



**Arch 1240 Methods of Construction in Architecture**  
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# **Foundations** (CHAPTER 2)

# **Part I**

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# Foundation Loading

## Dead Loads:

Structure (Weight, Thrust), Floors,  
Walls, Equipment,  
Foundations

## Live Loads:

People, Furnishings,  
Snow, Ice, Rain Water

## Wind Loads:

Lateral, Downward, Upward

## Soil and Hydrostatic Pressure

## Seismic Forces:

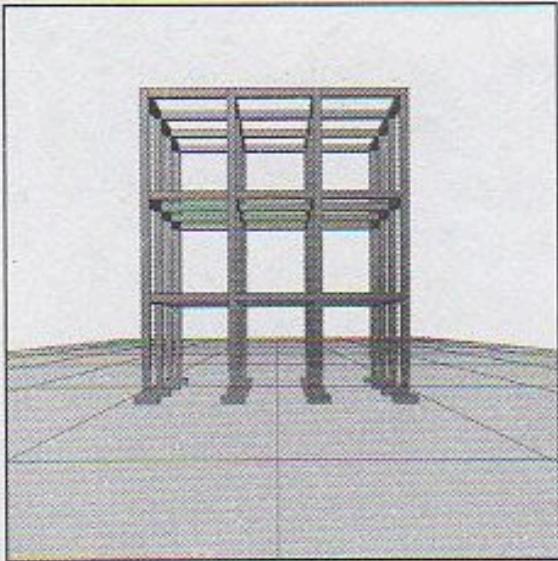
Horizontal, Vertical Motion of the  
Ground

# Foundation Loading

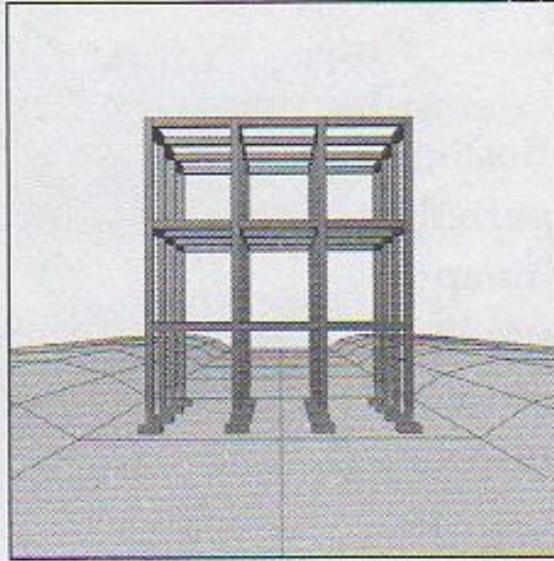
Must Meet Three Requirements:

1. The foundation, underlying soil, and rock must be safe against a structural failure that could result in collapse.
2. During the life the building, the foundation must not settle in such a way as to damage the structure or impair its function.
3. The foundation must be feasible both technically and economically and practical to build without adverse effects to surrounding property.

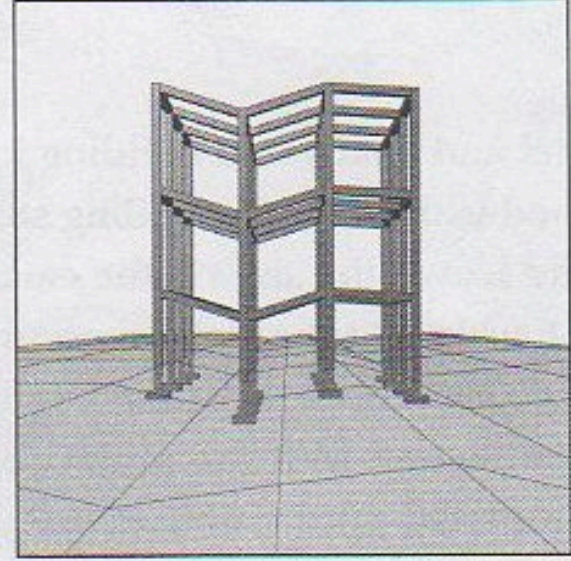
# Foundation Settlement



*(a)* Building before settlement occurs



*(b)* Uniform settlement



*(c)* Differential settlement

# Soils

## Types of Soils

Rock  
 Soil  
 Boulder  
 Cobble  
 Gravel  
 Sand  
 Silt  
 Clay  
 Organic Soils  
 (Peat, Topsoil)

		Group Symbols	Typical Names
Coarse-Grained Soils	Gravels	GW	Well-graded gravels, gravel-sand mixtures, little or no fines
		GP	Poorly graded gravels, gravel-sand mixtures, little or no fines
	Sands	GM	Silty gravels, poorly graded gravel-sand-silt mixtures
		GC	Clayey gravels, poorly graded gravel-sand-clay mixtures
	Sands with Fines	SW	Well-graded sands, gravelly sands, little or no fines
		SP	Poorly graded sands, gravelly sands, little or no fines
Fine-Grained Soils	Sands with Fines	SM	Silty sands, poorly graded sand-silt mixtures
		SC	Clayey sands, poorly graded sand-clay mixtures
	Silts and Clays (Liquid limit greater than 50)	ML	Inorganic silts and very fine sands, rock flour, silty or clayey fine sands with plasticity
		CL	Inorganic clays of low to medium plasticity, gravelly clays, sandy clays, silty clays, lean clays
		OL	Organic silts and organic silt-clays of low plasticity
	Silts and Clays (Liquid limit less than 50)	MH	Inorganic silts, micaceous or diatomaceous fine sandy or silty soils, elastic silts
		CH	Inorganic clays of high plasticity, fat clays
		OH	Organic clays of medium to high plasticity
	Highly Organic Soils	Pt	Peat and other highly organic soils

# Soils

Characteristics of Soils

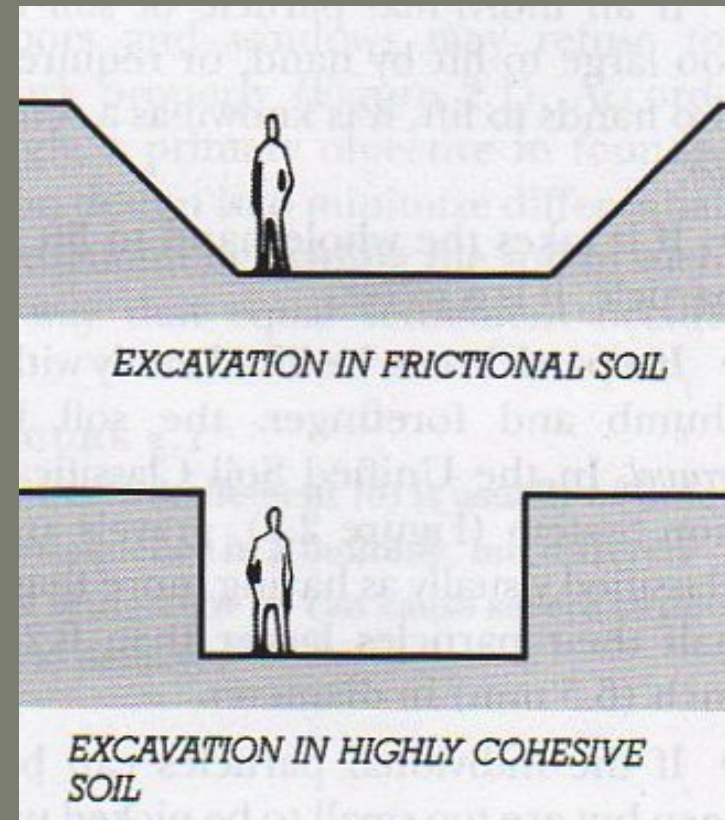
Cohesive Soil

Cohesionless/Frictional Soil

Strata of Soil

Stability

Drainage Characteristics



# Soils

## Subsurface Exploration & Soil Testing

### Test Pits

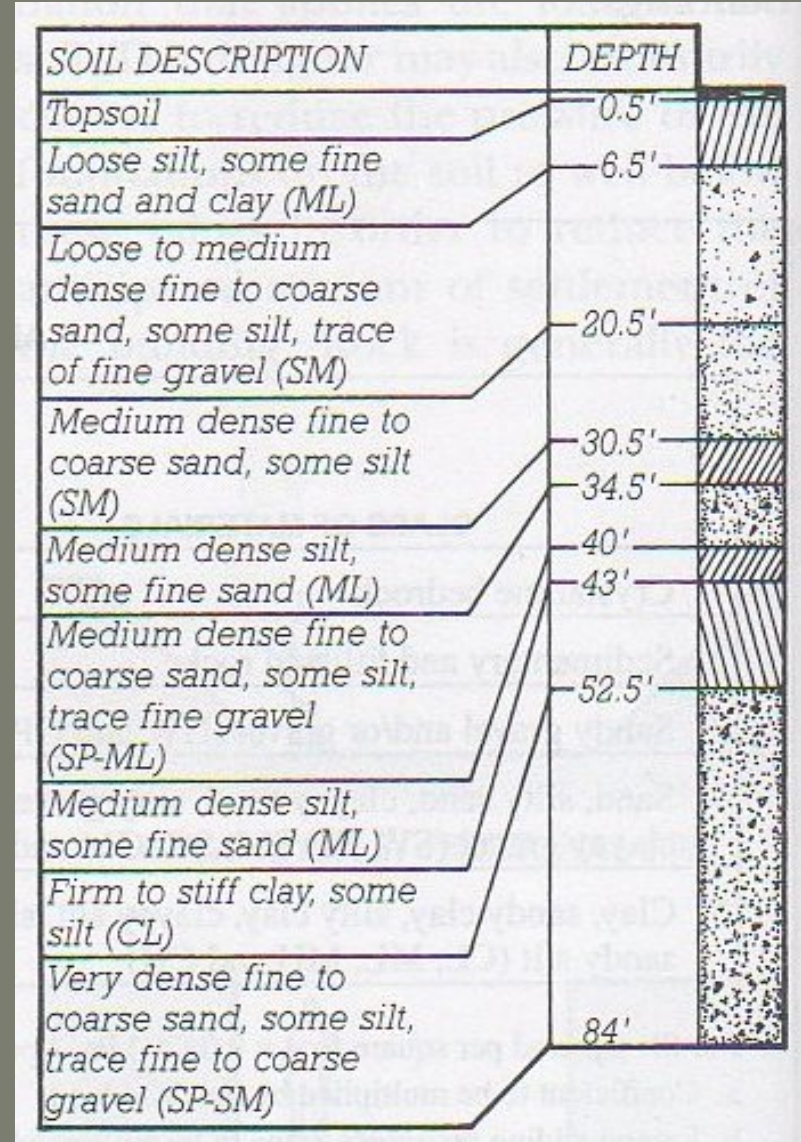
up to 8' deep max

### Test Borings

### Water Table

### Standard Penetration Test

### Laboratory Testing





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### Allowable Bearing Pressure

TABLE 1804.2  
ALLOWABLE FOUNDATION AND LATERAL PRESSURE

CLASS OF MATERIALS	ALLOWABLE FOUNDATION PRESSURE (psf) <sup>d</sup>	LATERAL BEARING (psf/f below natural grade) <sup>d</sup>	LATERAL SLIDING	
			Coefficient of friction <sup>a</sup>	Resistance (psf) <sup>b</sup>
1. Crystalline bedrock	12,000	1,200	0.70	—
2. Sedimentary and foliated rock	4,000	400	0.35	—
3. Sandy gravel and/or gravel (GW and GP)	3,000	200	0.35	—
4. Sand, silty sand, clayey sand, silty gravel and clayey gravel (SW, SP, SM, SC, GM and GC)	2,000	150	0.25	—
5. Clay, sandy clay, silty clay, clayey silt, silt and sandy silt (CL, ML, MH and CH)	1,500 <sup>c</sup>	100	—	130

For SI: 1 pound per square foot = 0.0479 kPa, 1 pound per square foot per foot = 0.157 kPa/m.

- Coefficient to be multiplied by the dead load.
- Lateral sliding resistance value to be multiplied by the contact area, as limited by Section 1804.3.
- Where the building official determines that in-place soils with an allowable bearing capacity of less than 1,500 psf are likely to be present at the site, the allowable bearing capacity shall be determined by a soils investigation.
- An increase of one-third is permitted when considering load combinations, including wind or earthquake loads, as permitted by Section 1605.3.2.

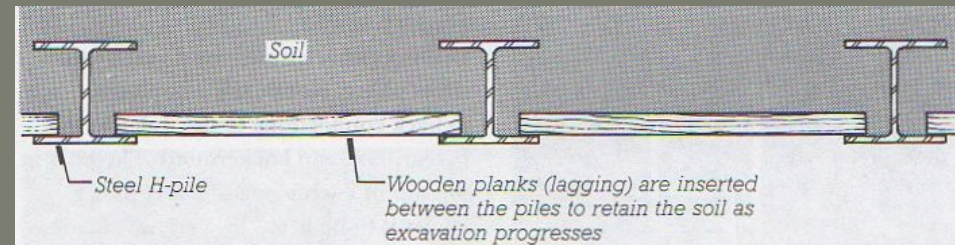
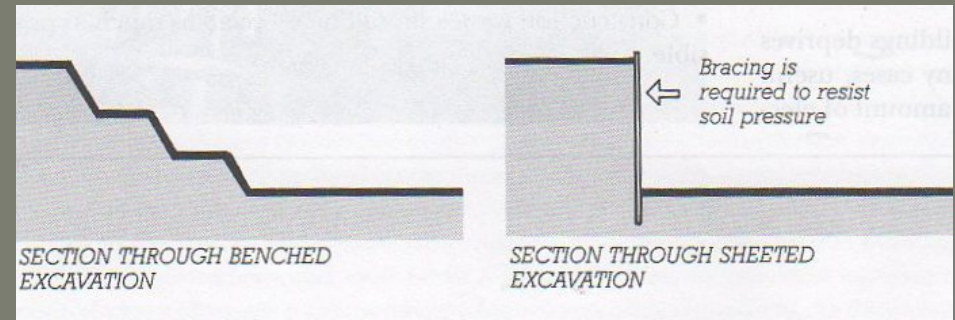
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Slope Support

Sheeting

Soldier Beams

Lagging

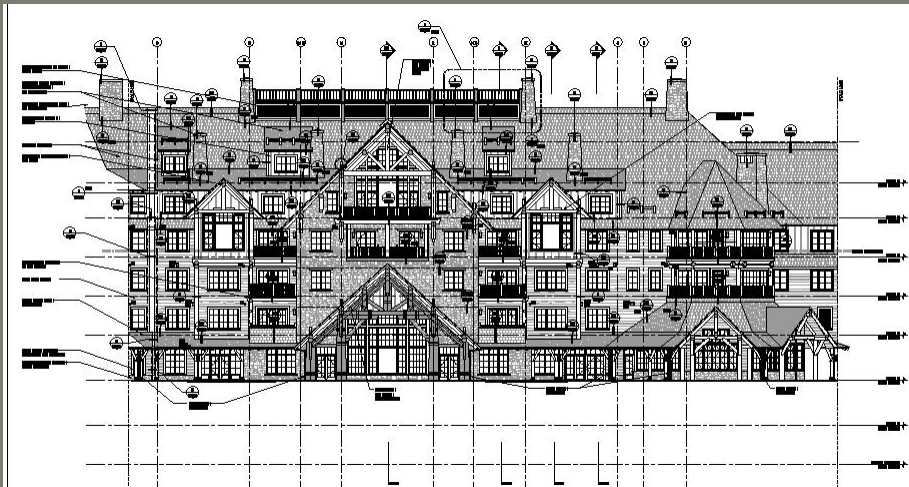
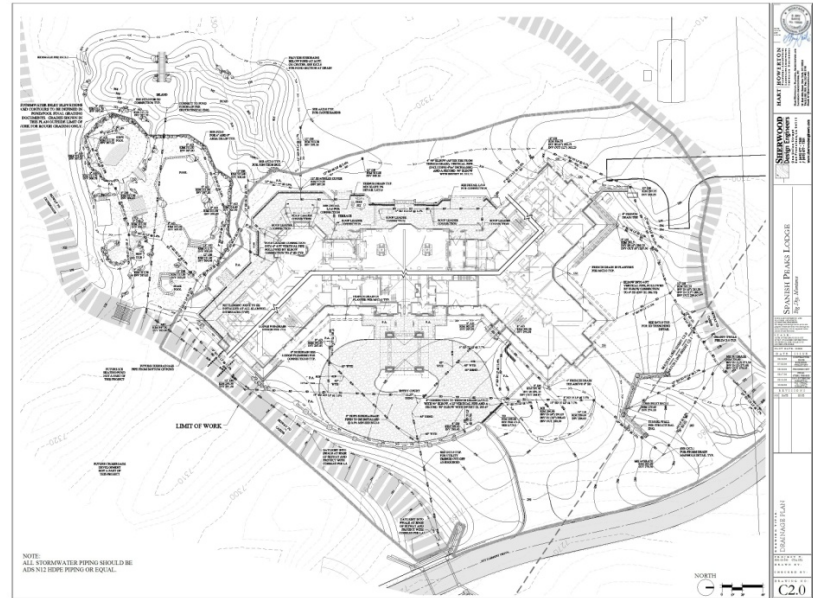


**FIGURE 2.10**  
Soldier beams and lagging, seen in horizontal section.



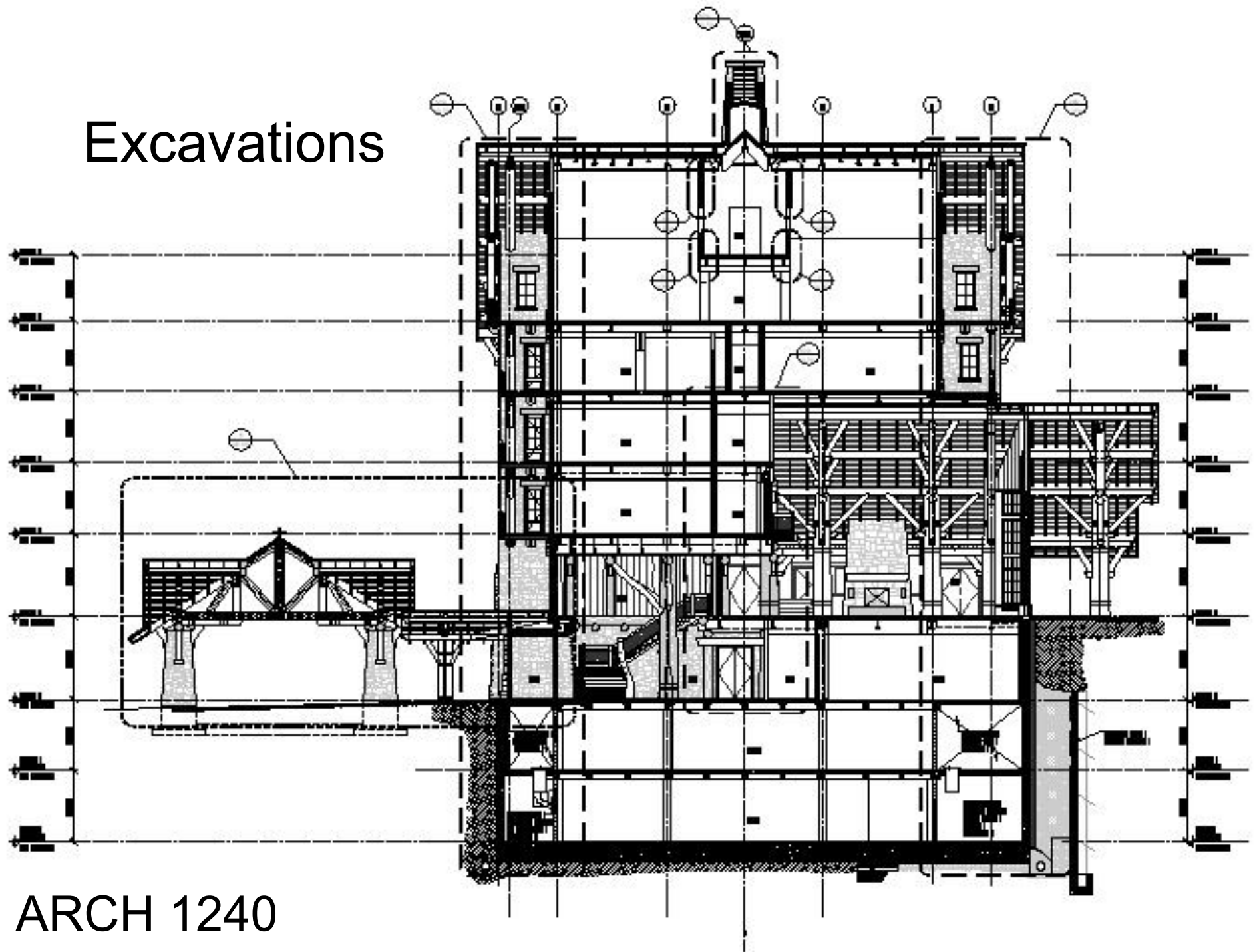
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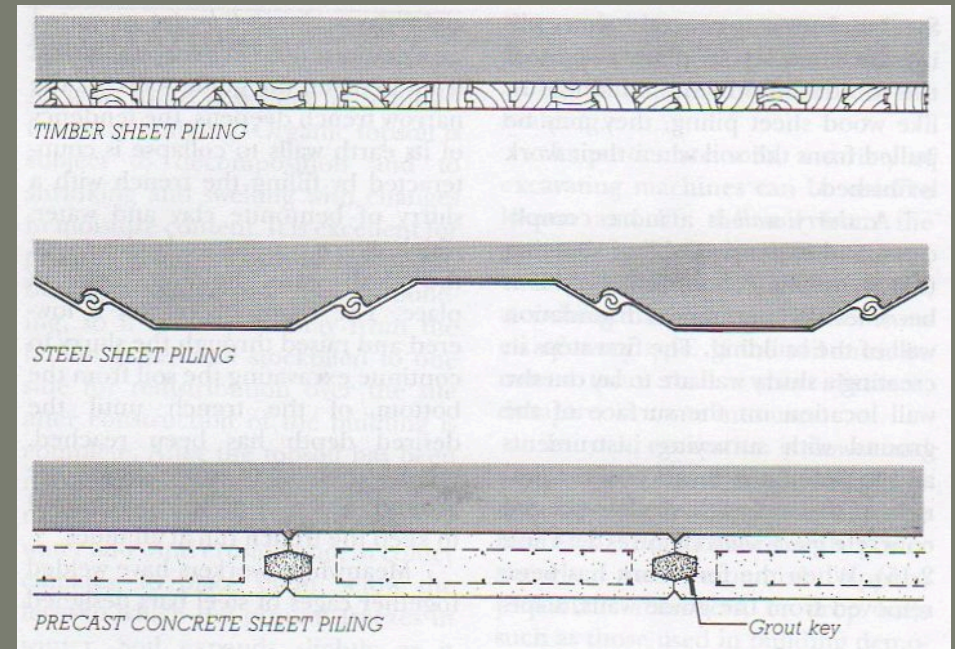
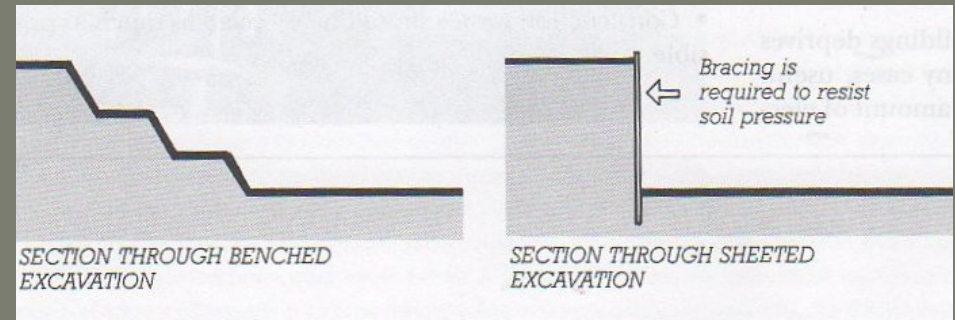
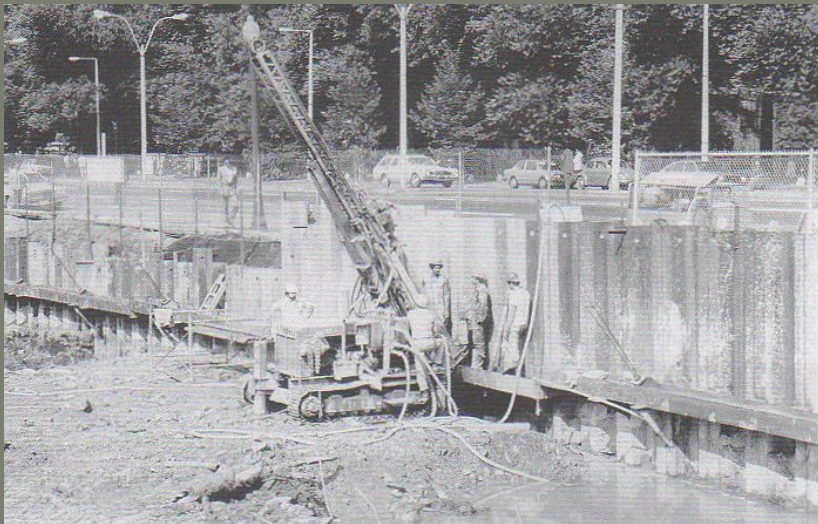


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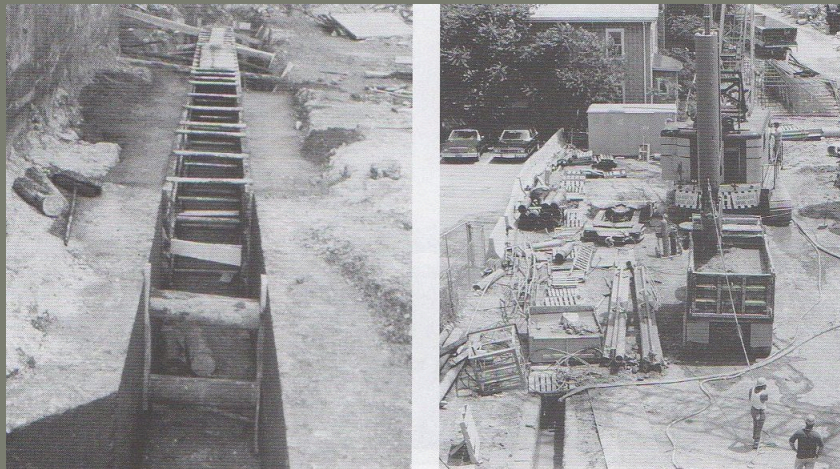
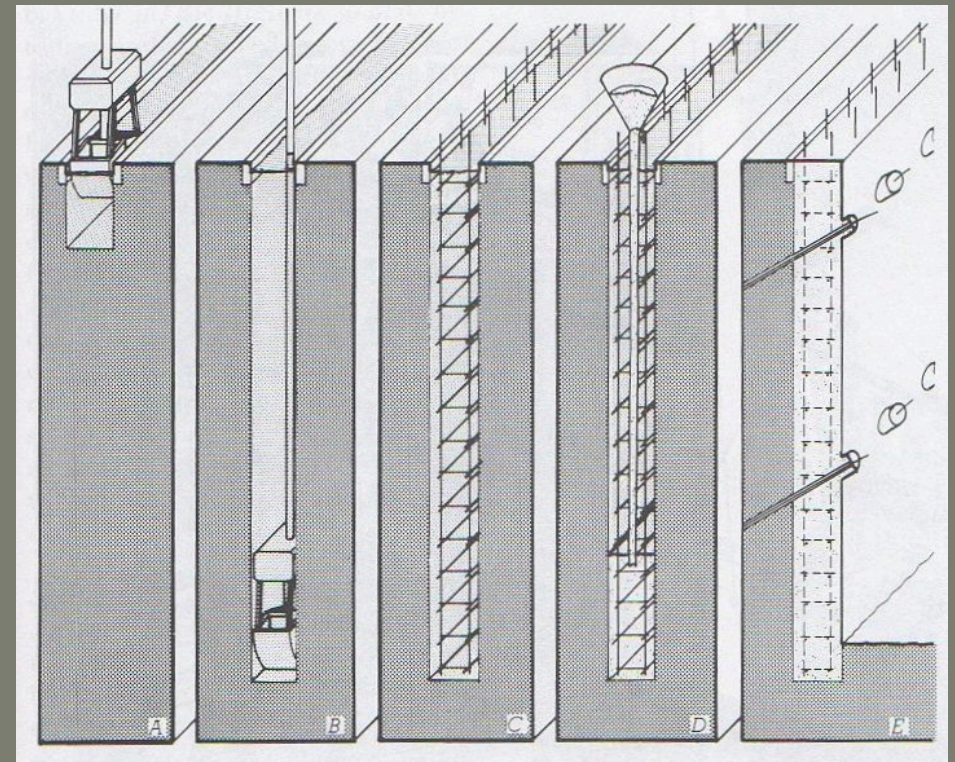
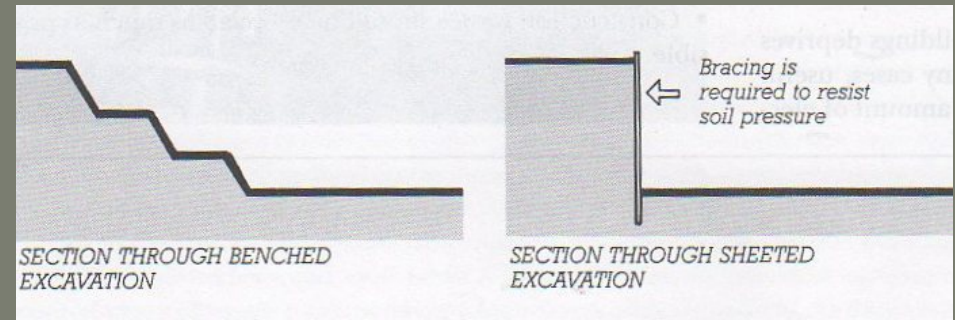
## Sheet Piling



# Excavations

## Slope Support

## Slurry Wall



# Excavations

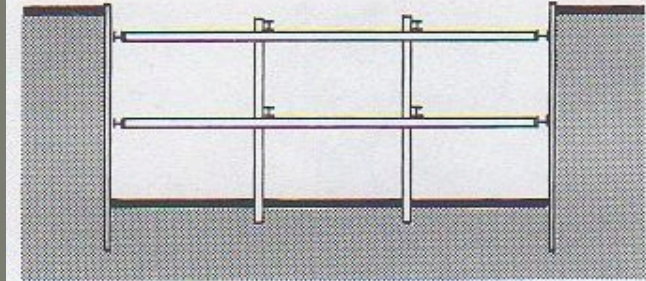
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### Bracing

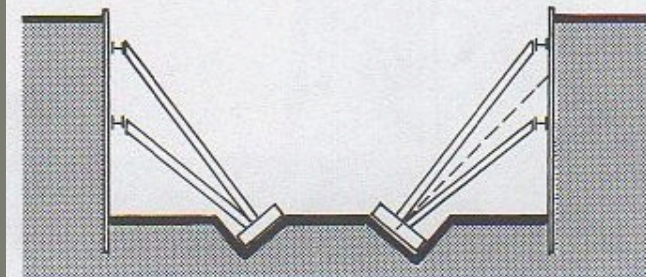
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Rakers

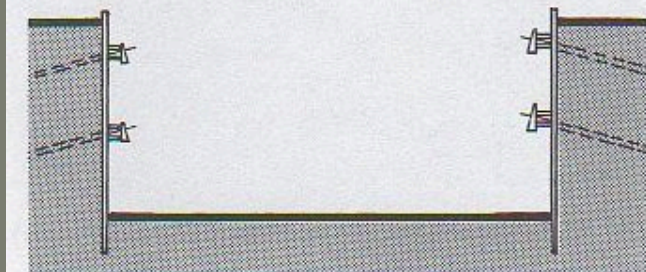
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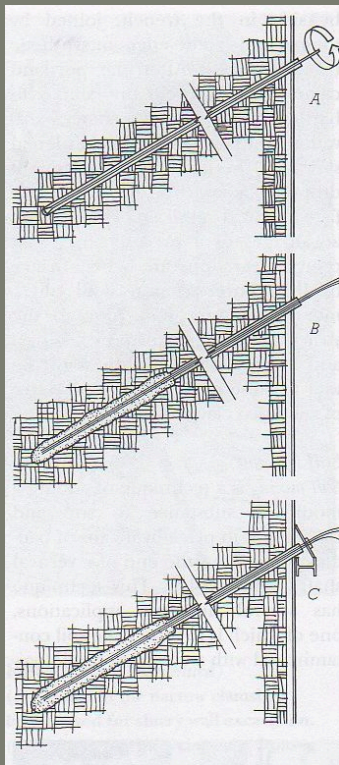
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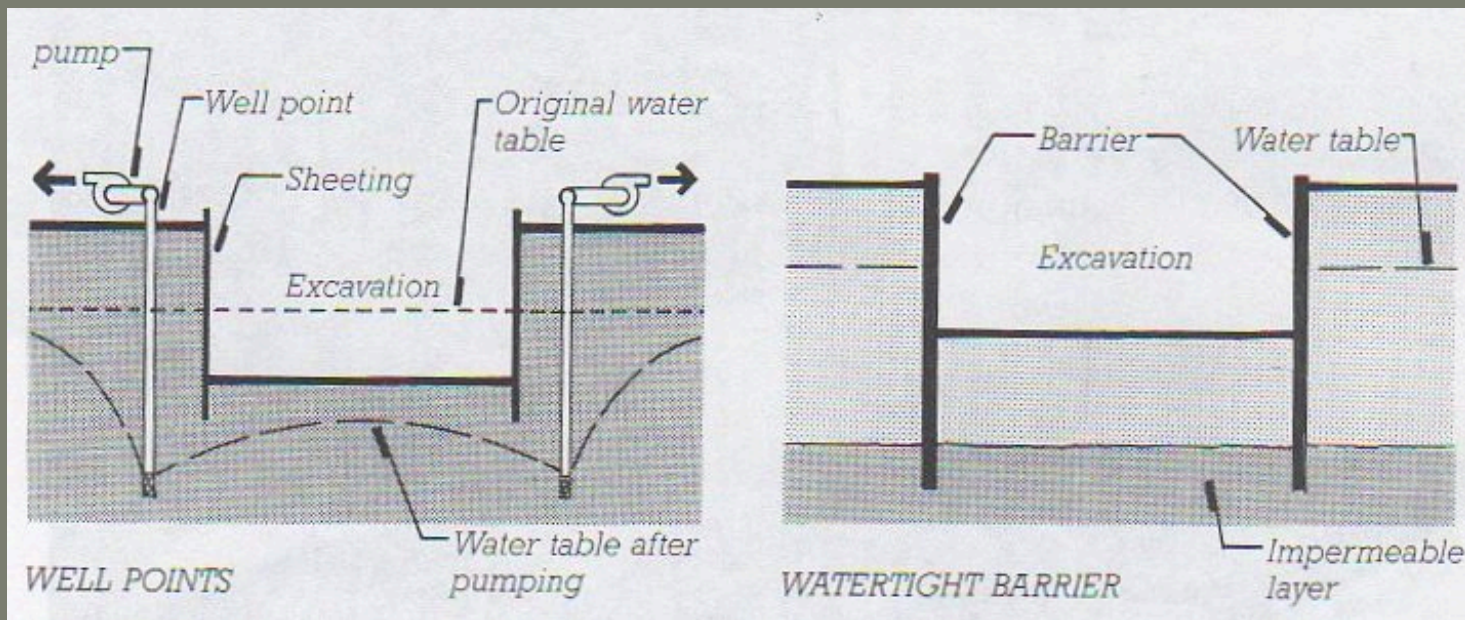
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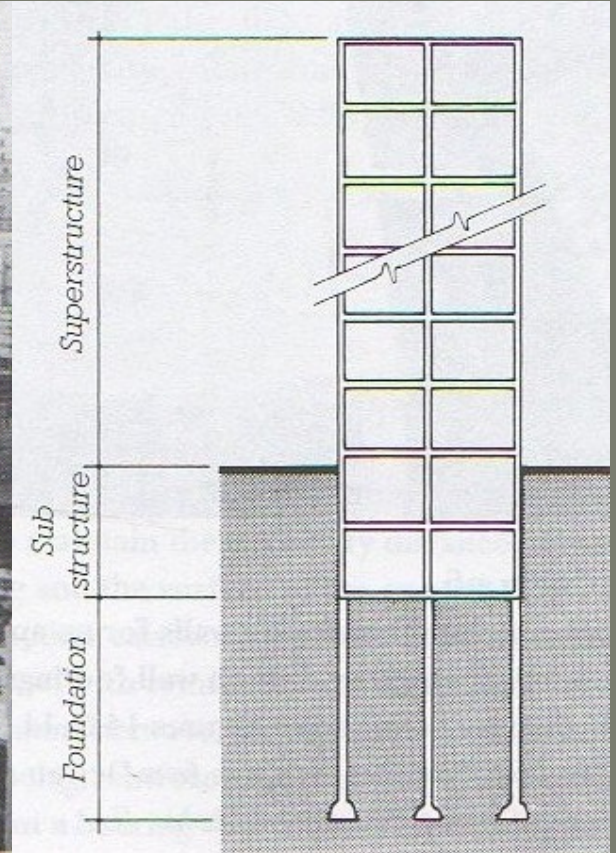
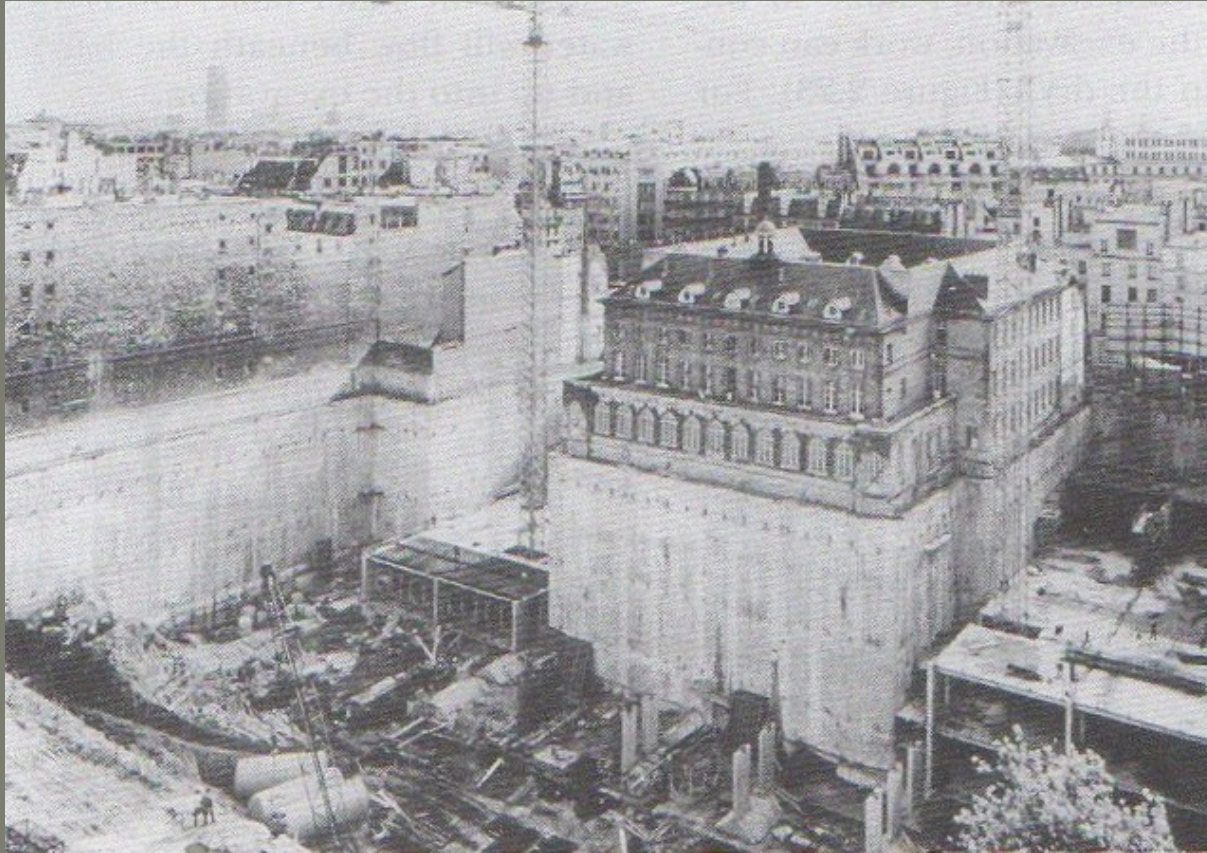
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# Dewatering

Well Point, Sump Pumps, Watertight Barrier

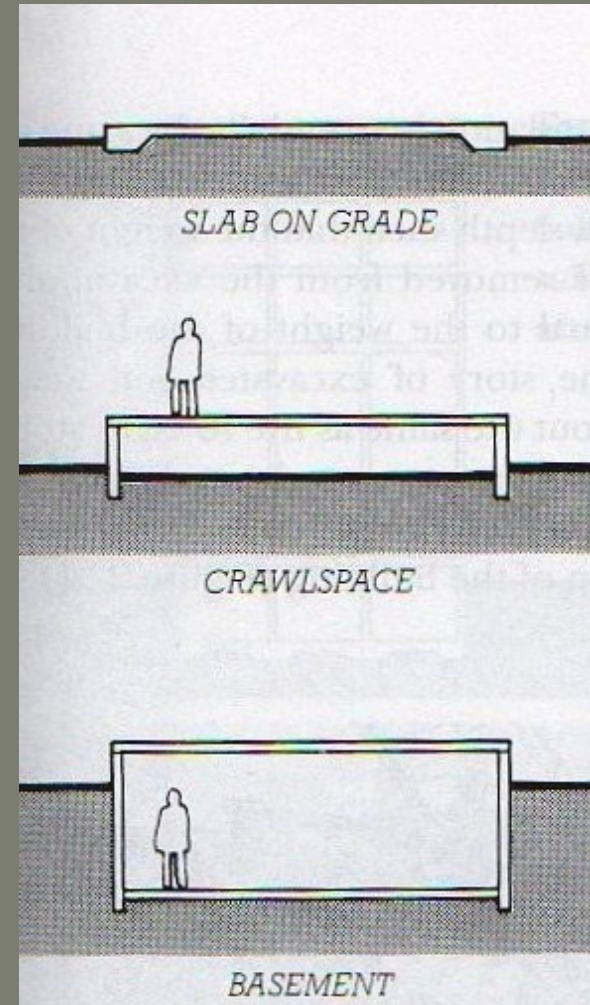
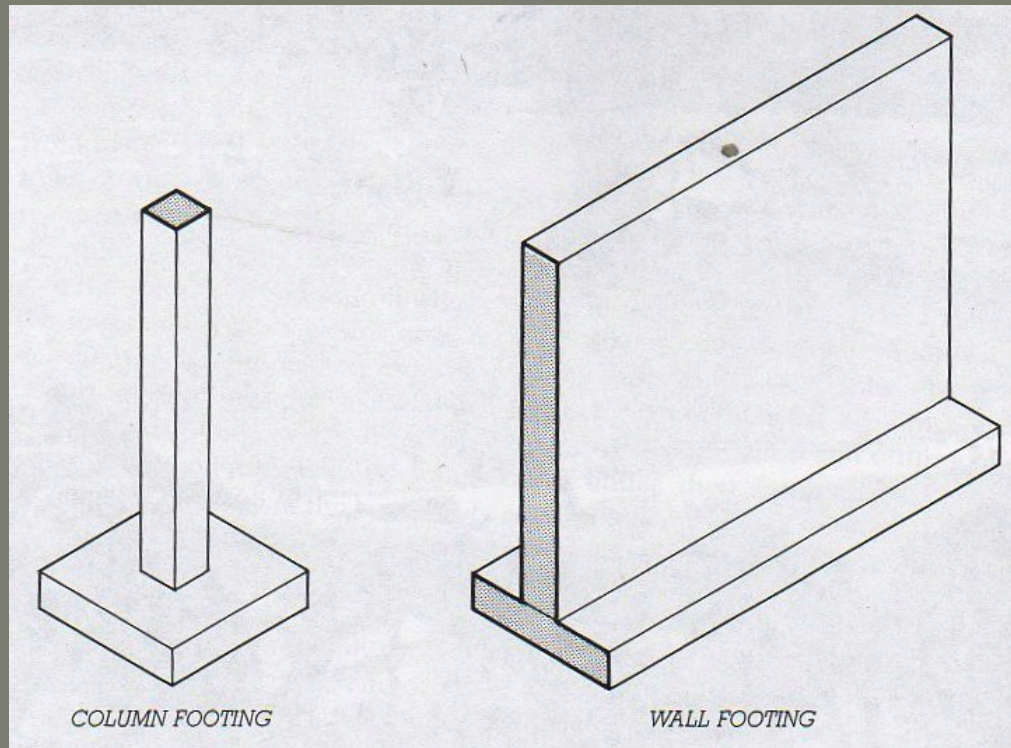


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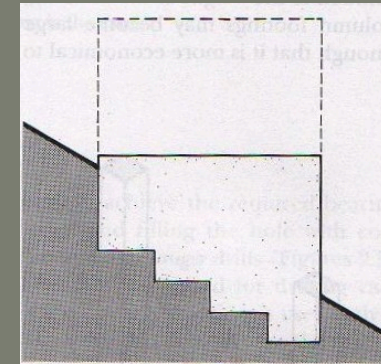
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## Shallow Foundations on Slopes

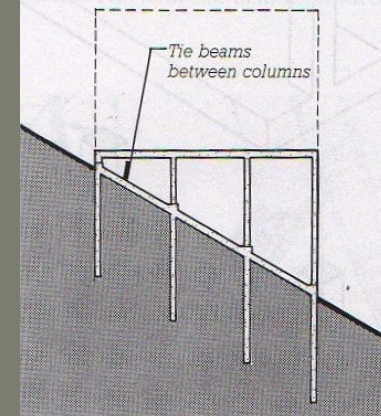
Stepped Foundation

Tie Beams

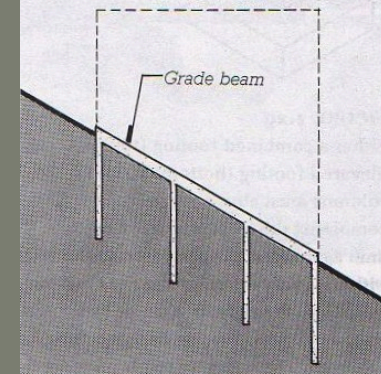
Grade Beams



STEPED FOOTING



TIE BEAMS



GRADE BEAM

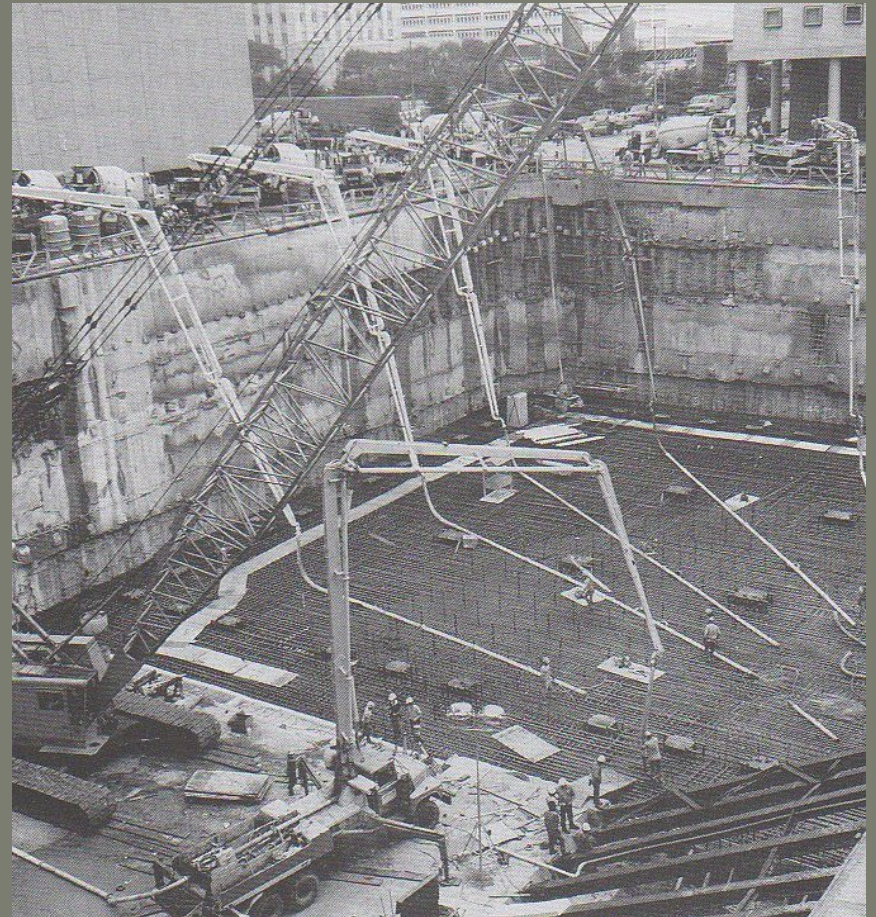
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Shallow Foundations on  
Soil w/ Low Bearing  
Capacity

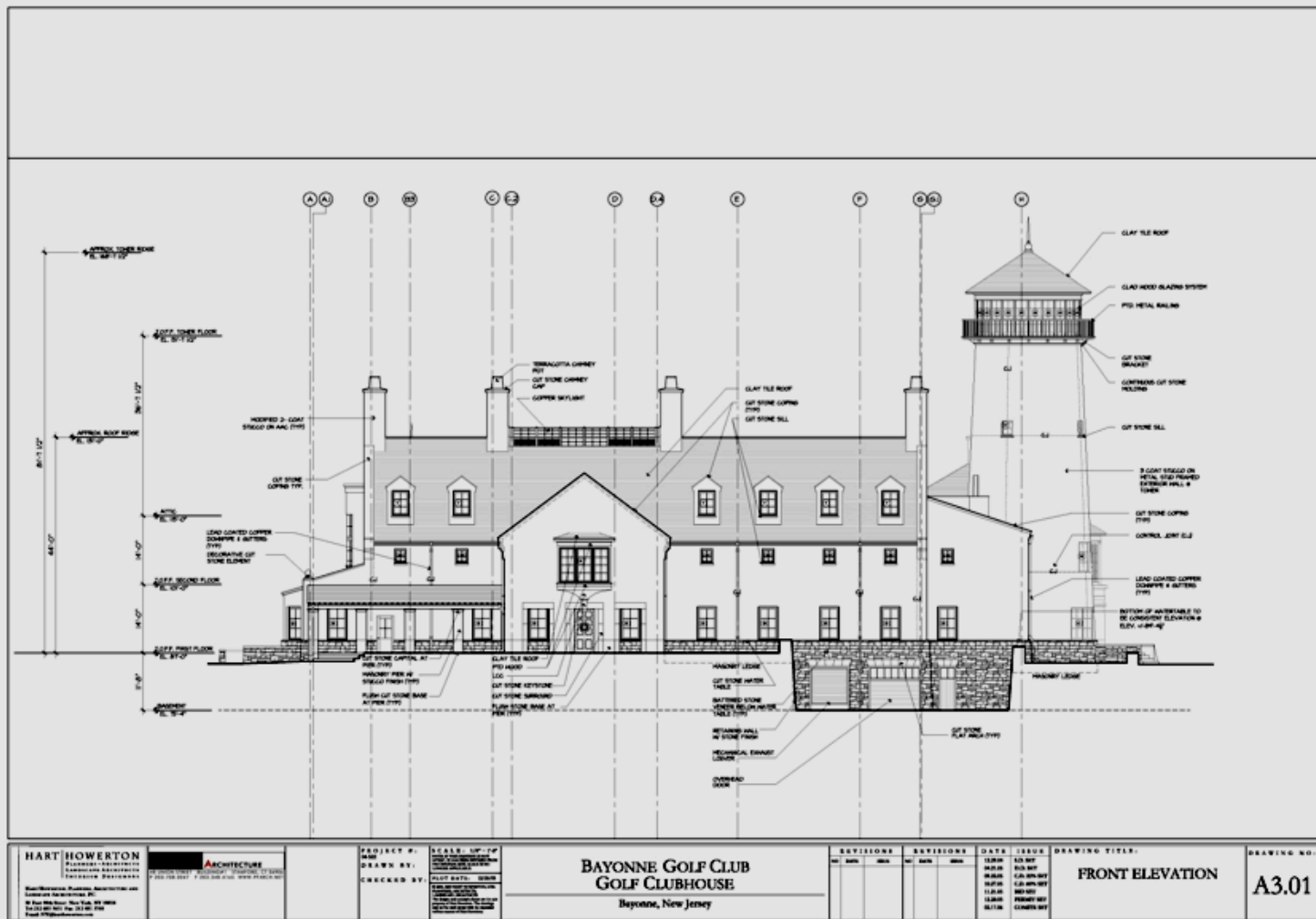
Mat Slab

Raft Foundation

Floating Foundation

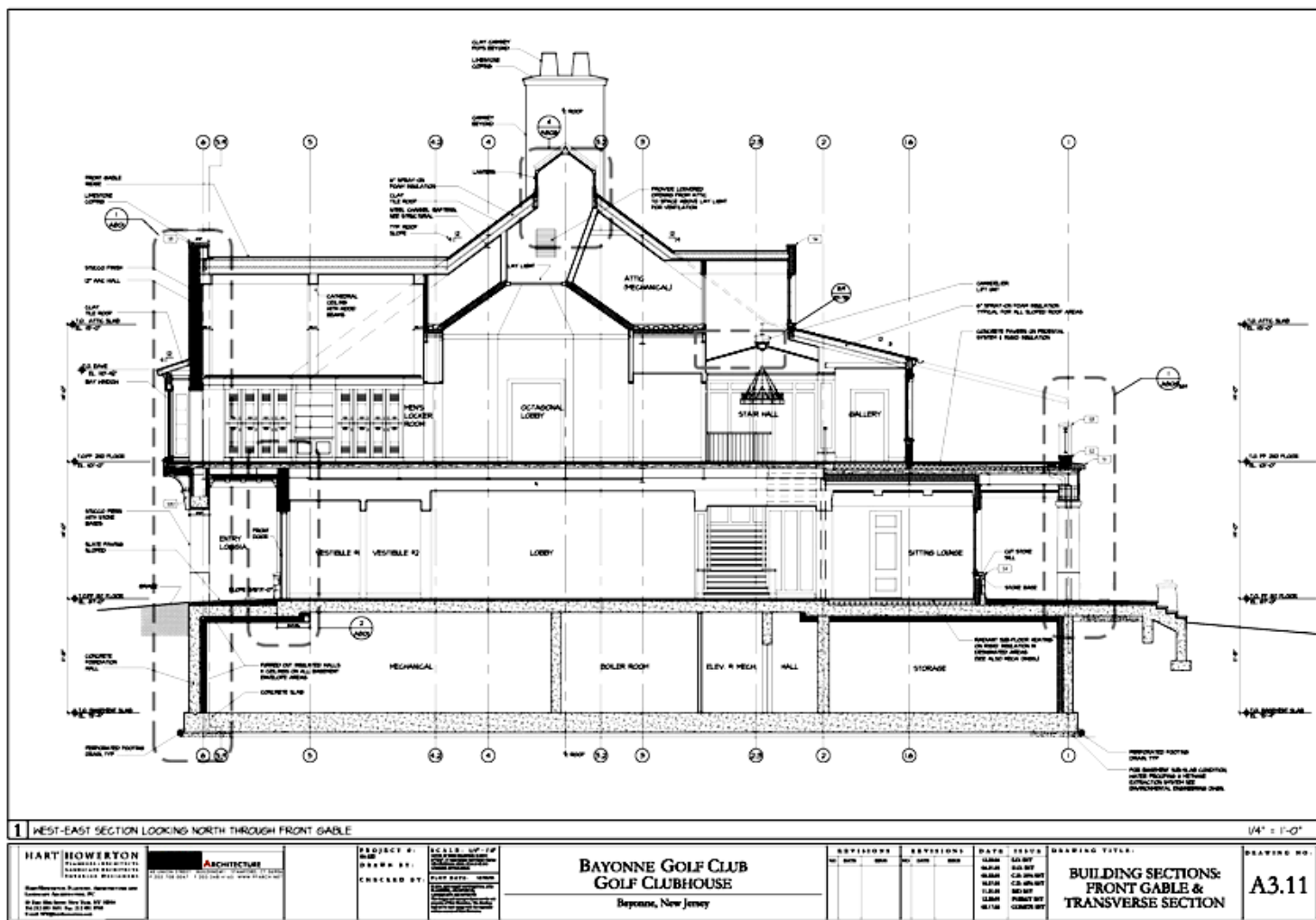


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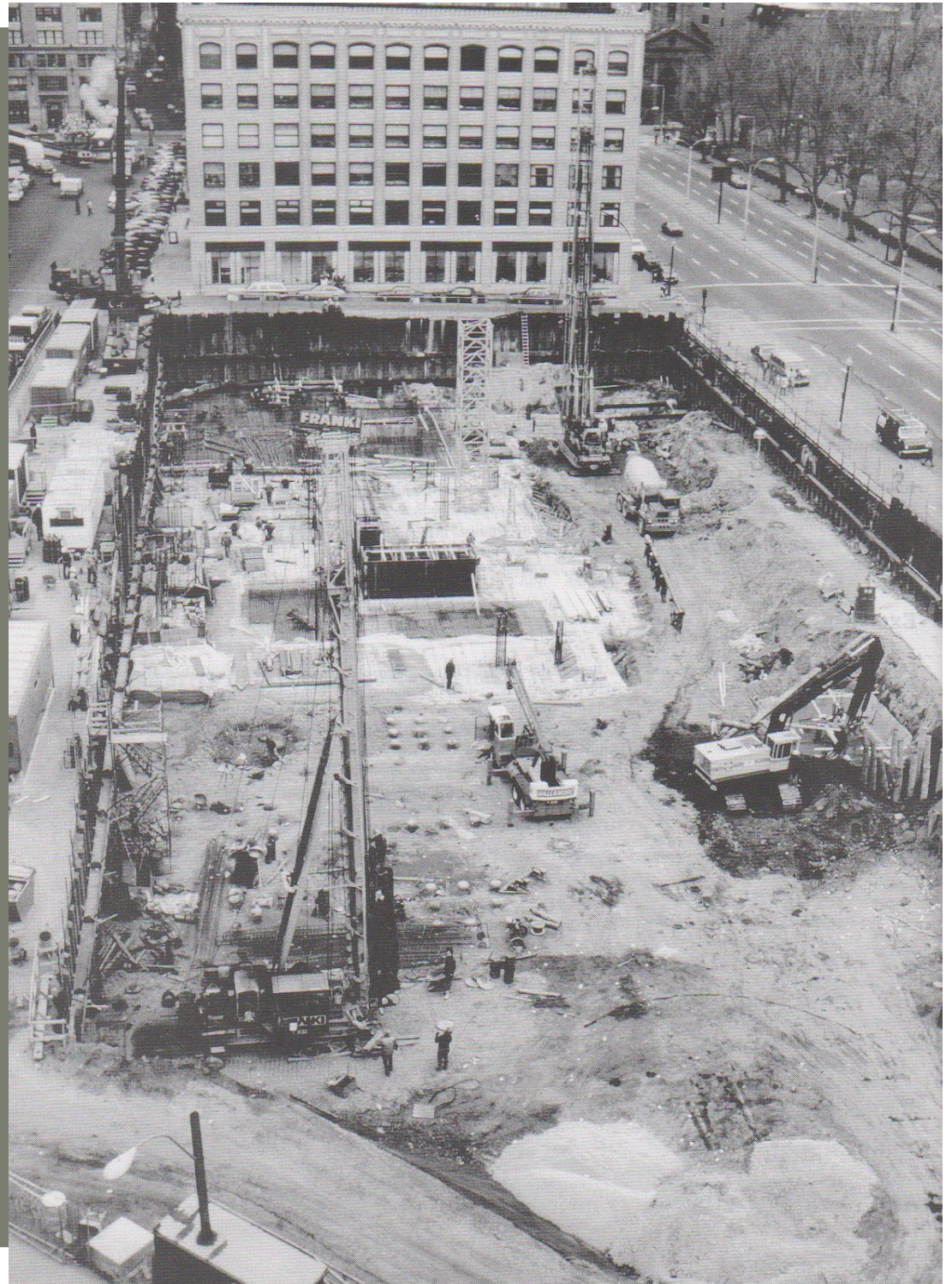
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