



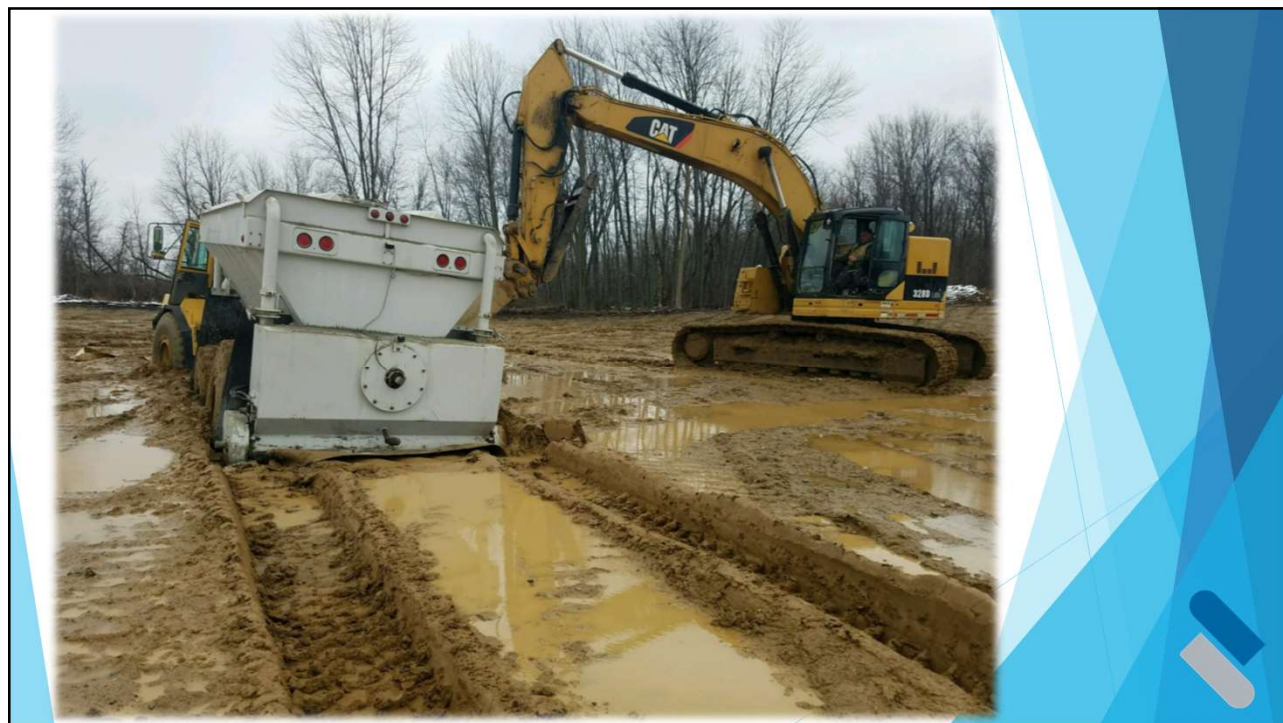
# - Soil Stabilization -

Applications & Design

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## Outline

- ▶ Equipment and Process
- ▶ Additive Types
- ▶ Different Systems
  - ▶ Design Methodology
- ▶ Sub-grade Design/Modeling
- ▶ Challenges
- ▶ Summary/Whats Next?/Q&A







## Chemical Stabilization and/or Modification Process

- ▶ Prep Site
  - ▶ Pre-Pulverize, Rough Grade, Moisture Condition
- ▶ Apply Additive
- ▶ Process Additive & Engineered Portion of Soil/Pavement
- ▶ Initial Compaction
- ▶ Fine Grading
- ▶ Final Compaction
- ▶ Post Conditioning
- ▶ Surfacing

Equipment





## Site Spreaders



## Site Spreaders - Fabrication



**Soil Stabilizer &  
Cold Recycler**



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**Pad-Foot  
Roller**







# Stabilization vs Modification

What are we trying to accomplish?

## Predominate Soil Characteristics

- ▶ Crushed Aggregates
- ▶ Well Graded Granular Soils
- ▶ Poorly Graded Granular Soils
- ▶ Lean/Low Plasticity Clay Soils
- ▶ Fat/High Plasticity Clay Soils
- ▶ Deal Breakers (Soluble Sulfates or Highly Organic)





## Common Additives

Lime Kiln Dust  
(LKD)



SLAG



Quicklime



Flyash



Portland Cement



Asphalt Emulsion



What is Lime ?

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Potassium Oxide	0.57	0.42
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## Available Lime? Free Calcium

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2n46c6KWris>

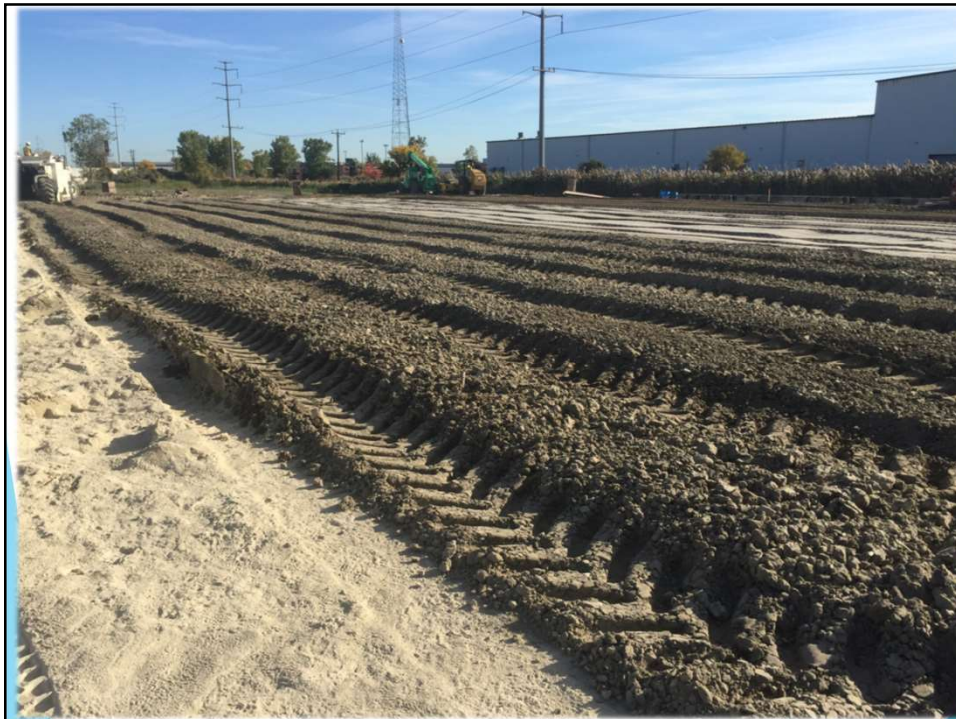
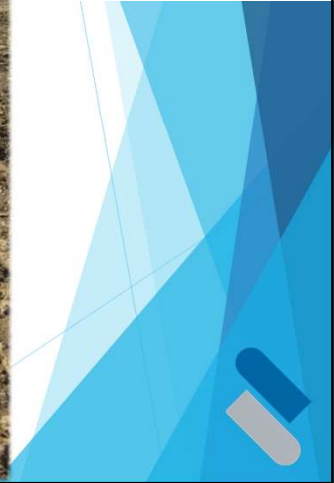
## Subtle Modification & Soil Drying





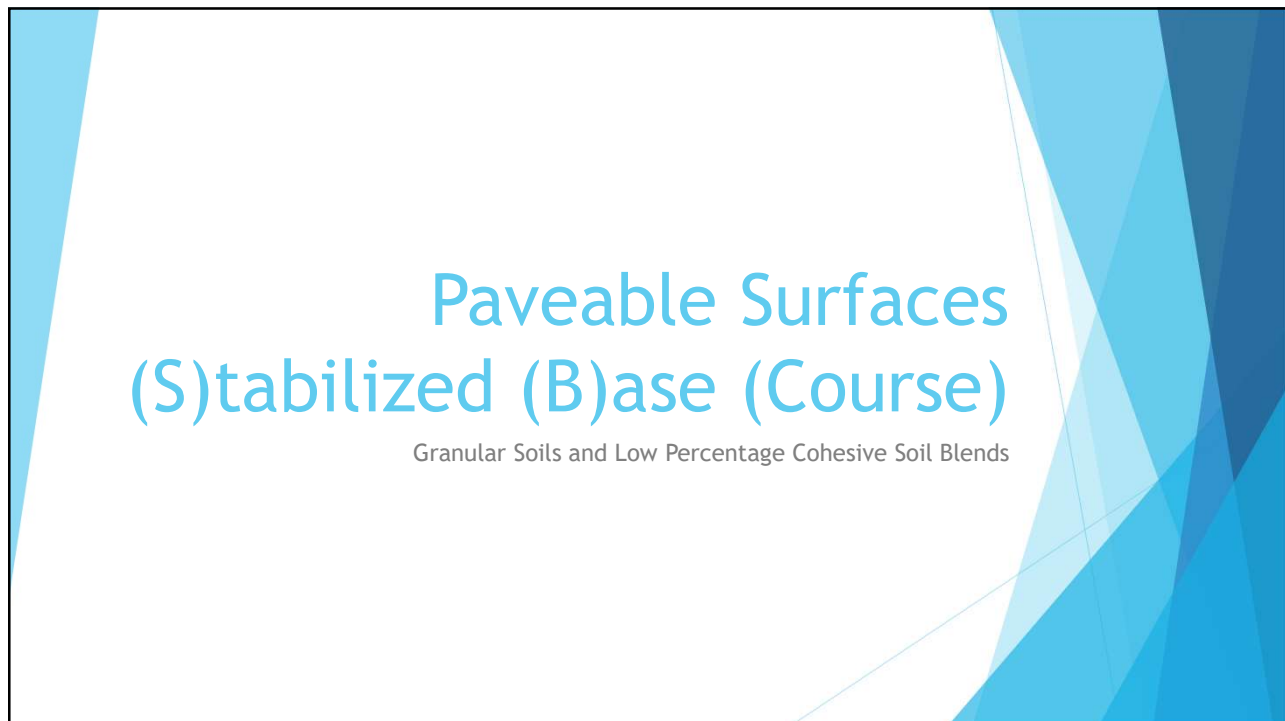
**Undocumented  
Fill**

**Contaminated  
Soils**

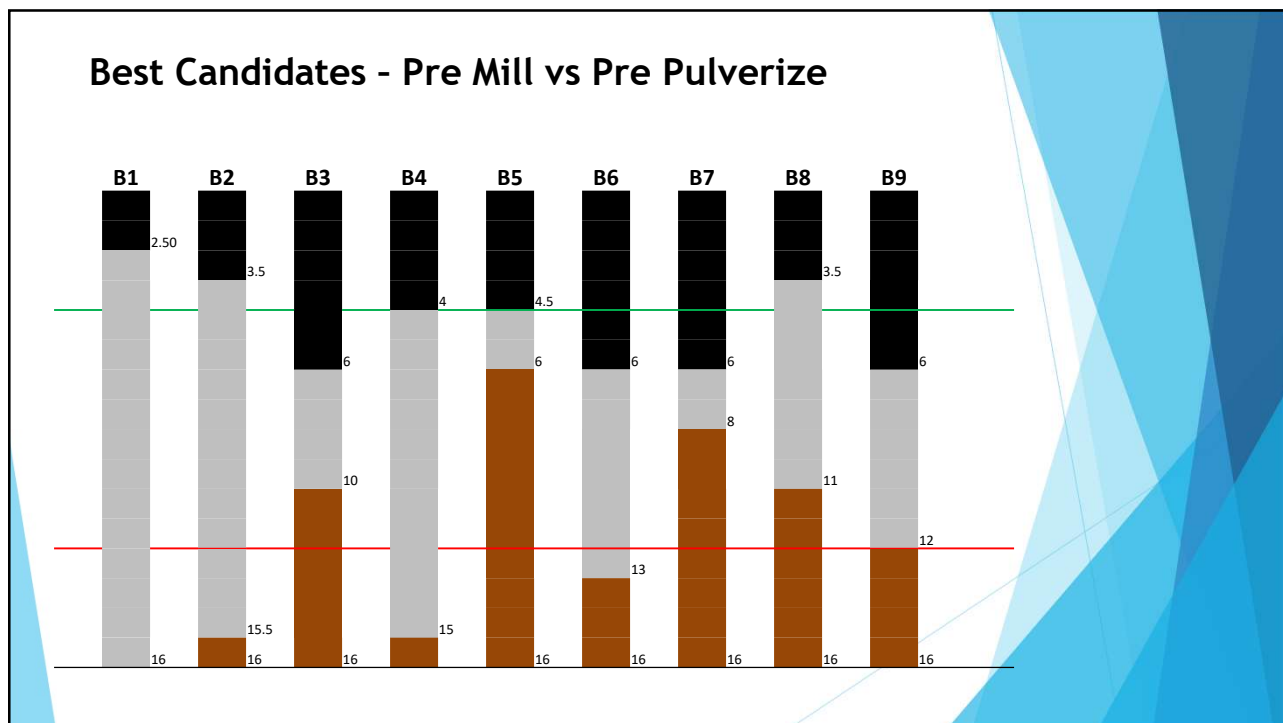


**Low Plasticity  
Soils**



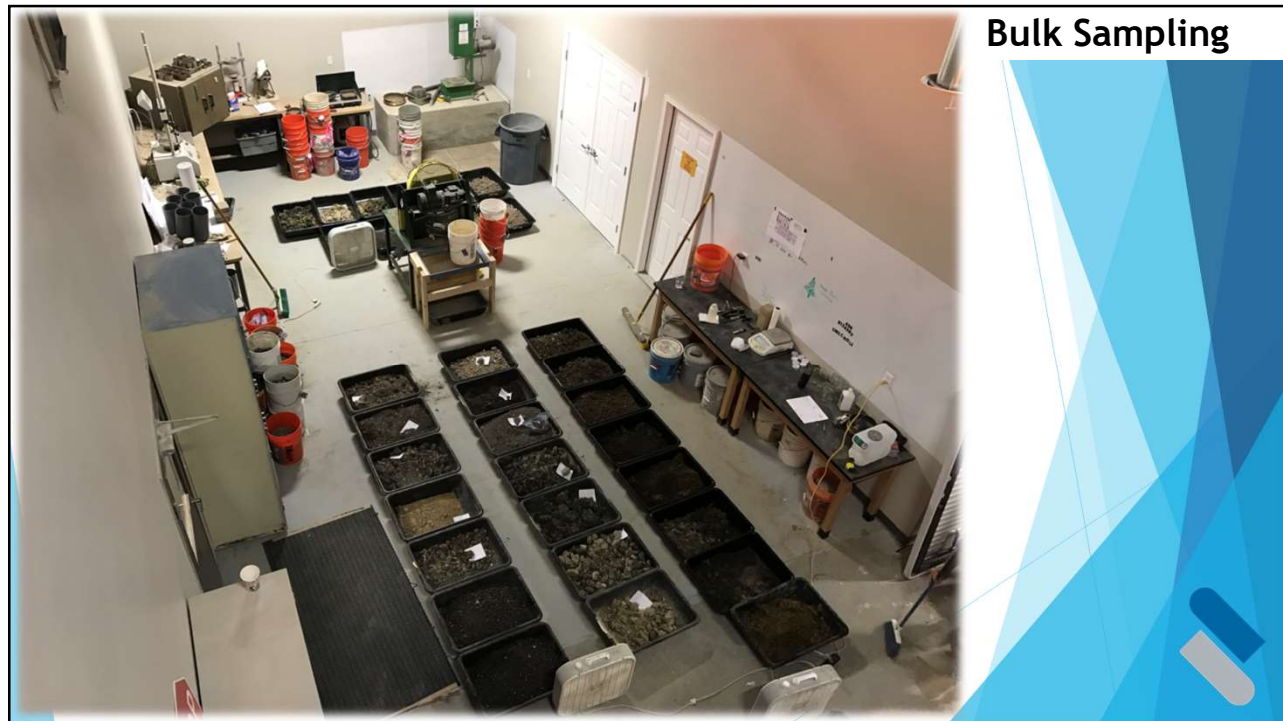












## Indexing

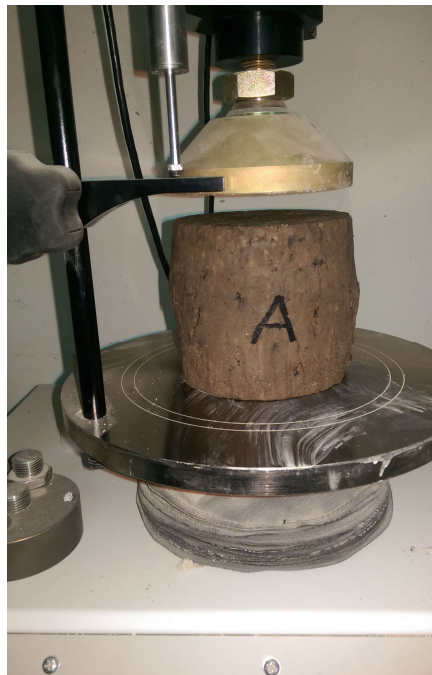
- ▶ Particle Size Distribution - Hydrometers and Sieves
- ▶ Atterberg Limits - LL/PL
- ▶ Soluble Sulfate Analysis
- ▶ Moisture Density Relationships



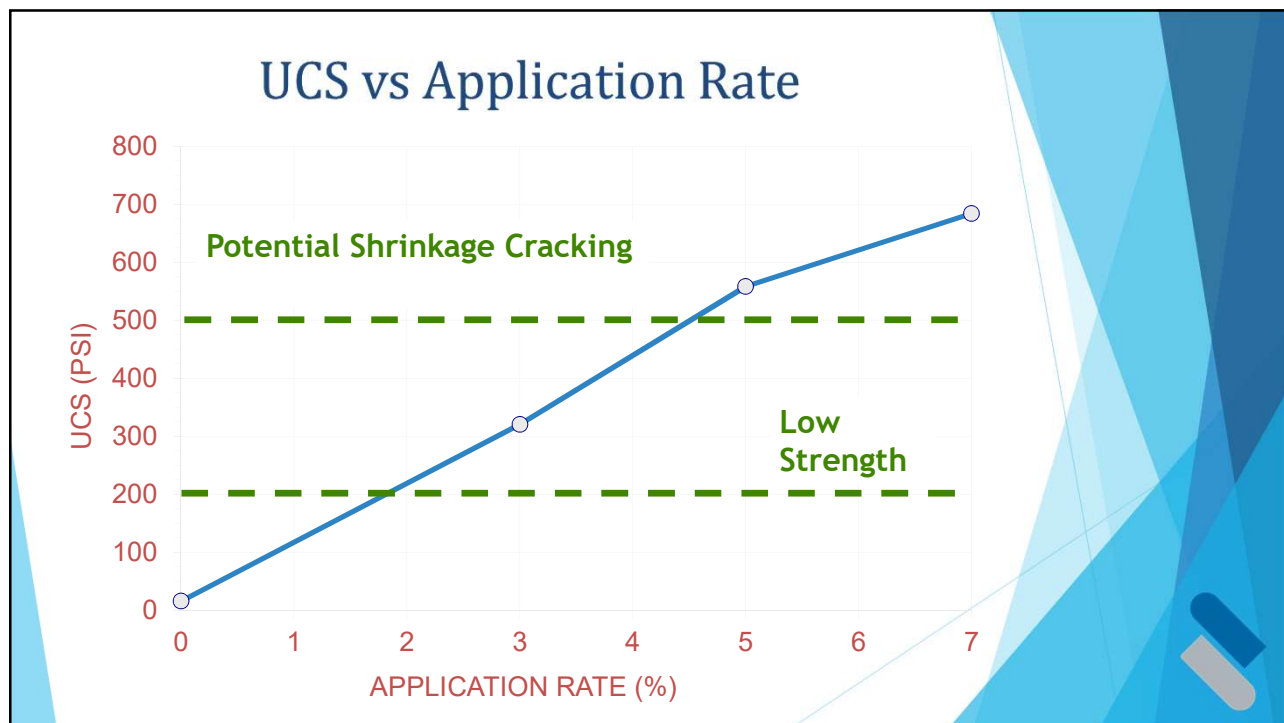
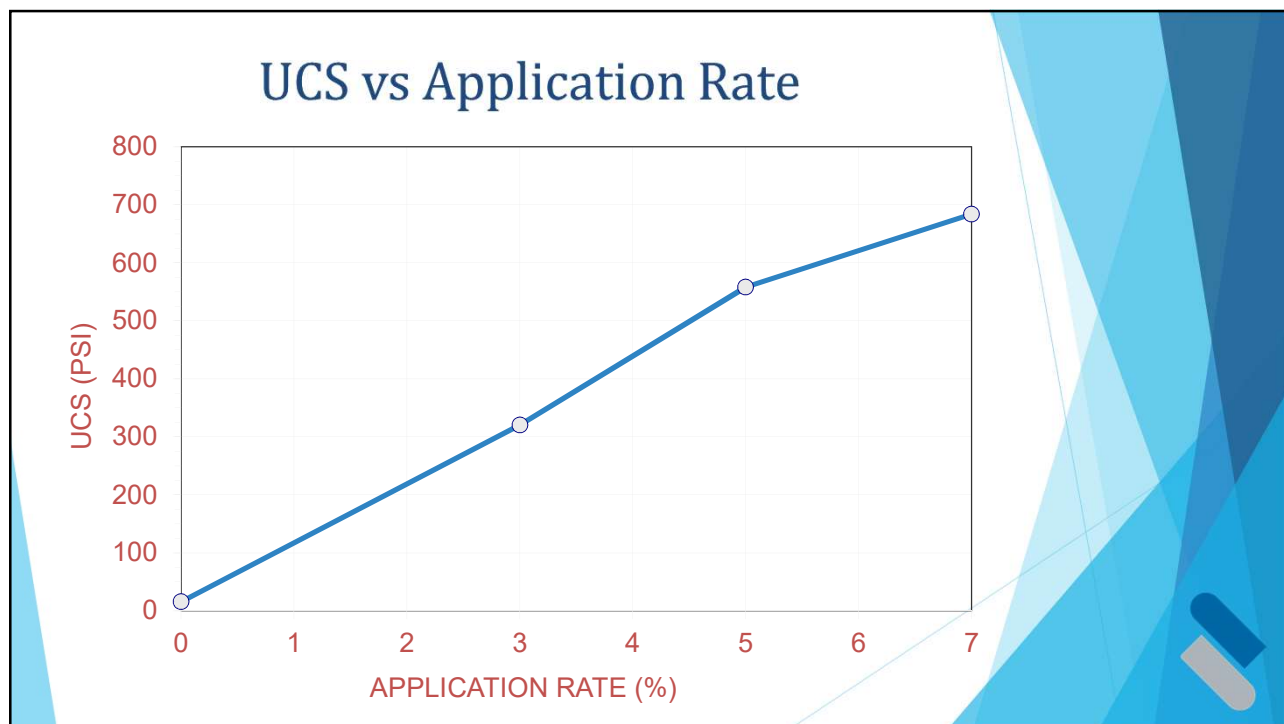


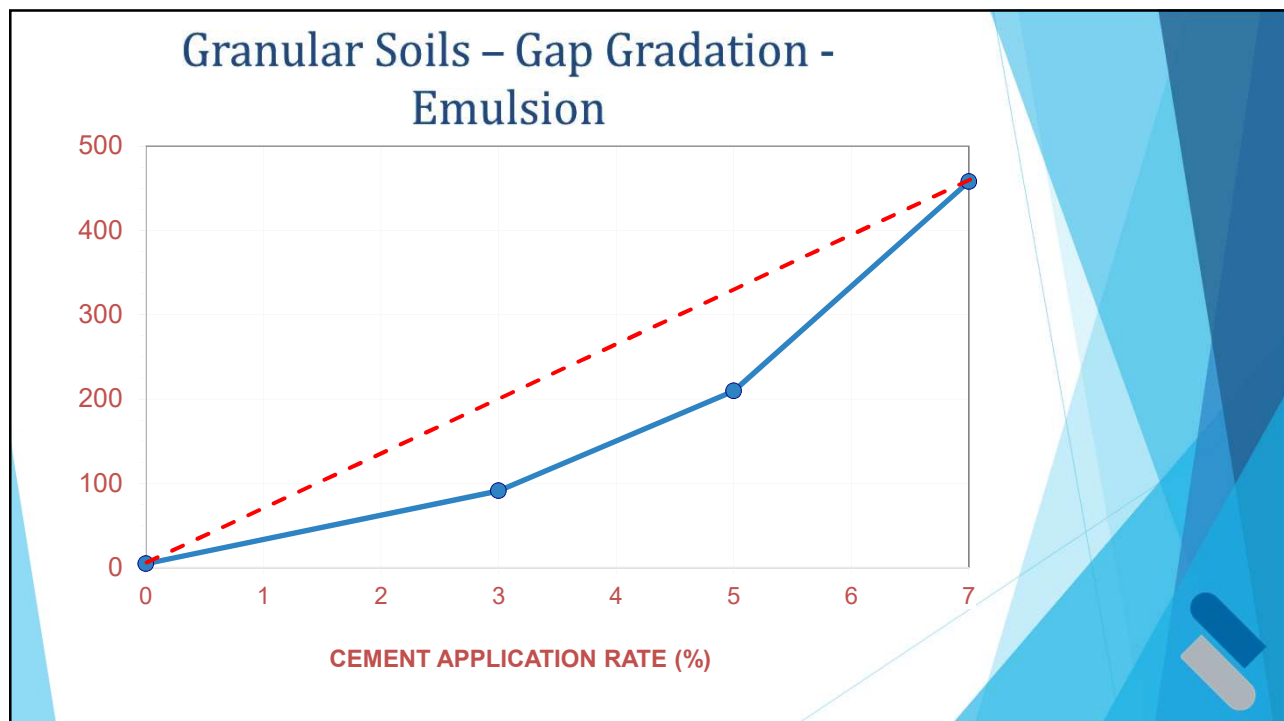
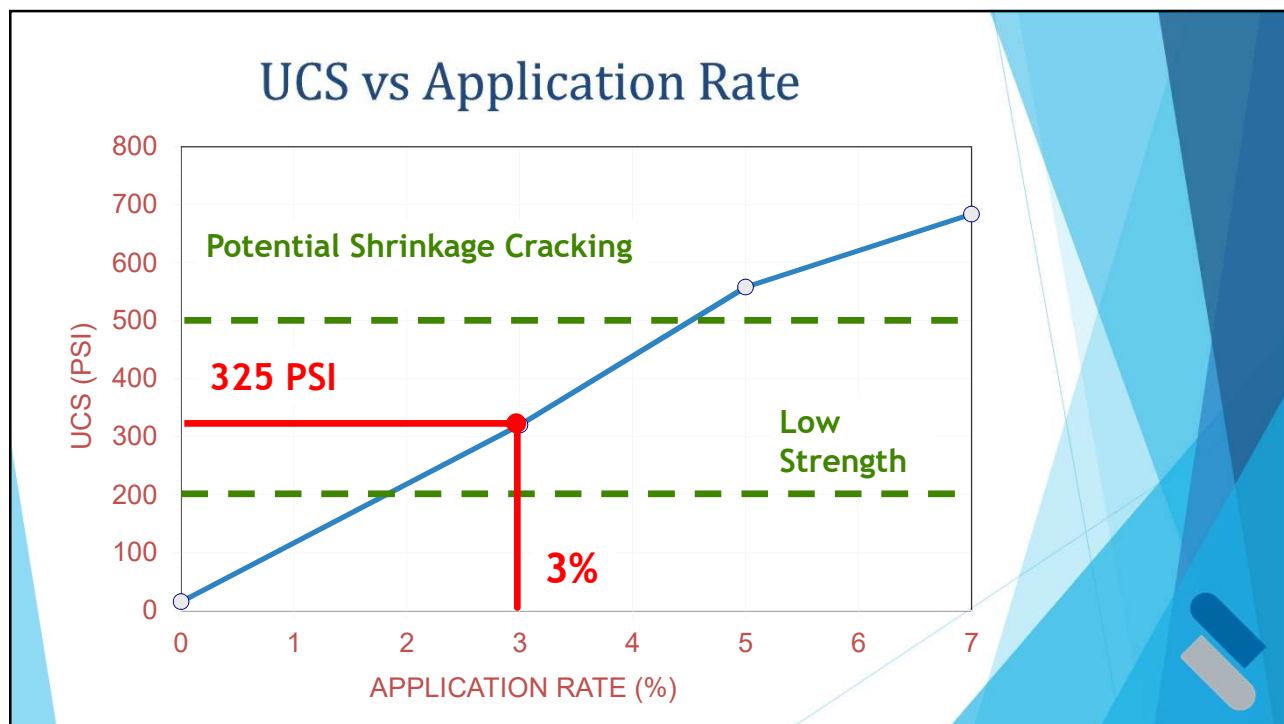
(U)n-confined  
(C)ompressive  
(S)trength

Brittle Vs. Ductile?









# Bituminous Materials

## Material Consistency - Layer Thickness





## HFRE vs Engineered Emulsions

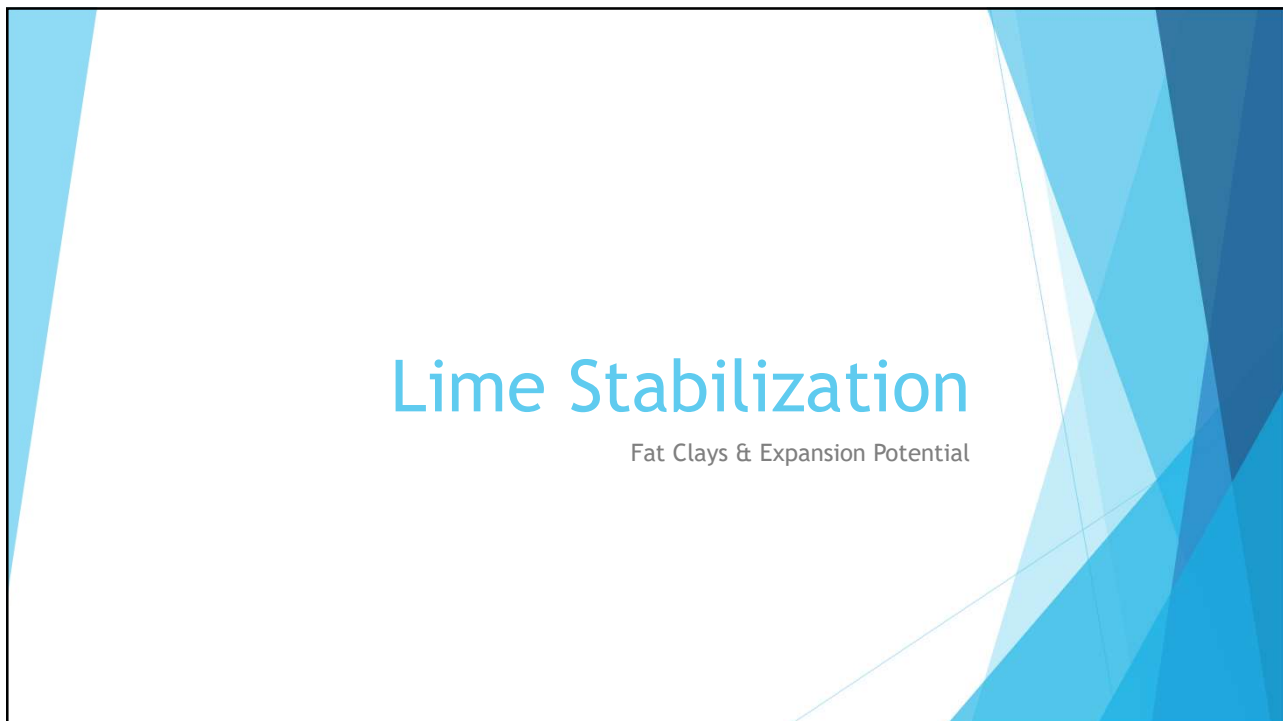
- ▶ Moisture Content and Total Fluids
- ▶ Risk Associated with Trapping Water
- ▶ Active Fillers



## Hybrid Stabilization Paveable Surfaces & Subgrade

High Percentage Lean Cohesive Soils Blends









**Liquid Limit 81**

**Expansion  
Potential**

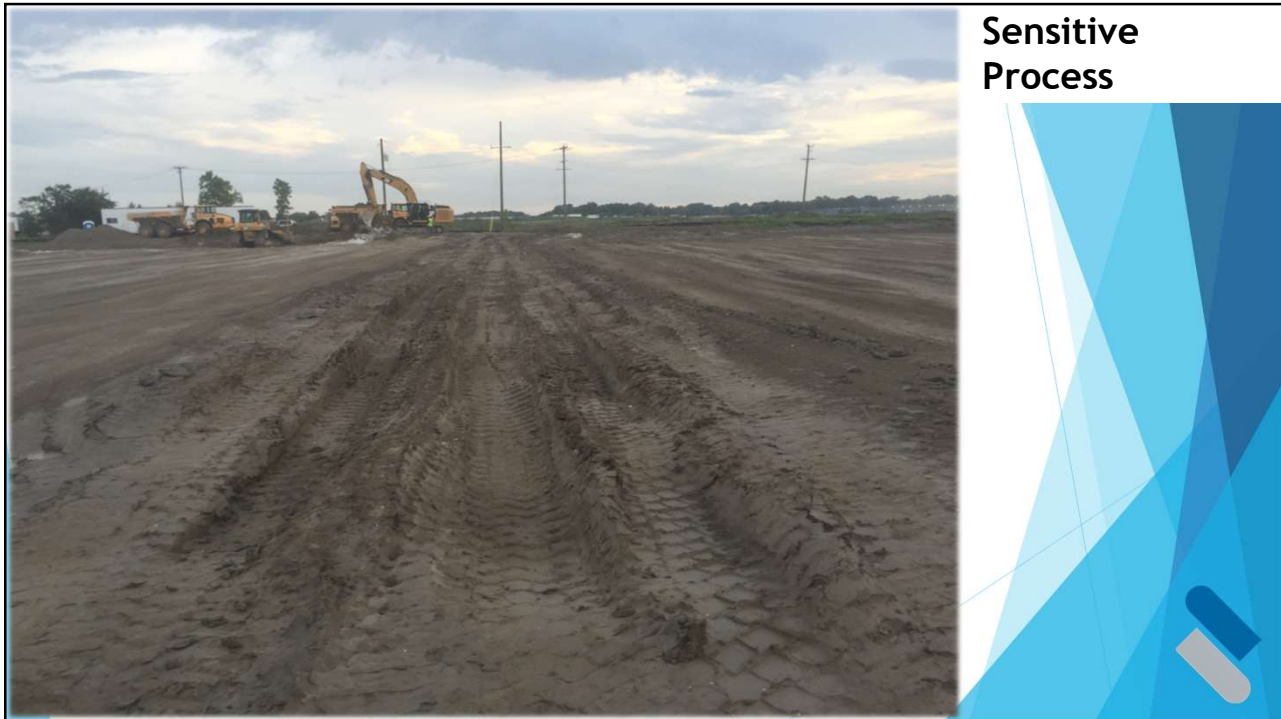


**Friable**

**Controlled PI**

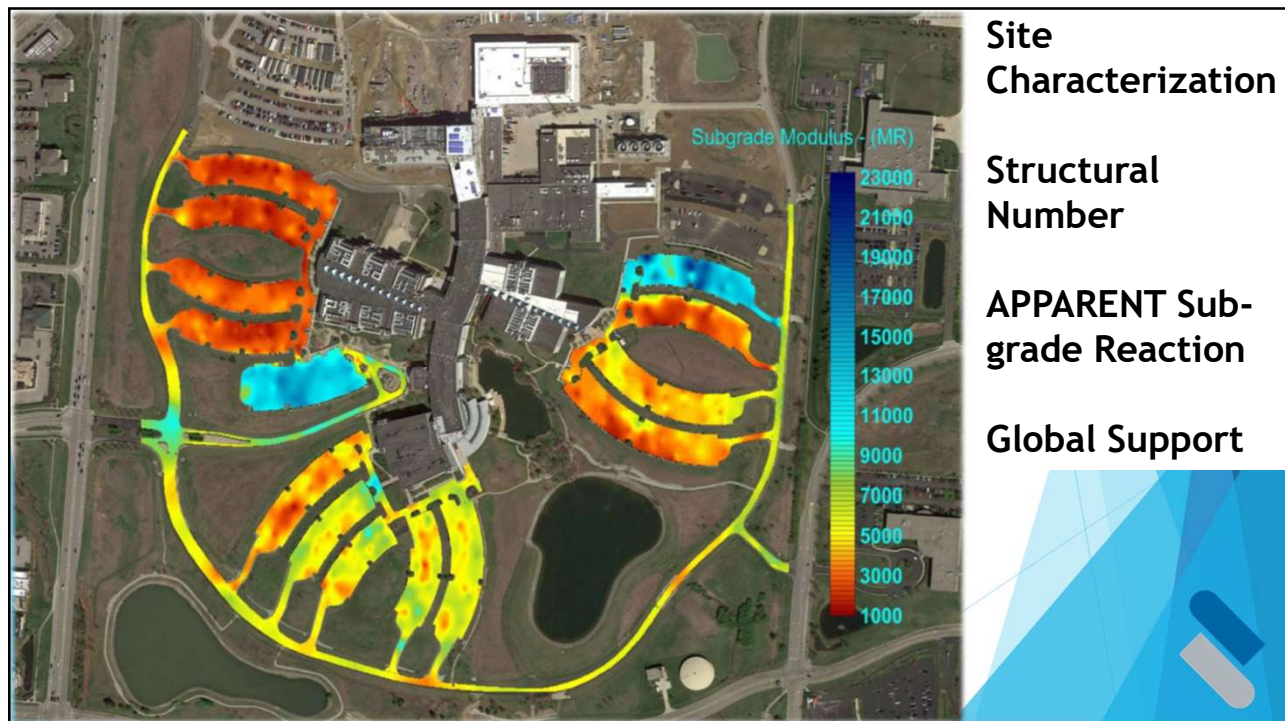
**Interior and  
Exterior**





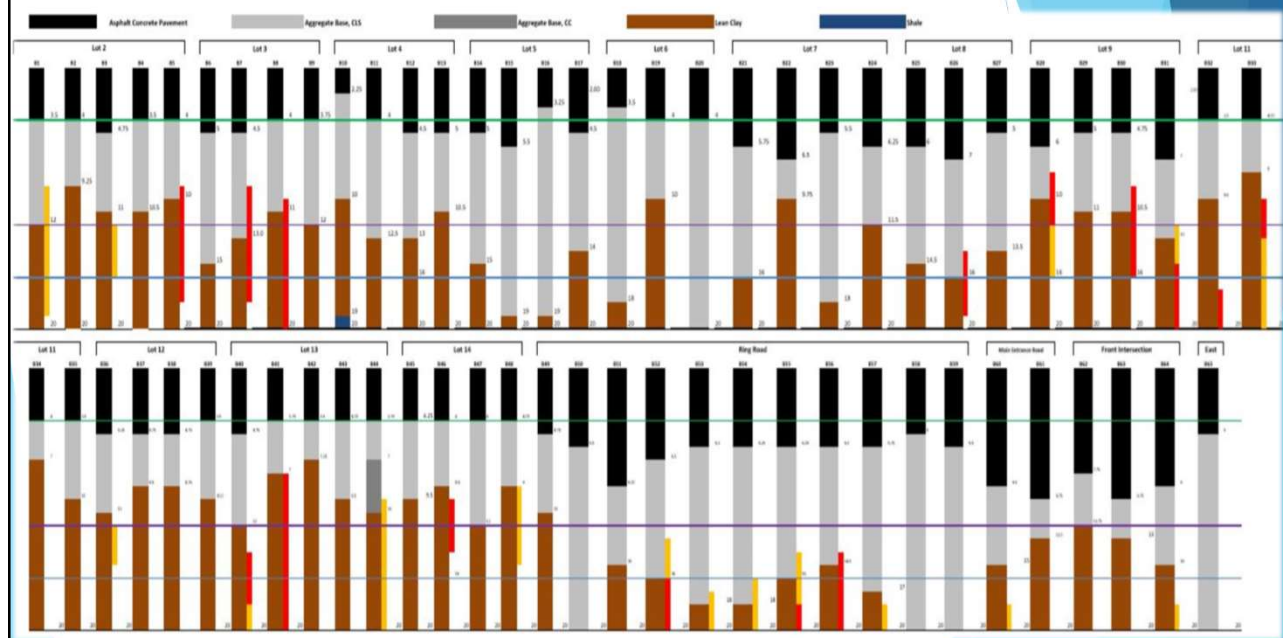


# Modeling

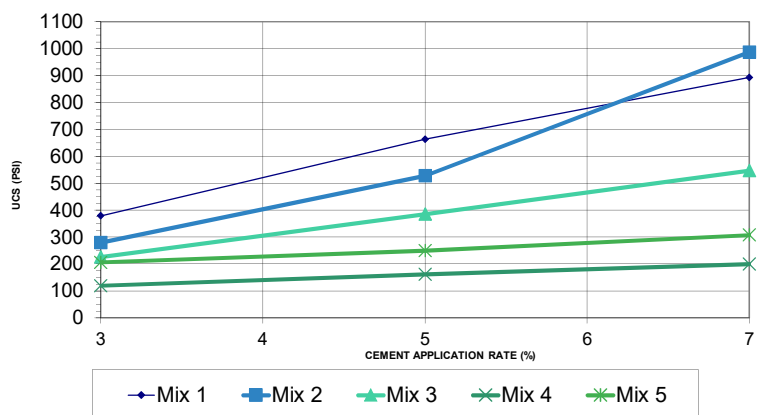




## High Resolution Exploratory vs High Resolution Design



COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH VS. APPLICATION RATE

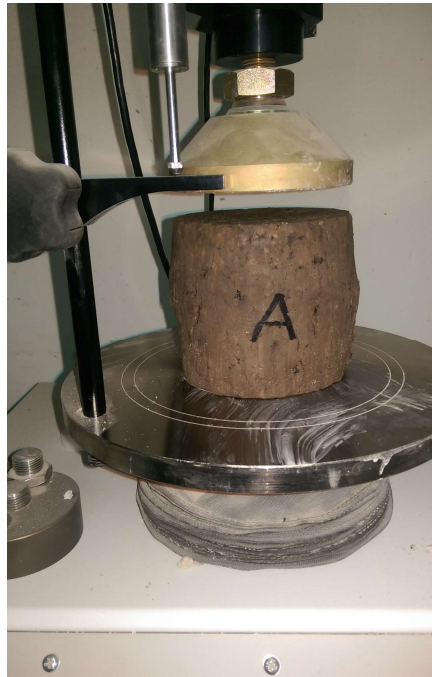


1	25% Asphalt, 75% Aggregate Base, 0% Sub-Grade	131.5	5.5%
2	25% Asphalt, 65% Aggregate Base, 10% Sub-Grade	135.0	7.0%
3	25% Asphalt, 45% Aggregate Base, 30% Sub-Grade	134.0	8.5%
4	25% Asphalt, 25% Aggregate Base, 50% Sub-Grade	129.5	9.5%
5	25% Asphalt, 15% Aggregate Base, 60% Sub-Grade (LKD Pretreated)	125.0	10.5%

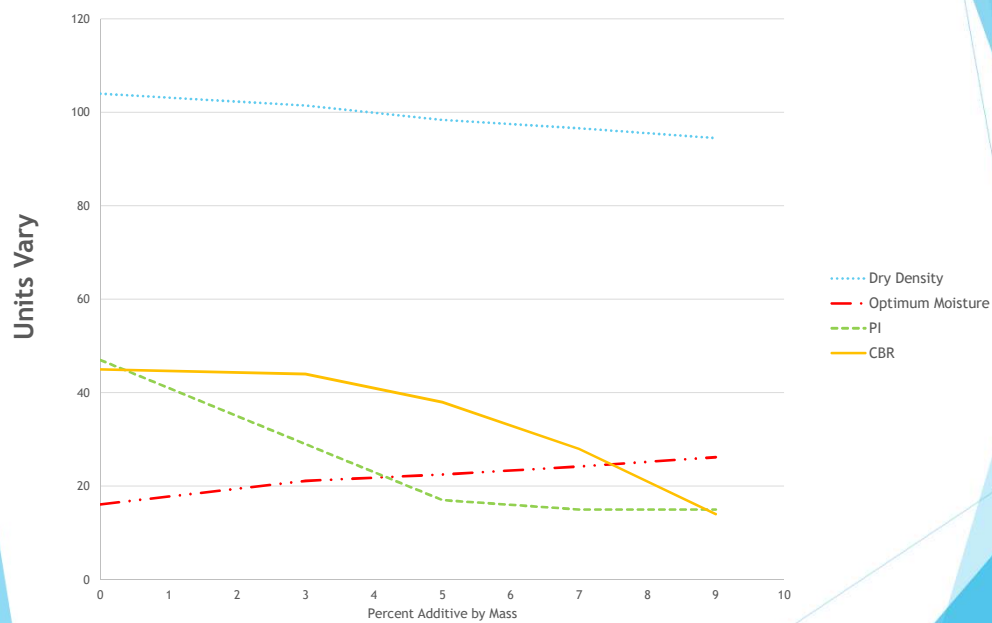
Site  
Characterization

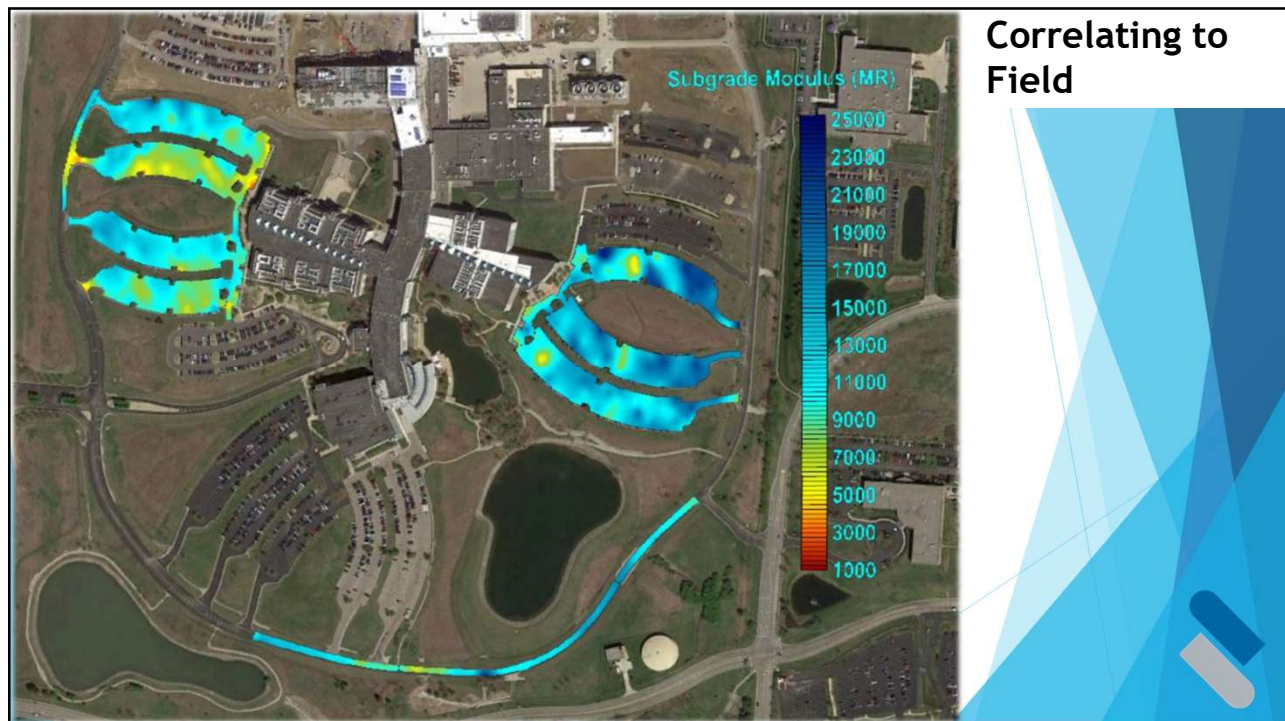
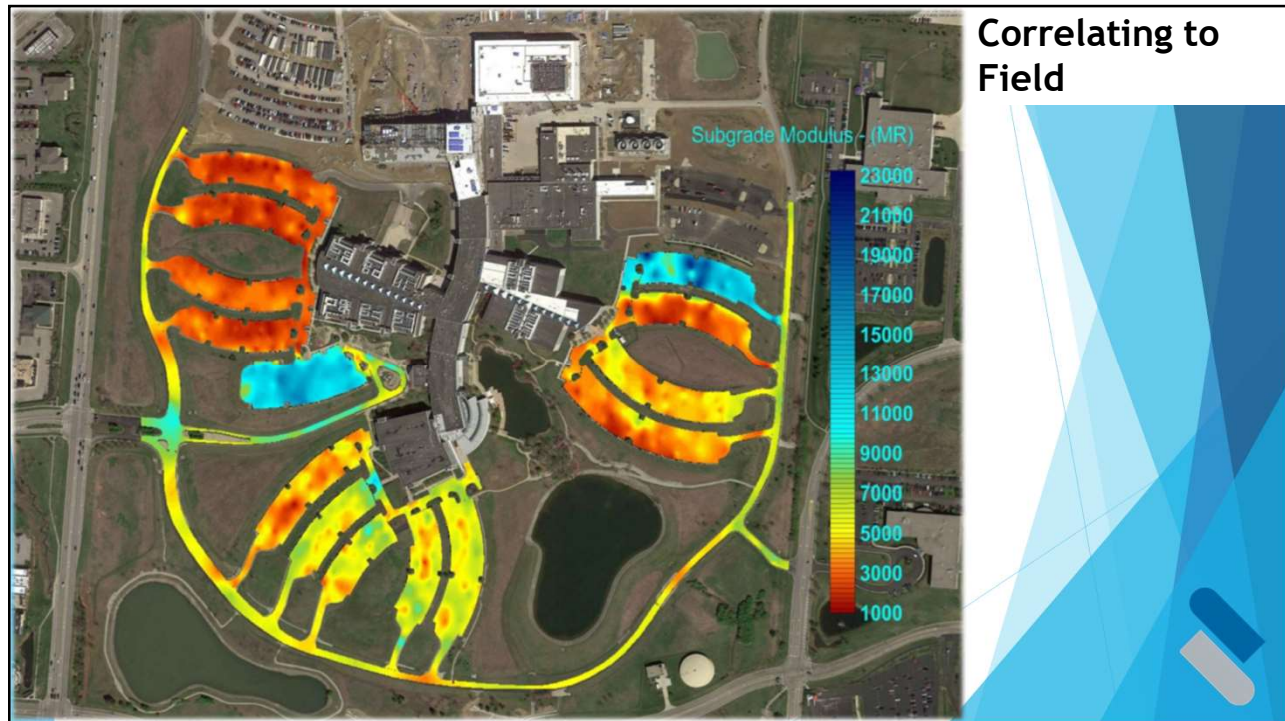
## CBR?

Brittle Vs. Ductile?



Soil Properties vs. Application Rate







# Challenges











## Summary

### Cost/Benefit

- ▶ 30% Reduction in construction cost vs undercutting
- ▶ Substantial reduction in construction time
- ▶ Reduced environmental impact
- ▶ Possible to minimize overlay thickness due to increased structural support of base and/or sub-grade
- ▶ Reduction in construction contingencies for site preparation on very poor sites or long term projects
  
- ▶ Substantial increase in target design life for high volume roads incorporating stabilized subgrades.
- ▶ Cost of implementing is negligible compared to overall construction cost on mega projects
  - ▶ Particularly when considering 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> life cycle for long term designs

## Moving Forward

- ▶ Continuing to develop specifications to accommodate better geotechnical design
- ▶ Working with existing data to develop Michigan specific materials database
- ▶ 6 year mark for current case studies. Working to review conditions and update lifecycle database
- ▶ US - 131 and I - 69 installed this year, continuing conversations on establishing long term case studies for stabilized subgrades on trunkline projects.



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**Thank You**      **Any Questions?**