



# What to Consider When Evaluating Sites for Expansion

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# Introduction

- Overview of GEAPS Courses written and presented by Fred Fairchild
- GEAPS 550 – Materials Handling I (Material Flow/ Spouting, Screw Conveyors)
- GEAPS 551 – Materials Handling II (Conveying Equipment)
- GEAPS 552 – Materials Handling III (Liquid Systems)
- GEAPS 510 – Grain Facilities Planning and Design I (Basic Design Requirements and Simple Facility Design)
- GEAPS 511 - Grain Facilities Planning and Design II (Expanding Existing Facilities)



# Overview of GEAPS 511 Grain Facilities Planning and Design II

- Lesson 1 – Site Requirements
- Lesson 2 – Rail Planning and Track Layout
- Lesson 3 – Selection and Application of Sensing Units
- Lesson 4 – How to Use and Manage Sensor Information
- Lesson 5 - Designing for Safety



# Overview of GEAPS 511 Grain Facilities Planning and Design II

- Lesson 6 – Designing for Security
- Lesson 7 – Planning for Retrofit and Expansion
- Lesson 8 - Roofing Design, Waterproofing and Coatings
- Lesson 9 – Temporary Storage
- Lesson 10 - Utilities



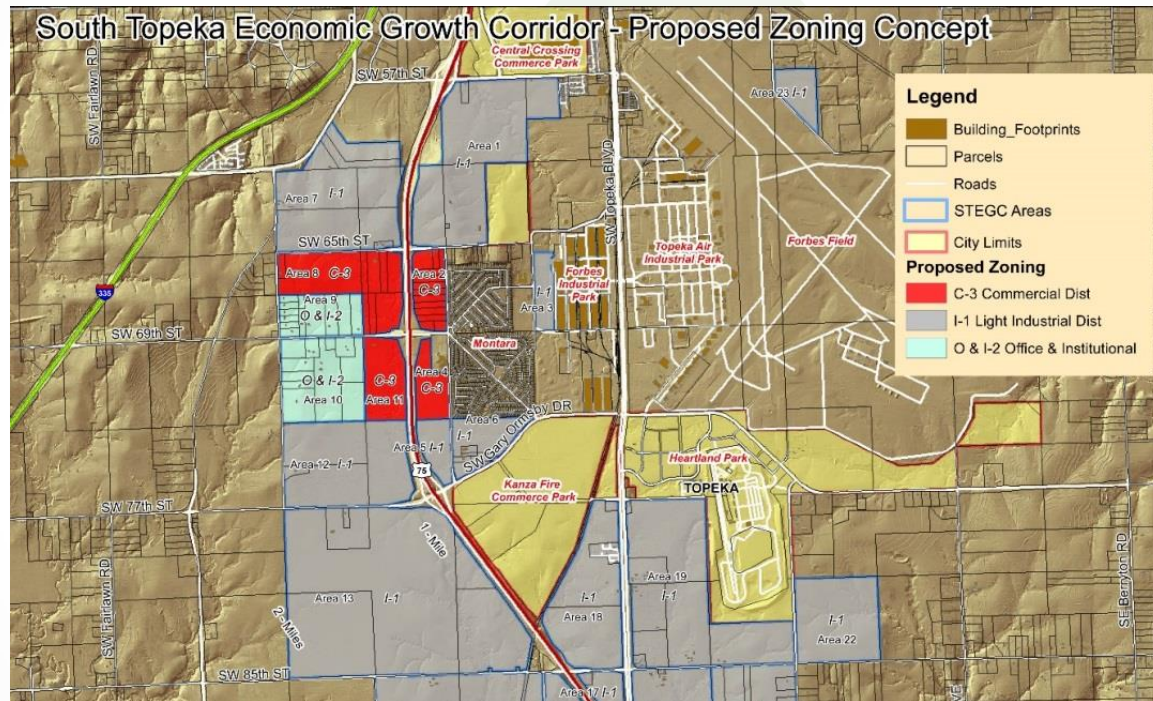
# Overview of GEAPS 511

## Lesson I – Site Requirements

- Objectives:
  - Allowable uses and regulations
  - Physical characteristics and limitations
  - Proposed use and purpose
  - Required function and area
  - Topography and neighbors
  - Future additions



# Allowable Land Uses Zoning



Governments control of physical development of land and the allowable uses for each individual property.



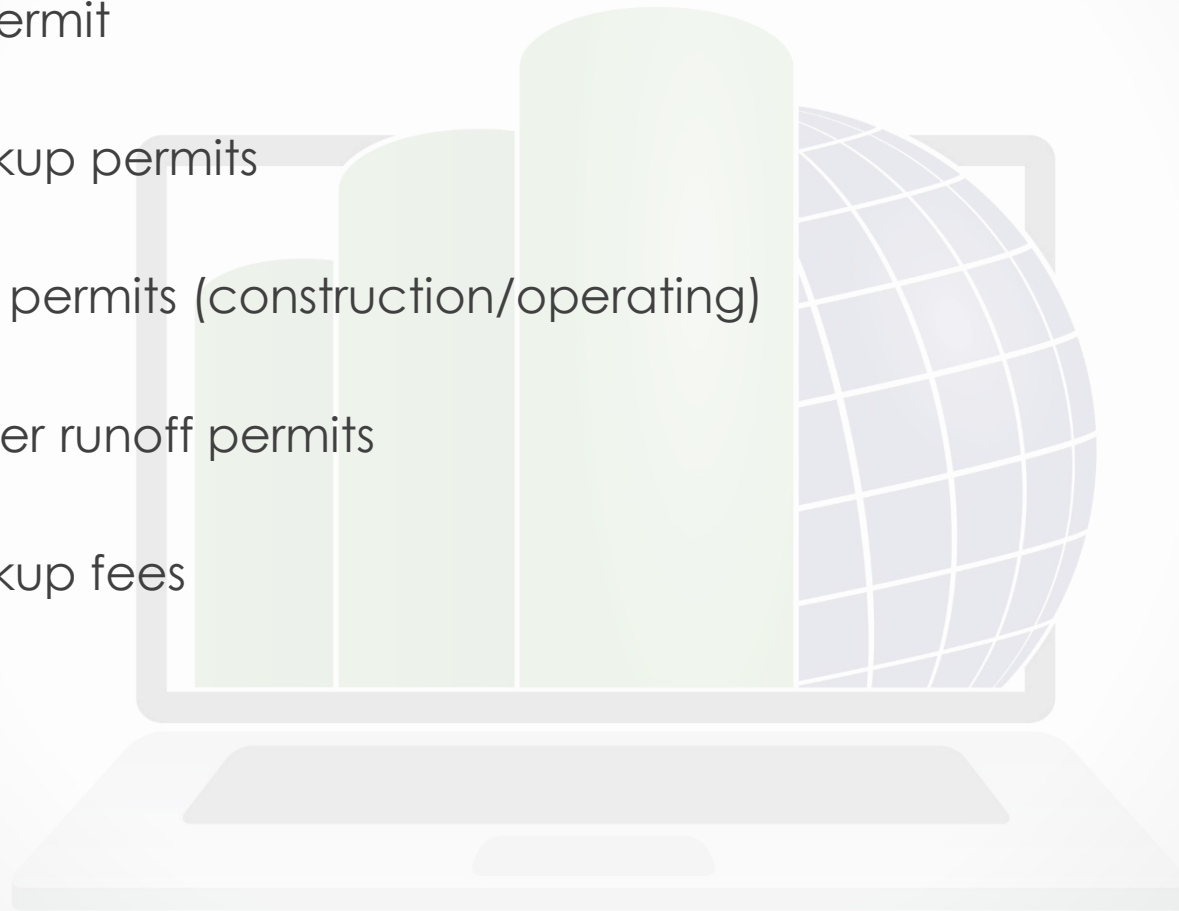
# Allowable Land Uses Zoning



- Most frequently-used zoning groups :
  - Agricultural
  - Residential
  - Commercial
  - Industrial
- Variances may be obtained in some cases

# Allowable Land Uses Required Permits

- Building permit
- Utility hookup permits
- Air quality permits (construction/operating)
- Storm water runoff permits
- Utility hookup fees
- Other



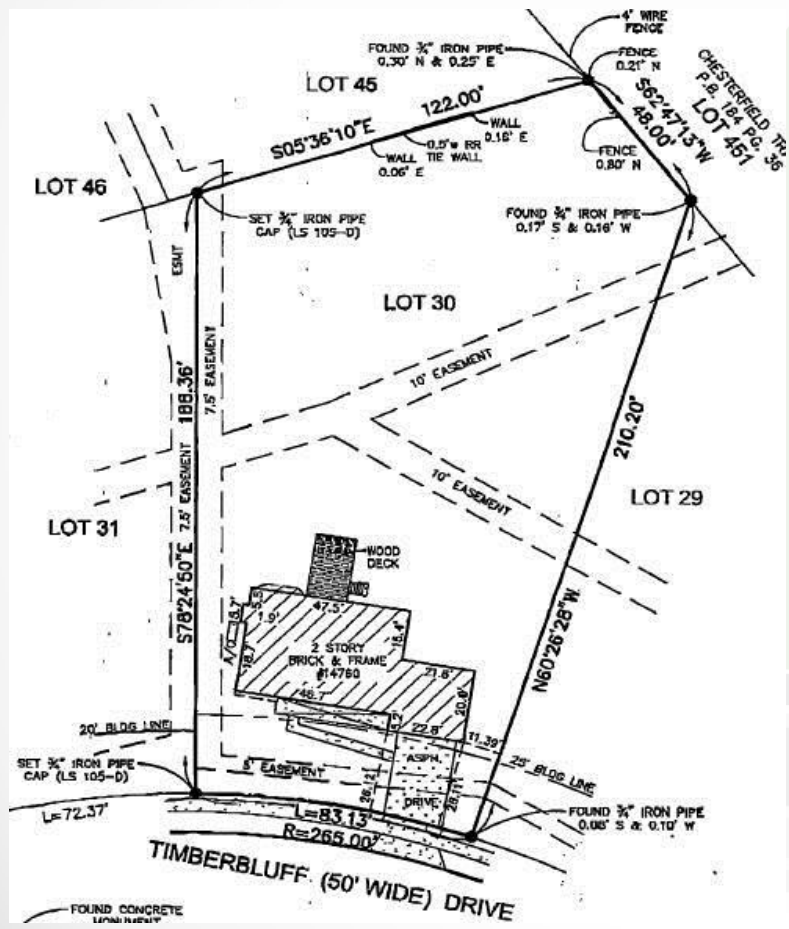


# Allowable Land Uses Building Codes

- Building Codes
  - Laws that regulate the design and construction of buildings
  - Grain elevators included
- Use and Occupancy Classifications:
  - Grain handling facilities classified as “Hazardous” due to presence of grain dust and have special requirements



# Allowable Land Uses Easements and Restrictions



# Allowable Land Uses Site Restrictions

- Setbacks
- Controlled access
- Utility easements
- Adjacent property access

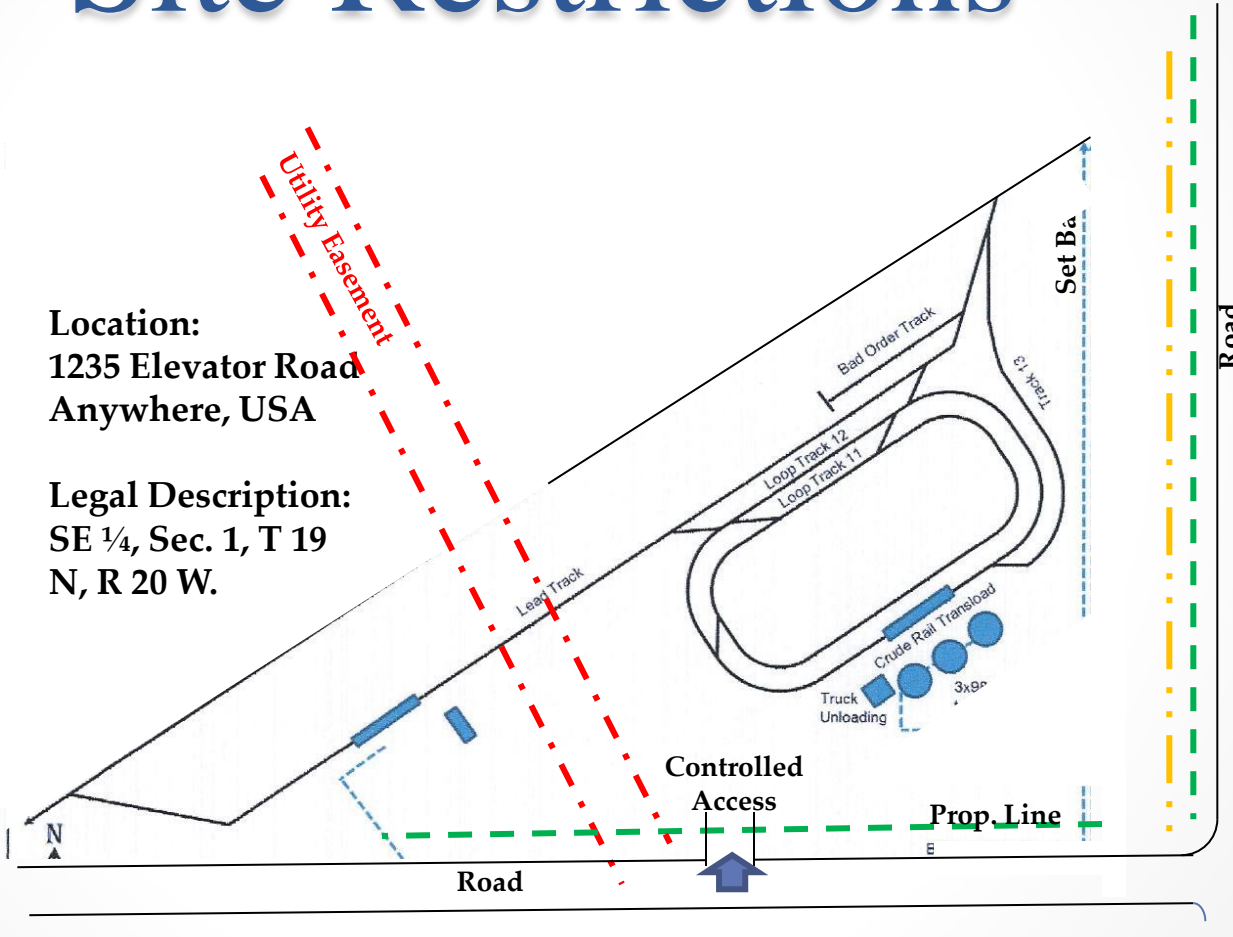


# Allowable Land Uses

## Site Restrictions

**Location:**  
1235 Elevator Road  
Anywhere, USA

**Legal Description:**  
SE ¼, Sec. 1, T 19  
N, R 20 W.





# Allowable Land Uses Height Restrictions



Airport Approach  
Patterns



Neighborhood  
Height Restrictions

# Site Topography/Conditions



Terrain



Drainage



Storm Water Retention Pond

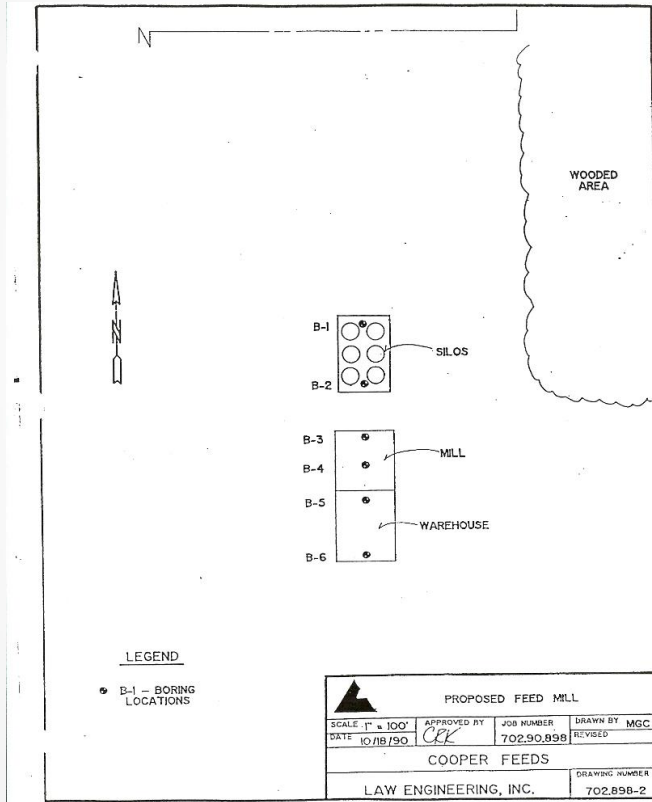


# Soil Characteristics

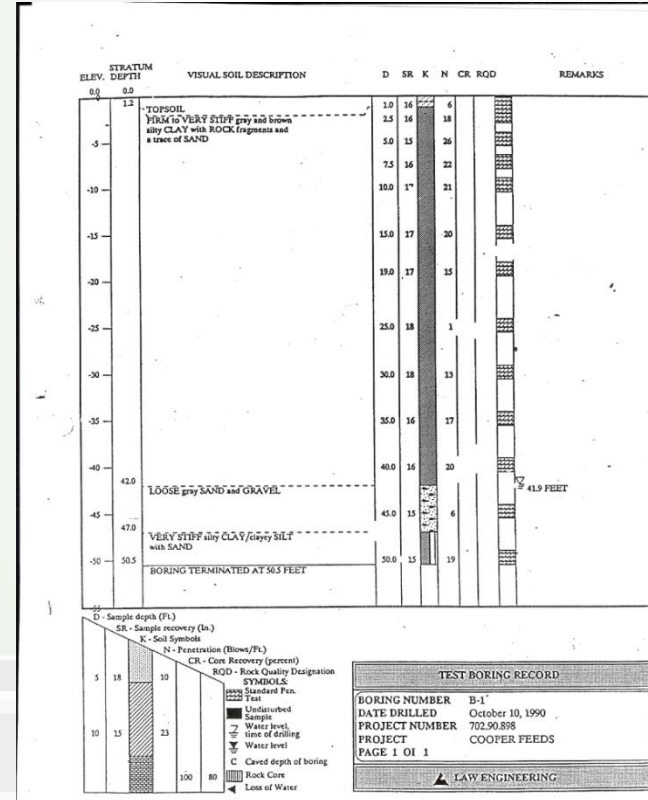


- Soil Characteristics:
- Sand/Clay
- Rock
- Subterranean Conditions
- Fill
- Ground Water
- Bearing Capacity

# Soil Testing



Boring Locations



Boring Log

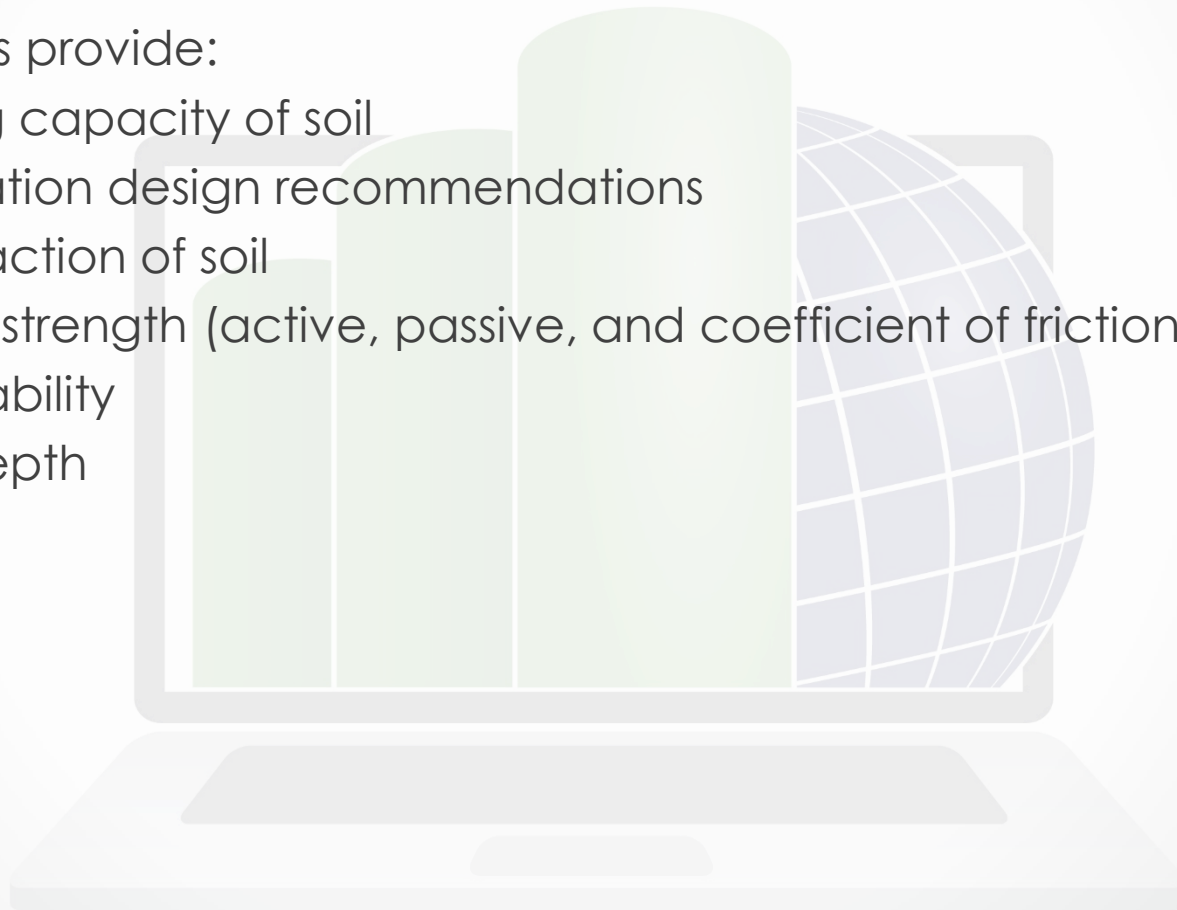
# Soil Testing



Soil Test Boring Rig

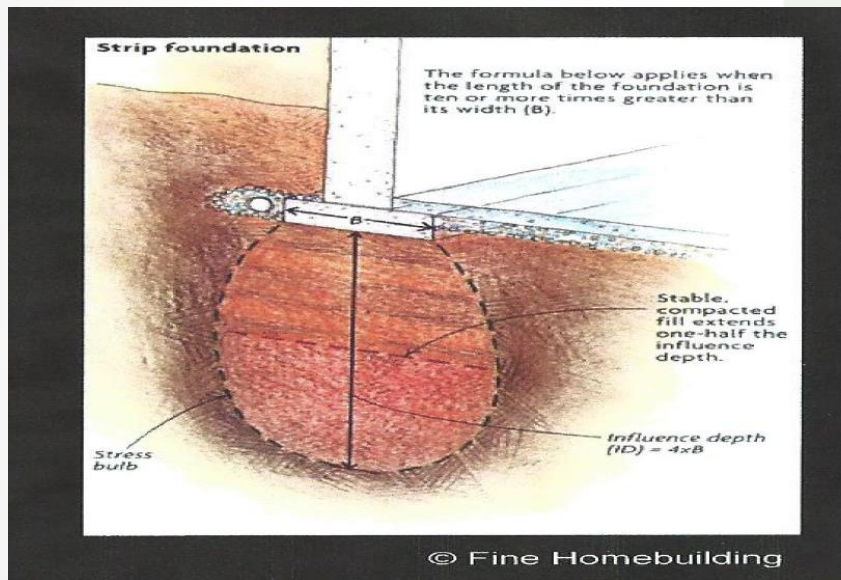
# Soil Test Information

- Soil reports provide:
  - Bearing capacity of soil
  - Foundation design recommendations
  - Compaction of soil
  - Lateral strength (active, passive, and coefficient of friction)
  - Permeability
  - Frost depth





# Soil Pressures

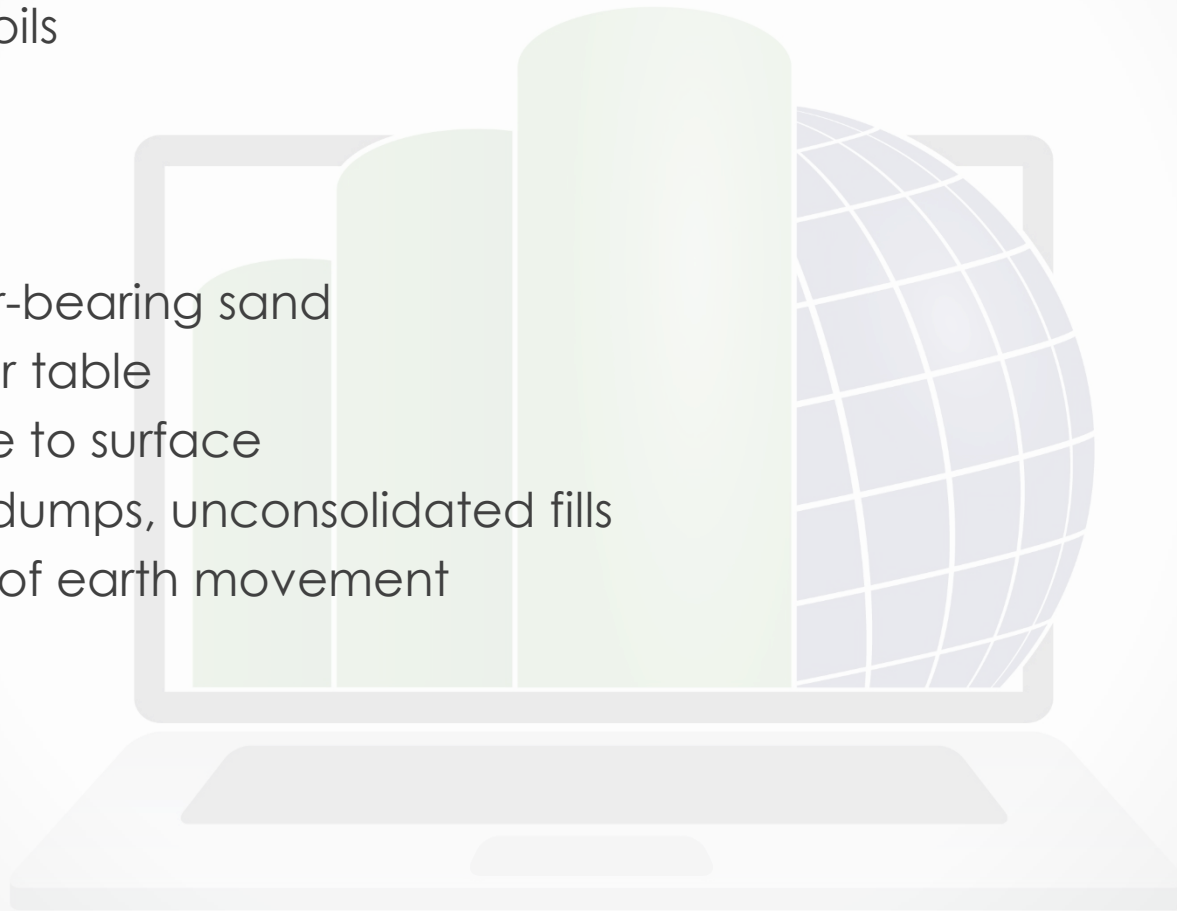


- Pressures of foundations cause soil pressures to great depths.
- Soil must have needed strength throughout depth to support applied foundation loads.

Footing Influence Zones

# Problem Soil Conditions

- Organic soils
- Clays
- Silt clays
- Loose silts
- Fine water-bearing sand
- High water table
- Rock close to surface
- Land fills, dumps, unconsolidated fills
- Evidence of earth movement





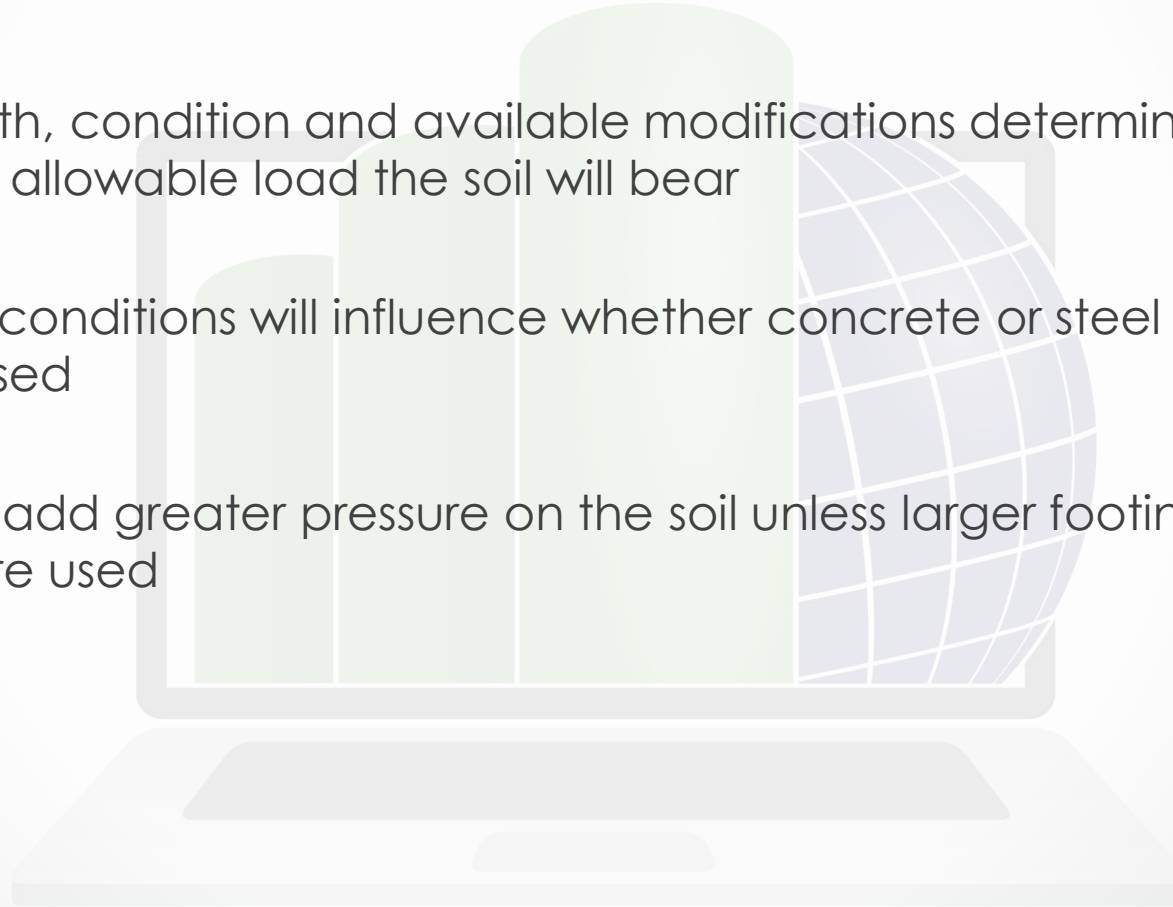
# Soil Modifications

- Remove Unacceptable Soil
- Over Excavate and Backfill
- Matt Foundations
- Pilings or Piers



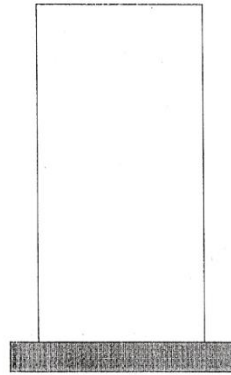
# Allowable Types of Construction

- Soil strength, condition and available modifications determine maximum allowable load the soil will bear
- Weak soil conditions will influence whether concrete or steel storage may be used
- Taller bins add greater pressure on the soil unless larger footing imprints are used

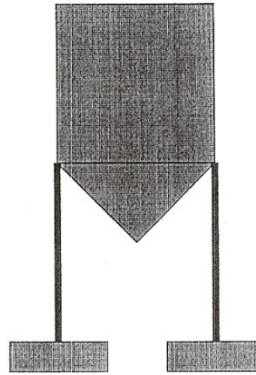


# Types of Foundation Footings

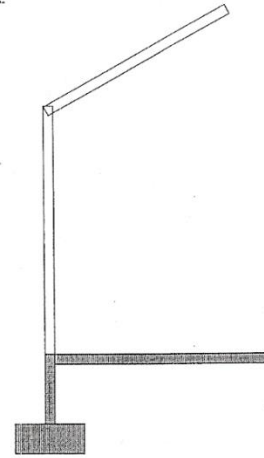
## Foundation Types



**Mat or  
Raft**



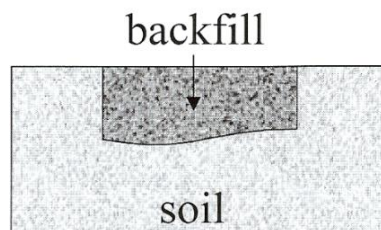
**Spread  
Footing**



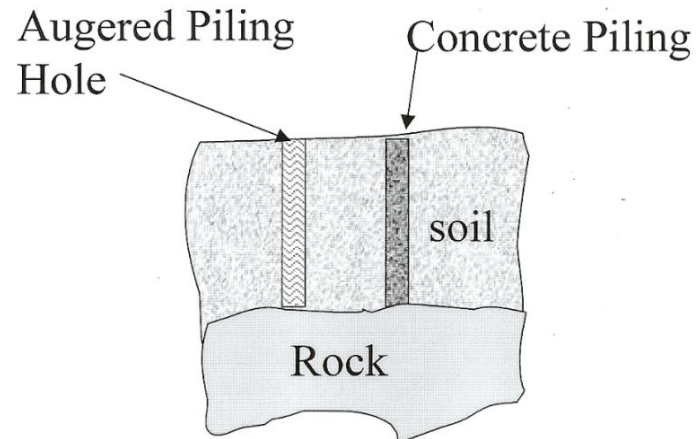
**Continuous  
Footing**

# Overcoming Poor Soil Condition(s)

## Soil Modifications



**Excavate and  
Compacted  
Backfill**

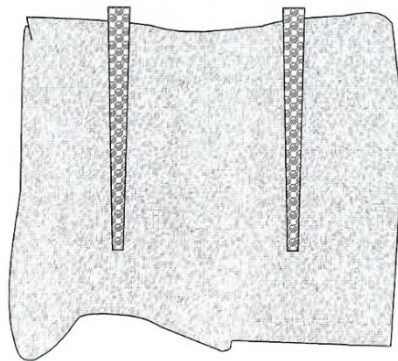


**Auger-cast  
Piling**

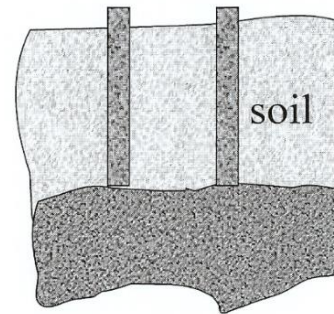
# Overcoming Poor Soil Condition(s)

## Soil Modifications Piling Types

**Piling Materials: Concrete, Steel Beams, Pipe, Wooden Poles**



**Friction Piling**



**Bearing Piling**



# Normal Soil Preparation

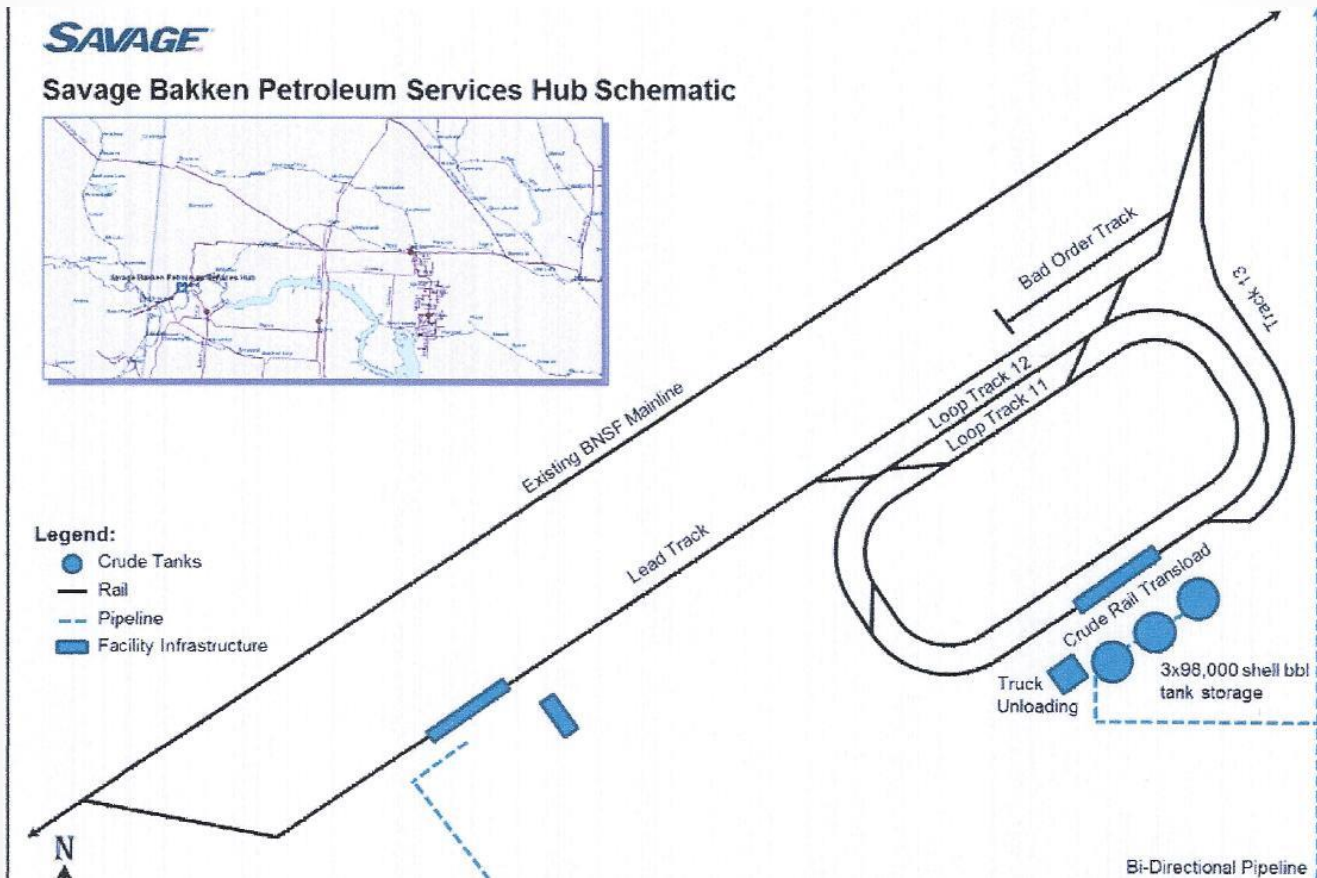




# Piling Foundation Support



# Space Requirements



# Initial Space Requirements

- Bin Area
- Truck Receiving/Load Out Areas
- Offices/Ancillary Buildings
- Vehicle Staging Areas
- Rail Receiving/Loading Areas
- Vehicle Parking



# Additional Space Requirements

- Adequate Parking
  - Employee Parking
  - Customer Parking
  - Elevator Equipment
  - Truck Staging





# Road Access



- Choose locations with:
  - Well built local roads
  - Good access to major highways
  - No city traffic

# Railroad Access

- Locate on major rail line
- Required siding lengths
- Shipment sizes to be handled
- Allowable Loading/Unloading Times
- Property Leases
- Owner of Track





# Future Space Requirements



**AgMark Co-Op Concordia, KS 4.75 million Bushels = 120,656 mt storage capacity**

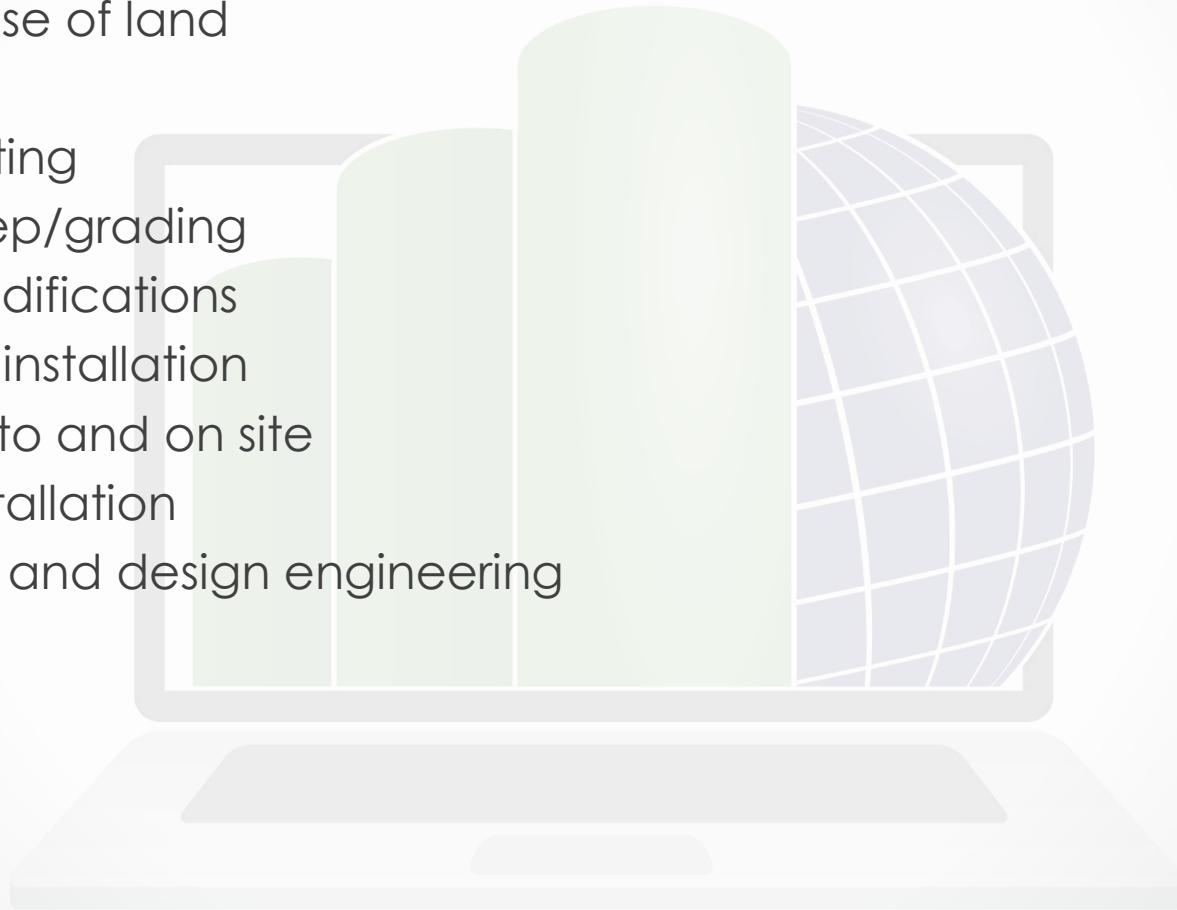
# Future Space Requirements



Allow room for future storage bins and associated systems and equipment to receive, handle and ship grains.

# Cost Considerations

- Purchase of land
- Permits
- Soil testing
- Site prep/grading
- Soil modifications
- Utilities installation
- Roads to and on site
- Rail installation
- Layout and design engineering



# Summary

- Many things affect site selection for new facilities and future expansion.
- Each site must be investigated thoroughly to determine its suitability for the intended initial use and future additions.
- The total cost of building any additional structure or facility capacity upgrade includes many factors.



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