

SECTION 31 10 00
SITE CLEARING

PART 1 - GENERAL

1.1 RELATED DOCUMENTS

- A. Drawings and general provisions of the Contract, including General and Supplementary Conditions and Division 01 Specification Sections, apply to this Section.

1.2 SUMMARY

- A. Section Includes:

1. Protecting existing vegetation to remain.
2. Removing existing vegetation.
3. Clearing and grubbing.
4. Stripping and stockpiling topsoil.
5. Removing above and below-grade site improvements.
6. Disconnecting, capping or sealing, and removing site utilities.

- B. Related Sections:

1. Division 02 Section "Demolition" for removal partial removal of structures.
2. Division 31 Section "Earthwork."
3. Appendix; Geotechnical Report.

1.3 REFERENCES

- A. Geotechnical Report by **BSK and Associates Engineers and Laboratories** report dated **February 19, 2009, BSK G08-253-11F** for earthwork requirements and recommendations.

1.4 DEFINITIONS

- A. Subsoil: All soil beneath the topsoil layer of the soil profile, and typified by the lack of organic matter and soil organisms.
- B. Surface Soil: Soil that is present at the top layer of the existing soil profile at the Project site. In undisturbed areas, the surface soil is typically topsoil; but in disturbed areas such as urban environments, the surface soil can be subsoil.
- C. Topsoil: Top layer of the soil profile consisting of existing native surface topsoil or existing in-place surface soil and is the zone where plant roots grow.

D. Plant-Protection Zone: Area surrounding individual trees, groups of trees, shrubs, or other vegetation to be protected during construction, and indicated on Drawings.

1. Tree protection shall be defined by a circle concentric with each tree with a radius 1.5 times the diameter of the drip line unless otherwise indicated

E. Vegetation: Trees, shrubs, groundcovers, grass, and other plants.

1.5 MATERIALS OWNERSHIP

A. Except for stripped topsoil and other materials indicated to be stockpiled or otherwise remain Owner's property, cleared materials shall become Contractor's property and shall be removed from Project site.

1.6 SUBMITTALS

A. Existing Conditions: Digital photographic documentation of existing trees and plantings, adjoining construction, and site improvements that establishes preconstruction conditions that might be misconstrued as damage caused by site clearing.

B. Record Drawings: Identifying and accurately showing locations of capped utilities and other subsurface structural, electrical, and mechanical conditions.

1.7 QUALITY ASSURANCE

A. Preinstallation Conference: Conduct conference at Project site.

1.8 PROJECT CONDITIONS

A. Traffic: Minimize interference with adjoining roads, streets, walks, and other adjacent occupied or used facilities during site-clearing operations.

1. Do not close or obstruct streets, walks, or other adjacent occupied or used facilities without permission from Owner and authorities having jurisdiction.
2. Provide alternate routes around closed or obstructed traffic ways if required by Owner or authorities having jurisdiction.

B. Salvable Improvements: Carefully remove items indicated to be salvaged and store on Owner's premises at location directed by Architect.

C. Utility Locator Service: Notify utility locator service for area where Project is located before site clearing.

D. Do not commence site clearing operations until temporary erosion and sedimentation control and plant-protection measures are in place.

- E. The following practices are prohibited within protection zones:
 - 1. Storage of construction materials, debris, or excavated material.
 - 2. Parking vehicles or equipment.
 - 3. Foot traffic.
 - 4. Erection of sheds or structures.
 - 5. Impoundment of water.
 - 6. Excavation or other digging unless otherwise indicated.
 - 7. Attachment of signs to or wrapping materials around trees or plants unless otherwise indicated.
- F. Do not direct vehicle or equipment exhaust towards protection zones.
- G. Prohibit heat sources, flames, ignition sources, and smoking within or near protection zones.
- H. Soil Stripping, Handling, and Stockpiling: Perform only when the topsoil is dry or slightly moist.

PART 2 - PRODUCTS (Not Used)

PART 3 - EXECUTION

3.1 PREPARATION

- A. Comply with requirements of referenced Geotechnical Report for site clearing operations.
- B. Protect and maintain benchmarks and survey control points from disturbance during construction.
- C. Protect existing site improvements to remain from damage during construction.
 - 1. Restore damaged improvements to their original condition, as acceptable to Owner.
- D. Locate and clearly identify trees, shrubs, and other vegetation to remain or to be relocated. Identify trees to remain by wrapping a 1-inch blue vinyl tie tape flag around each tree trunk at 54 inches above the ground.
- E. Protect trees, plant growth, and vegetation not specifically designated for removal.
- F. Verify that existing plant life to be removed has been authorized for removal.
- G. Examine site and compare individual work areas with the Drawings and Specifications.
- H. Thoroughly investigate and verify conditions under which the work is to be performed.

3.2 TEMPORARY EROSION AND SEDIMENTATION CONTROL

- A. Comply with Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) and requirements of authorities having jurisdiction.
- B. Provide temporary erosion and sedimentation-control measures to prevent soil erosion and discharge of soil-bearing water runoff or airborne dust to adjacent properties and walkways, according to requirements of authorities having jurisdiction.
- C. Verify that flows of water redirected from construction areas or generated by construction activity do not enter or cross protection zones.
- D. Inspect, maintain, and repair erosion and sedimentation-control measures during construction until permanent vegetation has been established.
- E. Remove erosion and sedimentation controls and restore and stabilize areas disturbed during removal.

3.3 EXISTING UTILITIES

- A. Utilities to Remain: Locate, identify, and protect utilities that are to remain from damage.
- B. Interrupting Existing Utilities: Do not interrupt utilities serving facilities occupied by Owner or others unless permitted under the following conditions and then only after arranging to provide temporary utility services according to requirements indicated:
 - 1. Notify Architect not less than two days in advance of proposed utility interruptions.
 - 2. Do not proceed with utility interruptions without Architect's written permission.
- C. Utility Termination: Locate, identify, disconnect, and seal or cap utilities indicated to be removed or abandoned in place. Arrange with utility companies to shut off affected utilities and notify Owner not less than 48 hours in advance of utility termination.
 - 1. Excavate for and remove underground utilities indicated to be removed.

3.4 CLEARING AND GRUBBING

- A. Clear only limited areas required for execution of work at proposed improvement location.
- B. Remove obstructions, trees, shrubs, and other vegetation to permit installation of new construction.
 - 1. Do not remove trees, shrubs, and other vegetation indicated to remain or to be relocated.

2. Grind down stumps and remove roots, obstructions, and debris to a depth of not less than 24 inches below the bottom of the lowest structure footing or 2 feet below finished subgrade whichever depth is lower. Root systems deeper than indicated above shall be excavated to allow no roots larger than 2 inches in diameter.
 3. Use only hand methods for grubbing within protection zones.
 4. Chip removed tree branches and **[stockpile in areas approved by Architect] [dispose of off-site] <Insert requirement>**.
- C. Fill depressions caused by clearing and grubbing operations with satisfactory soil material unless further excavation or earthwork is indicated.
1. Place fill material in horizontal layers not exceeding a loose depth of 8 inches, and compact each layer to a density equal to adjacent original ground.

3.5 TOPSOIL EXCAVATION

- A. Remove sod, grass, and similar vegetation before stripping topsoil.
- B. Strip topsoil to depth of 6 inches or as indicated in the geotechnical report in a manner to prevent intermingling with underlying subsoil or other waste materials.
1. Remove subsoil and nonsoil materials from topsoil, including clay lumps, gravel, and other objects more than 2 inches in diameter; trash, debris, weeds, roots, and other waste materials.
- C. Stockpile topsoil away from edge of excavations without intermixing with subsoil. Grade and shape stockpiles to drain surface water. Cover to prevent windblown dust and erosion by water.
1. Limit height of topsoil stockpiles to 72 inches.
 2. Do not stockpile topsoil within protection zones.
 3. Dispose of surplus topsoil. Surplus topsoil is that which exceeds quantity indicated to be stockpiled or reused.

3.6 SITE IMPROVEMENTS

- A. Remove existing above and below-grade improvements as indicated and necessary to facilitate new construction.
- B. Remove slabs, paving, curbs, gutters, and aggregate base as indicated. Remove paving only where authorized and necessary to execute the Work.
1. Neatly saw-cut along line of existing pavement to remain before removing adjacent existing pavement. Saw-cut faces vertically.
 2. Remove concrete slabs, paving, walks, gutters, and curbs to nearest joint locations.

3. Paint cut ends of steel reinforcement in concrete to remain with two coats of antirust coating, following coating manufacturer's written instructions. Keep paint off surfaces that will remain exposed.

3.7 DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS AND WASTE MATERIALS

- A. Remove surplus soil material, unsuitable topsoil, obstructions, demolished materials, and waste materials including trash and debris, and legally dispose of them off Owner's property.
- B. Separate recyclable materials produced during site clearing from other nonrecyclable materials. Store or stockpile without intermixing with other materials and transport them to recycling facilities. Do not interfere with other Project work.

END OF SECTION