the most prevalent tree species and are also among the tallest in average height.

Herbaceous coverage continues to exceed expectations, covering over 98% of the Site. Dominant species are warm season grasses including switchgrass and indiangrass. Forbs such as black-eyed susan and wild bergamot are readily identified, especially during the summer months when in bloom. Invasive species including mugwort and Japanese hops were documented within the restoration area. These species have been treated with herbicide since the monitoring effort and will continue to be monitored during future years.

The project is on a positive trajectory to meeting all goals and requirements set forth in the SRP dated March 2016.

## 4.0 WILDLIFE UTILIZATION

Wildlife utilization remains an important factor of the OU-2 Site restoration. The OU-2 restoration project provides a diverse habitat for a wide variety of wildlife species. Trees remain protected using tree guards due to the large population of white-tailed deers that are known to utilize the project area. Tree guards have been noted to be displaced by deer rubbing resulting in tree damage. Other herbivory or wildlife damage has not been noted.

Species of concern such as Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*) little brown bat (*Myotis lucifugus*), timber rattlesnake (*Crotalus horridus*) and northern copperhead (*Agkistrodon contortrix contortrix*) were all identified to utilize the Site prior to construction. Surveys for these were conducted prior to construction; however, none of these species have been documented onsite to date. Similar species identified include garter snake (*Thamnophis sirtalis*), black rat snake (*Pantherophis obsoletus*), and box turtle (*Terrapene*

*carolina carolina*). Numerous avian species including neotropicals, passerines and raptors readily utilize the restoration area.

#### **4.1 Wildlife Habitat Enhancement Features**

Wildlife habitat enhancement features such as boulder piles, brushpiles, and coarse woody debris were incorporated into the Site Restoration Plan. Wildlife habitat enhancement features are intended to add suitable habitat features for a wide variety of species expected to utilize the site.

Bird boxes and bat boxes will be added throughout the restoration area in order to provide nesting and roosting habitat. Bird boxes will be placed in suitable locations either on existing trees or posts approximately 5- foot off the ground, as determined by the Restoration Specialist. Bat boxes are scheduled to be mounted on the south side of suitable existing trees at a minimum of 10 feet off the ground, as determined by the Restoration Specialist and Bat biologist. These habitat structures have not been installed to date but are planned to be installed Spring 2019. After installation, all wildlife habitat enhancement structures will be inspected annually to ensure that the structures are intact and functional. Records of activity within the wildlife habitat enhancement structures will be documented and presented in annual reports.

Wildlife documented onsite include groundhog (*Marmota monax*), gray squirrel (*Sciurus carolinensis*), and eastern cottontail (*Sylvilagus floridanus*). Neotropical birds and other passerines frequent all areas of the site. Avian species including wild turkey, (*Meleagris gallopavo*) red-tailed hawk (*Buteo jamaicensis*), Cooper's hawk (*Accipiter cooperii*), eastern bluebird (*Sialia sialis*), killdeer (*Charadrius vociferous*) (*Ardea herodias*), song sparrow (*Melospiza melodia*), American kestrel (*Falco sparverius*), American crow (*Corvus brachyrhynchos*), black vulture (*Coragyps atratus*), turkey vulture (*Cathartes aura*), blue jay (*Cyanocitta cristata*), red-tailed hawk (*Buteo jamaicensis*), killdeer (*Charadrius vociferous*), common grackle (*Quiscalus quiscula*), sharp shinned hawk (*Accipiter striatus*), American goldfinch (*Spinus tristis*) and American robin (*Turdus migratorius*) have been documented utilizing the project area during the monitoring period. Reptile species documented onsite include garter snake (*Thamnophis sirtalis*) and black rat snake (*Pantherophis obsoletus*).

Additionally, dragonflies and damselflies (*Odanates*) were documented onsite, likely breeding and reproducing within the open water areas nearby. The Site has a plethora of wildflowers during the summer months which provide excellent pollinator habitat. Monarch butterflies were noted onsite during monitoring visits, and have been documented to be utilizing milkweed (*Asclepias sp.*) as a host plant for breeding and reproduction

#### **5.0 MAINTENANCE AND MONITORING SUMMARY**

The presence of invasive species and use of the Site by wildlife was noted during preparation of the NYSDEC approved SRP; therefore, the establishment and extent of invasive species and wildlife impacts on planted species will be monitored for the duration of the monitoring period (5-years).

As a preventative maintenance tool, most trees and shrubs, depending on height and stature, were protected from deer browse and rubbing by the installation of tree guards. In addition, many trees were staked and guyed to keep upright until fully established. ASGECI has conducted routine monitoring and maintenance to these deer guards, stakes, and guying during this monitoring period. Maintenance included the reinstallation of stakes and guards, pruning of trees to better fit guards, removal of guards from dead trees, and the replacement of dysfunctional material.

Furthermore, ASGECI has implemented an herbicide treatment program to control the establishment of unwanted and invasive species. ASGECI has contracted with Weeds, Inc., a NYSDEC Licensed Pesticide Applicator to treat invasive species including common reed (*Phragmites australis*), mugwort (*Artemisia vulgaris*), multiflora rose (*Rosa multiflora*), autumn olive (*Eleagnus angustifolia*) and others. Weeds Inc. conducted a site wide spot treatment of all invasive species in October 2018, mainly targeting mugwort and Japanese hops. The herbicide treatment was deemed successful, but true results will be seen during qualitative site assessments in Summer 2019. Herbicide applications will likely be a part of future maintenance efforts.

As part of annual monitoring activities, ASGECI will continue to monitor the restoration Site and will identify problems, concerns, or hazards observed, such as erosion issues, plant die-off, establishment of invasive species, etc. ASGECI will provide recommendations to control or mitigate issues that have been identified.

## **6.0 OVERALL CONCLUSIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS**

In general, woody and herbaceous plant species diversity is high. Tree species are established and are growing at a steady rate. The average stem height is 6.4 feet. The woody stem density is 154 stems per acre. Herbaceous coverage is dominated by warm season grasses and other species consistent with the design seed mixture. The Site provides high quality wildlife habitat, primarily for bird species that prefer early successional vegetation

Based on field observations, the restoration area continues to provide beneficial wildlife habitat values and has met the initial goals of the restoration plan. Recommendations for 2019 include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Monitor and maintain Tree Guards installed around each planted tree.
- Inspect and maintain all trees and shrubs to ensure that all plants are adequately installed in the ground, are stabilized from wind and water flow, and remain in a healthy state.
- Monitor the Site for the presence and establishment of invasive species. Conduct invasive species control in Spring and Fall 2019.
- Install wildlife habitat structures including bat boxes and bird boxes.
- Monitor the impact of deer browse and damage to planted vegetation.
- Conduct quarterly routine site inspections.
- Conduct informal wildlife surveys to assess amphibian, reptile, bird and invertebrate use.

## **7.0 LITERATURE CITED**

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# **APPENDIX A**

## **Coordination and Correspondence**

- NYSDEC Site Restoration Plan Approval

## Craig Metzgar

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**From:** Bennett, William B (DEC) <william.bennett@dec.ny.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 03, 2016 12:26 PM  
**To:** Rocklin, Jon; Crosby, David (DEC)  
**Cc:** Mastrocola, Krista; Bracken, Paul; dzurinkot@ramapo-ny.gov; mzakkar@ford.com; Chuck Stead; Bennett, William B (DEC); Dawson, Jennifer R (DEC); Stercho, Jonathan J (DEC); Masi, Lisa M (DEC)  
**Subject:** Re: Ford Ramapo OU-2: Area G Restoration.  
**Attachments:** Ramapo\_RestorationPlan\_Rev.pdf

Jon,

Per your request, the Department has completed a conceptual review of proposed changes to the restoration plan as part of the ongoing remedial action for Ramapo Paint Sludge site OU-2 (Site No. 3-44-064). The Department has the following comments:

- A meadow may be established in a portion of Area A as part of the restoration plan for the current remedial action. A revised drawing showing the proposed footprint of the meadow and a corresponding planting list and planting plan for the meadow must be submitted to the Department for review.
- The proposals to construct a barn in Area A and a parking area in Area G are considered development proposals that cannot be amended to the restoration plan for this remedial action. This development must be reviewed as a Permit Jurisdiction Determination - specifically Article 11. The applicant/project sponsor should submit a request for this determination (letter form) to Region 3 Permits that includes a project narrative, site plans (may be a sketch plan but must show all disturbances and proposed work in detail), and a project location map (which also shows exactly where on the site the proposed work is located). Also, any rattlesnake avoidance or mitigation measures proposed should be included in the narrative and/or on the plans for review. Additional information about avoiding impact to rattlesnakes can also be provided to the applicant during the permit determination process.
- The proposed snake basking structures may be removed from the restoration plan.

Please provide the supplemental information requested above regarding the meadow in Area A. For more information regarding the permitting process for development projects at the site, please contact Jonathan Stercho in the Department's Region 3 office.

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Division of Environmental Remediation  
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**From:** Rocklin, Jon <Jon.Rocklin@arcadis.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 13, 2016 2:45 PM  
**To:** Bennett, William B (DEC); Crosby, David (DEC)  
**Cc:** Mastrocola, Krista; Bracken, Paul; dzurinkot@ramapo-ny.gov; mzakkar@ford.com  
**Subject:** RE: Ford Ramapo OU-2: Area G Restoration.

Bill – Attached is a figure that presents the planned restoration changes associated with the below email.

Thank you,  
Jon

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**From:** Rocklin, Jon  
**Sent:** Monday, January 11, 2016 3:22 PM  
**To:** 'william.bennett@dec.ny.gov' <william.bennett@dec.ny.gov>; 'david.crosby@dec.ny.gov' <david.crosby@dec.ny.gov>  
**Cc:** Mastrocola, Krista <Krista.Mastrocola@arcadis.com>; Bracken, Paul <Paul.Bracken@arcadis.com>  
**Subject:** Ford Ramapo OU-2: Area G Restoration.

Bill,

Arcadis, on behalf of Ford, is proposing an alternative restoration plan for Area G associated with the Ramapo Paint Sludge Site, Operable Unit 2 located in Ramapo, New York.

ARCADIS would like to restore Area G with screenings to a depth of 2 feet below grade followed by placement of 2 feet of DGA in lieu of the topsoil and upland meadow vegetation.

The reason for this alteration is associated with the Town of Ramapo's (property owner's) request to leave the current support zone (trailer and personnel parking) in place, following completion of the remediation. This area would become overflow parking for the existing site structure (Salt Box). Furthermore, the proposed plan to backfill Area G would be similar to backfill in Area A that already established the primary parking lot for the Salt Box.

Based on the NYSDEC response on the above approach, Viasant will need to plan the remainder of the remediation accordingly.

Thank you,  
Jon

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**From:** Ted Dzurinko [<mailto:DzurinkoT@ramapo-ny.gov>]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 11, 2016 1:30 PM  
**To:** Rocklin, Jon <[Jon.Rocklin@arcadis.com](mailto:Jon.Rocklin@arcadis.com)>  
**Cc:** Thomas F. Sullivan <[sullivant@ramapo-ny.gov](mailto:sullivant@ramapo-ny.gov)>; Mastrocola, Krista <[Krista.Mastrocola@arcadis.com](mailto:Krista.Mastrocola@arcadis.com)>; Bracken, Paul <[Paul.Bracken@arcadis.com](mailto:Paul.Bracken@arcadis.com)>  
**Subject:** RE: Ford Ramapo OU-2 (Area G)

Hi Jon,

We thought we had previously spoken about leaving Area G for overflow parking.  
That works for us.

Also, w.r.t. to working contiguous to area E in the turnaround area across from the scale house:  
I spoke with Dennis O'Donnell last week.  
RCSWMA may be willing to accommodate.  
During the brief 2 week  $\pm$  period that you need to work in the turnaround area RCSWMA may be able to make adjustments the way vehicles enter the scales & avoid the need to turn around.  
You should reach out to Dennis :845-753-2200 (office) .

Ted

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**From:** Rocklin, Jon [<mailto:Jon.Rocklin@arcadis.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 11, 2016 12:28 PM  
**To:** Ted Dzurinko <[DzurinkoT@ramapo-ny.gov](mailto:DzurinkoT@ramapo-ny.gov)>; Thomas F. Sullivan <[sullivant@ramapo-ny.gov](mailto:sullivant@ramapo-ny.gov)>  
**Cc:** Mastrocola, Krista <[Krista.Mastrocola@arcadis.com](mailto:Krista.Mastrocola@arcadis.com)>; Bracken, Paul <[Paul.Bracken@arcadis.com](mailto:Paul.Bracken@arcadis.com)>  
**Subject:** [POSSIBLE SPAM] RE: Ford Ramapo OU-2 (Area G)  
**Importance:** Low

Ted and Tom – Any feedback/thoughts on this?

Thank you,  
Jon

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**From:** Rocklin, Jon  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 7, 2016 2:20 PM  
**To:** 'dzurinkot@ramapo-ny.gov' <[dzurinkot@ramapo-ny.gov](mailto:dzurinkot@ramapo-ny.gov)>; 'SullivanT@ramapo.org' <[SullivanT@ramapo.org](mailto:SullivanT@ramapo.org)>  
**Cc:** Mastrocola, Krista <[Krista.Mastrocola@arcadis.com](mailto:Krista.Mastrocola@arcadis.com)>; Bracken, Paul <[Paul.Bracken@arcadis.com](mailto:Paul.Bracken@arcadis.com)>  
**Subject:** Ford Ramapo OU-2 (Area G)

Ted and Tom – Something else I want to bring up to start the discussions was the restoration of Area G, which is where our Site trailers/parking are located.

There was mention the Town might want to use this area as overflow parking.

Viasant plans to commence excavation of this area in the near future. For planning purposes, it would be helpful to know what the Town is thinking restoration wise.

1. We backfill with clean fill and top soil.
2. We backfill with clean fill with the top 2 feet being DGA. We would essentially leave the trailer/parking area as it is for future parking use.

Thank you,  
Jon

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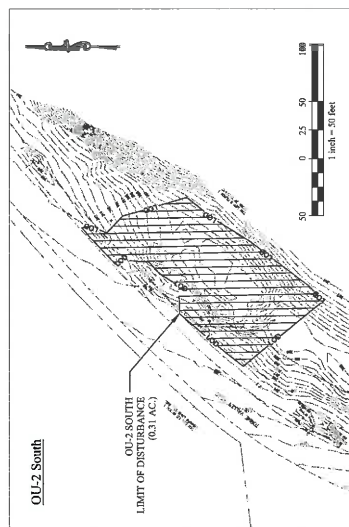
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## **APPENDIX B**

### **Restoration Monitoring Plan**



## **APPENDIX C**

### **Soil Information**

- Topsoil Approval

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**Top Soil Materials  
Ramapo Paint Sludge Site  
Operable Unit 2 (OU-2)  
Ramapo, NY**

<b>VIASANT Submittal(s) Number:</b>	<b>S-037</b>
<b>VIASANT Project Number:</b>	<b>VPR-15112</b>
<b>Submittal Title :</b>	VIASANT – Top Soil Materials
<b>Submittal Date:</b>	8/20/15
<b>Date(s) of Previous Submissions/Cross-Reference:</b>	
<b>To:</b>  <b>Cc:</b>	Jon Rocklin, ARCADIS Paul Bracken, ARCADIS Krista Mastrocola, ARCADIS Mike Furlong, VIASANT
<b>From:</b>	John Geary
<b>Reference Specification Section and/or Drawing:</b>	31-23-23 1.5

**Contractor's Submittal Section:**

**We are sending:**

☐ Shop Drawing    ☒ Product Data    ☐ Sample    Schedule    ☒ Record    ☐ Plan  
☒ Certificate    ☒ Report    Permit    ☐ Other:

# of Copies	As Requested	For Review	For Approval	For Your File	Deviations from Specification
Electronic	X	X	X	X	N/A

**COMMENTS:**

**Please find the attached information for the proposed Top Soil Materials for the Ramapo OU-2 site.**

This submittal has been reviewed and approved for submission by:

**VIASANT, LLC.**

606 East Baltimore Pike, F13  
Media, PA 19063  
(484) 443-4250



John Geary August 20, 2015

Contractor's Signature and Date



[Engineer's Review & Comments Section:](#)

**This Submittal has been:**

☐ Approved   ☐ Approved as Noted   ☐ Revise and Resubmit   ☐ Rejected

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Engineer's Signature, Date and Stamp (Stamp if applicable)



February 26, 2013

Mr. John Geary, Project Manager  
EQ – The Environmental Quality Company  
EQ Northeast, Inc.  
185 Industrial Road  
Wrentham, MA 02093

Re: Topsoil for EQ Ramapo Site

Dear Mr. Geary:

This Letter is to certify that RER Supply's topsoil is blended and screened at our facility located at Block 3, Lot 2.01, Wantage NJ. Our topsoil is a blend of 60% leaf compost and 40% sandy loam. We compost the leaves on-site, and blend it with virgin sand.

Very truly yours,  
RER SUPPLY, LLC

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Andrew Flockhart".

Andrew Flockhart, president



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## Transmittal

TO:

John Geary

Viasant

175 Capital Blvd.

Rocky Hill, CT 06067

DATE: 7/31/2015

GTX NO: 303485

RE: Ramapo OU-2 Site

COPIES	DATE	DESCRIPTION
	7/31/2015	July 2015 Laboratory Test Report

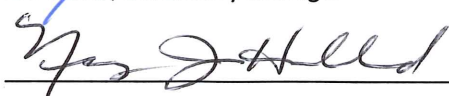
REMARKS:

CC:

SIGNED:

  
Joe Tomei, Laboratory Manager

APPROVED BY:

  
Nancy Hubbard, Project Manager



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July 31, 2015

John Geary  
Viasant  
175 Capital Blvd.  
Rocky Hill, CT 06067

RE: Ramapo OU-2 Site, Ramapo, NY (GTX-303485)

Dear John:

Enclosed are the test results you requested for the above referenced project. GeoTesting Express, Inc. (GTX) received 11 samples from you on 7/17/2014. These samples were labeled as follows:

RER-TOP1  
RER-TOP2  
RER-TOP3  
RER-TOP4  
Tilcon-#4-1  
Tilcon-#4-2  
Tilcon-DGA1  
Tilcon-Screen1  
Tilcon-Screen2  
Tilcon-Type 2-2  
Tilcon-Type2-1

GTX performed the following tests on these samples:

6 ASTM D2216 - Moisture Contents  
6 ASTM D2974 - Moisture, Ash and Organic Matter  
6 ASTM D422 - Grain Size Analyses - Sieve Only  
5 ASTM C136 - Sieve Analyses  
6 ASTM D4318 - Atterberg Limits

A copy of your test request is attached.

The results presented in this report apply only to the items tested. This report shall not be reproduced except in full, without written approval from GeoTesting Express. The remainder of these samples will be retained for a period of sixty (60) days and will then be discarded unless otherwise notified by you. Please call me if you have any questions or require additional information. Thank you for allowing GeoTesting Express the opportunity of providing you with testing services. We look forward to working with you again in the future.

Respectfully yours,

Joe Tomei  
Laboratory Manager



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## Geotechnical Test Report

**7/31/2015**

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**GTX-303485**

**Ramapo OU-2 Site**

**Ramapo, NY**

**Client Project No.: 15112**

Prepared for:

**Viasant**

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Client:	Viasant		
Project:	Ramapo OU-2 Site		
Location:	Ramapo, NY	Project No:	GTX-303485
Boring ID: ---	Sample Type: ---	Tested By:	jbr
Sample ID: ---	Test Date: 07/29/15	Checked By:	emm
Depth : ---	Test Id: 339455		

## Moisture Content of Soil and Rock - ASTM D2216

Boring ID	Sample ID	Depth	Description	Moisture Content, %
---	RER- TOP1	---	Moist, very dark brown silty sand with organics	32.9
---	RER- TOP2	---	Moist, very dark brown silty sand with organics	31.4
---	RER- TOP3	---	Moist, very dark brown silty sand with organics	33.5
---	RER- TOP4	---	Moist, very dark brown silty sand with organics	30.4
---	Tilcon- Screen1	---	Moist, gray silty sand	11.6
---	Tilcon- Screen2	---	Moist, dark gray silty sand	6.8

Notes: Temperature of Drying : 110° Celsius



Client:	Viasant				
Project:	Ramapo OU-2 Site				
Location:	Ramapo, NY			Project No:	GTX-303485
Boring ID:	---	Sample Type:	---	Tested By:	cam
Sample ID:	---	Test Date:	07/29/15	Checked By:	emm
Depth :	---	Test Id:	339443		

## Moisture, Ash, and Organic Matter - ASTM D2974

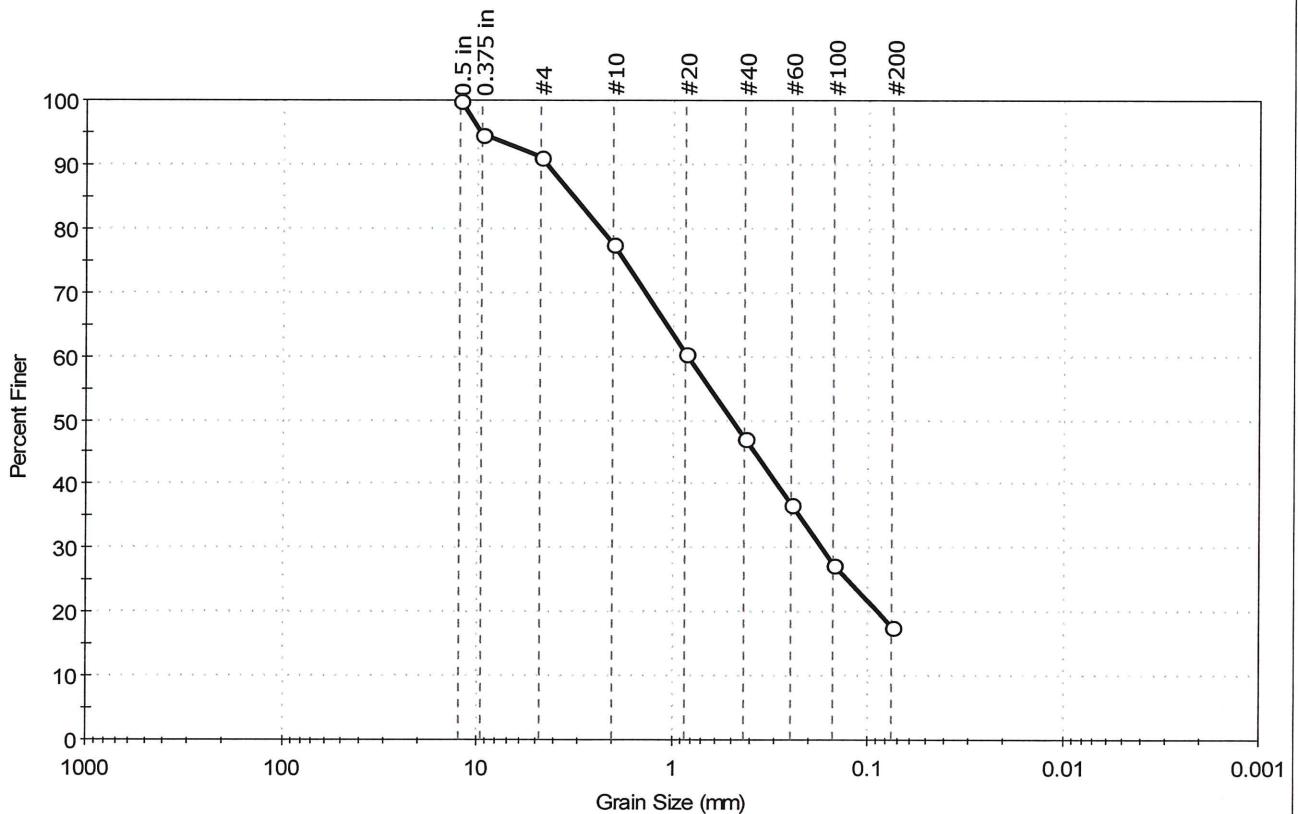
Boring ID	Sample ID	Depth	Description	Moisture Content, %	Ash Content, %	Organic Matter, %
---	RER-TOP1	---	Moist, very dark brown silty sand with organics	31	90.8	9.2
---	RER-TOP2	---	Moist, very dark brown silty sand with organics	34	88.9	11.1
---	RER-TOP3	---	Moist, very dark brown silty sand with organics	32	91.2	8.8
---	RER-TOP4	---	Moist, very dark brown silty sand with organics	30	90.4	9.6
---	Tilcon-Screen1	---	Moist, gray silty sand	6	99.7	.3
---	Tilcon-Screen2	---	Moist, dark gray silty sand	7	99.7	.3

Notes: Moisture content determined by Method A and reported as a percentage of oven-dried mass;  
dried to a constant mass at temperature of 105° C  
Ash content and organic matter determined by Method C; dried to constant mass at temperature 440° C



Client:	Viasant	Project No:	GTX-303485
Project:	Ramapo OU-2 Site	Tested By:	jbr
Location:	Ramapo, NY	Checked By:	emm
Boring ID:	---	Sample Type:	bag
Sample ID:	RER-TOP1	Test Date:	07/29/15
Depth :	---	Test Id:	339444
Test Comment:	---		
Visual Description:	Moist, very dark brown silty sand with organics		
Sample Comment:	---		

## Particle Size Analysis - ASTM D422



% Cobble	% Gravel	% Sand	% Silt & Clay Size
—	8.9	73.3	17.8

Sieve Name	Sieve Size, mm	Percent Finer	Spec. Percent	Complies
0.5 in	12.50	100		
0.375 in	9.50	95		
#4	4.75	91		
#10	2.00	78		
#20	0.85	60		
#40	0.42	47		
#60	0.25	37		
#100	0.15	27		
#200	0.075	18		

### Coefficients

D <sub>85</sub> = 3.2007 mm	D <sub>30</sub> = 0.1722 mm
D <sub>60</sub> = 0.8311 mm	D <sub>15</sub> = N/A
D <sub>50</sub> = 0.4943 mm	D <sub>10</sub> = N/A
C <sub>u</sub> = N/A	C <sub>c</sub> = N/A

### Classification

ASTM Silty sand (SM)

AASHTO Stone Fragments, Gravel and Sand (A-1-b (0))

### Sample/Test Description

Sand/Gravel Particle Shape : ANGULAR

Sand/Gravel Hardness : SOFT



Client:	Viasant		
Project:	Ramapo OU-2 Site		
Location:	Ramapo, NY		Project No: GTX-303485
Boring ID:	---	Sample Type:	bag
Sample ID:	RER-TOP1	Test Date:	07/30/15
Depth :	---	Test Id:	339432
Test Comment:	---		
Visual Description:	Moist, very dark brown silty sand with organics		
Sample Comment:	---		

## Atterberg Limits - ASTM D4318

**Sample Determined to be non-plastic**

Symbol	Sample ID	Boring	Depth	Natural Moisture Content, %	Liquid Limit	Plastic Limit	Plasticity Index	Liquidity Index	Soil Classification
◆	RER-TOP1	---	---	33	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Silty sand (SM)

53% Retained on #40 Sieve

Dry Strength: LOW

Dilatancy: RAPID

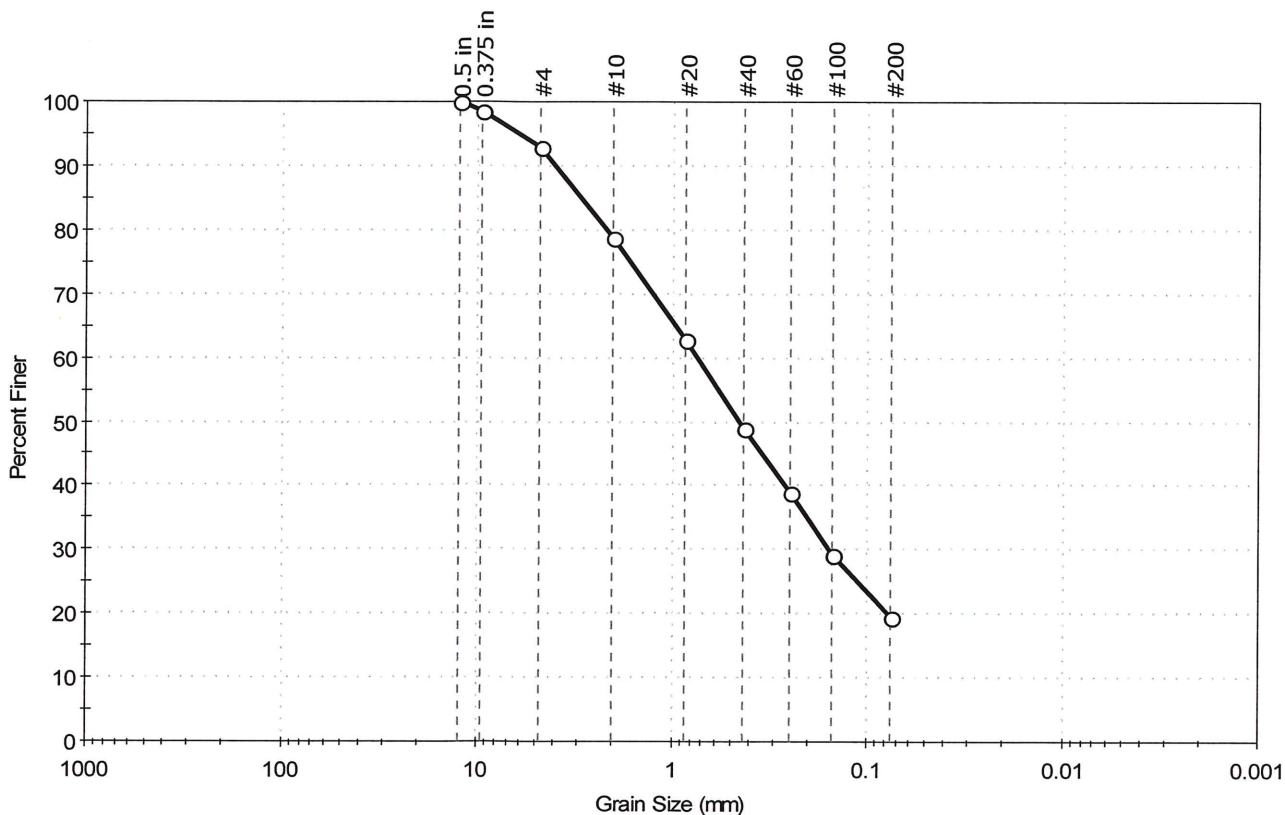
Toughness: n/a

The sample was determined to be Non-Plastic



Client:	Viasant	Project No:	GTX-303485
Project:	Ramapo OU-2 Site	Tested By:	jbr
Location:	Ramapo, NY	Checked By:	emm
Boring ID:	---	Sample Type:	bag
Sample ID:	RER-TOP2	Test Date:	07/29/15
Depth:	---	Test Id:	339445
Test Comment:	---		
Visual Description:	Moist, very dark brown silty sand with organics		
Sample Comment:	---		

## Particle Size Analysis - ASTM D422



% Cobble	% Gravel	% Sand	% Silt & Clay Size
—	7.2	73.4	19.4

Sieve Name	Sieve Size, mm	Percent Finer	Spec. Percent	Complies
0.5 in	12.50	100		
0.375 in	9.50	98		
#4	4.75	93		
#10	2.00	79		
#20	0.85	63		
#40	0.42	49		
#60	0.25	39		
#100	0.15	29		
#200	0.075	19		

### Coefficients

D <sub>85</sub> = 2.9341 mm	D <sub>30</sub> = 0.1556 mm
D <sub>60</sub> = 0.7396 mm	D <sub>15</sub> = N/A
D <sub>50</sub> = 0.4454 mm	D <sub>10</sub> = N/A
C <sub>u</sub> = N/A	C <sub>c</sub> = N/A

### Classification

ASTM Silty sand (SM)

AASHTO Stone Fragments, Gravel and Sand (A-1-b (0))

### Sample/Test Description

Sand/Gravel Particle Shape : ANGULAR  
Sand/Gravel Hardness : SOFT



Client:	Viasant				
Project:	Ramapo OU-2 Site				
Location:	Ramapo, NY		Project No:	GTX-303485	
Boring ID:	---	Sample Type:	bag	Tested By:	cam
Sample ID:	RER-TOP2	Test Date:	07/29/15	Checked By:	emm
Depth :	---	Test Id:	339433		
Test Comment:	---				
Visual Description:	Moist, very dark brown silty sand with organics				
Sample Comment:	---				

## Atterberg Limits - ASTM D4318

**Sample Determined to be non-plastic**

Symbol	Sample ID	Boring	Depth	Natural Moisture Content, %	Liquid Limit	Plastic Limit	Plasticity Index	Liquidity Index	Soil Classification
◆	RER-TOP2	---	---	31	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Silty sand (SM)

51% Retained on #40 Sieve

Dry Strength: LOW

Dilatancy: RAPID

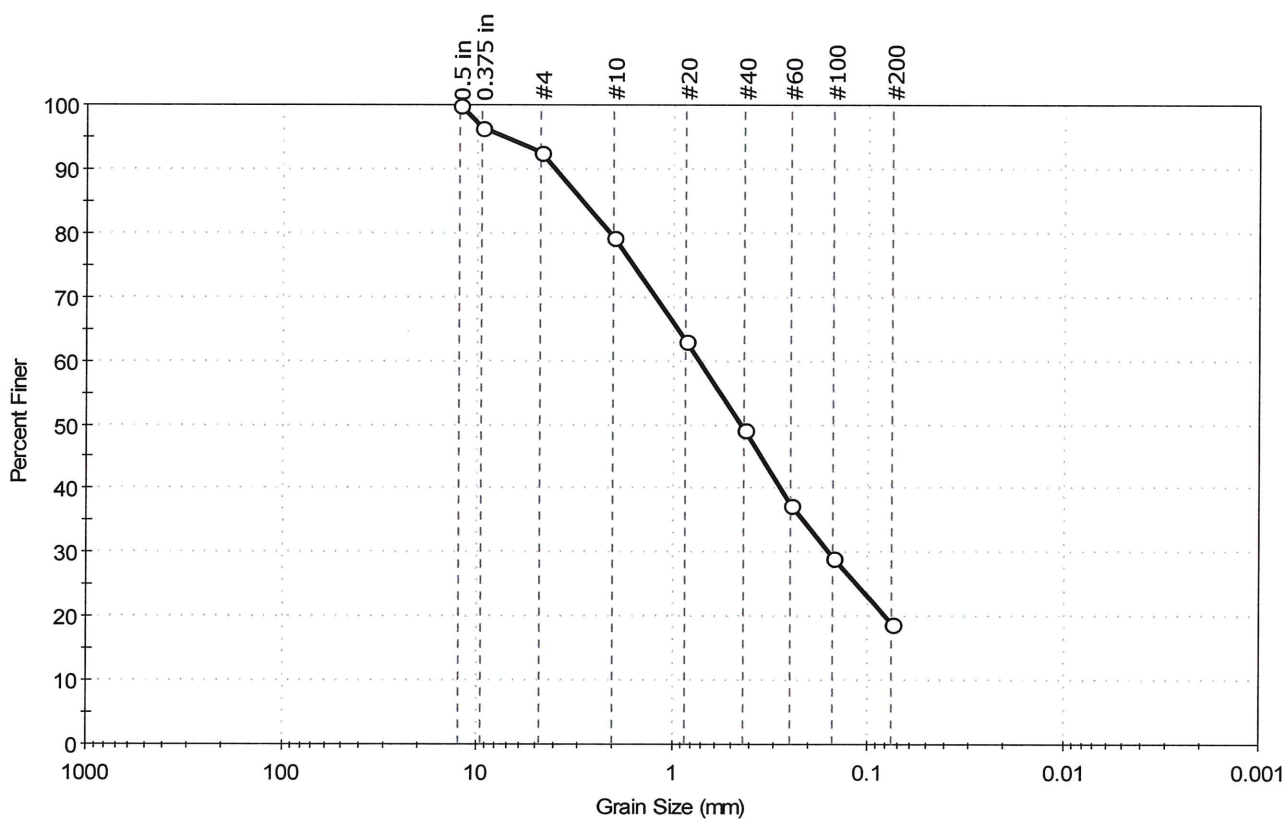
Toughness: n/a

The sample was determined to be Non-Plastic



Client:	Viasant	Project No:	GTX-303485
Project:	Ramapo OU-2 Site	Tested By:	jbr
Location:	Ramapo, NY	Checked By:	emm
Boring ID:	---	Sample Type:	bag
Sample ID:	RER-TOP3	Test Date:	07/29/15
Depth:	---	Test Id:	339446
Test Comment:	---		
Visual Description:	Moist, very dark brown silty sand with organics		
Sample Comment:	---		

## Particle Size Analysis - ASTM D422



% Cobble	% Gravel	% Sand	% Silt & Clay Size
—	7.4	73.8	18.8

Sieve Name	Sieve Size, mm	Percent Finer	Spec. Percent	Complies
0.5 in	12.50	100		
0.375 in	9.50	96		
#4	4.75	93		
#10	2.00	79		
#20	0.85	63		
#40	0.42	49		
#60	0.25	37		
#100	0.15	29		
#200	0.075	19		

### Coefficients

D <sub>85</sub> = 2.8973 mm	D <sub>30</sub> = 0.1579 mm
D <sub>60</sub> = 0.7319 mm	D <sub>15</sub> = N/A
D <sub>50</sub> = 0.4434 mm	D <sub>10</sub> = N/A
C <sub>u</sub> = N/A	C <sub>c</sub> = N/A

### Classification

ASTM Silty sand (SM)

AASHTO Stone Fragments, Gravel and Sand (A-1-b (0))

### Sample/Test Description

Sand/Gravel Particle Shape : ANGULAR

Sand/Gravel Hardness : SOFT



Client:	Viasant				
Project:	Ramapo OU-2 Site				
Location:	Ramapo, NY			Project No:	GTX-303485
Boring ID:	---	Sample Type:	bag	Tested By:	cam
Sample ID:	RER-TOP3	Test Date:	07/29/15	Checked By:	emm
Depth :	---	Test Id:	339434		
Test Comment:	---				
Visual Description:	Moist, very dark brown silty sand with organics				
Sample Comment:	---				

## Atterberg Limits - ASTM D4318

**Sample Determined to be non-plastic**

Symbol	Sample ID	Boring	Depth	Natural Moisture Content, %	Liquid Limit	Plastic Limit	Plasticity Index	Liquidity Index	Soil Classification
◆	RER-TOP3	---	---	33	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Silty sand (SM)

51% Retained on #40 Sieve

Dry Strength: LOW

Dilatancy: RAPID

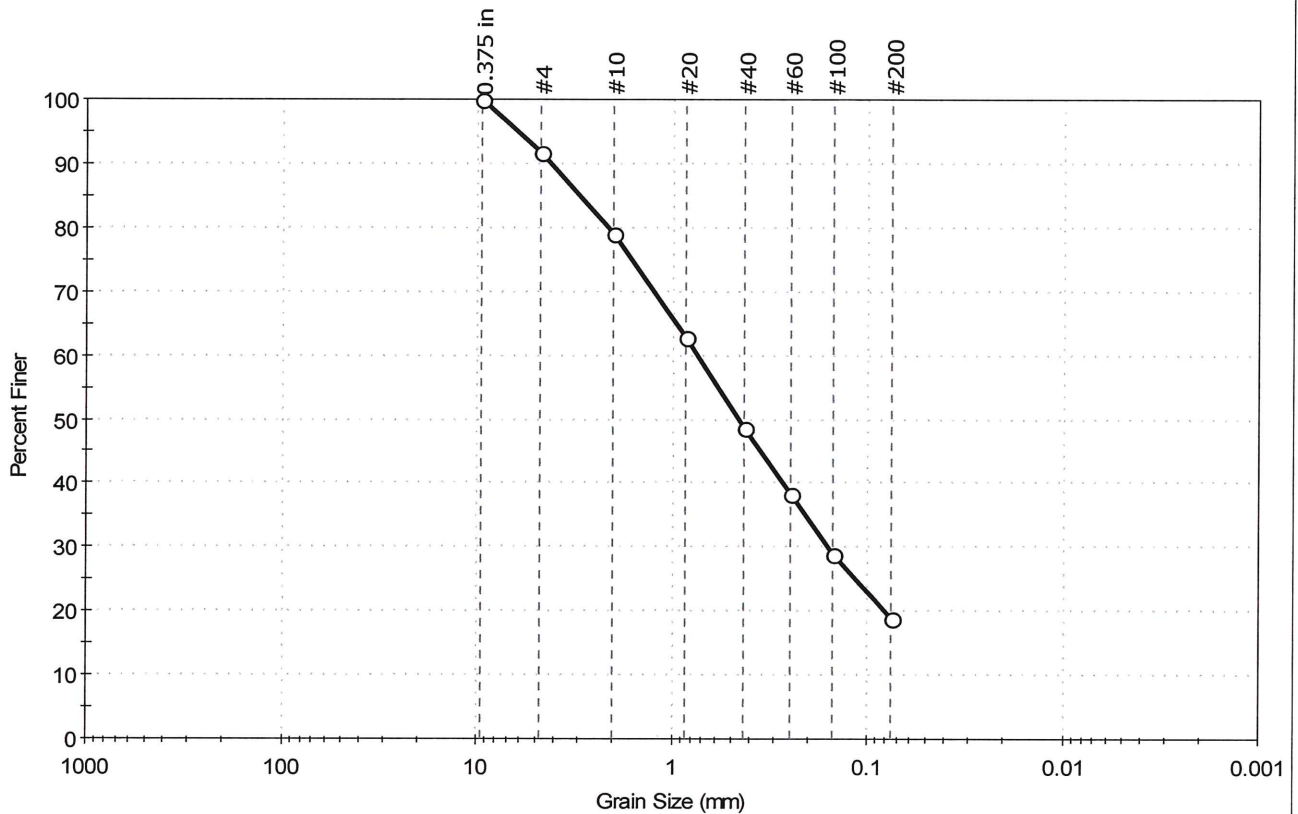
Toughness: n/a

The sample was determined to be Non-Plastic



Client:	Viasant	Project No:	GTX-303485
Project:	Ramapo OU-2 Site	Tested By:	jbr
Location:	Ramapo, NY	Checked By:	emm
Boring ID:	---	Sample Type:	bag
Sample ID:	RER-TOP4	Test Date:	07/29/15
Depth :	---	Test Id:	339447
Test Comment:	---		
Visual Description:	Moist, very brown silty sand with organics		
Sample Comment:	---		

## Particle Size Analysis - ASTM D422



% Cobble	% Gravel	% Sand	% Silt & Clay Size
—	8.3	72.7	19.0

Sieve Name	Sieve Size, mm	Percent Finer	Spec. Percent	Complies
0.375 in	9.50	100		
#4	4.75	92		
#10	2.00	79		
#20	0.85	63		
#40	0.42	49		
#60	0.25	38		
#100	0.15	29		
#200	0.075	19		

### Coefficients

D <sub>85</sub> = 2.9941 mm	D <sub>30</sub> = 0.1589 mm
D <sub>60</sub> = 0.7399 mm	D <sub>15</sub> = N/A
D <sub>50</sub> = 0.4543 mm	D <sub>10</sub> = N/A
C <sub>u</sub> = N/A	C <sub>c</sub> = N/A

### Classification

**ASTM** Silty sand (SM)

**AASHTO** Stone Fragments, Gravel and Sand (A-1-b (0))

### Sample/Test Description

Sand/Gravel Particle Shape : ANGULAR

Sand/Gravel Hardness : SOFT



Client:	Viasant			Project No:	GTX-303485
Project:	Ramapo OU-2 Site				
Location:	Ramapo, NY				
Boring ID:	---	Sample Type:	bag	Tested By:	cam
Sample ID:	RER-TOP4	Test Date:	07/29/15	Checked By:	emm
Depth :	---	Test Id:	339435		
Test Comment:	---				
Visual Description:	Moist, very brown silty sand with organics				
Sample Comment:	---				

## Atterberg Limits - ASTM D4318

**Sample Determined to be non-plastic**

Symbol	Sample ID	Boring	Depth	Natural Moisture Content, %	Liquid Limit	Plastic Limit	Plasticity Index	Liquidity Index	Soil Classification
◆	RER-TOP4	---	---	30	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Silty sand (SM)

51% Retained on #40 Sieve

Dry Strength: LOW

Dilatancy: RAPID

Toughness: n/a

The sample was determined to be Non-Plastic



## SOIL CHAIN OF CUSTODY & TEST REQUEST

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Company: SAME	
Address:	
City, State, Zip:	
Contact:	Phone:
E-mail:	Cell:

PROJECT	Com:
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Client Project #: 15112	Purchase Order#: VPR15112-002
GTX Sales Order #: 303052	Requested Turnaround: Standard
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\*Specify Test Conditions (Undisturbed or Remolded, Density and moisture, Test Normal Loads, Test Confining Stresses, etc.):

1ea Gallon Bag for each sample and a 5 gal pail for each of the screen samples is provided

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

**For GTX Use Only**  
**Incoming Sample Inspection Performed ☐**  
**Adverse conditions:**

Received By: G. Stephen Bulger  
Received By: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: 7/16/15  
TIME: 8:47  
DATE:  
TIME:



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## PROJECT

Project Name: Ramapo Out-2  
Project Location: Torne Valley Rd Hillburn, NY  
On-site Contact: John Geary  
Client Project #: 15112  
GTX Sales Order #: 508-789-0919  
Purchase Order #: VPR15112-002  
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## AGGREGATE CHAIN OF CUSTODY & TEST REQUEST

## AGGREGATE

AGGREGATE			Calcium Carbonate Content of Aggregate (ASTM D 3042)	Flat and Elongated Particles* (ASTM D 4791)	LA Abrasion (Small sized aggregate) (ASTM C 131/T 96) *Provide 2 five gallon buckets	LA Abrasion (Large sized aggregate) (ASTM C 535) *Please provide 2 five gallon buckets	Lightweight Pieces in Aggregate (ASTM C 123/T113)	Organic Impurities in Fine Aggregate (ASTM C 40/T 21)	Percent Passing #200 Sieve (ASTM C 117/T 11)	Sieve Analysis for Coarse Aggregate (ASTM C 136/T27)	Soundness of Aggregate* (ASTM C 88/T 104)	Specific Gravity and Absorption of Coarse Aggregate (ASTM C 127/T 255)	Specific Gravity and Absorption of Fine Aggregate (ASTM C 128/T 84)	Total Moisture of Aggregate (ASTM C 566/T 255)	Unit Weight and Voids in Aggregate (ASTM C 29/T19)	Fractured Faces (ASTM D 5821)	Sand Equivalent (ASTM D 2419/T 176)	Void Content (ASTM C 1252)	Other:	Other:
	Boring ID	Sample ID	Depth							✓										
		Tilcon-DGA1	XZ Bags																	
		Tilcon-DGA2	Old not receive							✓										
		Tilcon-#4-1								✓										
		Tilcon#4-2								✓										
		Tilcon-Type2-1								✓										
		Tilcon-Type2-2								✓										

\*Specify Test Conditions (Undisturbed or Remolded, Density and moisture, Test Normal Loads, Test Confining Stresses, etc.):

1ea 5gal pail of each sample

AUTHORIZE BY SIGNING AND DATING:

SIGNATURE:

PRINT NAME:

DATE:

For GTX Use Only  
Incoming Sample Inspection Performed ☐  
Adverse conditions:

Relinquished By: *[Signature]* for Viasant

DATE: 7/16/15  
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Received By: *[Signature]*

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## Commonly Used Symbols

A	pore pressure parameter for $\Delta\sigma_1 - \Delta\sigma_3$	T	temperature
B	pore pressure parameter for $\Delta\sigma_3$	t	time
CIU	isotropically consolidated undrained triaxial shear test	U, UC	unconfined compression test
CR	compression ratio for one dimensional consolidation	UU, Q	unconsolidated undrained triaxial test
$C_c$	coefficient of curvature, $(D_{30})^2 / (D_{10} \times D_{60})$	$u_a$	pore gas pressure
$C_u$	coefficient of uniformity, $D_{60}/D_{10}$	$u_e$	excess pore water pressure
$C_c$	compression index for one dimensional consolidation	$u, u_w$	pore water pressure
$C_\alpha$	coefficient of secondary compression	V	total volume
$c_v$	coefficient of consolidation	$V_g$	volume of gas
c	cohesion intercept for total stresses	$V_s$	volume of solids
$c'$	cohesion intercept for effective stresses	$V_v$	volume of voids
D	diameter of specimen	$V_w$	volume of water
$D_{10}$	diameter at which 10% of soil is finer	$V_o$	initial volume
$D_{15}$	diameter at which 15% of soil is finer	v	velocity
$D_{30}$	diameter at which 30% of soil is finer	W	total weight
$D_{50}$	diameter at which 50% of soil is finer	$W_s$	weight of solids
$D_{60}$	diameter at which 60% of soil is finer	$W_w$	weight of water
$D_{85}$	diameter at which 85% of soil is finer	w	water content
$d_{50}$	displacement for 50% consolidation	$w_c$	water content at consolidation
$d_{90}$	displacement for 90% consolidation	$w_f$	final water content
$d_{100}$	displacement for 100% consolidation	$w_l$	liquid limit
E	Young's modulus	$w_n$	natural water content
e	void ratio	$w_p$	plastic limit
$e_c$	void ratio after consolidation	$w_s$	shrinkage limit
$e_o$	initial void ratio	$w_o, w_i$	initial water content
G	shear modulus	$\alpha$	slope of $q_f$ versus $p_f$
$G_s$	specific gravity of soil particles	$\alpha'$	slope of $q_f$ versus $p_f'$
H	height of specimen	$\gamma_t$	total unit weight
PI	plasticity index	$\gamma_d$	dry unit weight
i	gradient	$\gamma_s$	unit weight of solids
$K_o$	lateral stress ratio for one dimensional strain	$\gamma_w$	unit weight of water
k	permeability	$\epsilon$	strain
LI	Liquidity Index	$\epsilon_{vol}$	volume strain
$m_v$	coefficient of volume change	$\epsilon_h, \epsilon_v$	horizontal strain, vertical strain
n	porosity	$\mu$	Poisson's ratio, also viscosity
PI	plasticity index	$\sigma$	normal stress
$P_c$	preconsolidation pressure	$\sigma'$	effective normal stress
p	$(\sigma_1 + \sigma_3) / 2, (\sigma_v + \sigma_h) / 2$	$\sigma_c, \sigma'_c$	consolidation stress in isotropic stress system
$p'$	$(\sigma'_1 + \sigma'_3) / 2, (\sigma'_v + \sigma'_h) / 2$	$\sigma_h, \sigma'_h$	horizontal normal stress
$p'_c$	$p'$ at consolidation	$\sigma_v, \sigma'_v$	vertical normal stress
Q	quantity of flow	$\sigma_1$	major principal stress
q	$(\sigma_1 - \sigma_3) / 2$	$\sigma_2$	intermediate principal stress
$q_f$	q at failure	$\sigma_3$	minor principal stress
$q_o, q_i$	initial q	$\tau$	shear stress
$q_c$	q at consolidation	$\phi$	friction angle based on total stresses
S	degree of saturation	$\phi'$	friction angle based on effective stresses
SL	shrinkage limit	$\phi'_r$	residual friction angle
$s_u$	undrained shear strength	$\phi_{ult}$	$\phi$ for ultimate strength
T	time factor for consolidation		

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## **APPENDIX D**

### **Site Photographs**



View of restored areas in the southern portions of OU-2 showing thick warm season grass coverage with large trees in October 2018.



View north of the southern areas of OU-2 showing average cover within monitoring plot 2 (MP-2).



View south of the northern portion of OU-2 showing an overview of a large portion of the site from Plot MP-6.



View north of the northern portions of OU2 established warm season grasses near Plot MP-4.



View of the rip rap spillway that flows to Torne Brook showing the establishment of willow live stakes near MP-3.



View of invasive species Japanese hops and mugwort along the Torne River embankment.



View south showing an overview of the northern portions of OU-2 during May 2018.



View of the treatment of mugwort throughout the site in October 2018.

## **APPENDIX E**

### **Field Data Sheets**



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Species	Cover Classes Module:										Cover Classes Module:									
	+	1-5	6-10	11-15	16-20	21-25	26-50	51-75	76-90	90-100	+	1-5	6-10	11-15	16-20	21-25	26-50	51-75	76-90	90-100
N. n. flycatcher			✓	✓									✓	✓						
W. Kingbird													✓							
E. Wren		✓										✓								
Belted Tit					✓									✓						
Song Sparrow		✓								-										
NL Goldfinch		✓								-										
LL Greenfin		✓									✓									
Common Nuthatch		✓								-										
Brambling		✓									✓									
T. Chaffinch			✓								✓									
E. Linnet		✓									✓									
NE Owl		✓									✓									
Citrine Plover			✓								✓									
Meadow Pipit			✓																	
Jaeger							✓						✓							



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