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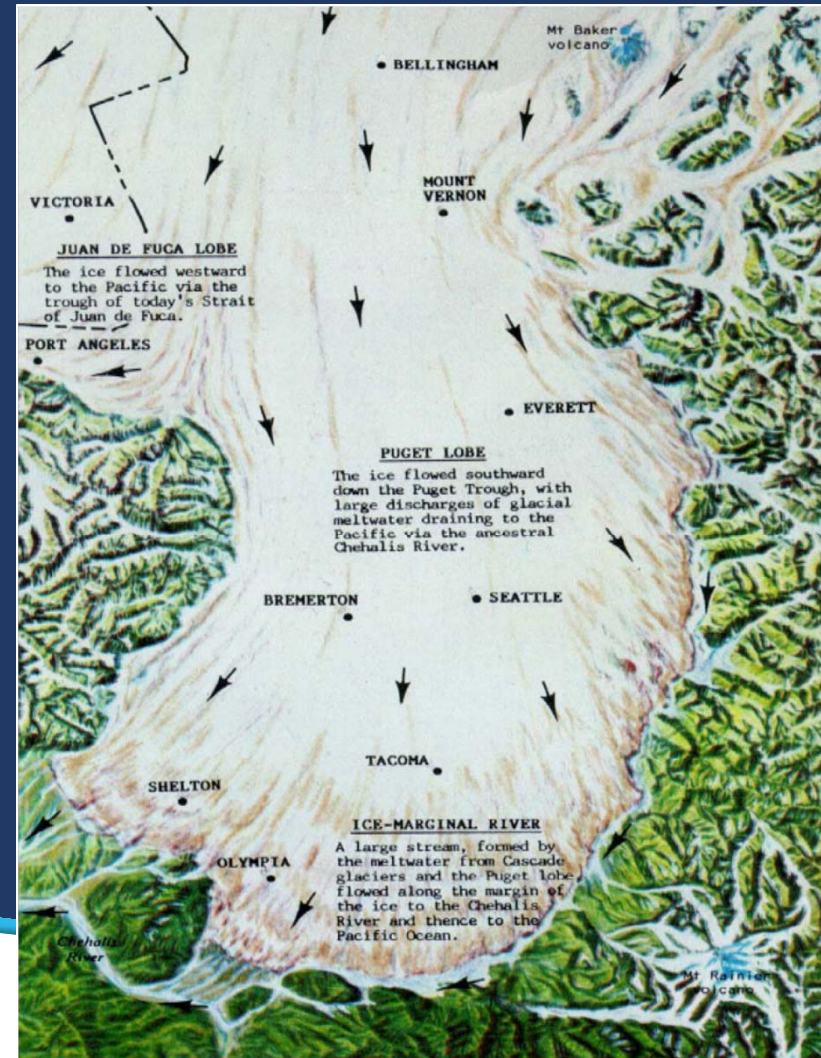
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# HOW AND WHERE DOES INFILTRATION WORK? —

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- Context: Summary of Geologic History
- Constraints/benefits for different geologic units
- Key geologic and groundwater flow parameters critical to site planning/engineering
- Brief Project Example:
  - Lakewood Crossing



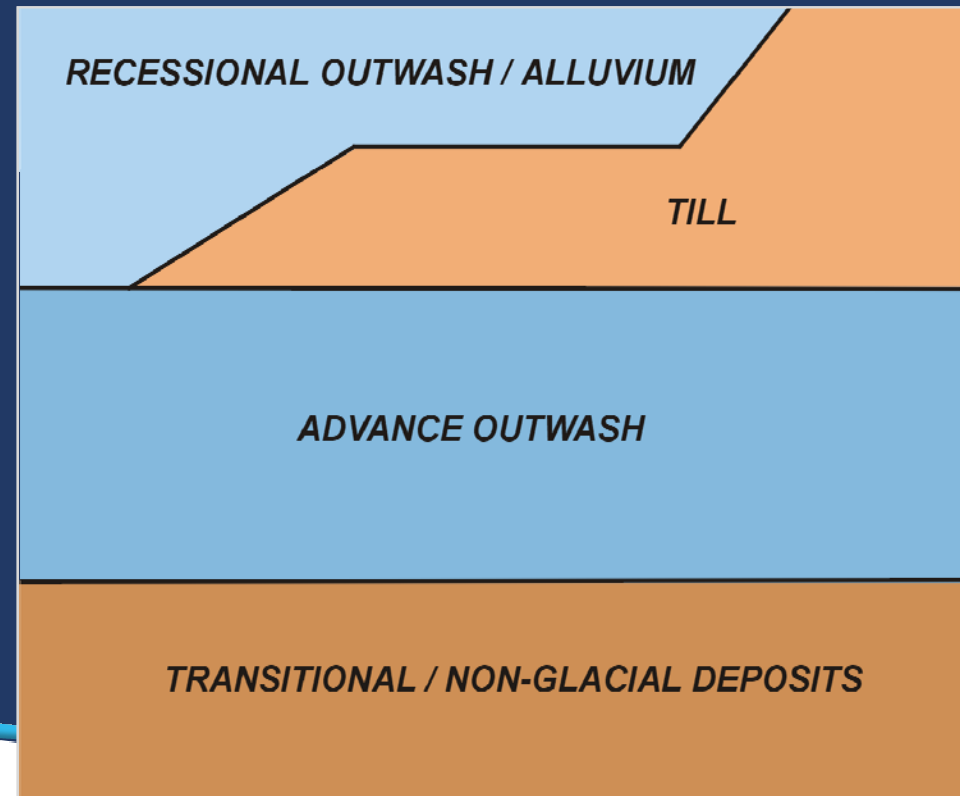


Reference: D. Molenaar, 1987

## TYPICAL PUGET SOUND STRATIGRAPHY

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- Recessional outwash: Bedded and sorted sand, gravel. River deposits flowing from wasting and retreating ice
- Till: Unsorted mixture of clay, silt, sand, gravel, cobbles – nature's concrete 5 to 30 feet thick on average. Compacted beneath ice sheet
- Advance outwash: Bedded and sorted gravel and sand at top: River deposits flowing from advancing ice; well-bedded clay and silt at base: deposits of lakes (or salt water) farther in front of the ice



# PUGET SOUND AREA GEOLOGY

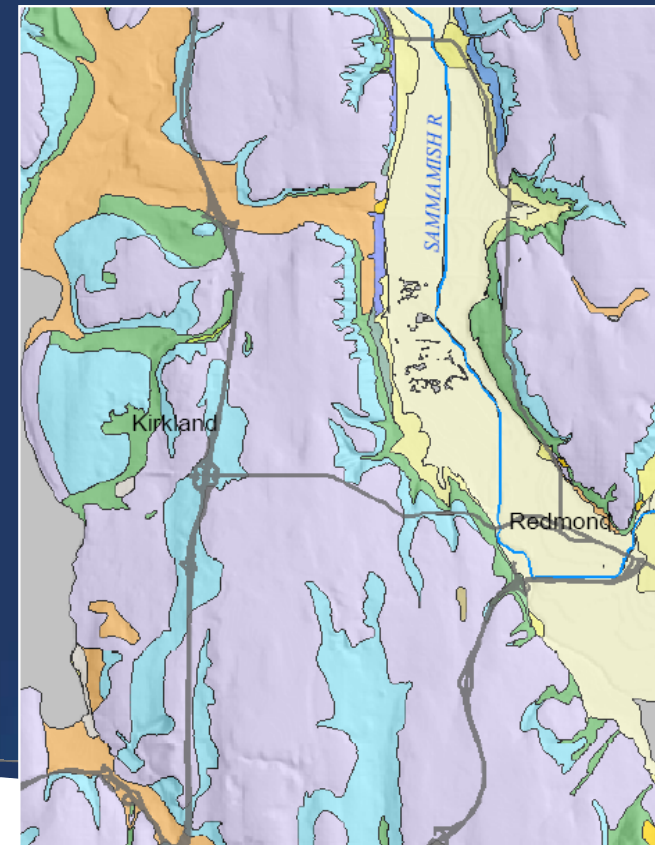
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In the Lowland:

- Vashon till is the most abundant material **by surface area**, but commonly a thin veneer
- Vashon advance outwash is the majority **by volume** of the Vashon-age glacial material

Map Source:  
Geologic Map of King County Compiled  
by Booth, Troost, and Wisner,  
May 2006



<http://geomapnw.ess.washington.edu/index.php>

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# RECESSIONAL OUTWASH

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## Constraints:

- Thin
  - Removed during grading
  - Shallow ground water
  - Downslope impacts (slope stability, springs, wetland hydrology)

## Benefits:

- High permeability
- Dispersed infiltration options





# LODGEMENT TILL

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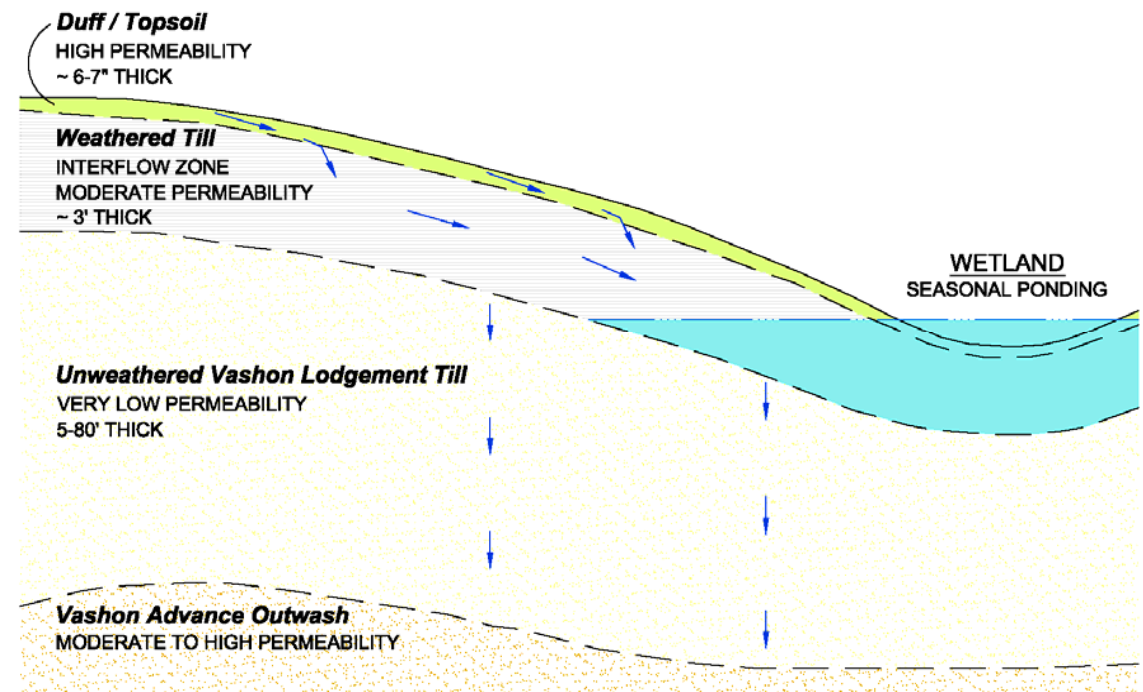
## Constraints:

- Thin weathered horizon removed during grading
- Very low permeability parent material
  - Good for earthen dams/berms
  - In-situ amendments not feasible
- Ground water mounding
- 1 to 1-1/2 inches/month of recharge through till
- 0.001 to 0.002 inches/hour



# STORM WATER FLOW ON TILL SITE

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RECESSIONAL DEPOSIT, UNDERLAIN BY TILL——

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# ADVANCE OUTWASH

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- Constraints

- Depth
- Variable receptor soil characteristics
- Downslope impacts (slope stability)

- Benefits

- Adequate receptor soil
- Recharges aquifer system
- Only viable solution at many sites





# SITE ASSESSMENT OVERALL PROJECT LEVEL CONSTRAINTS

- Geology/soil characteristics
- Ground water conditions
- Infiltration potential
- Water balance issues
  - Wetlands
  - Springs
  - Water Supply
- Final Site Use
  - Commercial
  - Residential
  - Industrial





## SITE ANALYSIS

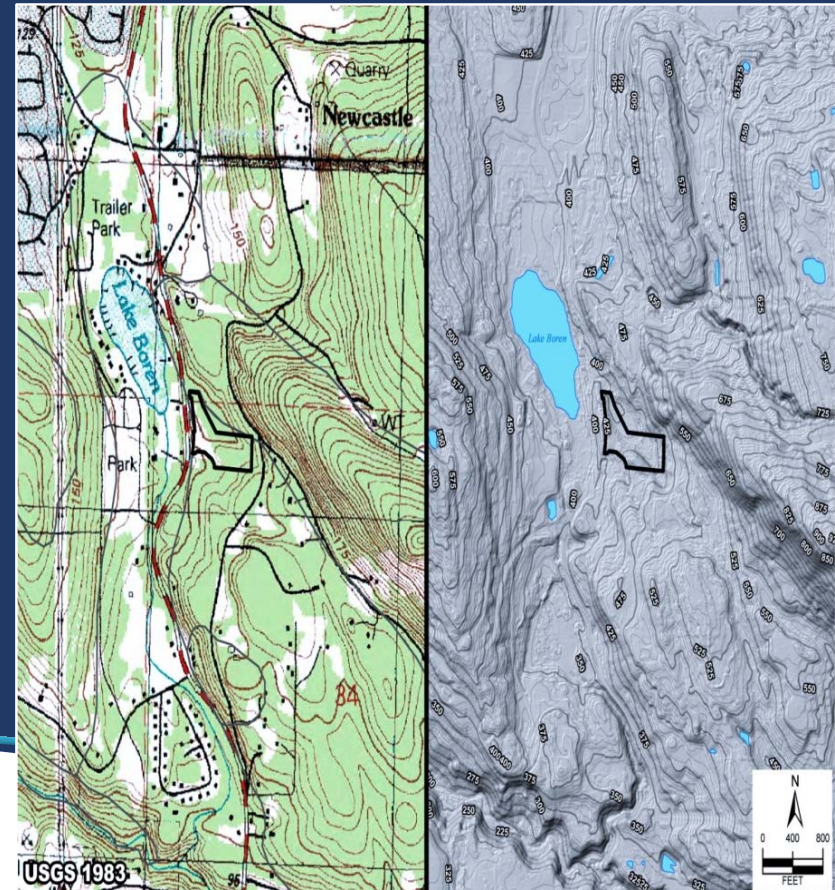
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- Exploration
  - Exploration pits
  - Deep exploration borings
- Testing
- Modeling



## READILY AVAILABLE RESOURCES

- USGS and DNR Geologic Maps
- USDA Maps
- In House Previous Work



# INFILTRATION RATE TESTING

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## SPECIAL CASE ONLY:

- Grain Size Distribution
- Published Soil Infiltration Rates

## OUTDATED:

- Percolation Test (Single Standpipe)
- Double Ring Infiltrometer

## PREFERRED:

- Large-Diameter Single Ring
- Pilot-Scale PIT

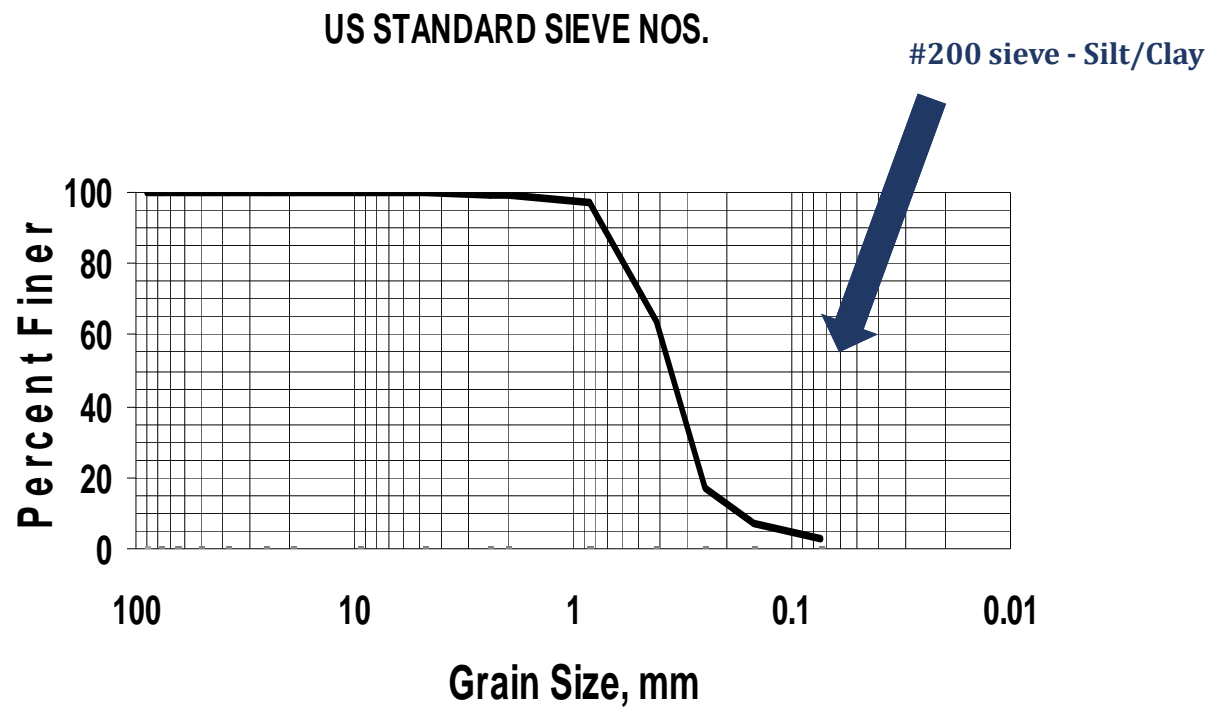




# INFILTRATION RATE DETERMINATION

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*Ecology 2012, Sieve Analysis (USDA/ASTM)  
Recessional Outwash or Holocene only*



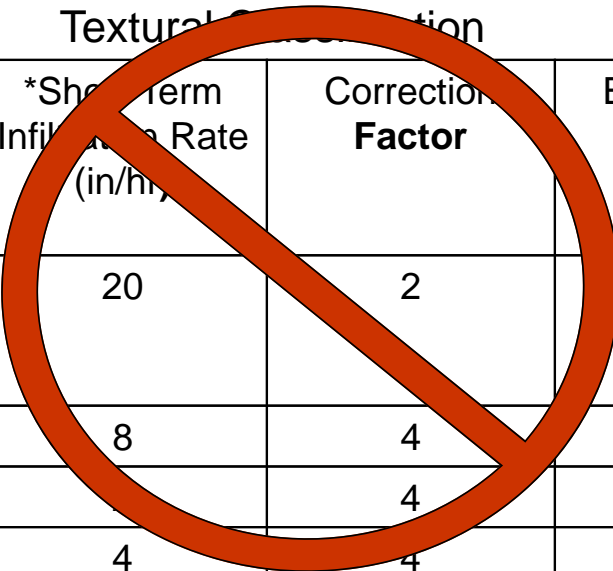
$$\log_{10}(K_{sat}) = -1.57 + 1.90D_{10} + 0.015D_{60} - 0.013D_{90} - 2.08f_{fines}$$



## USDA METHOD, ECOLOGY 2005 REMOVED FROM ECOLOGY 2012

Table 3.7—Recommended Infiltration Rates based on USDA Soil Textural Classification

	*Short-Term Infiltration Rate (in/hr)	Correction Factor	Estimated Long-Term (Design) Infiltration Rate (in/hr)
Clean sandy gravels and gravelly sands	20	2	10
Sand	8	4	2
Loamy Sand		4	0.5
Sandy Loam	4	4	0.25
Loam	0.5	4	0.13



# OLD SCHOOL INFILTRATION

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*Falling Head Test (EPA)*



*Double Ring Test*

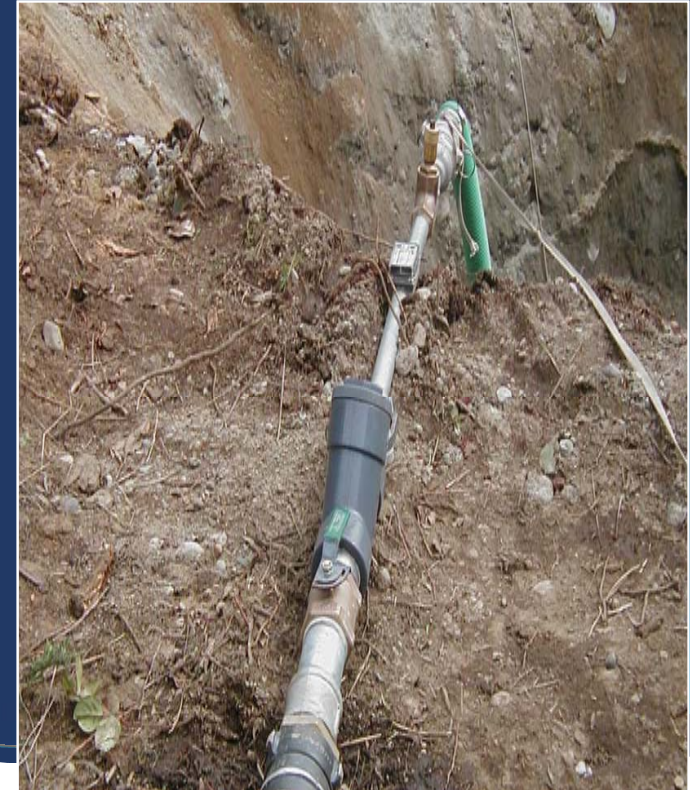




## SMALL SCALE INFILTRATION

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*Pilot Infiltration Test (PIT)*



# LARGE SCALE INFILTRATION

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*Pilot Infiltration Test (PIT)*





# LARGE DIAMETER RING INFILTRATION TEST (AESI)

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*Modified PIT Test*



- Commercial Sites

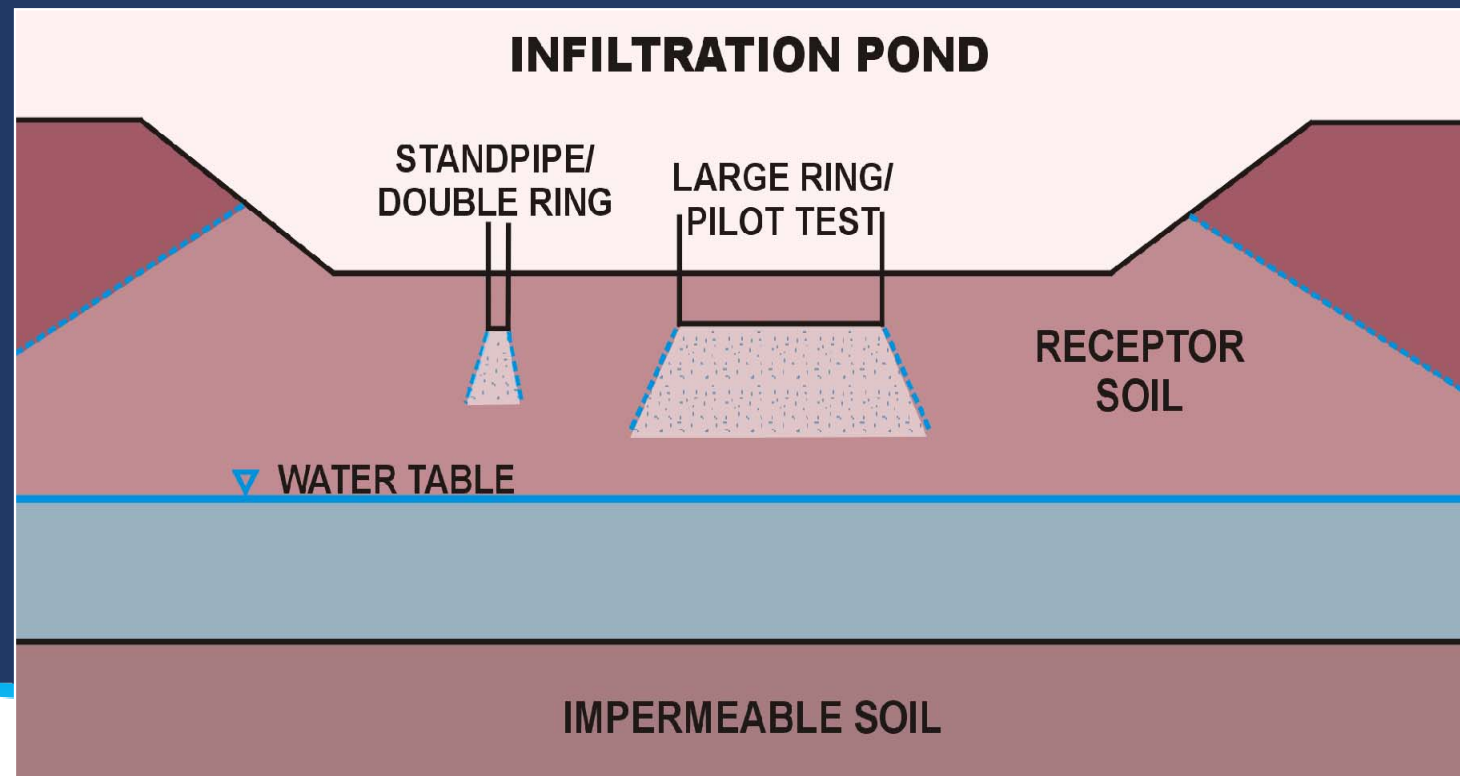
- 1 test per 5,000 sq. ft.
- Groundwater thru wet season

- Residential Sites

- 1 Test per 200 feet of road and every lot
- Groundwater thru wet season

## SCALE OF INFILTRATION TESTS

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## MODELING ANALYSIS

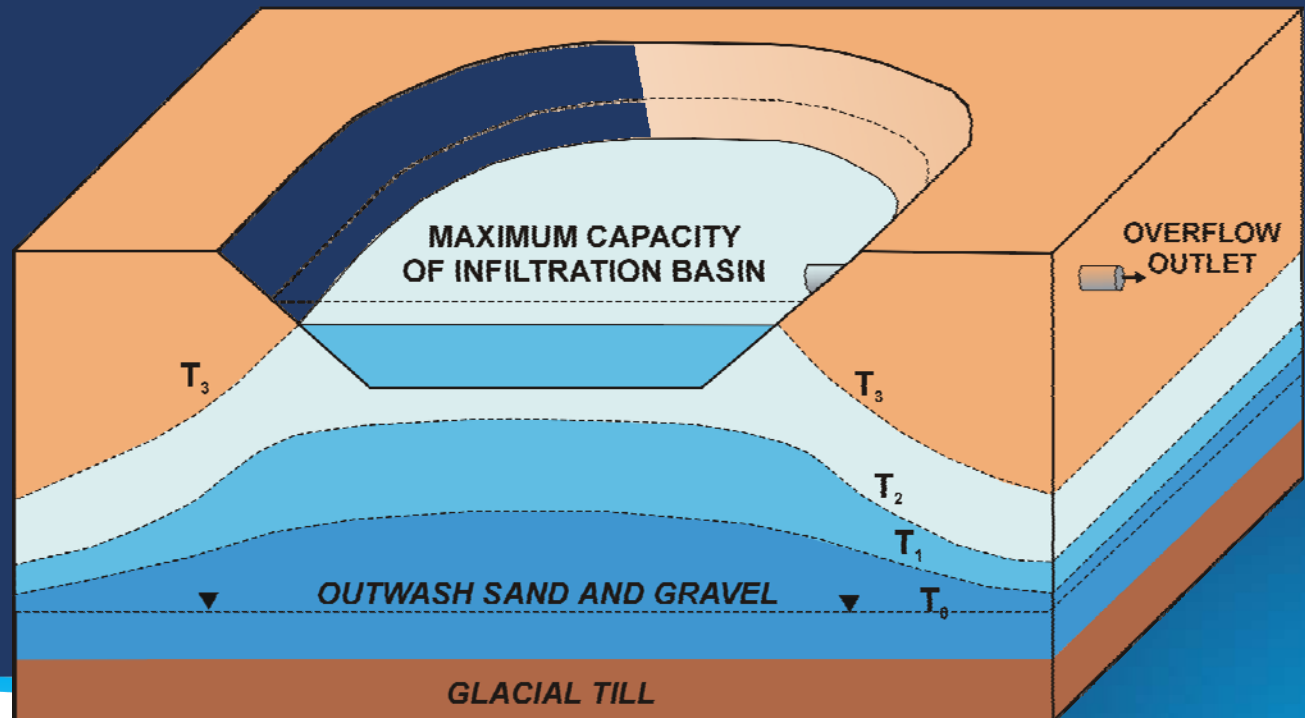
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- Depth to water table
- Infiltration rate of native soils
- Hydrographs
- MODRET



# GROUND WATER MOUND DEVELOPMENT —

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## RECEPTOR SOILS

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- Organic Content
- Infiltration rate of native soils
- Cation Exchange Capacity
- Grain Size Distribution

# STORMWATER INFILTRATION -SUMMARY

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- Characterization of Receptor Soils – Hydraulic Parameters
- Infiltration Rate – Laboratory/Field Measurements
- Depth to Water Table – Thickness of Unsaturated Zone
- Groundwater Flow Direction – Impacts to Environment/Wells
- Depth of Aquitard – Aquifer Capacity
- Design Storm Event – Peak Flow Rate/Total Volume



## SUMMARY

- Geologic constraints and opportunities must be fully and correctly incorporated prior to site planning and engineering.
- Geology can help predict the nature of the physical environment.



# LAKEWOOD CROSSING

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## Project Team:

Powell Development

City of Marysville

Dowl Engineers

Associated Earth Sciences, Inc





## PROJECT LOCATION

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## SITE CONDITIONS

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- Previous use:

- Nursery
- Farm Land
- Residential

- Topography:

- Flat



## SITE EXPLORATION

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- 58 Hollow stem auger borings
  - 12 to 40 feet
- 30 exploration pits
  - Tracked excavator
- 2 monitoring wells

## SOIL CONDITIONS

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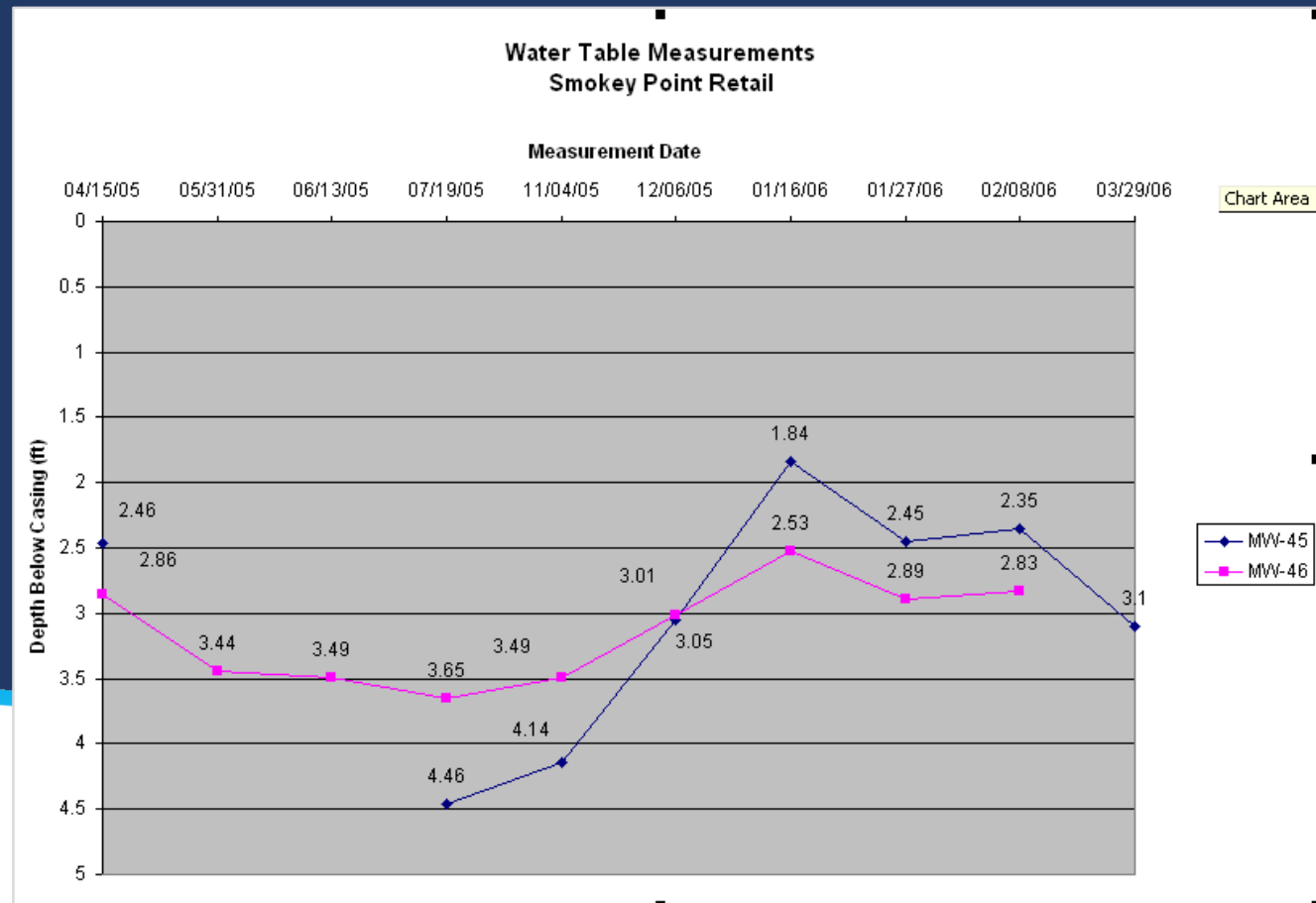
- Typical Marysville Sand Sequence

- Topsoil 6 to 12 inches
- Brown Silty Sand (weathered zone) 6 to 12 inches
- Fine to medium gray sand with trace silt at a depth of 18 to 24 inches
- Water table 24 to 36 inches



# WATER TABLE

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## SITE CONSTRAINTS

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- Flat topography
- Parking requirements
- Site design

## ALTERNATIVE

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- Conventional Collection:
  - Off-site pond
  - Acquire more land
  - Discharge into existing ditch which flows into salmon bearing Quilceda Creek
- *This option required raising the entire site 8 feet at \$1M per foot*



## LID OPTIONS

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- Pervious surfacing
- Biofilters Cartridge
- Curb cuts to bio-swales

## DESIGN ELEMENTS

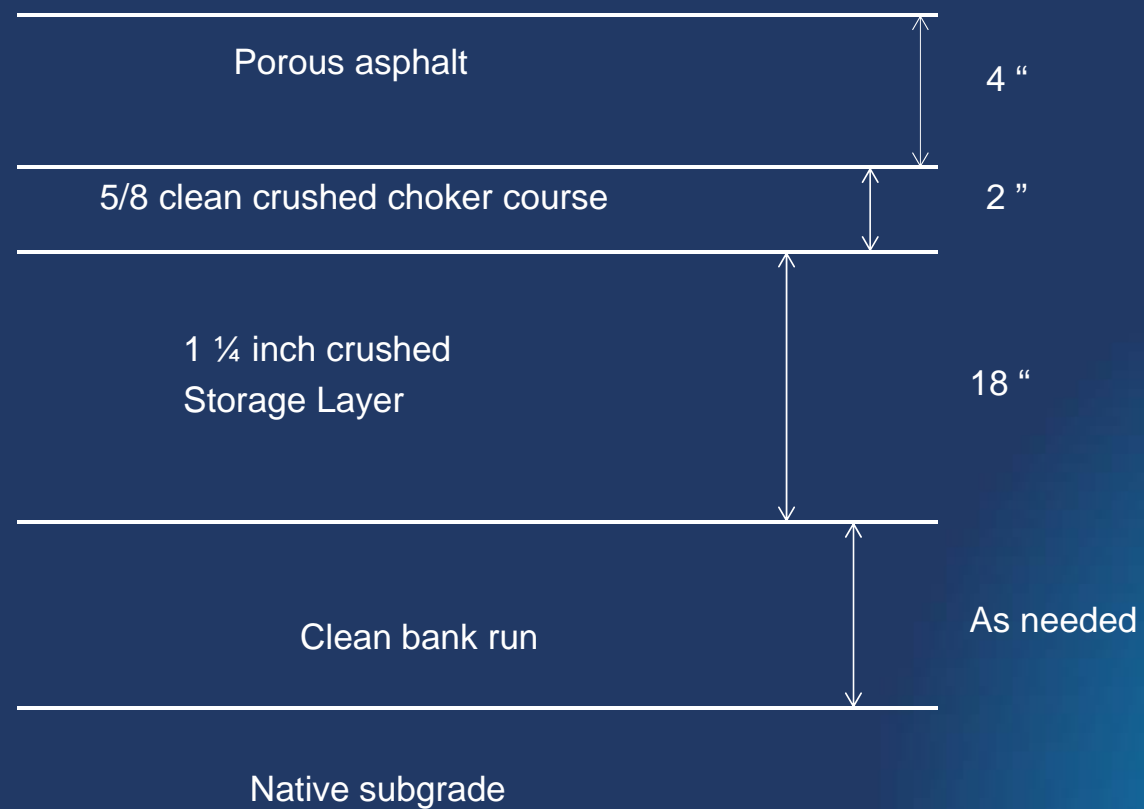
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- Infiltration rate 9 inches per hour
- Separation to water table 1 foot from the bottom of the storage layer
- Very large parking area

## POROUS PAVEMENT SELECTION

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# SUBGRADE

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- Choker Course
  - ¼" to 5/8" inch clean crushed rock (no fines)
- Storage Layer
  - 1 ¼" Clean crushed rock
  - No fines
  - WSDOT 9-03.09(2) Permeable Ballast
  - Specification 30% voids (tested at 42%)
- Bank Run
  - Less than 5% minus #200 standard sieve
  - Greater permeability than the native subgrade



# SUBGRADE PREPARATION

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- Stripping depth
- Uniformity of subgrade support
- Static Roll
- Geotextile



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## SUBGRADE PROTECTION

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- Siltation from other areas
- Truck Traffic
- Concrete washouts

## SECTION PLACEMENT

- Geotextile use
- Ballast placement
- Static Roll





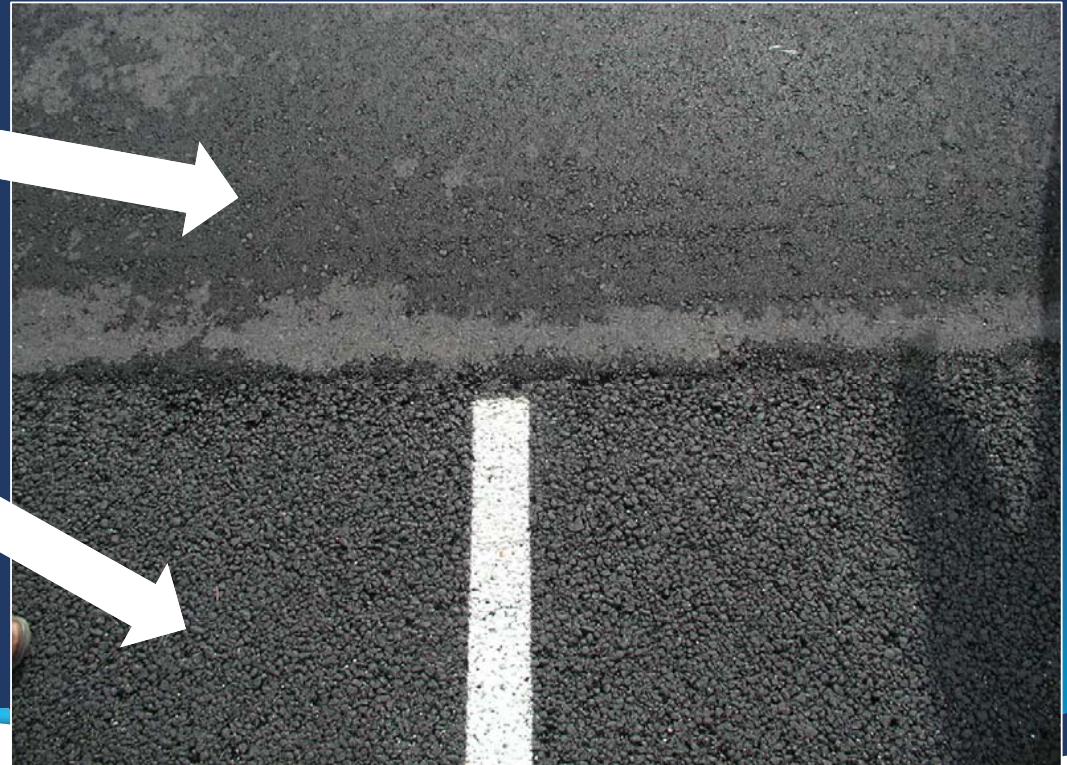


## CONSTRUCTION JOINT

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*Porous*



## TARGET PARKING LOT

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*Porous*



PROBLEMS?!?

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