

SECTION 310000

EARTHWORK

PART 1 GENERAL

1.01 DEFINITIONS

- A. The following terms shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this Article, wherever they appear in this Section.
1. Earth Excavation: The removal of all surface and subsurface material not classified as rock (as defined below).
 2. Subgrade Surface: Surface upon which subbase or topsoil is placed.
 3. Subbase: Select granular material or subbase course Type 2 which is placed immediately beneath pavement or concrete slabs.
 4. Foundation Bearing Grade: Grade/elevation at which the bottom-of-footings are constructed.
 5. Maximum Density: The dry unit weight in pounds per cubic foot of the soil at "Optimum Moisture Content" when determined by ASTM D 698 (Standard Proctor).
 6. Structures: Buildings, footings, foundations, retaining walls, slabs, tanks, mechanical and electrical appurtenances, or other man-made stationary features constructed above or below the ground surface.
 7. Landscaped Areas: Areas not covered by structures, walks, roads, paving, or parking.
 8. Unauthorized Excavation: The removal of material below required elevation indicated on the Drawings or beyond lateral dimensions indicated or specified without specific written direction by the Director's Representative.

1.02 SUBMITTALS

- A. Product Data:
1. Filter Fabric: Manufacturer's catalog sheets, specifications, and installation instructions.
- B. Samples: Submit samples as follows. Take the samples in the presence of the Director's Representative, and submit to the Directors Representative the laboratory test results for gradation, proctors and soundness tests, when required. These tests shall be performed in accordance with ASTM standards, shall be performed and signed by a certified soils laboratory, and shall be submitted as part of the original submittal. At a minimum the samples taken shall be of the following quantities:
1. Subbase Course Type 2: 50 - 60 lb. (Two Samples).
 2. Crushed Stone: 30 lb
- C. Quality Control Submittals:
1. Excavation Procedure: Submit a lay out drawing or detailed outline of intended excavation procedure for the Director's information. This submittal will not relieve the Contractor of responsibility for the successful performance of intended excavation methods.

2. Subbase Materials: Name and location of source and the DOT Source Number. If the material is not being taken from an approved DOT Source the results of the gradation and soundness tests performed by an ASTM certified soils laboratory will be required.
3. Other Aggregates: Name and location of source and soil laboratory test results.

1.03 PROJECT CONDITIONS

- A. Protect existing trees and plants during performance of the Work unless otherwise indicated. Box trees and plants indicated to remain within the grading limit line with temporary steel fencing or solidly constructed wood barricades as required. Protect root systems from smothering. Do not store excavated material, or allow vehicular traffic or parking within the branch drip line. Restrict foot traffic to prevent excessive compaction of soil over root systems.
- B. Cold Weather Requirements: When freezing temperatures are predicted, do not excavate to final required elevations for pipe, conduit or equipment requiring concrete work unless concrete can be placed immediately. Retain enough earth over the bottom elevation of excavations to prevent frost penetration.
- C. Cold Weather Requirements:
 1. Excavation: When freezing temperatures are anticipated, do not excavate to final required elevations for concrete work unless concrete can be placed immediately.
 2. Backfilling: If backfill is being placed during freezing temperatures the backfilling operations shall be monitored by the Director's Representative and the following procedures shall be followed:
 - a. Frozen ground shall be removed in its entirety from beneath and five feet beyond the area of fill placement.
 - b. The fill material placed shall consist of Selected Fill and shall be free of all frozen chunks that exceed four inches in size. The material transported to the project site shall only consist of material excavated from below the frost depth.
 - c. At the end of the work day, the area of fill placement shall be covered with insulated blankets, or left unprotected. Other means of protection (hay, wood chips, etc.) may also be used for protection provided it is approved by the Director's Representative.
 - d. Following work day, remove the insulated blankets and/or strip the area of all frozen material as specified previously.
 - e. Upon establishing the subgrade elevations, protect the grades with insulated blankets or place additional material that will adequately insulate the exposed earth surface from frost. This additional fill or protective material shall be stripped just prior to pouring concrete.

PART 2 PRODUCTS

2.01 MATERIALS

- A. Subbase Course Type 2: Stockpiled, crushed ledge rock or approved blast furnace slag. Comply with the gradation and material requirements specified below:

Sieve		Percent Passing
Sieve Size	Size opening (mm)	
2 inch	50.8	100
1/4 inch	6.35	25-60
No. 40	0.425	5-40
No. 200	0.075	0-10

1. Magnesium Sulfate Soundness Test: 20 percent maximum loss by weight after four test cycles.
2. Plasticity Index: The plasticity index of the material passing the No. 40 mesh sieve shall not exceed 5.0.
3. Elongated Particles: Not more than 30 percent, by weight, of the particles retained on a 1/2 inch sieve shall consist of flat or elongated particles. A flat or elongated particle is defined as one which has its greatest dimension more than three times its least dimension.

- B. No. 1 Coarse Aggregate: Crushed Stone that complies with material requirements of DOT Article 703-02 and meets the following gradation.

Sieve		Percent Passing
Sieve Size	Size opening (mm)	
1 inch	25.4	100
1/2 inch	12.7	90-100
1/4 inch	6.35	0-15

- C. No. 2 Coarse Aggregate: Crushed Stone that complies with material requirements of DOT Article 703-02 and meets the following gradation.

Sieve		Percent Passing
Sieve Size	Size opening (mm)	
1-1/2 inch	38.1	100
1 inch	25.4	90-100
1/2 inch	12.7	0-15

2.02 GEOTECHNICAL FABRICS

- A. Filter Fabric (GeoTextile)
1. Separation/Stabilization beneath pavements: Amoco 4551, Bonded Fibers Products PN080, Maccaferri Gabions MacTex MX275 & 340, Mirafi 160N & 180N or equivalent.

PART 3 EXECUTION

3.01 UNDERGROUND UTILITIES

- A. Locate existing underground utilities prior to commencing excavation work. Determine exact utility locations by hand excavated test pits. Support and protect utilities to remain in place.
- B. Do not interrupt existing utilities that are in service until temporary or new utilities are installed and operational.

3.02 EXCAVATION

- A. Excavate earth as required for the Work.
- B. Install and maintain all erosion and sedimentation controls during all earthwork operations as specified on the Contract Drawings or as directed by local officials. If the erosion and sedimentation controls specified by the local officials are more stringent than those specified on the Contract Drawings contact the Director's Representative.
- C. Maintain sides and slopes of excavations in a safe condition until completion of backfilling. Comply with Code of Federal Regulations Title 29 - Labor, Part 1926 (OSHA).
 - 1. Trenches: Deposit excavated material on one side of trench only. Trim banks of excavated material to prevent cave-ins and prevent material from falling or sliding into trench. Keep a clear footway between excavated material and trench edge. Maintain areas to allow free drainage of surface water.
- D. Stockpile excavated materials classified as suitable material where directed, until required for fill. Place, grade, and shape stockpiles for proper drainage as approved by the Director's Representative.
- E. Concrete Slabs, Floors and Bases: Excavate to the following depths below bottom of concrete for addition of select granular material:
 - 2. Exterior Slabs and Steps: 12 inches unless otherwise indicated.
- F. Pavement: Excavate to subgrade surface elevation.
- G. Unauthorized Excavations: Unless otherwise directed, backfill unauthorized excavation under footings, foundation bases, and retaining walls with compacted select granular material without altering the required footing elevation. Elsewhere, backfill and compact unauthorized excavation as specified for authorized excavation of the same classification, unless otherwise directed by the Director.
 - 1. Unauthorized excavations under structural Work such as footings, foundation bases, and retaining walls shall be reported immediately to the Director before any concrete or backfilling Work commences.
- H. Notify the Director's Representative upon completion of excavation operations. Do not proceed with the Work until the excavation is inspected and approved. Inspection of the excavation by the Director's Representative will be made on 3 working days notice.

3.03 PLACING FILTER FABRIC

- A. Place and overlap filter fabric in accordance with the manufacturer's installation instructions, unless otherwise shown.
- B. Cover tears and other damaged areas with additional filter fabric layer extending 3 feet beyond the damage.
- C. Do not permit traffic or construction equipment directly on filter fabric.
- D. Backfill over filter fabric within two weeks after placement. Backfill in accordance with the fabric manufacturer's instructions and in a manner to prevent damage to the fabric.

3.04 PLACING FILL AND BACKFILL

- A. Surface Preparation of Fill Areas: Strip topsoil, remaining vegetation, and other deleterious materials prior to placement of fill. Remove all asphalt pavement in its entirety from areas requiring the placement of fill or break up old pavements to a maximum size of four inches. Prior to placement of fill, smooth out and compact areas where wheel rutting has occurred due to stripping or earthwork operations.
- B. Excavations: Backfill as promptly as practicable, but only after approval by the Director's Representative. Do not backfill with excavated material unless it meets the requirements of this Section.
- C. Place backfill and fill materials in layers not more than 8 inches thick in loose depth unless otherwise specified. Before compaction, moisten or aerate each layer as necessary to facilitate compaction to the required density. Do not place backfill or fill material on surfaces that are muddy, frozen, or covered with ice.
 - 1. Place fill and backfill against foundation walls, and in confined areas (such as trenches) not easily accessible by larger compaction equipment, in maximum six inch thick (loose depth) layers.
- D. Prevent wedging action of backfill against structures by placing backfill uniformly around structure to approximately same elevation in each layer. Place backfill against walls of structures containing basements or crawl spaces only after the first floor structural members are in place.
- E. Under Exterior Concrete Slabs and Steps:
 - 1. Subbase Material: Place 12 inches of compacted crushed stone consisting of 50:50 mix of No. 1 and No. 2 course aggregate material over subgrade surface.
- F. Under Pavements and Walks:
 - 1. Subbase Material: Place as indicated.

3.05 COMPACTION

- A. All materials with exception of open graded stone (No. 2 Coarse aggregate, No. 1 Coarse aggregate, Item B-12, etc.):
 - 1. Compact each layer of fill and backfill for the following area classifications to the percentage of maximum density specified below and at a moisture content suitable to obtain the required densities, but at not less than three percent drier or more than two percent wetter than the optimum content as determined by ASTM D 698 (Standard Proctor) or 1557 (Modified Proctor).
 - b. Concrete Slabs and Steps: 95 percent.
 - d. Pavements and Walks: 95 percent.
 - 2. If a compacted layer fails to meet the specified percentage of maximum density, the layer will be re-compacted and retested. If compaction cannot be achieved the material/layer will be removed and replaced. No additional material may be placed over a compacted layer until the specified density is achieved

3.06 GRADING

- A. Rough Grading: Trim and grade area within the Grading Limit Line and excavations outside the limit line, required by this Contract, to a level of four inches below the finish grades indicated unless otherwise specified herein or where greater depths are indicated. Provide smooth uniform transition to adjacent areas.
- B. Finish Grading: Finish surfaces free from irregular surface changes, and as follows:
 - 1. Walks and Pavements: Place and compact subbase material as specified. Shape surface of areas to required line, grade and cross section, with the finish surface not more than 1/2 inch above or below the required subbase elevation.

3.07 RESTORATION

- A. Restore pavements, walks, curbs, lawns, and other exterior surfaces damaged during performance of the Work to match the appearance and performance of existing corresponding surfaces as closely as practicable.

3.08 DISPOSAL OF EXCESS AND UNSUITABLE MATERIALS

- A. Remove from State property and dispose of excess and unsuitable materials, including materials resulting from clearing and grubbing and removal of existing improvements.

3.09 FIELD QUALITY CONTROL

- A. Compaction Testing: Notify the Director's Representative at least 3 working days in advance of all phases of filling and backfilling operations. Compaction testing will be performed by the Director's Representative to ascertain the compacted density of the fill and backfill materials. Compaction testing will be performed on certain layers of the fill and backfill as determined by the Director's Representative. If a compacted layer fails to meet the specified

percentage of maximum density, the layer shall be re-compacted and will be retested. No additional material may be placed over a compacted layer until the specified density is achieved.

3.10 PROTECTION

- A. Protect graded areas from traffic and erosion, and keep them free of trash and debris.

END OF SECTION