When do you need to submit a geotechnical investigation report?

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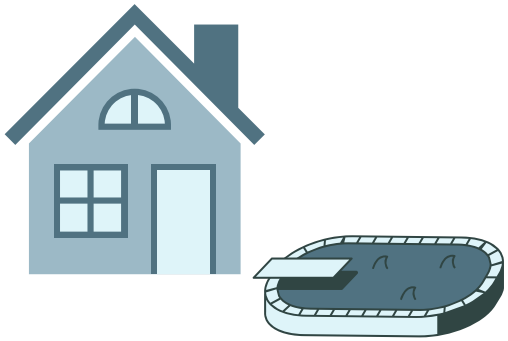
Guidelines for Site-Specific Geotechnical Investigation Report

ONE AND TWO FAMILY RESIDENTIAL

Site-Specific geotechnical investigation required

- New one and two family dwellings where structure is the primary residence
- Additions and accessory structures when
  - Located on or adjacent to a slope exceeding 35%
  - The project includes retaining walls
  - The project Includes a new or enlarged basement
  - The project includes a swimming pool
- Any deep foundation system
- Any project with known hazards



The plan reviewer may require a soils report due to circumstances not summarized in this document

NOT required for projects that meet ALL criteria below

- The site is flat and does not abut severe ascending of descending slopes
- There are no basements or retaining walls in the scope of work
- The existing structures on the site have conventional spread footing foundations and do not show any signs of distress
- The foundation meets the conventional construction requirements of CRC Ch.4 and/or is designed to a maximum soil bearing pressure of 1500 psf
- The project total proposed area is less than 1200 sq ft for the entire site and
  - An addition is no more than two stories tall
  - A detached accessory structure (including ADU)is no more than one story tall
- Footings and slabs for additions shall be positively connected (dowelled) to existing footings/slabs
- No geotechnical hazards on site
- When an engineer is involved in the project, structural observation of footings trenches shall be provided prior to foundation inspection

MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL AND NON-RESIDENTIAL

Site-Specific geotechnical investigation required

- All new non-residential and multi-family residential buildings of any size
- Additions to non-residential and multi-family residential buildings that include new foundation systems
- Projects that significantly increase the load to the existing foundation of a building
- Swimming pools, retaining walls

Based on the 2022 CBC and Tri-chapter Uniform Code Committee (TUCC) Policy #13