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Subject: Geotechnical Slope Evaluation Report

The Breakers at Prospect Subdivision – Preliminary Slope Evaluation

7800 Sutherland Farm Road Prospect, Kentucky 40059 ECS Project No. 61-2000

Dear Mr. Schultz:

A new residential subdivision is proposed for construction in Prospect, Jefferson County, Kentucky. The site is located to the west of Sutherland Farm Road, approximately 2 miles north of the I-265 (Gene Snyder Freeway) ramp onto Highway 42). The approximate site location is shown on the attached **Site Vicinity Map**. The property generally consisted of a farm with gently undulating pastures, a large pond, a residence, barns, and a steeper sloped ridgeline in the northwest portion of the site. Surface drainage generally was directed toward small drainage ditches along the private roadways on the property, and toward the Ohio River to the northwest. Provided drawings and Google Earth data indicated that existing surface elevations ranged from approximately ~EL 437 at the bottom of the steeper sloped area in the northwest portion of the site, to approximately ~EL 464 along a line in the central upland area of the site.

The "Major Preliminary Subdivision Plan: The Breakers at Prospect, LLC, 7800 Sutherland Farm Road, Prospect, KY 40059," (Plan) prepared by Sabak, Wilson & Lingo, Inc., dated 03/18/2019 (most recent revision date) identified existing >30% slopes on the property. The areas with existing >30% slopes are located in areas that will be disturbed for the installation of a utility trench, and the construction of a private access road (i.e., maintenance roadway, not for the residences). A copy of the drawing is attached.

The current Metro Louisville Land Development Code (LDC) 4.7.5 includes requirements for land disturbing activities on slopes greater than 20%. Item B.3 of 4.7.5 states "A geotechnical report shall be submitted for land disturbing activities on slopes greater than 30%."

Accordingly, ECS Southeast, LLP (ECS) was retained to conduct an initial slope evaluation of the two steeper sloped areas of the site identified above, and to determine if additional geotechnical exploration/analyses would be required. Our evaluation consisted of the following tasks:

- Review the Plan
- Review USGS Geologic Quadrangle Map information
- Review USDA NRCS Soil Survey information
- Conduct a visual reconnaissance of indicated steeper slope areas that would be disturbed by new construction
- Evaluate the reviewed information and prepare a report of our findings and recommendations

### **USGS Geologic Quadrangle Map Review**

The "Geologic Maps of the Anchorage and Jeffersonville Quadrangles, Kentucky" published by the U. S. Geological Survey and shown on the Kentucky Geologic Map Information Service indicated that the majority of the proposed development area (roughly above ~EL 437) was underlain by Glacial Outwash (Wisconsinan) deposits. The remainder of the site was mantled by Alluvium (roughly below ~EL 437). The mapped extent of the geologic formations is shown on **Figure 1**.

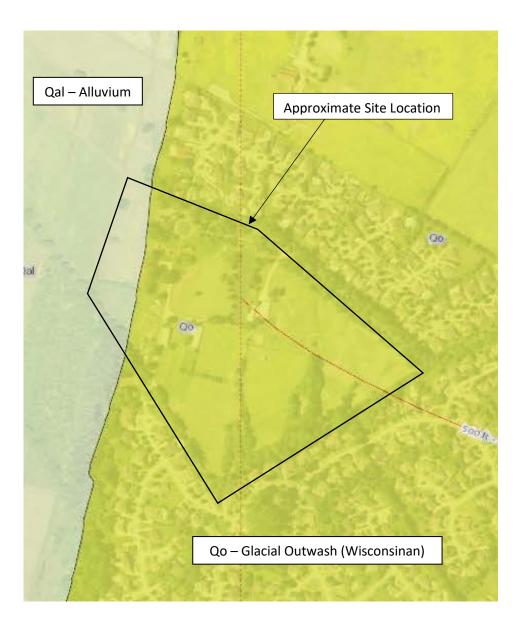


Figure 1: Reported Site Geology

#### **Outwash Deposits (Wisonsinan)**

Total Reported Thickness: 0 - 135+'

Karst Potential: Non-Karst

Primary Lithology: Clay, silt, sand and gravel.

Clay and silt deposits 20 to 30 feet thick underlie a large area of the old Ohio River alluvial surface, which generally occurs between 460 and 470 feet. Yellowish brown to grayish brown above the water table; medium gray to olive gray below the water table; weathers yellowish gray or grayish orange brown on surface. Clay and silt (older alluvium) are shown by drilling the overlying sand and gravel deposits, which are as much as 100 feet thick. Cobbles up to 8 inches in diameter are reported in these gravelly beds, attributed almost wholly to outwash of Wisconsin age. The bottom of the old deep channel of the Ohio River is indicated in nearby wells to be at an elevation of 334, feet just west of the Anchorage Quadrangle. Soils developed on this unit may show hardpan development and include the Wheeling, Weinbach, Sciotoville, and Ginat Series. Water is available in large amounts from wells in the glacial outwash, and in lesser amounts from wells and springs near the base of the Jeffersonville Limestone, the base of the Louisville Limestone, and the Brassfield Formation. These formations are not mapped to underlie the subject site. Formations underlying the thick Outwash and Alluvium deposits (Laurel Dolomite, and the Osgood and Drakes Formations described later in this report) are not exposed on site, and therefore do not impact slope stability.

#### Alluvium

Total Reported Thickness: 0-30<u>+</u>′

Karst Potential: Non-karst

Primary Lithology: Silt, clay, sand, and gravel.

Silt, clay, sand and gravel, interbedded and intermixed. Dark brown, grayish brown, and moderate yellowish-brown. Silty, clay, and sand 10 to 30 feet thick in Ohio River Valley, may be much thicker beneath islands and along natural levees such as Juniper Beach; commonly overlie glacial outwash from which much sand and gravel is derived. Gravel consists of pebbles and cobbles of chert, limestone, dolomite, shale, siltstone, quartzite, granite, gneiss, schist, phyllite, and finely crystalline igneous and metamorphic rocks. Smaller valleys contain sand and gravel of local origin including abundant pebbles and cobbles of chert, dolomite, limestone, and limonite pellets and nodules eroded from soils. Unit locally contains unmapped colluvium along valley walls and covers or interfingers with lacustrine deposits in valleys tributary to the Ohio River Valley. Soils developed on this unit include Huntington, Newark, Melvin, and Lindside Series.

#### **LAUREL DOLOMITE**

Dolomite of two types in three distinct bedding sets: Upper two fifths of unit is greenish gray to light olive gray, mottled light gray patches; weathers dark yellowish orange; micro-grained to very finely crystalline; calcite in irregular blebs up to 0.8 foot wide and 0.3 foot thick; characterized by even beds separated by stylolites 0.1 to 3 feet apart. Second type is more massive, somewhat porous, mottled dolomite in two bedding sets separated by a dark gray to olive gray dolomitic clay shale bed 0.8 to 2.5 feet thick 5 to 8 feet above the base. Lens of coarsely crystalline limestone reported from 6.5 feet above shale break. Contact with underlying formation indistinct through gradational interval of as much as 3 feet; arbitrarily placed at base of lowest persistent dolomite bed separated from overlying dolomite by less than an equivalent thickness of shale. Calcite veinlets associated with slickensides indicate lateral movement of as much as 4 inches in southeastern part of quadrangle.

#### OSGOOD FORMATION

Dolomite and dolomitic shale, dusky yellowish green to grayish green, or less commonly olive gray; dolomite weathers dark yellowish orange to grayish orange; argillaceous dolomitic shale beds weather lighter yellowish gray. Reddish gray shale rare in this area, more common in quadrangles to south. Unit is most dolomitic and thinnest in fresh cuts along new Interstate 71 in eastern part of quadrangle. Here, bed thickness of alternating shaley dolomite and dolomitic shale ranges from 0.2 to 4 feet in a total interval ranging from 13 to 16 feet. Basal 2 to 3 feet of unit dolomite; readily distinguishable from limestone of underlying unit with which it appears to be conformable.

#### **DRAKES FORMATION (Saluda Dolomite Member)**

Dolomite, greenish gray, with light gray laminae; weathers yellowish gray; very finely crystalline; glauconitic in part; upper 20 to 24 feet massive; separated from underlying, somewhat more calcareous beds by persistent clay shale bed generally less than 1 foot thick. Associated with the marker bed is a micro-grained dolomitic limestone with scattered ostracods and medium to coarse fossil fragments. Intermittent thin limestone at top of unit has been called the Hitz Limestone Member of the Whitewater Formation (Upper Ordovician). Micro-grained limestone is resistant and ledge forming, as opposed to smooth weathering nearly vertical surfaces of the massive dolomite. Basal 10 to 20 feet locally contains dolomitized colonial coral heads as much as 3 feet in diameter; grades into underlying shale and fossil fragmental limestone over interval of 6 to 8 feet.



## Soil Conservation Service Soil Survey

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service "Web Soil Survey" website indicated 15 general soil types at the site as shown in **Figure 2**. Descriptions of these soil types are summarized below.



Figure 2: Reported Soil Data

ErA Elk silt loam – 0 to 2 percent slopes, rarely flooded
Parent material – mixed fine-silty alluvium over mixed loamy alluvium
Typical Profile

0 to 9 inches: silt loam 9 to 15 inches: silt loam 15 to 46 inches: silty clay loam 46 to 80 inches: silty clay loam

Mf Melvin silty loam – 0 to 2 percent slopes, frequently flooded Parent material – mixed fine-silty alluvium

Typical Profile

0 to 4 inches: silt loam 4 to 46 inches: silt loam 46 to 82 inches: silt loam



Ne Newark silt loam – 0 to 2 percent slopes, occasionally flooded

Parent material - mixed fine-silty alluvium

Typical Profile

0 to 7 inches: silt loam 7 to 66 inches: silt clay loam 66 to 80 inches: loam

OtA Otwood silt loam – 0 to 2 percent slopes

Parent material – mixed fine-silty alluvium over mixed loamy alluvium

**Typical Profile** 

0 to 10 inches: silt loam 10 to 27 inches: silt loam 27 to 46 inches: silt loam 46 to 83 inches: silt loam

83 to 91 inches: stratified sandy loam to loam

RoA Robertsville silt loam – 0 to 2 percent slopes

Parent material – thin fine-silty loess over clayey residuum weathered from limestone

Typical Profile

0 to 6 inches: silt loam 6 to 21 inches: silt loam

21 to 45 inches: silty clay loam 45 to 65 inches: silty clay

RpA Robertsville silt loam – 0 to 2 percent slopes, ponded

Parent material - mixed fine-silty alluvium

Typical Profile

0 to 10 inches: silt loam 10 to 16 inches: silt loam 16 to 74 inches: silt loam 74 to 90 inches: silty clay

ScA Sciotoville silt loam – 0 to 2 percent slopes

Parent material – mixed fine-silty alluvium over mixed loamy alluvium

Typical Profile

0 to 10 inches: silt loam 10 to 18 inches: silt loam 18 to 77 inches: silt loam 77 to 100 inches: loam



UbC Urban land-alfic udarents complex, loamy substratum – 0 to 12 percent slopes

Parent material – mixed fine-loamy alluvium

Typical Profile

0 to 49 inches: loam

49 to 85 inches: stratified sandy loam

UeC Urban land-alfic udarents complex, fargipan substratum-over loamy sediment – 0 to 12 percent slopes

Parent material – mixed fine-silty alluvium over mixed loamy alluvium

Typical Profile

0 to 20 inches: silt loam 20 to 41 inches: silt loam 41 to 52 inches: silty clay loam

52 to 82 inches: stratified loam to silty clay loam

UrC Urban land-alfic udarents0otwood complex – 0 to 12 percent slopes

Parent material – mixed fine-silty alluvium over mixed loamy alluvium

Typical Profile

0 to 27 inches: silt loam 27 to 46 inches: silt loam 46 to 83 inches: silt loam

83 to 91 inches: stratified sandy loam to loam

W Water

WhA Wheeling loam – 0 to 2 percent

Parent material - mixed fine-loamy alluvium

**Typical Profile** 

0 to 6 inches: loam 6 to 49 inches: loam

49 to 85 inches: stratified sandy loam

WhB Wheeling loam – 2 to 6 percent slopes

Parent material – mixed fine-loamy alluvium

**Typical Profile** 

0 to 6 inches: loam 6 to 49 inches: loam

49 to 85 inches: stratified sandy loam

WkB Wheeling loam – 2 to 6 percent slopes, occasionally flooded

Parent material - mixed fine-loamy alluvium

Typical Profile



0 to 6 inches: loam 6 to 49 inches: loam

49 to 85 inches: stratified sandy loam

WkD Wheeling loam – 12 to 25 percent slopes, occasionally flooded

Parent material – mixed fine-loamy alluvium

Typical Profile

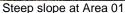
0 to 6 inches: loam 6 to 49 inches: loam

49 to 85 inches: stratified sandy loam

## Visual Reconnaissance of Selected Slope Areas

Two areas shown on the Plan as >30% slopes would be disturbed during site development for a new utility trench (Area 01 – Lot 7 and Open Space Lot 85,) and a maintenance access roadway (Area 02 – Lot 82 and Open Space Lot 85). See attached **Visual Slope Reconnaissance Plan** for approximate locations. Typical slopes along the ridge line were on the order of 4 horizontal to 1 vertical (4H:1V), but ranged to 2H:1V in localized areas. A visual reconnaissance of these areas was conducted on April 3, 2019. Photos of the conditions observed at these areas are shown below. Similar conditions were observed in most areas. The slopes primarily were covered in field grasses, trees and low brush. The slope for the maintenance roadway was located in a manicured lawn area near a residence. No rock outcrops were observed on or along the hillsides. No indications of large, wide-scale or small-scale erosion were noted. No visual indications of slope instability were observed. In particular, none of the following were noted: unusual tilting or fallen trees, tension cracks, scarps, displaced soil, or mounds of soil in lower areas.







Steep slope at Area 02

Based on our review of the above reference information and on our past experience with construction under similar conditions in Jefferson County, our opinion is that the on-site slopes in the observed areas were stable at the time of our reconnaissance. The current, on-site slope stability likely is related to the following factors:



- Cohesive (clayey) soil matrix
- Numerous trees and other vegetation

Based on the conditions observed, our opinion is that additional geotechnical exploration/analyses including soil/rock test borings/coring, shear strength tests of soils, etc. are not required for the evaluated on-site slopes, provided that the planned subdivision configuration does not involve disturbance significantly greater than what was indicated on the Plan.

Several measures may be considered to help maintain the stability of the existing and planned slopes during construction of the new subdivision and over the life of the new homes. These measures include:

- Plan grading to minimize changes to existing topography along slopes.
- Minimize disturbance to slopes and vegetation outside new construction areas.
- Avoid significant transverse cuts along or at the toe of existing slopes.
- Avoid significant fill embankments along or at the crest of existing slopes.
- Excavations for road or utility construction may require benching or temporary shoring, especially where transverse to the slope and if conducted during periods of frequent precipitation.
- Maintain the following limits for new embankments without additional geotechnical exploration and analysis:
  - 3:1 (horizontal:vertical) or flatter slopes.
  - Properly strip all vegetation, topsoil, etc. where fill will be placed.
  - Construct embankments with controlled fill compacted to at least 98 percent Standard Proctor maximum dry density and within 2 percent of the optimum moisture content.
  - Maximum fill embankment height 5 feet.
  - Horizontally bench new fill into existing slopes.
- Maintain the following limits for new cuts in soil without additional geotechnical exploration and analysis:
  - 3:1 (horizontal:vertical) or flatter slopes.
  - Maximum cut height 5 feet.
- Provide adequate erosion and surface water drainage control during construction and over the life of the subdivision.
- Establish permanent vegetative cover as soon as practical.

We appreciate the opportunity to work with you on this project. If you have any questions about this evaluation, or if you need any further assistance, please call us at any time.

Cordially,

ECS Southeast, LLP

Liz/Newcomb, P.E.

Geotechnical Department Manager

Attachments: Site Vicinity Map

Major Preliminary Subdivision Plan of The Breakers at Prospect

Visual Slope Reconnaissance Plan

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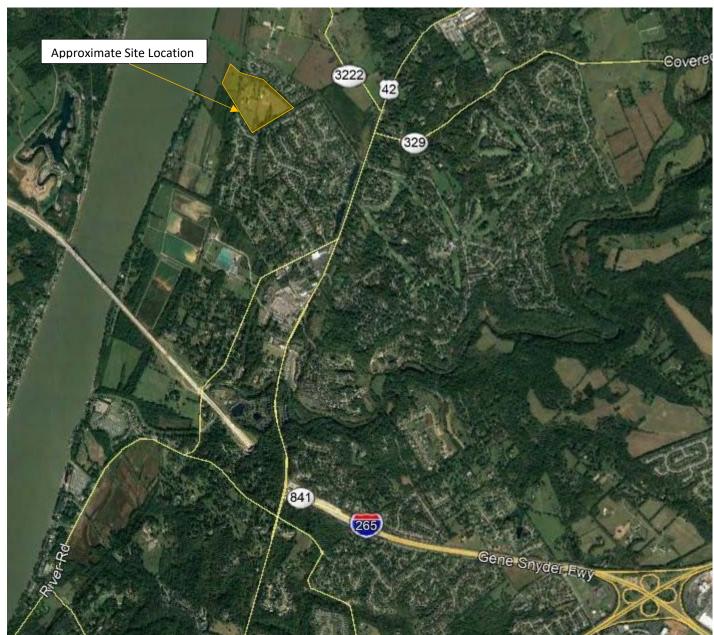
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Based on Google Earth imagery dated 10/21/2018.

## **Site Vicinity Map**

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## **ECS Southeast, LLP**

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NEIGHBORHOOD

49.00 ACS

43.002 ACS

1.67 DU/AC

2,135,142 SF

350,661 SF (16.4%)

56,079 SF (3%)

427,028 SF (20%)

370,949 SF (17%)

1.9 DU/AC

6 ACS

82 LOTS

3 LOTS

101 AGRICULTURAL W/DWELLING

SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL

476,237 SF OR 10.9 ACS

PROPOSED TCCA AREA

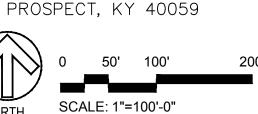
# **EXISTING TREE CANOPY ZONES**

TREE CANOPY ZONES SHOWN ON THIS PLAN REPRESENT AREAS OF THE SITE WHERE EFFORTS WILL BE MADE TO PRESERVE AS MANY TREES AS POSSIBLE. DUE TO UNKNOWN MSD REQUIREMENTS, THESE AREAS ARE NOT BEING COUNTED AS TCCA AT THIS TIME, BUT MAY BE COUNTED AS TCCA AT THE TIME OF TREE PRESERVATION PLAN APPROVAL.

> CASE # 19SUBDIV1001 WM # 11927 TAX BLOCK 2617

MARJORIE M. MCCALL 7800 SUTHERLAND FARM RD PROSPECT, KY 40059-9204 D.B. 6568, PG. 236 WB. 700, PG. 587

THE BREAKERS AT PROSPET LLC 5946 TIMBER RIDGE DRIVE

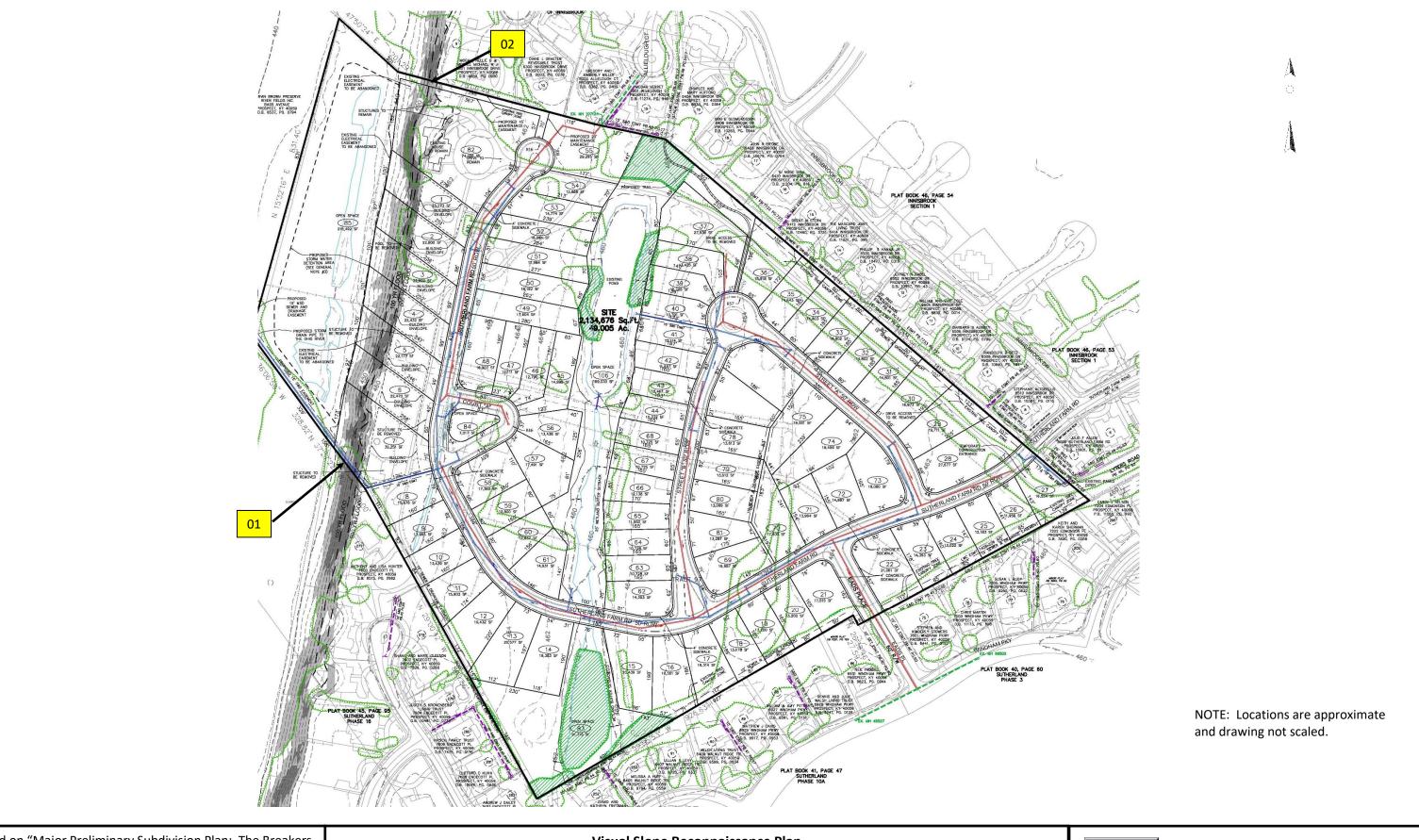


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## **Visual Slope Reconnaissance Plan**

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