Groundwater Remedial Investigation Report, Final Garfield Avenue Group of Sites PPG, Jersey City, New Jersey

Appendix I

**Utility Maps** 







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# Project: Geophysical Survey – Garfield Avenue and Caven Point Road, Jersey City, NJ

Dear Ron;

The following is a brief letter report detailing the results of the geophysical survey performed at the above referenced site. Site maps and/or pertinent ground penetrating radar (GPR) transects are contained in the report and Appendix A. It would be helpful to review Appendix A and the site maps when reading this report. TPI's standard practice is to indicate the results of the geophysical survey by marking all identified utility lines, tanks, and GPR anomalies etc. with chalk, paint or flags. It should be noted that this report is a means of transferring data and results of data interpretation, which was performed during the time allotted for the fieldwork.

# Project Scope and Visual Site Inspection

TPI Environmental, Inc. (TPI) was contracted by Aecom (client) to clear soil borings and locate private utilities in the immediate vicinity of the soil borings. The site consists of multiple businesses and a warehouse located at the above address and as indicated on Figure 1. Upon arrival to the site on July 07, 2017, TPI performed a site walk to review One Call utility mark outs and evidence of other on-site utilities in the vicinity of the soil boring locations. During the site walk the following areas of interest were noted;

• Utilities to be investigated during this survey include private electric, communication, sanitary sewer, storm sewer, water, and gas.

# Methodology

Geophysical surveys are typically accomplished by employing the following techniques; GPR, Fisher TW6 electromagnetic metal detection (TW6 EM), a Geonics EM61-MK2 Time – Domain Electromagnetic Detector unit (EM61), radio frequency line locating (RF), and magnetics. Known utilities are typically traced with the RF unit, GPR, and the TW6 EM unit depending on the size, matrix and conductive properties of the line. The EM61 is a high power, high sensitivity metal detector capable of detecting both ferrous and non-ferrous metal. The TW6 EM unit sounds an audible alarm in the presence of a large mass of metal such as an UST. A description and discussion of these geophysical methods as well as TPI's standard procedures for performing geophysical surveys is found in Appendix A. In general, "blind surveys" are typically performed by initially scanning the site with a TW6 EM unit and/or an EM61 unit and noting areas of relatively high EM response. Then locations with high EM response are further investigated with GPR. EM units are typically not effective and practical in areas underlain with reinforced concrete and/or the presence of ubiquitous metallic objects.

# Geophysical Survey Results

The geophysical survey at this site was accomplished with the RF and GPR units. Known utilities were traced with RF and confirmed with GPR. Proposed soil boring locations were scanned and cleared with a combination of RF and GPR. Results of the geophysical survey were marked on the ground with paint and a map of the survey results, as well as pertinent GPR images, are contained in this report. Results of the geophysical survey are as follows;

- Private water, sanitary sewer, storm sewer, and gas utilities were located and marked with paint in addition to any linear, "pipe-style" anomalies.
- Eight (8) soil boring locations were scanned, moved as needed, and marked with white paint.

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# Appendix A

# GPR Transects and Survey Methods



# GPR Transect 65 See Figure 1 for Location

# GPR Transect 75 See Figure 1 for Location



#### **Geonics EM61-MK2**

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#### EM61 Color Contoured Map



The EM61-MK2 detects a single 55 gallon drum at a depth of over 10-feet beneath the instrument, yet it is relatively insentsitive to interference from nearby surface metal such as fences, buildings, cars, etc. By making the measurement at a relatively long time after termination of the primary pulse, the response is practically independent of the electrical conductivity of the ground.

Due to its unique coil arrangements, the response curve is a single well defined positive peak greatly facilitating quick and accurate location of the target, the depth of which can usually be estimated from the width of the response and/or from relative response from each of the two receiver coils.

### <u>GPR</u>

This method is one of the most powerful and cost effective methods of locating man made objects and stratigraphic layers in the subsurface. It is an active method that transmits electromagnetic pulses into the ground, the radar pulses are reflected from materials or layers of differing dielectric and electrical conductive properties. The GPR computer measures the elapsed time in billionths of a second (nanoseconds) from when the pulses are sent and when they are received back at the surface that can then be converted to depth. Results of the radar scan are displayed as a continuous crosssection of the subsurface on the computer screen in real time. Metallic materials such as tanks, pipes, conduits, rebar etc. have vastly different dielectric properties then soils so there reflections are striking and relatively easy to identify. Pipes and tanks constructed of PVC, concrete, and terracotta also produce distinct reflections, however, these reflections are typically not as striking as metallic materials. A typical radar image of two metallic underground storage tanks is found below.

#### **GPR Image of Two Metallic USTs**



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including a Geophysical Survey Systems (GSSI) SIR-3000 subsurface radar unit with a 400 MHz antenna. The 400 MHz antenna has a depth range of approximately 20-feet and other antennas may be employed with the system depending on specific site conditions and objectives of the survey. The GPR transect data may be saved on the internal hard drive and transferred to a PC for storage, printing, and post processing. GSSI is the world leader in the development of GPR systems and was the first company to commercialize GPR in 1970. GPR hardware and software has improved dramatically over the last several years allowing for relatively rapid and economical GPR surveys. With 3-dimensional capabilities, the latest GPR software takes data processing a step farther then the former 2-dimensional viewing method. Three-dimensional visualization helps you to see the whole picture, giving you a powerful tool to interpret complex utility layouts and identify subtle linear features that may have otherwise been missed.

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#### TW-6 EM Unit

TPI routinely employs a Fisher TW-6 electromagnetic metal detector when performing GPR surveys. The TW-6 creates an electromagnetic field with a transmitting coil and measures the strength of that field with a receiving coil. As the TW-6 passes over electrically conductive materials such as metal tanks or drums the field is distorted and the instrument produces an audible alarm based on the degree of the distortion. The TW-6 can detect conductive materials the size of drums or small tanks to depths of 10-feet. The instrument is actually a relatively poor metal detector which makes it ideal for locating large conductive materials such as metal drums, medium to large metal pipes, reinforced concrete pipes, and metal tanks. A more sensitive metal detector would produce "false positives" on small pieces of metal that are typically found in fill and throughout developed sites. If the survey area is underlain by reinforced concrete or cars and other large surficial metallic features are within 10-feet, the TW-6 will not be useful.

#### Line Locating

Line locating is performed with a Radiodetection RD400 PXL-2 line locator with a 433 HCTX-2 transmitter. The transmitter emits a specific radio or electromagnetic signal which is indirectly induced or directly conducted onto the metallic line. The transmitter is capable of producing frequencies of 512 Hz, 8 kHz, or 33 kHz and the receiver is configured for the specific transmitted frequency. The induced signal is coupled with the line by either using an induction clamp which surrounds an exposed line or placing the transmitter above a buried line and transmitting the signal to it. The receiver may also be used in a passive locate mode (power) to identify the presence of current carrying lines. Nonmetallic lines may also be located by snaking a sonde down accessible lines with push rods. A sonde is a small transmitter that emits a specific electromagnetic frequency which can be detected by the receiver at depths of 12 to 16-feet.

#### Inductive Sweep With Transmitter/Receiver



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#### **Resistivity**

TPI conducts subsurface resistivity surveys using the AGI SuperSting R8 IP Earth Resistivity and IP Meter. The SuperSting unit measures the voltage drop of an induced electrical current across numerous electrodes as it travels through the electrically heterogenous subsurface. Multiple survey profiles are completed in this manner based upon the specific conditions of the field area in order to assemble a complete characterization of the ground resistivity properties. The resistivity data is then processed and examined for evidence of significant subsurface features including bedrock surfaces, perched groundwater tables, cavities/sinkholes, or potential contaminant plumes.



AGI SuperSting R8 IP Earth Resistivity and IP Meter assembly.



Resistivity pseudosection across a backfilled canal. Approximately 10' of high resistivity/low conductivity surficial fill (blue) over low resistivity/high conductivity canal backfill (orange-red).

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**Electrical conductivity probe** 



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October 17, 2017

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# Project: Geophysical Survey – Forrest Street and Garfield Avenue, Jersey City, NJ

Dear Ron;

The following is a brief letter report detailing the results of the geophysical survey performed at the above referenced site. Site maps and/or pertinent ground penetrating radar (GPR) transects are contained in the report and Appendix A. It would be helpful to review Appendix A and the site maps when reading this report. TPI's standard practice is to indicate the results of the geophysical survey by marking all identified utility lines, tanks, and GPR anomalies etc. with chalk, paint or flags. It should be noted that this report is a means of transferring data and results of data interpretation, which was performed during the time allotted for the fieldwork.

## Project Scope and Visual Site Inspection

TPI Environmental, Inc. (TPI) was contracted by Aecom (client) to clear soil borings and locate private utilities in the immediate vicinity of the soil borings. The site consists of a parking lot, sidewalk, construction area, and building with adjacent paved areas located at the above address and as indicated on Figures 1 through 5. Upon arrival to the site on September 27, 2017, TPI performed a site walk to review One Call utility mark outs and evidence of other on-site utilities in the vicinity of the soil boring locations. During the site walk the following areas of interest were noted;

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# Appendix A

# GPR Transects and Survey Methods



**GPR Transect 10** 

# **GPR Transect 13** See Figure 2 for Location



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February 09, 2018



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# Project: Geophysical Survey – Berry Lane Park, 1000 Garfield Avenue, Jersey City, NJ

Dear Shannon;

The following is a brief letter report detailing the results of the geophysical survey performed at the above referenced site. Site maps and/or pertinent ground penetrating radar (GPR) transects are contained in the report and Appendix A. It would be helpful to review Appendix A and the site maps when reading this report. TPI's standard practice is to indicate the results of the geophysical survey by marking all identified utility lines, tanks, and GPR anomalies etc. with chalk, paint or flags. It should be noted that this report is a means of transferring data and results of data interpretation, which was performed during the time allotted for the fieldwork.

# Project Scope and Visual Site Inspection

TPI Environmental, Inc. (TPI) was contracted by AECOM (client) to clear proposed monitoring well locations and to locate private utilities in the immediate vicinity of the wells. The site consists of a recreational park located at the above address and as indicated on Figure 1. Upon arrival to the site on January 24, 2018, TPI performed a site walk to review One Call utility mark outs and evidence of other on-site utilities in the vicinity of the well locations. During the site walk the following areas of interest were noted;

• Utilities to be investigated during this survey include; electric, water, storm sewer, communication, and irrigation.

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TPI conducts subsurface resistivity surveys using the AGI SuperSting R8 IP Earth Resistivity and IP Meter. The SuperSting unit measures the voltage drop of an induced electrical current across numerous electrodes as it travels through the electrically heterogenous subsurface. Multiple survey profiles are completed in this manner based upon the specific conditions of the field area in order to assemble a complete characterization of the ground resistivity properties. The resistivity data is then processed and examined for evidence of significant subsurface features including bedrock surfaces, perched groundwater tables, cavities/sinkholes, or potential contaminant plumes.



AGI SuperSting R8 IP Earth Resistivity and IP Meter assembly.



Resistivity pseudosection across a backfilled canal. Approximately 10' of high resistivity/low conductivity surficial fill (blue) over low resistivity/high conductivity canal backfill (orange-red).

#### **Down-hole Conductivity**

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**Electrical conductivity probe** 



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April 10, 2018

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# Project: Geophysical Survey – Pacific Avenue, Jersey City, NJ Forrest Street, Jersey City, NJ

Dear Shannon;

The following is a brief letter report detailing the results of the geophysical survey performed at the above referenced site. Site maps and/or pertinent ground penetrating radar (GPR) transects are contained in the report and Appendix A. It would be helpful to review Appendix A and the site maps when reading this report. TPI's standard practice is to indicate the results of the geophysical survey by marking all identified utility lines, tanks, and GPR anomalies etc. with chalk, paint or flags. It should be noted that this report is a means of transferring data and results of data interpretation, which was performed during the time allotted for the fieldwork.

# Project Scope and Visual Site Inspection

TPI Environmental, Inc. (TPI) was contracted by AECOM (client) to clear proposed monitoring well locations and to locate private utilities in the immediate vicinity of the wells. The sites consist of gravel-filled areas located at the above addresses and as indicated on Figures 1-3. Upon arrival to the site on March 23, 2018, TPI performed a site walk to review One Call utility mark outs and evidence of other on-site utilities in the vicinity of the well locations. During the site walk the following areas of interest were noted;

• Utilities to be investigated during this survey include; water, storm sewer and sanitary sewer.

# Methodology

Geophysical surveys are typically accomplished by employing the following techniques; GPR, Fisher TW6 electromagnetic metal detection (TW6 EM), a Geonics EM61-MK2 Time – Domain Electromagnetic Detector unit (EM61), radio frequency line locating (RF), and magnetics. Known utilities are typically traced with the RF unit, GPR, and the TW6 EM unit depending on the size, matrix and conductive properties of the line. The EM61 is a high power, high sensitivity metal detector capable of detecting both ferrous and non-ferrous metal. The TW6 EM unit sounds an audible alarm in the presence of a large mass of metal such as an UST. A description and discussion of these geophysical methods as well as TPI's standard procedures for performing geophysical surveys is found in Appendix A. In general, "blind surveys" are typically performed by initially scanning the site with a TW6 EM unit and/or an EM61 unit and noting areas of relatively high EM response. Then locations with high EM response are further investigated with GPR. EM units are typically not effective and practical in areas underlain with reinforced concrete and/or the presence of ubiquitous metallic objects.

# Geophysical Survey Results

The geophysical survey at this site was accomplished with the RF and GPR units. Known utilities were traced with RF and confirmed with GPR. Proposed monitoring well locations were scanned and cleared with a combination of RF and GPR. Results of the geophysical survey were marked on the ground with paint and a map of the survey results are contained in this report. Results of the geophysical survey are as follows;

- Water, storm sewer, and sanitary sewer utilities in addition to linear pipe-style anomalies, were located and marked with paint.
- Seven monitoring well locations were scanned, moved as needed, and marked with paint.

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# Appendix A Survey Methods

#### **Geonics EM61-MK2**

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#### EM61 Color Contoured Map



The EM61-MK2 detects a single 55 gallon drum at a depth of over 10-feet beneath the instrument, yet it is relatively insentsitive to interference from nearby surface metal such as fences, buildings, cars, etc. By making the measurement at a relatively long time after termination of the primary pulse, the response is practically independent of the electrical conductivity of the ground.

Due to its unique coil arrangements, the response curve is a single well defined positive peak greatly facilitating quick and accurate location of the target, the depth of which can usually be estimated from the width of the response and/or from relative response from each of the two receiver coils.

# <u>GPR</u>

This method is one of the most powerful and cost effective methods of locating man made objects and stratigraphic layers in the subsurface. It is an active method that transmits electromagnetic pulses into the ground, the radar pulses are reflected from materials or layers of differing dielectric and electrical conductive properties. The GPR computer measures the elapsed time in billionths of a second (nanoseconds) from when the pulses are sent and when they are received back at the surface that can then be converted to depth. Results of the radar scan are displayed as a continuous crosssection of the subsurface on the computer screen in real time. Metallic materials such as tanks, pipes, conduits, rebar etc. have vastly different dielectric properties then soils so there reflections are striking and relatively easy to identify. Pipes and tanks constructed of PVC, concrete, and terracotta also produce distinct reflections, however, these reflections are typically not as striking as metallic materials. A typical radar image of two metallic underground storage tanks is found below.

#### **GPR Image of Two Metallic USTs**



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including a Geophysical Survey Systems (GSSI) SIR-3000 subsurface radar unit with a 400 MHz antenna. The 400 MHz antenna has a depth range of approximately 20-feet and other antennas may be employed with the system depending on specific site conditions and objectives of the survey. The GPR transect data may be saved on the internal hard drive and transferred to a PC for storage, printing, and post processing. GSSI is the world leader in the development of GPR systems and was the first company to commercialize GPR in 1970. GPR hardware and software has improved dramatically over the last several years allowing for relatively rapid and economical GPR surveys. With 3-dimensional capabilities, the latest GPR software takes data processing a step farther then the former 2-dimensional viewing method. Three-dimensional visualization helps you to see the whole picture, giving you a powerful tool to interpret complex utility layouts and identify subtle linear features that may have otherwise been missed.

GPR surveys are typically conducted by searching for GPR hyperbolas indicative of subsurface pipes or tanks signatures in the vicinity of known entities. Theses signatures are marked on the ground and areas progressively further from the known entity are scanned and marked. This process is continued until the GPR operator performed enough scans to determine and mark the subsurface pipe, tank or anomaly. During this process the GPR data is typically not saved due to the immense size of the data files. After this phase of the GPR survey is completed, representative GPR transects or grids are performed and saved for the report and post processing. Some of the factors that may negatively affect GPR results include clay soils, rebar in concrete, high moisture content, depth of the target, and the integrity, size, and material of the target.

#### TW-6 EM Unit

TPI routinely employs a Fisher TW-6 electromagnetic metal detector when performing GPR surveys. The TW-6 creates an electromagnetic field with a transmitting coil and measures the strength of that field with a receiving coil. As the TW-6 passes over electrically conductive materials such as metal tanks or drums the field is distorted and the instrument produces an audible alarm based on the degree of the distortion. The TW-6 can detect conductive materials the size of drums or small tanks to depths of 10-feet. The instrument is actually a relatively poor metal detector which makes it ideal for locating large conductive materials such as metal drums, medium to large metal pipes, reinforced concrete pipes, and metal tanks. A more sensitive metal detector would produce "false positives" on small pieces of metal that are typically found in fill and throughout developed sites. If the survey area is underlain by reinforced concrete or cars and other large surficial metallic features are within 10-feet, the TW-6 will not be useful.

#### Line Locating

Line locating is performed with a Radiodetection RD400 PXL-2 line locator with a 433 HCTX-2 transmitter. The transmitter emits a specific radio or electromagnetic signal which is indirectly induced or directly conducted onto the metallic line. The transmitter is capable of producing frequencies of 512 Hz, 8 kHz, or 33 kHz and the receiver is configured for the specific transmitted frequency. The induced signal is coupled with the line by either using an induction clamp which surrounds an exposed line or placing the transmitter above a buried line and transmitting the signal to it. The receiver may also be used in a passive locate mode (power) to identify the presence of current carrying lines. Nonmetallic lines may also be located by snaking a sonde down accessible lines with push rods. A sonde is a small transmitter that emits a specific electromagnetic frequency which can be detected by the receiver at depths of 12 to 16-feet.

#### Inductive Sweep With Transmitter/Receiver



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#### **Resistivity**

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**Electrical conductivity probe** 



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April 13, 2018

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# Project: Geophysical Survey – Pacific Avenue, Jersey City, NJ

Dear Lindi;

The following is a brief letter report detailing the results of the geophysical survey performed at the above referenced site. Site maps and/or pertinent ground penetrating radar (GPR) transects are contained in the report and Appendix A. It would be helpful to review Appendix A and the site maps when reading this report. TPI's standard practice is to indicate the results of the geophysical survey by marking all identified utility lines, tanks, and GPR anomalies etc. with chalk, paint or flags. It should be noted that this report is a means of transferring data and results of data interpretation, which was performed during the time allotted for the fieldwork.

# Project Scope and Visual Site Inspection

TPI Environmental, Inc. (TPI) was contracted by Aecom (client) to clear a soil boring and locate private utilities in the immediate vicinity of the soil boring. The site consists of a parking lot located at the above address and as indicated on Figure 1. Upon arrival to the site on April 05, 2018, TPI performed a site walk to review One Call utility mark outs and evidence of other on-site utilities in the vicinity of the soil boring location. During the site walk the following areas of interest were noted;

• Utilities to be investigated during this survey include private electric, communication, sanitary sewer, storm sewer, water, and gas.

# Methodology

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# Geophysical Survey Results

The geophysical survey at this site was accomplished with the RF and GPR units. Known utilities were traced with RF and confirmed with GPR. The proposed soil boring location was scanned and cleared with a combination of RF and GPR. Results of the geophysical survey were marked on the ground with paint and a map of the survey results, as well as pertinent GPR images, are contained in this report. Results of the geophysical survey are as follows;

- Private electric, communication, storm sewer, water, and gas utilities were located and marked with paint.
- One (1) soil boring location was scanned, moved as needed, and marked with white paint.

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#### EM61 Color Contoured Map



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**Electrical conductivity probe** 



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April 10, 2020

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# Project: Geophysical Survey – Site 114, Carteret Avenue, Jersey City, NJ

Dear Shree;

The following is a brief letter report detailing the results of the geophysical survey performed at the above referenced site. Site maps and/or pertinent ground penetrating radar (GPR) transects are contained in the report and Appendix A. It would be helpful to review Appendix A and the site maps when reading this report. TPI's standard practice is to indicate the results of the geophysical survey by marking all identified utility lines, tanks, and GPR anomalies etc. with chalk, paint or flags. It should be noted that this report is a means of transferring data and results of data interpretation, which was performed during the time allotted for the fieldwork.

# Project Scope and Visual Site Inspection

TPI Environmental, Inc. (TPI) was contracted by Aecom (client) to clear proposed well locations and to locate private utilities in the immediate vicinity of the wells. The site consists of an active construction site, located at the above address and as indicated on Figure 1. Upon arrival to the site on March 25, 2020, TPI performed a site walk to review One Call utility mark outs and evidence of other on-site utilities in the vicinity of the soil boring locations. During the site walk the following areas of interest were noted;

• Utilities to be investigated during this survey include private electric and remediation piping.

# Methodology

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# Appendix A

# Field Notes and Survey Methods









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Line locating is performed with a Radiodetection RD400 PXL-2 line locator with a 433 HCTX-2 transmitter. The transmitter emits a specific radio or electromagnetic signal which is indirectly induced or directly conducted onto the metallic line. The transmitter is capable of producing frequencies of 512 Hz, 8 kHz, or 33 kHz and the receiver is configured for the specific transmitted frequency. The induced signal is coupled with the line by either using an induction clamp which surrounds an exposed line or placing the transmitter above a buried line and transmitting the signal to it. The receiver may also be used in a passive locate mode (power) to identify the presence of current carrying lines. Nonmetallic lines may also be located by snaking a sonde down accessible lines with push rods. A sonde is a small transmitter that emits a specific electromagnetic frequency which can be detected by the receiver at depths of 12 to 16-feet.

#### Inductive Sweep With Transmitter/Receiver



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#### **Resistivity**

TPI conducts subsurface resistivity surveys using the AGI SuperSting R8 IP Earth Resistivity and IP Meter. The SuperSting unit measures the voltage drop of an induced electrical current across numerous electrodes as it travels through the electrically heterogenous subsurface. Multiple survey profiles are completed in this manner based upon the specific conditions of the field area in order to assemble a complete characterization of the ground resistivity properties. The resistivity data is then processed and examined for evidence of significant subsurface features including bedrock surfaces, perched groundwater tables, cavities/sinkholes, or potential contaminant plumes.



AGI SuperSting R8 IP Earth Resistivity and IP Meter assembly.



Resistivity pseudosection across a backfilled canal. Approximately 10' of high resistivity/low conductivity surficial fill (blue) over low resistivity/high conductivity canal backfill (orange-red).

#### **Down-hole Conductivity**

TPI is also able to collect down-hole soil conductivity data with an electric conductivity probe. The EC probe is driven into the subsurface by a direct push unit. A current is induced in the native soil between two contacts at opposite ends of the probe. The soil conductivity is then calculated based upon the ratio of induced current to resultant voltage across the probe. Down-hole EC profiling is particularly useful in the efficient determination of soil grain size (permeable sands vs impermeable clays), water content, and metal content.



**Electrical conductivity probe** 



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# Project: Geophysical Survey – Site 114, Carteret Avenue, Jersey City, NJ

Dear Shree;

The following is a brief letter report detailing the results of the geophysical survey performed at the above referenced site. Site maps and/or pertinent ground penetrating radar (GPR) transects are contained in the report and Appendix A. It would be helpful to review Appendix A and the site maps when reading this report. TPI's standard practice is to indicate the results of the geophysical survey by marking all identified utility lines, tanks, and GPR anomalies etc. with chalk, paint or flags. It should be noted that this report is a means of transferring data and results of data interpretation, which was performed during the time allotted for the fieldwork.

# Project Scope and Visual Site Inspection

TPI Environmental, Inc. (TPI) was contracted by Aecom (client) to clear proposed well locations and to locate private utilities in the immediate vicinity of the wells. The site consists of an active construction site, located at the above address and as indicated on Figure 1. Upon arrival to the site on June 18, 2020, TPI performed a site walk to review One Call utility mark outs and evidence of other on-site utilities in the vicinity of the soil boring locations. During the site walk the following areas of interest were noted;

• Utilities to be investigated during this survey include private electric and remediation piping.

# Methodology

Geophysical surveys are typically accomplished by employing the following techniques; GPR, Fisher TW6 electromagnetic metal detection (TW6 EM), a Geonics EM61-MK2 Time – Domain Electromagnetic Detector unit (EM61), radio frequency line locating (RF), and magnetics. Known utilities are typically traced with the RF unit, GPR, and the TW6 EM unit depending on the size, matrix and conductive properties of the line. The EM61 is a high power, high sensitivity metal detector capable of detecting both ferrous and non-ferrous metal. The TW6 EM unit sounds an audible alarm in the presence of a large mass of metal such as an UST. A description and discussion of these geophysical methods as well as TPI's standard procedures for performing geophysical surveys is found in Appendix A. In general, "blind surveys" are typically performed by initially scanning the site with a TW6 EM unit and/or an EM61 unit and noting areas of relatively high EM response. Then locations with high EM response are further investigated with GPR. EM units are typically not effective and practical in areas underlain with reinforced concrete and/or the presence of ubiquitous metallic objects.

# Geophysical Survey Results

The geophysical survey at this site was accomplished with the RF and GPR units. Known utilities were traced with RF and confirmed with GPR. The proposed well locations were scanned and cleared with a combination of RF and GPR. Results of the geophysical survey were marked on the ground with paint and a map of the survey results is contained in this report. Results of the geophysical survey are as follows;

- Private electric utilities, in addition to remediation piping, were located and marked with paint.
- Five (5) proposed well locations were scanned, moved as needed, and marked with white paint.

TPI completes non-intrusive geophysical surveys using equipment and techniques representing best available technology. TPI does not accept responsibility for survey limitations due to inherent technological limitations or unforeseen and varying site-specific conditions such as metal-reinforced concrete. In practical terms, TPI serves to reduce the risk of encountering subsurface utilities during excavation operations or greatly increase the chance of locating man made subsurface objects depending on the goal of the project. The results of this investigation should only be used as a tool and should not be considered a guarantee regarding the presence or absence of USTs or piping.

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# Appendix A

# Field Notes and Survey Methods





#### **Geonics EM61-MK2**

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#### EM61 Color Contoured Map



The EM61-MK2 detects a single 55 gallon drum at a depth of over 10-feet beneath the instrument, yet it is relatively insentsitive to interference from nearby surface metal such as fences, buildings, cars, etc. By making the measurement at a relatively long time after termination of the primary pulse, the response is practically independent of the electrical conductivity of the ground.

Due to its unique coil arrangements, the response curve is a single well defined positive peak greatly facilitating quick and accurate location of the target, the depth of which can usually be estimated from the width of the response and/or from relative response from each of the two receiver coils.

# <u>GPR</u>

This method is one of the most powerful and cost effective methods of locating man made objects and stratigraphic layers in the subsurface. It is an active method that transmits electromagnetic pulses into the ground, the radar pulses are reflected from materials or layers of differing dielectric and electrical conductive properties. The GPR computer measures the elapsed time in billionths of a second (nanoseconds) from when the pulses are sent and when they are received back at the surface that can then be converted to depth. Results of the radar scan are displayed as a continuous crosssection of the subsurface on the computer screen in real time. Metallic materials such as tanks, pipes, conduits, rebar etc. have vastly different dielectric properties then soils so there reflections are striking and relatively easy to identify. Pipes and tanks constructed of PVC, concrete, and terracotta also produce distinct reflections, however, these reflections are typically not as striking as metallic materials. A typical radar image of two metallic underground storage tanks is found below.

#### **GPR Image of Two Metallic USTs**



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including a Geophysical Survey Systems (GSSI) SIR-3000 subsurface radar unit with a 400 MHz antenna. The 400 MHz antenna has a depth range of approximately 20-feet and other antennas may be employed with the system depending on specific site conditions and objectives of the survey. The GPR transect data may be saved on the internal hard drive and transferred to a PC for storage, printing, and post processing. GSSI is the world leader in the development of GPR systems and was the first company to commercialize GPR in 1970. GPR hardware and software has improved dramatically over the last several years allowing for relatively rapid and economical GPR surveys. With 3-dimensional capabilities, the latest GPR software takes data processing a step farther then the former 2-dimensional viewing method. Three-dimensional visualization helps you to see the whole picture, giving you a powerful tool to interpret complex utility layouts and identify subtle linear features that may have otherwise been missed.

GPR surveys are typically conducted by searching for GPR hyperbolas indicative of subsurface pipes or tanks signatures in the vicinity of known entities. Theses signatures are marked on the ground and areas progressively further from the known entity are scanned and marked. This process is continued until the GPR operator performed enough scans to determine and mark the subsurface pipe, tank or anomaly. During this process the GPR data is typically not saved due to the immense size of the data files. After this phase of the GPR survey is completed, representative GPR transects or grids are performed and saved for the report and post processing. Some of the factors that may negatively affect GPR results include clay soils, rebar in concrete, high moisture content, depth of the target, and the integrity, size, and material of the target.

#### TW-6 EM Unit

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#### Inductive Sweep With Transmitter/Receiver



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#### **Resistivity**

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AGI SuperSting R8 IP Earth Resistivity and IP Meter assembly.



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**Electrical conductivity probe** 



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# Project: Geophysical Survey – 70 Carteret Avenue, Jersey City, NJ

Dear Shree;

The following is a brief letter report detailing the results of the geophysical survey performed at the above referenced site. Site maps and/or pertinent ground penetrating radar (GPR) transects are contained in the report and Appendix A. It would be helpful to review Appendix A and the site maps when reading this report. TPI's standard practice is to indicate the results of the geophysical survey by marking all identified utility lines, tanks, and GPR anomalies etc. with chalk, paint or flags. It should be noted that this report is a means of transferring data and results of data interpretation, which was performed during the time allotted for the fieldwork.

# Project Scope and Visual Site Inspection

TPI Environmental, Inc. (TPI) was contracted by AECOM (client) to clear soil borings and to locate private utilities in the immediate vicinity of the soil borings. The site consists of a large gravel-filled lot currently under environmental remediation, located at the above address and as indicated on Figures 1 - 4. Upon arrival to the site on December 01, 2020, TPI performed a site walk to review One Call utility mark outs and evidence of other on-site utilities in the vicinity of the soil boring locations. During the site walk the following areas of interest were noted;

• Utilities to be investigated during this survey include private electric, water, and sheet piling.

# <u>Methodology</u>

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# Geophysical Survey Results

The geophysical survey at this site was accomplished with the RF and GPR units. Known utilities were traced with RF and confirmed with GPR. Proposed soil boring locations were scanned and cleared with a combination of RF and GPR. Results of the geophysical survey were marked on the ground with paint and maps of the survey results are contained in this report. Results of the geophysical survey are as follows;

- Sheet piling, electric and water utilities were located and marked with paint.
- Seven soil boring locations were scanned, moved as needed, and marked with white paint.

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# Appendix A Survey Methods

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#### EM61 Color Contoured Map



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#### Inductive Sweep With Transmitter/Receiver



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**Electrical conductivity probe** 



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March 19, 2020

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• Utilities to be investigated during this survey include private electric and remediation piping.

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The geophysical survey at this site was accomplished with the RF and GPR units. Known utilities were traced with RF and confirmed with GPR. The proposed well locations were scanned and cleared with a combination of RF and GPR. Results of the geophysical survey were marked on the ground with paint and a map of the survey results is contained in this report. Results of the geophysical survey are as follows;

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#### EM61 Color Contoured Map



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including a Geophysical Survey Systems (GSSI) SIR-3000 subsurface radar unit with a 400 MHz antenna. The 400 MHz antenna has a depth range of approximately 20-feet and other antennas may be employed with the system depending on specific site conditions and objectives of the survey. The GPR transect data may be saved on the internal hard drive and transferred to a PC for storage, printing, and post processing. GSSI is the world leader in the development of GPR systems and was the first company to commercialize GPR in 1970. GPR hardware and software has improved dramatically over the last several years allowing for relatively rapid and economical GPR surveys. With 3-dimensional capabilities, the latest GPR software takes data processing a step farther then the former 2-dimensional viewing method. Three-dimensional visualization helps you to see the whole picture, giving you a powerful tool to interpret complex utility layouts and identify subtle linear features that may have otherwise been missed.

GPR surveys are typically conducted by searching for GPR hyperbolas indicative of subsurface pipes or tanks signatures in the vicinity of known entities. Theses signatures are marked on the ground and areas progressively further from the known entity are scanned and marked. This process is continued until the GPR operator performed enough scans to determine and mark the subsurface pipe, tank or anomaly. During this process the GPR data is typically not saved due to the immense size of the data files. After this phase of the GPR survey is completed, representative GPR transects or grids are performed and saved for the report and post processing. Some of the factors that may negatively affect GPR results include clay soils, rebar in concrete, high moisture content, depth of the target, and the integrity, size, and material of the target.

## TW-6 EM Unit

TPI routinely employs a Fisher TW-6 electromagnetic metal detector when performing GPR surveys. The TW-6 creates an electromagnetic field with a transmitting coil and measures the strength of that field with a receiving coil. As the TW-6 passes over electrically conductive materials such as metal tanks or drums the field is distorted and the instrument produces an audible alarm based on the degree of the distortion. The TW-6 can detect conductive materials the size of drums or small tanks to depths of 10-feet. The instrument is actually a relatively poor metal detector which makes it ideal for locating large conductive materials such as metal drums, medium to large metal pipes, reinforced concrete pipes, and metal tanks. A more sensitive metal detector would produce "false positives" on small pieces of metal that are typically found in fill and throughout developed sites. If the survey area is underlain by reinforced concrete or cars and other large surficial metallic features are within 10-feet, the TW-6 will not be useful.

### Line Locating

Line locating is performed with a Radiodetection RD400 PXL-2 line locator with a 433 HCTX-2 transmitter. The transmitter emits a specific radio or electromagnetic signal which is indirectly induced or directly conducted onto the metallic line. The transmitter is capable of producing frequencies of 512 Hz, 8 kHz, or 33 kHz and the receiver is configured for the specific transmitted frequency. The induced signal is coupled with the line by either using an induction clamp which surrounds an exposed line or placing the transmitter above a buried line and transmitting the signal to it. The receiver may also be used in a passive locate mode (power) to identify the presence of current carrying lines. Nonmetallic lines may also be located by snaking a sonde down accessible lines with push rods. A sonde is a small transmitter that emits a specific electromagnetic frequency which can be detected by the receiver at depths of 12 to 16-feet.

#### Inductive Sweep With Transmitter/Receiver



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#### **Resistivity**

TPI conducts subsurface resistivity surveys using the AGI SuperSting R8 IP Earth Resistivity and IP Meter. The SuperSting unit measures the voltage drop of an induced electrical current across numerous electrodes as it travels through the electrically heterogenous subsurface. Multiple survey profiles are completed in this manner based upon the specific conditions of the field area in order to assemble a complete characterization of the ground resistivity properties. The resistivity data is then processed and examined for evidence of significant subsurface features including bedrock surfaces, perched groundwater tables, cavities/sinkholes, or potential contaminant plumes.



AGI SuperSting R8 IP Earth Resistivity and IP Meter assembly.



Resistivity pseudosection across a backfilled canal. Approximately 10' of high resistivity/low conductivity surficial fill (blue) over low resistivity/high conductivity canal backfill (orange-red).

#### **Down-hole Conductivity**

TPI is also able to collect down-hole soil conductivity data with an electric conductivity probe. The EC probe is driven into the subsurface by a direct push unit. A current is induced in the native soil between two contacts at opposite ends of the probe. The soil conductivity is then calculated based upon the ratio of induced current to resultant voltage across the probe. Down-hole EC profiling is particularly useful in the efficient determination of soil grain size (permeable sands vs impermeable clays), water content, and metal content.



**Electrical conductivity probe** 



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