

# RESILIENT

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## RESILIENT SITE PLANNING AND FOUNDATIONS

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View of GCCDS work space

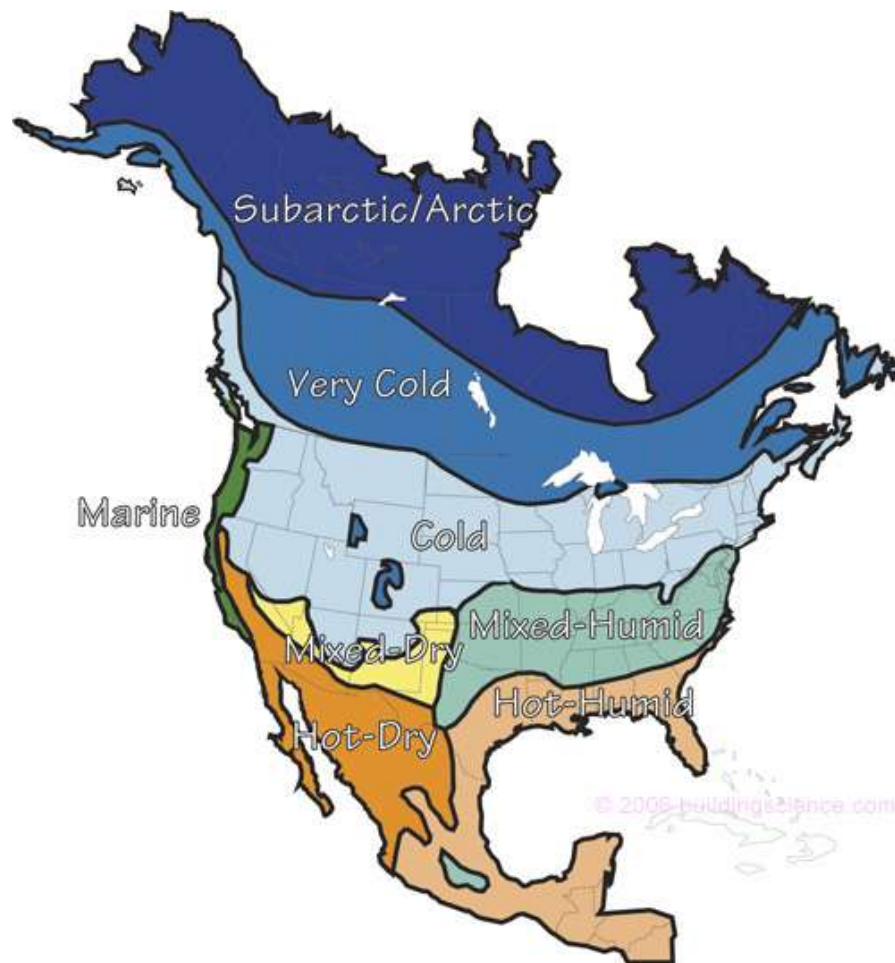
# **RESILIENT SITE PLANNING AND FOUNDATIONS**

## **OUTLINE**

- I. GENERAL SITE DESIGN FACTORS**
- II. RESILIENT SITE DESIGN**
- III. SOIL STRENGTH**
- IV. FOUNDATION TYPES**
- V. RESILIENT FOUNDATION DESIGN**





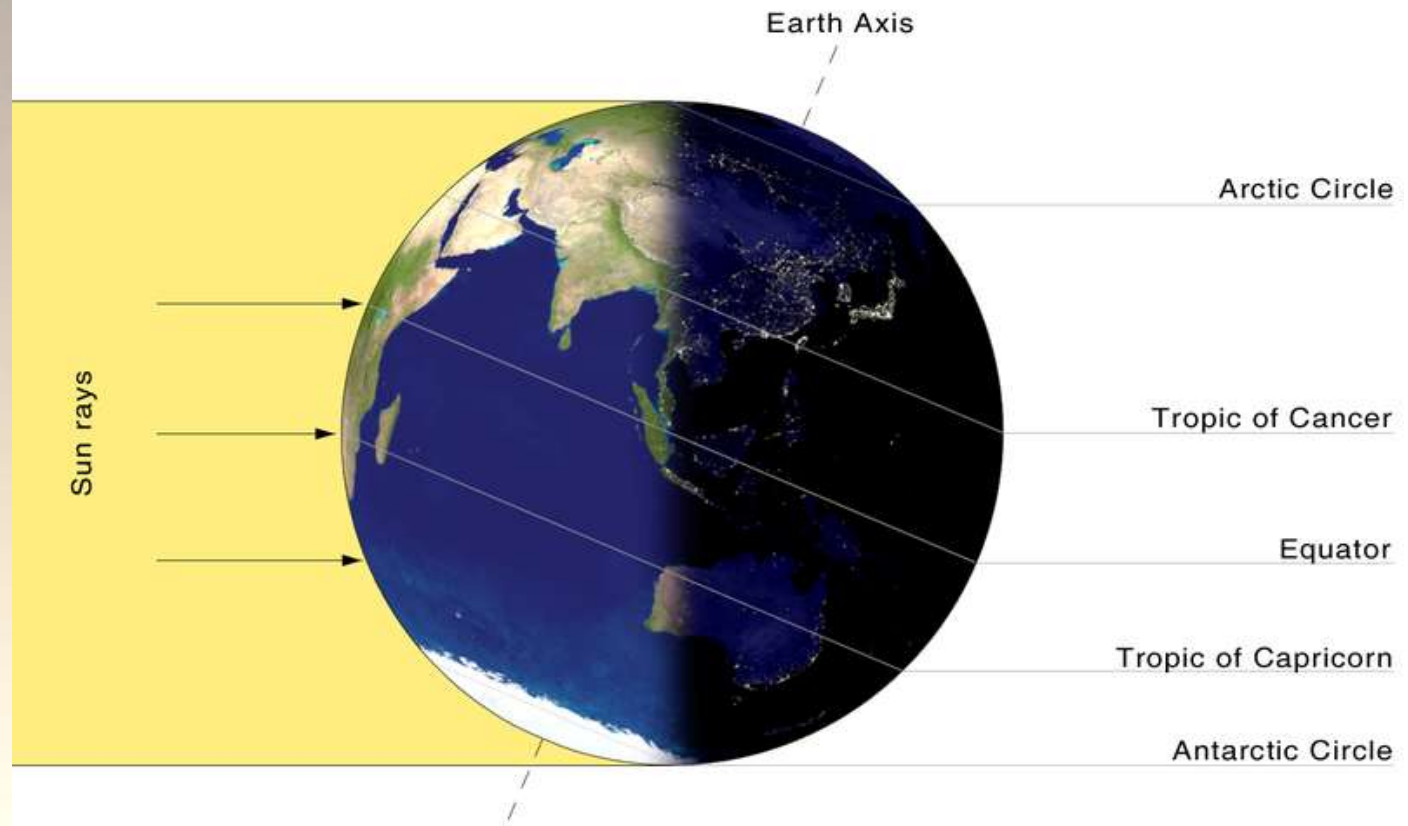


## Hot-Humid



A hot-humid climate is defined as a region that receives more than 20 inches of annual precipitation and where one or both of the following occur:

- a 67 F or higher wet bulb temperature for 3,000 or more hours during the warmest six consecutive months of the year; or
- a 73 F or higher wet bulb temperature for 1,500 or more hours during the warmest six consecutive months of the year!

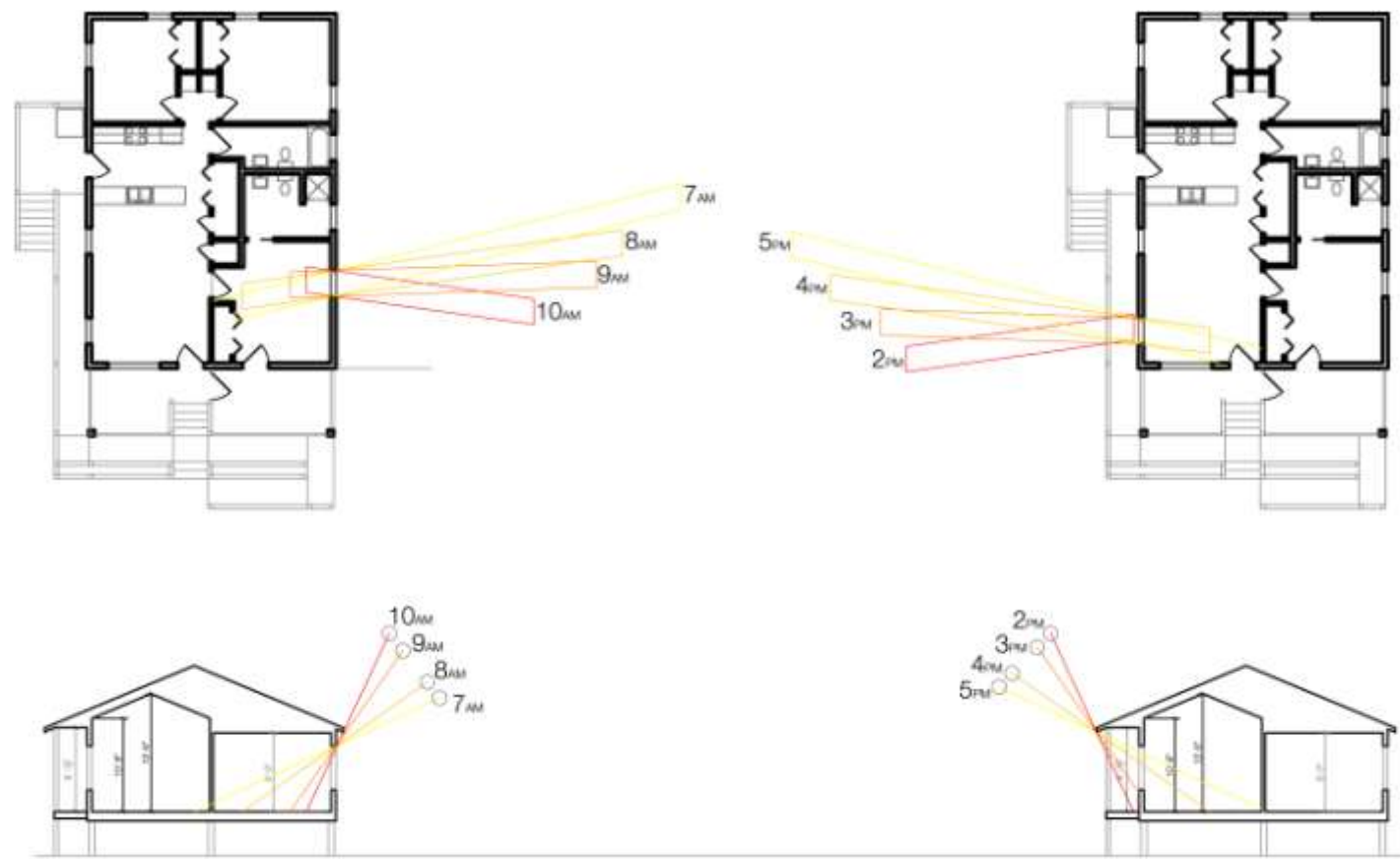
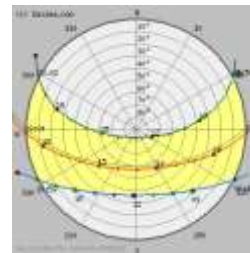


\*THE BENEFITS OF DAYLIGHTING: KITCHENS, LIVING ROOMS, DINING ROOMS, FAMILY ROOMS

\*USING OUTDOOR SPACES

\*ORIENTATION FOR SHADE: EAST/WEST

\*ORIENTATION FOR AIR FLOW: NORTH/SOUTH



MORNING

SUMMER SOLSTICE

EVENING

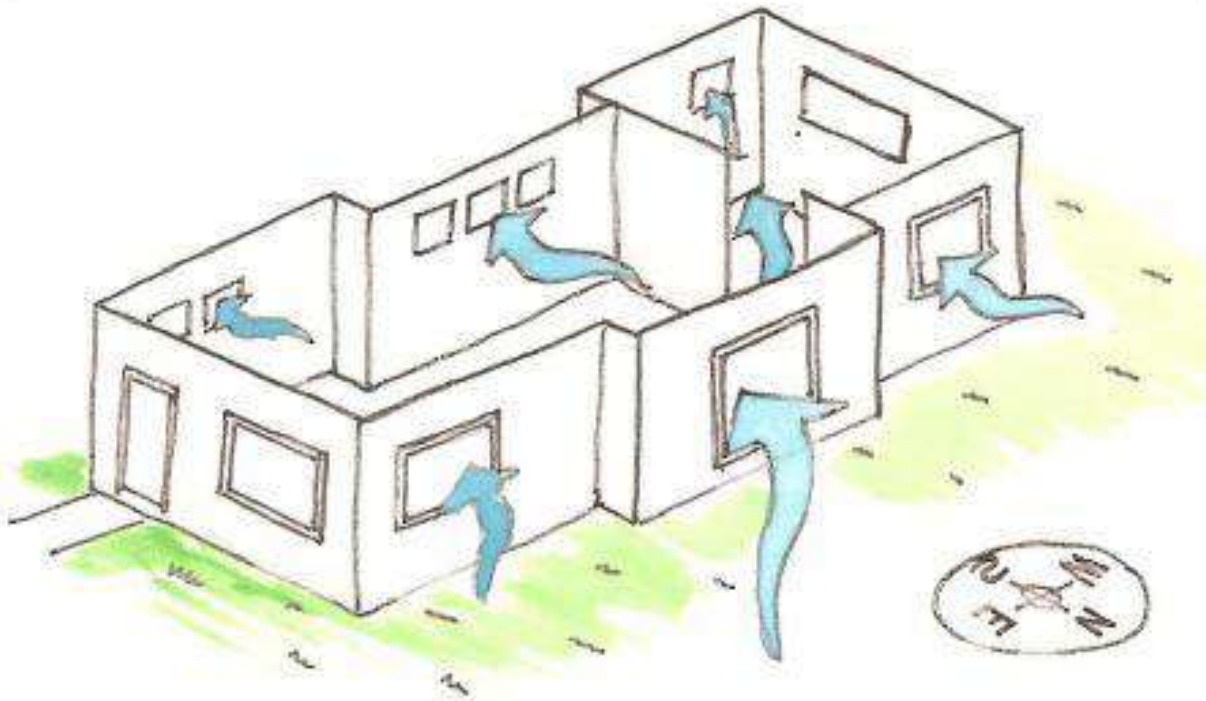




**SCOUR/ELEVATION**

**SHADE/SUPPORT**





**USING/TRANFERING WIND LOADS**

# RESILIENT SITES: WATER & LANDSCAPE



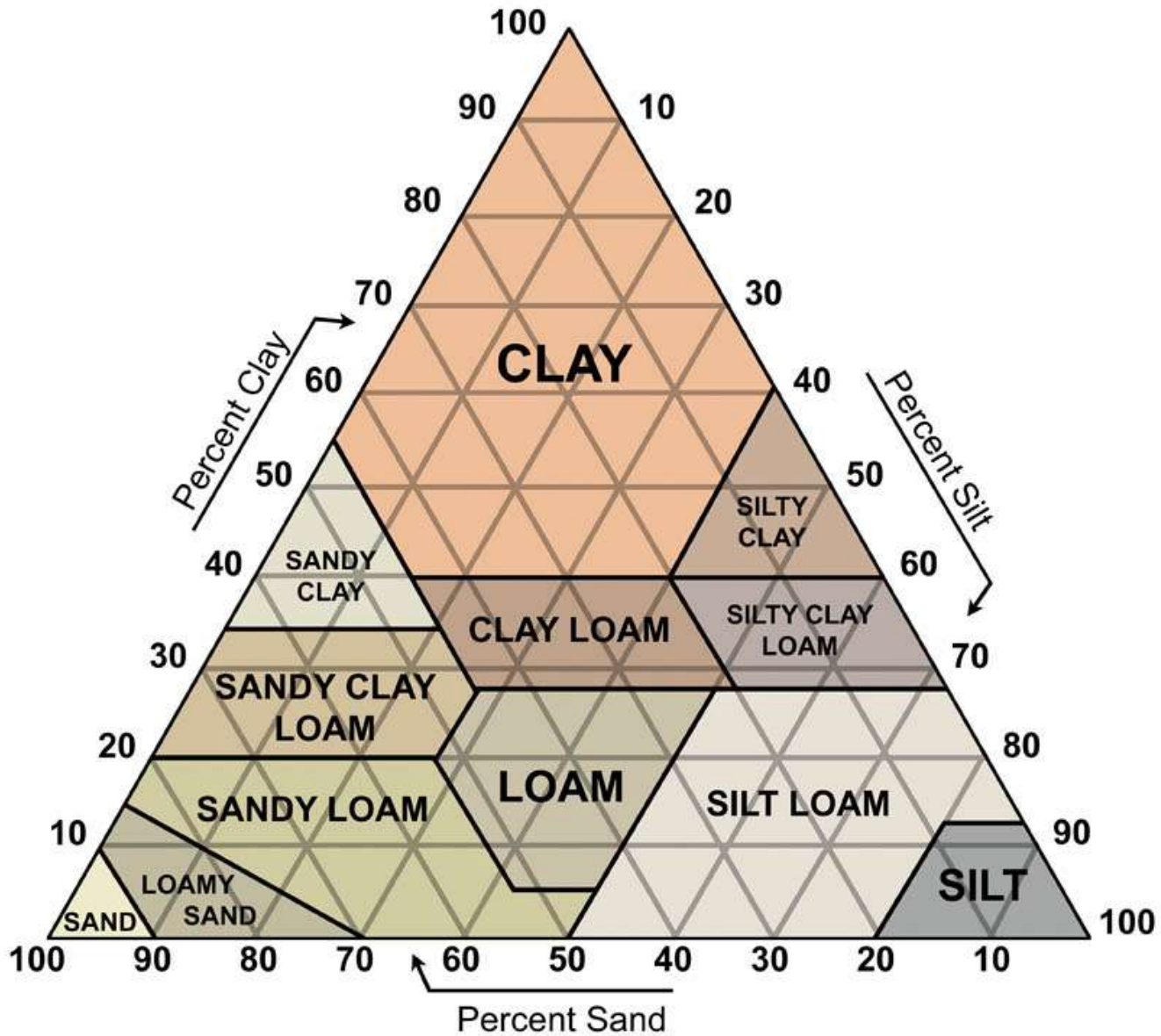
- 1. DECREASE IMPERVIOUS SURFACES**
- 2. HAVE A PROPER GRADING PLAN**
- 3. HAVE A PROPER PLANTING STRATEGY**
- 4. PART 2 AND 3 WORKING TOGETHER**



**1. DECREASE IMPERVIOUS SURFACES ON SITE**



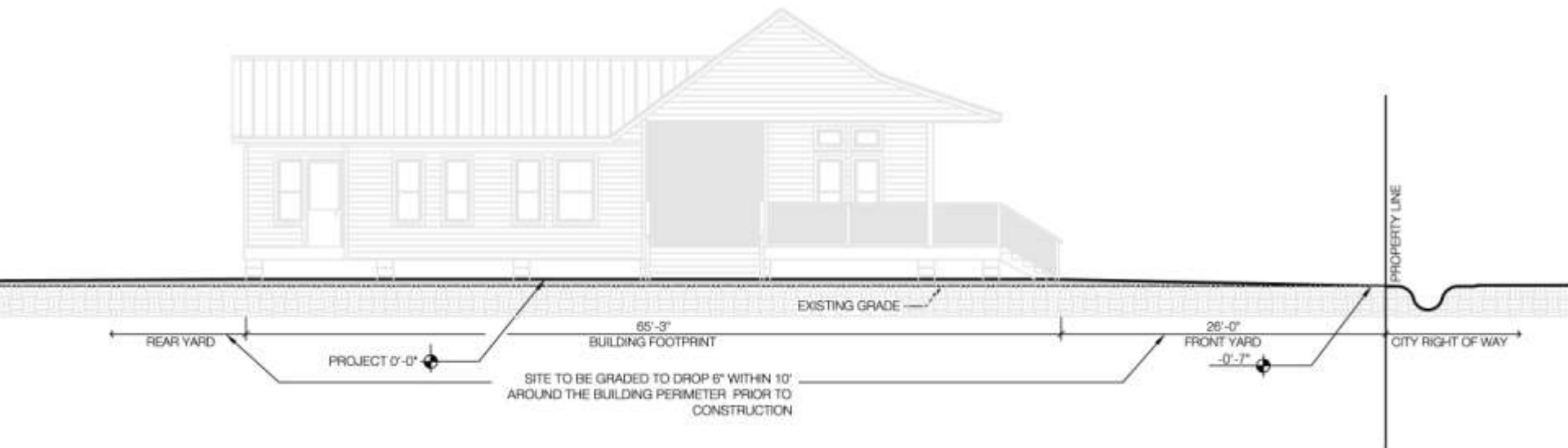
**PERVIOUS PAVERS REDUCE HARD SURFACE %'s**



# SOIL TYPES PRESENT ON THE MS GULF COAST

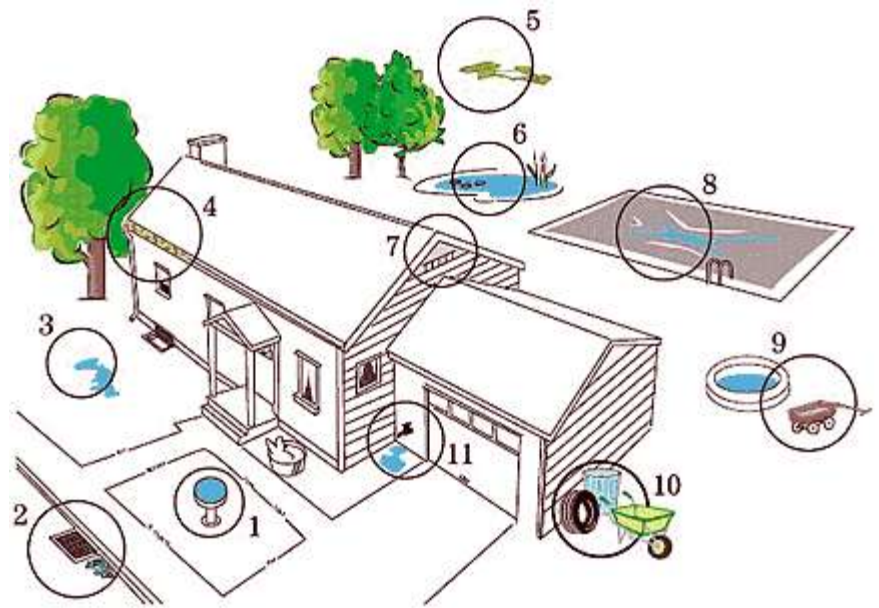


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## 2. PROPER GRADING PLAN

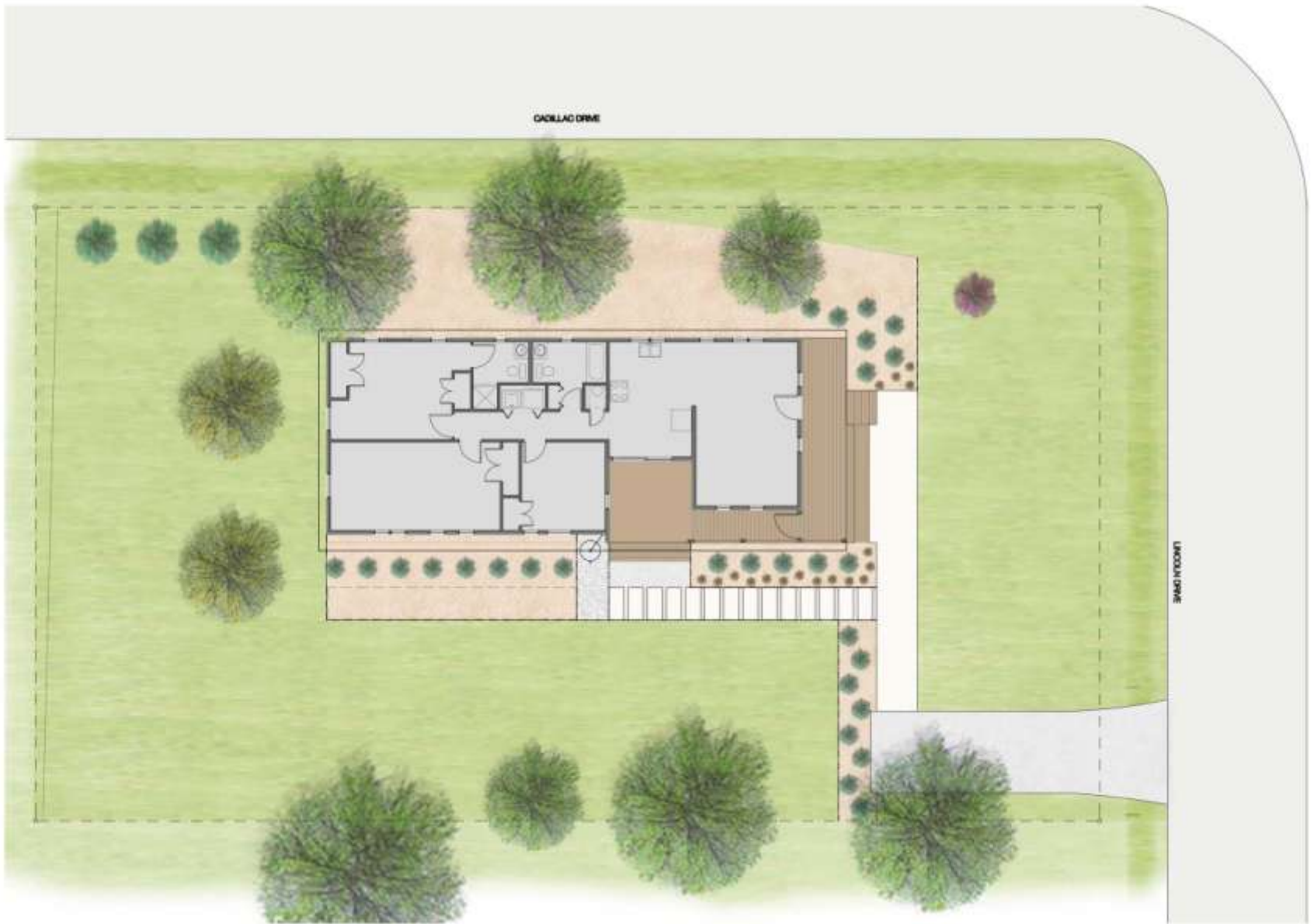




**KEEP WATER FROM UNDER THE HOUSE**



**MOVE WATER TO WHERE IT SHOULD BE**



### 3. PROPER PLANTING STRATEGY



*Phoenix Dactylifera* Medjool



*Ilex virginica*



*Leucophaea axillaris*



*Hypericum*



*Callicarpus americana*



*Yucca*



*Scirpachyrium scoparium*



*Rosmarinus officinalis*



*Muhlenbergia lindheimeri*



*Berberis vulgaris*



*Plumbago auriculata*



*Perovskia atriplicifolia*



*Spiraea x vanhouttei*



*Rudbeckia hirta*



*Hemerocallis*

**EACH SITE IS DIFFERENT, PLAN ACCORDINGLY**



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## **4. GRADING AND PLANTING WORKING TOGETHER**



**FILTER BEFORE ENTERING GROUNDWATER**



**PLANTS CREATE HABITAT FOR LOCAL WILDLIFE**



**ENERGY EFFICIENCY INCREASE FOR HOUSING**



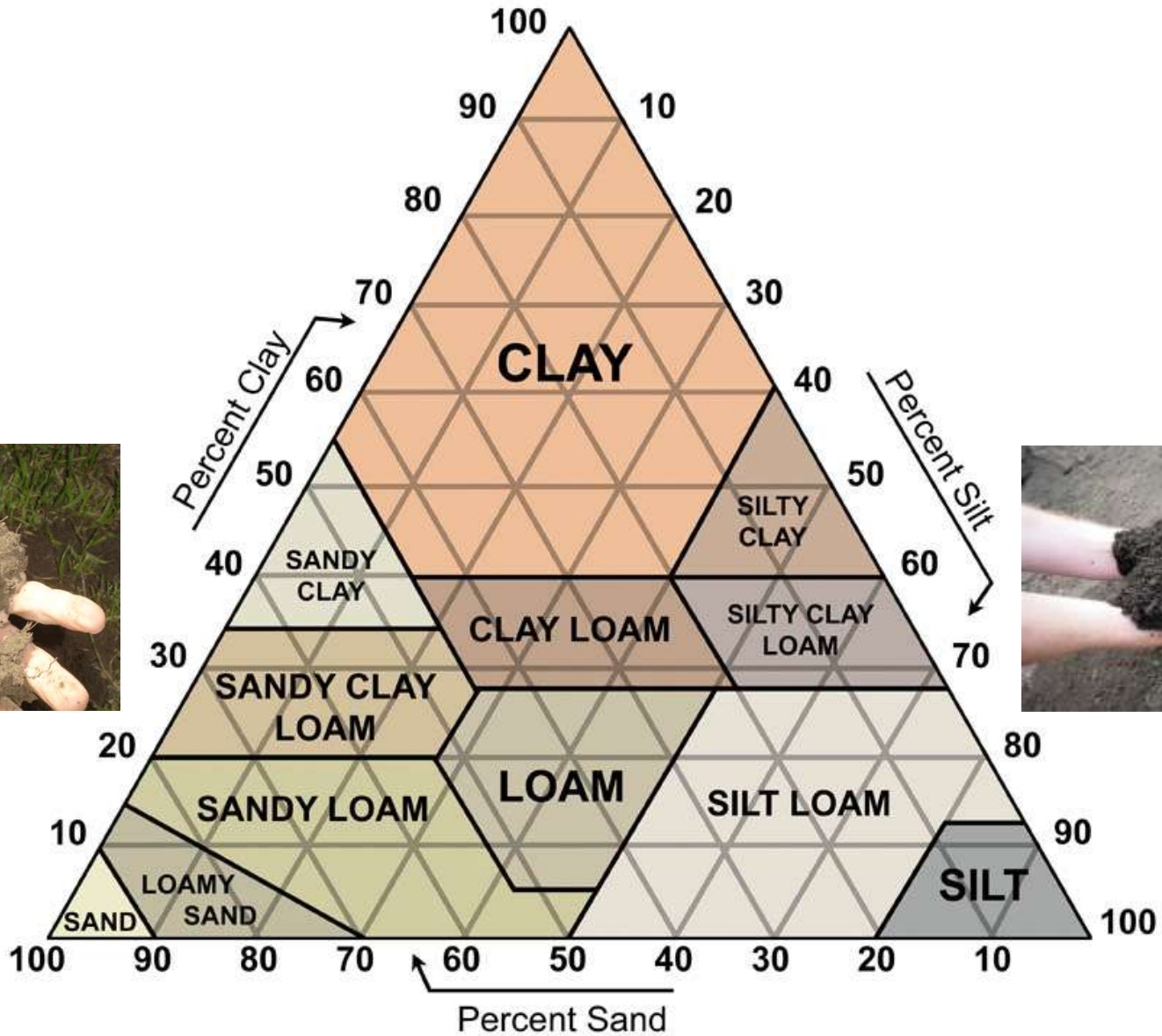
PROPER SHADING CAN REDUCE ENERGY CONSUMPTION BY 25%- NATIONAL RENEWABLE ENERGY LABORATORY

THREE PROPERLY PLACED SHADE TREES CAN SAVE \$200 - \$300 ANNUALLY- U.S. DEPT. OF ENERGY

SHADED NEIGHBORHOODS ARE 3 TO 6 DEGREES COOLER THAN UNSHADED NEIGHBORHOODS.

BECAUSE COOL AIR SETTLES AT THE GROUND IT CAN BE UP TO 25 DEGREES COOLER IN THE SHADE THAN NEXT TO UNSHADED IMPERVIOUS BLACKTOP AND GROUND LEVEL.

**ENERGY EFFICIENCY INCREASE FOR HOUSING**



### III. SOIL STRENGTH AND FOUNDATIONS



COORDINATED ACCESS TO THE RESEARCH AND EXTENSION SYSTEM

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Mississippi Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station • Mississippi State University Extension Service

- 4-H Youth
- Aquaculture-Catfish
- Community-Government
- Crops & Horticulture
- Environmental Quality
- Farm Management
- Farm Safety
- Forestry-Forest Products
- Health-Home-Family
- Insects-Plant Diseases-
- Pesticides-Weeds
- Lawns & Gardens
- Leadership
- Livestock
- Poultry
- Wildlife and Fisheries

## Soils

### Soil Testing

The Mississippi State University Extension Service Soil Testing Laboratory analyzes soil and plant samples submitted by clientele for fertility recommendations and problem solving. Soil tests measure available nutrients in the soil and serve as the best guide to profitable use of commercial liming and fertilizing materials. Without a sound soil testing program, crop yield potential can be reduced and low crop productivity can occur through lack of liming and over fertilization.

### Frequently Asked Questions

- How should a soil sample(s) be taken?
- What is the cost of soil or plant analysis?
- How often should I test my soil?
- Time required for soil or plant analysis?
- Can samples be taken when soils are wet?
- When is the best time to take soil samples?
- Why is it important to mix lime with the soil?
- How many one thousand square feet in an acre?

### Publications

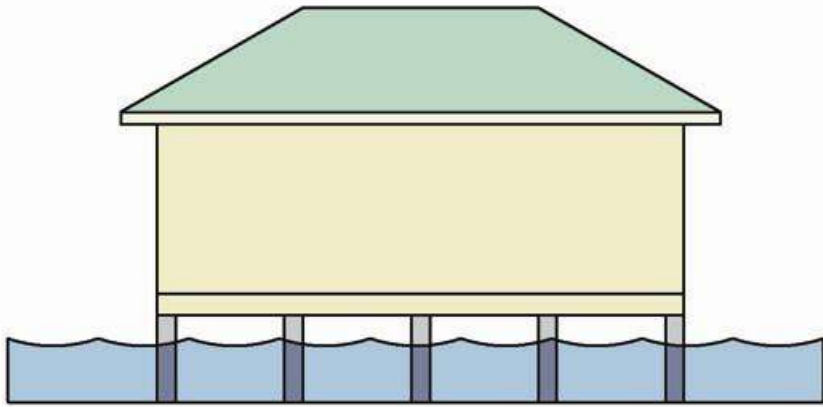
- Plant Analysis Sampling Instructions - P1224
- Soil Testing for the Farmer - IS346

■ Soils Home Page

# TEST SOILS TO DETERMINE BEARING CAPACITY



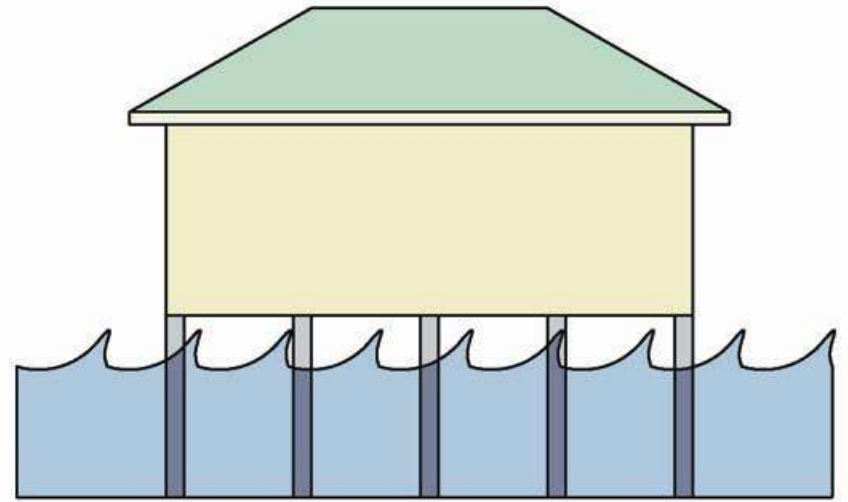
# FOUNDATIONS AND RESILIENT CONSIDERATIONS



## A ZONE

BASE FLOOD ELEVATION  
BELOW FLOOR LEVEL

FOUNDATION OPENINGS  
REDUCE HYDROSTATIC  
PRESSURE

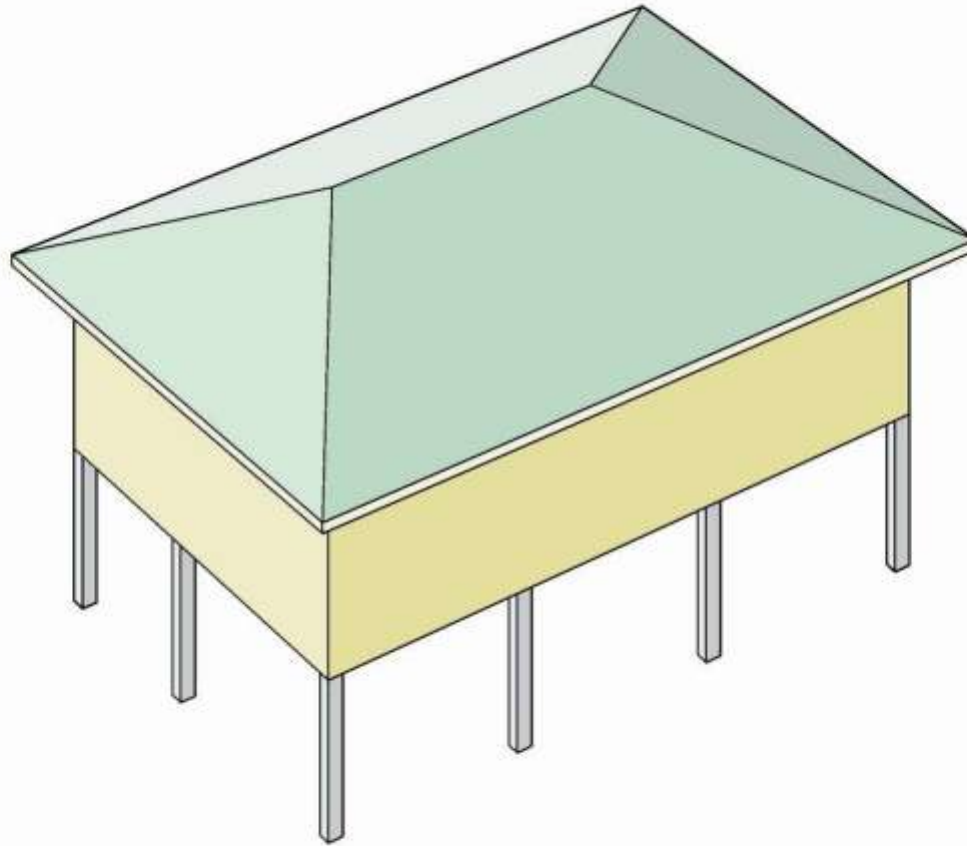


## V ZONE

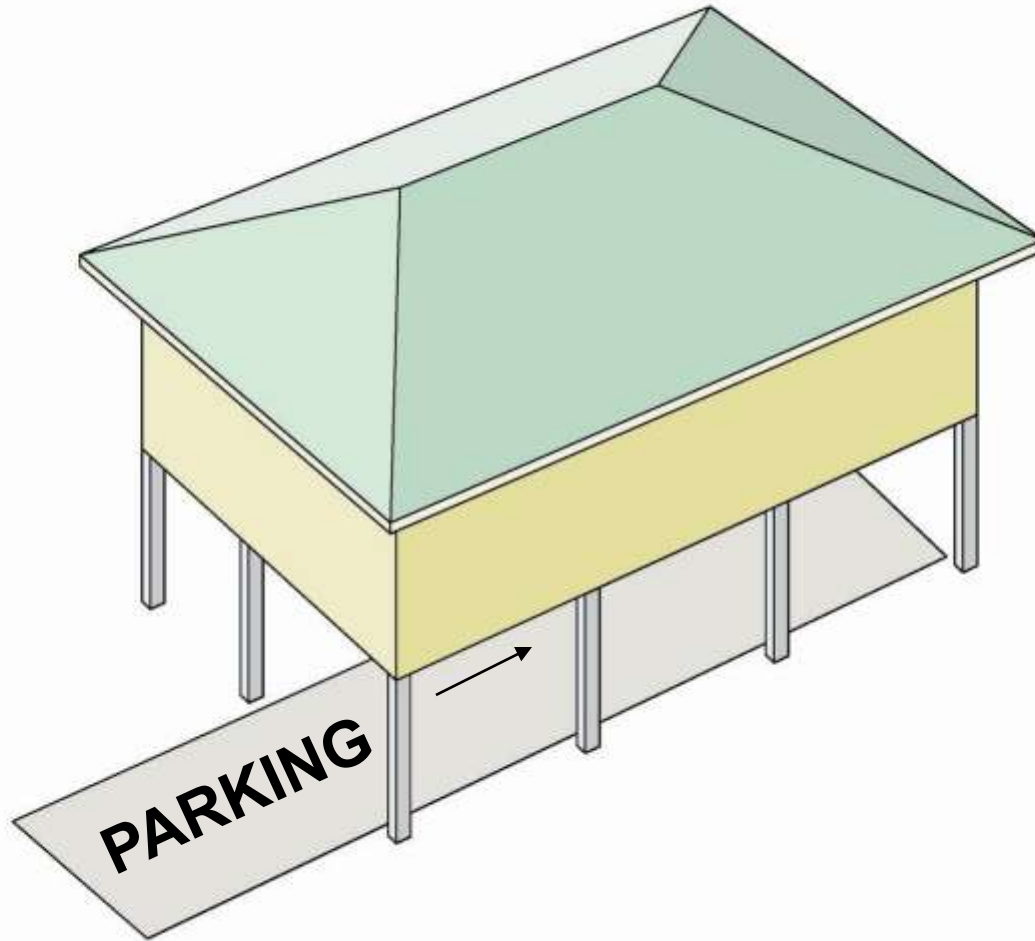
BASE FLOOD ELEVATION  
BELOW LOWEST  
HORIZONTAL STRUCTURE

FOUNDATION ALLOWS FREE  
FLOW OF MOVING WATER

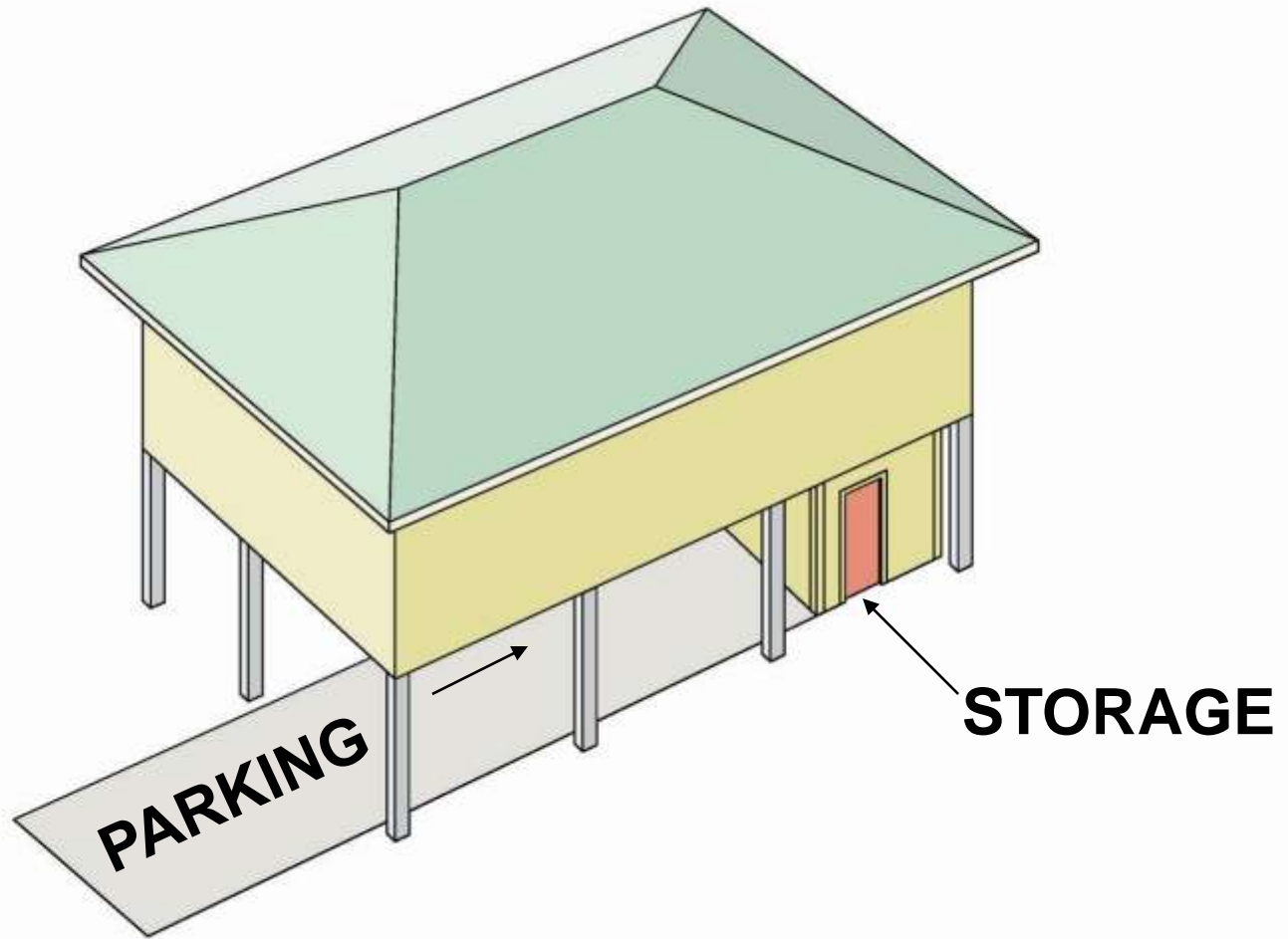
# ELEVATED FOUNDATION REQUIREMENTS



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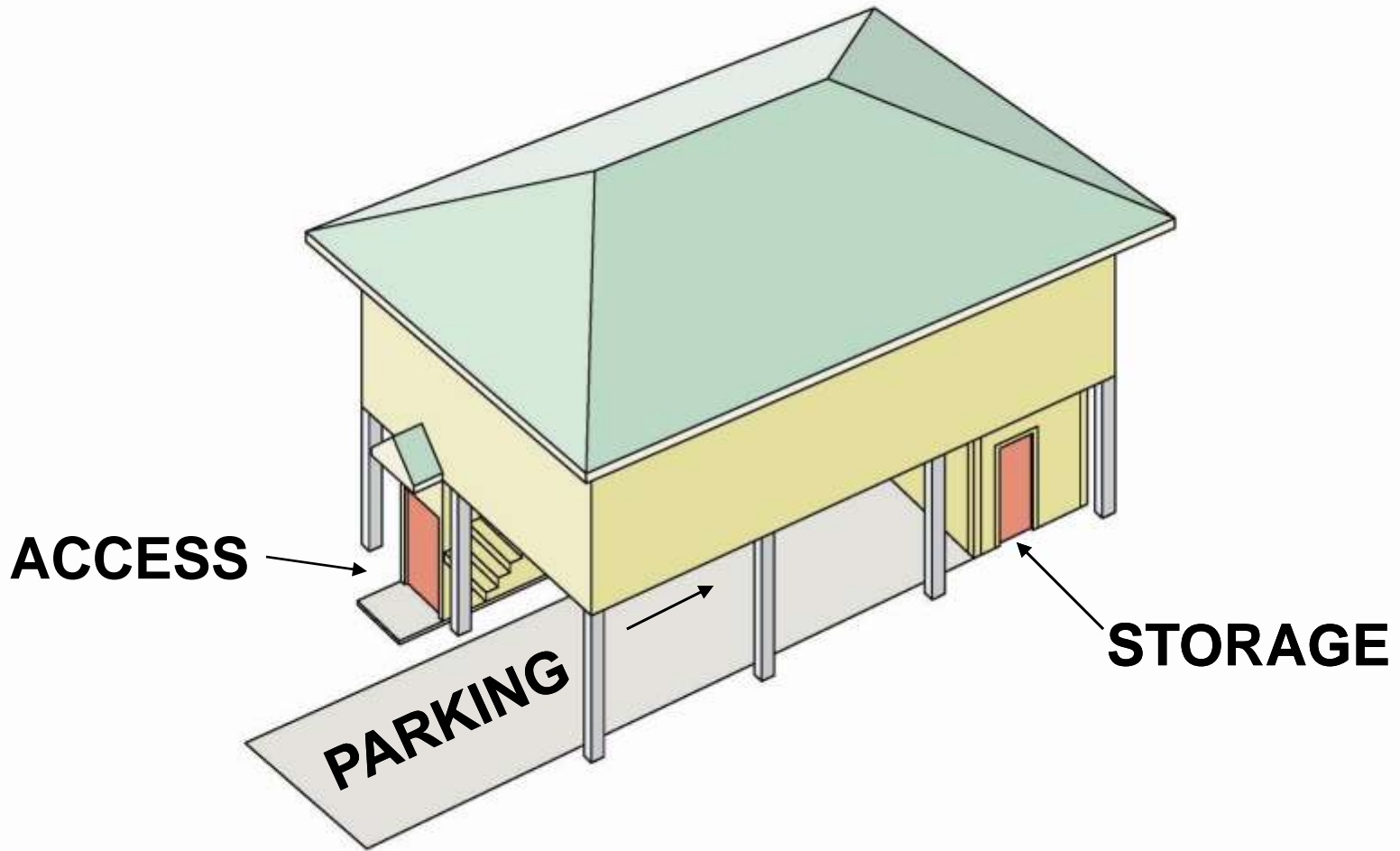


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# ACCEPTABLE

CONCRETE

CONCRETE BLOCK

CEMENT BOARD

GLASS

TREATED LUMBER

MARINE PLYWOOD

FOAM INSULATION

METAL DOORS AND FRAMES

# NOT ACCEPTABLE

GYPSUM BOARD

MINERAL FIBER BOARD

WOOD FIBER BOARD

HARD BOARD

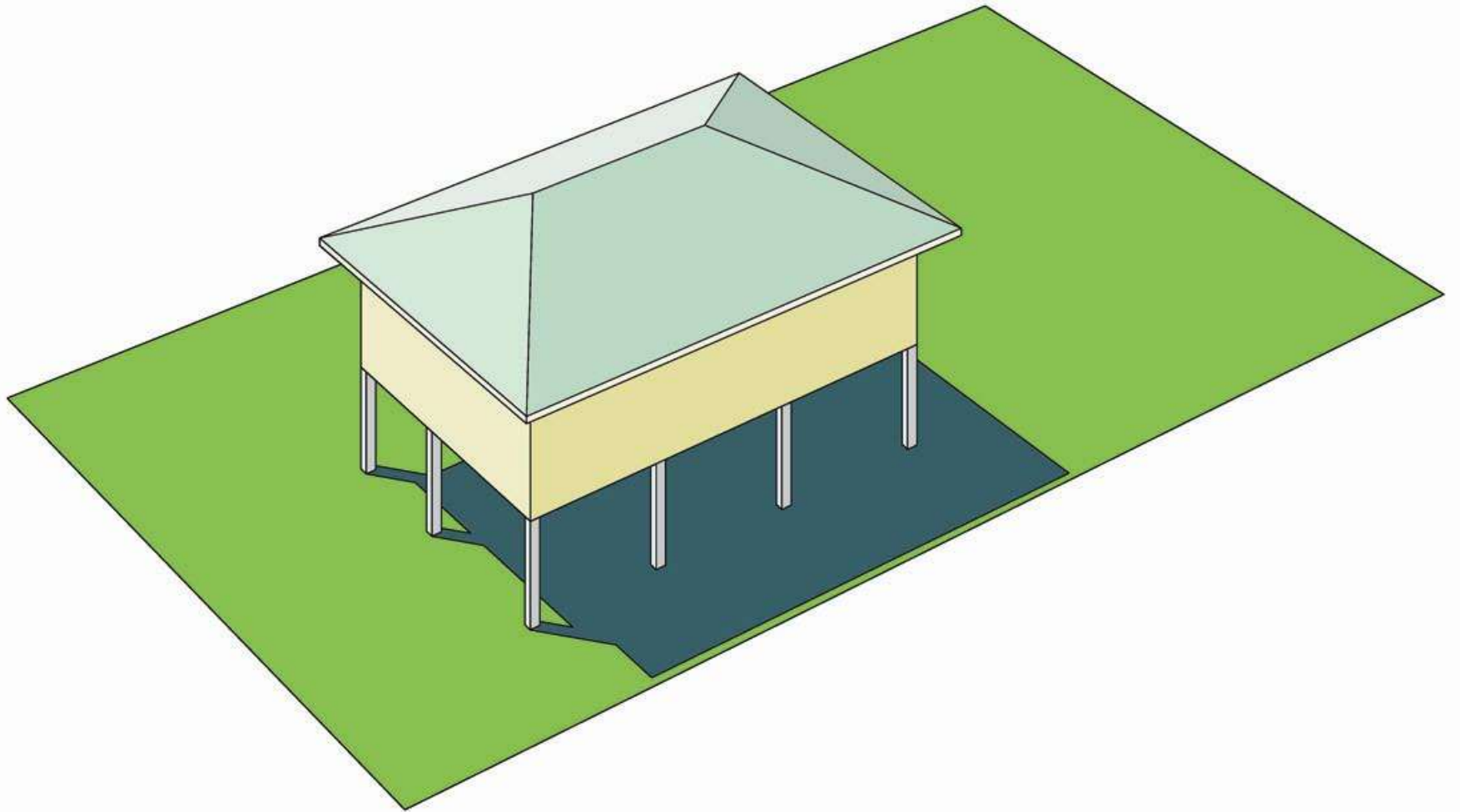
NON-TREATED LUMBER

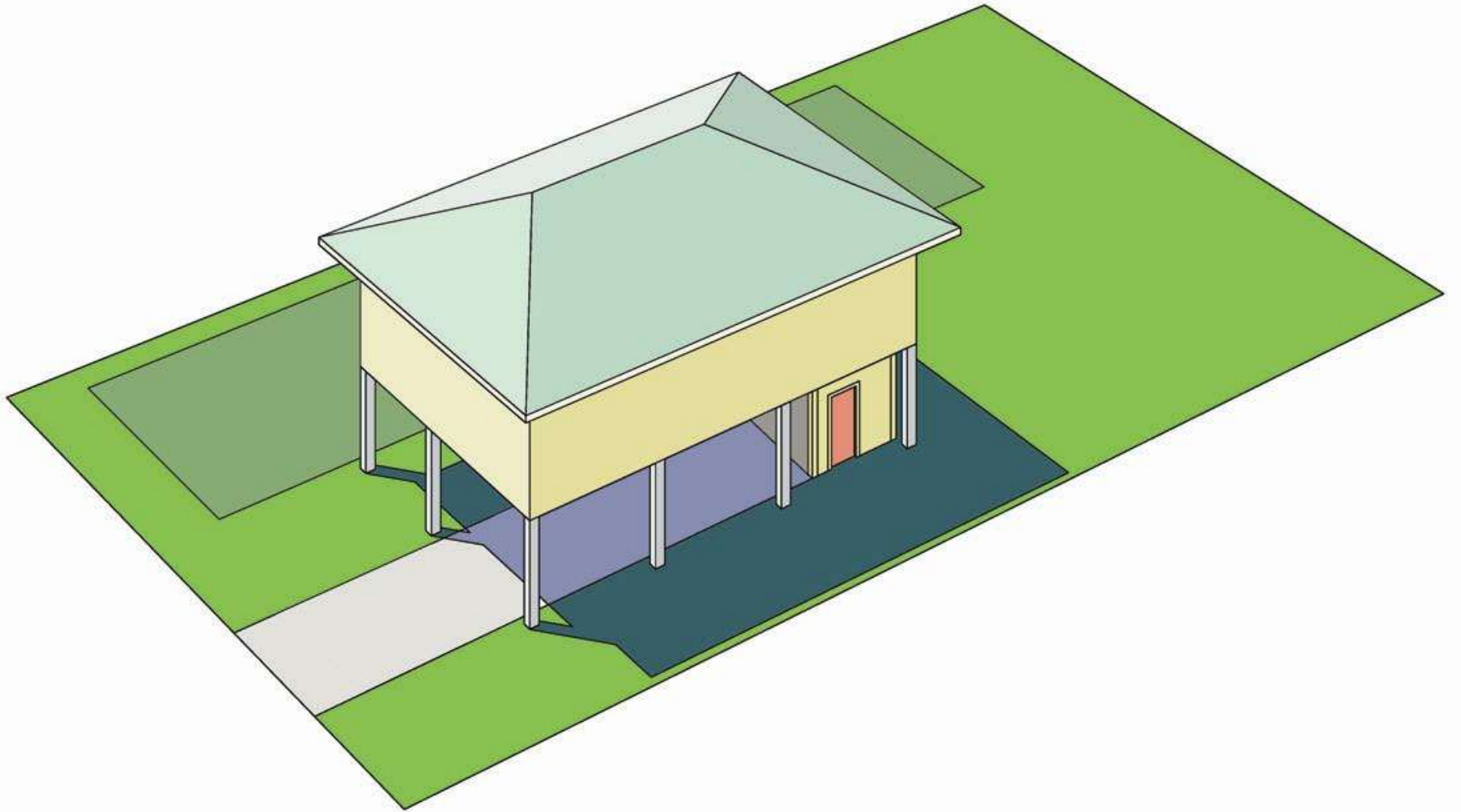
EXTERIOR GRADE PLYWOOD

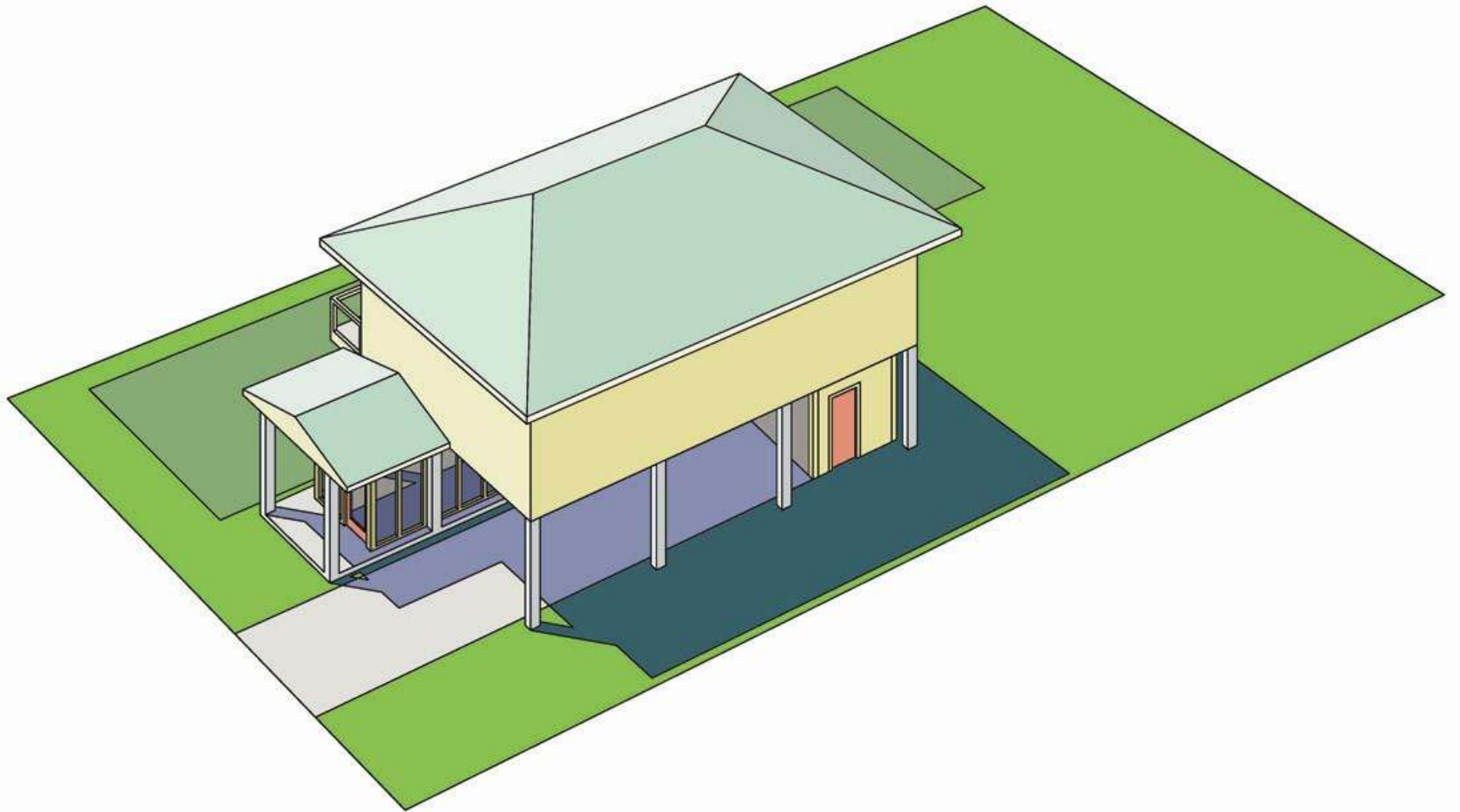
FIBER INSULATION

WOOD DOORS AND FRAMES

# FLOOD RESISTANT CONSTRUCTION



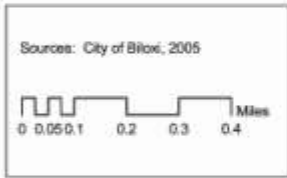






# Figure-Ground Of East Biloxi Before Hurricane Katrina

October 2007



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Gulf Coast Community Design Studio

# Figure-Ground Of East Biloxi After Hurricane Katrina

October 2007

Sources: GCCDS Housing Assessment,  
Summer 2007. City of Biloxi.

0 0.05 0.1 0.2 0.3 0.4 Miles



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Impact of Hurricane Katrina on Buildings in East Biloxi







# Proposed Flood Zones in East Biloxi

March 2008

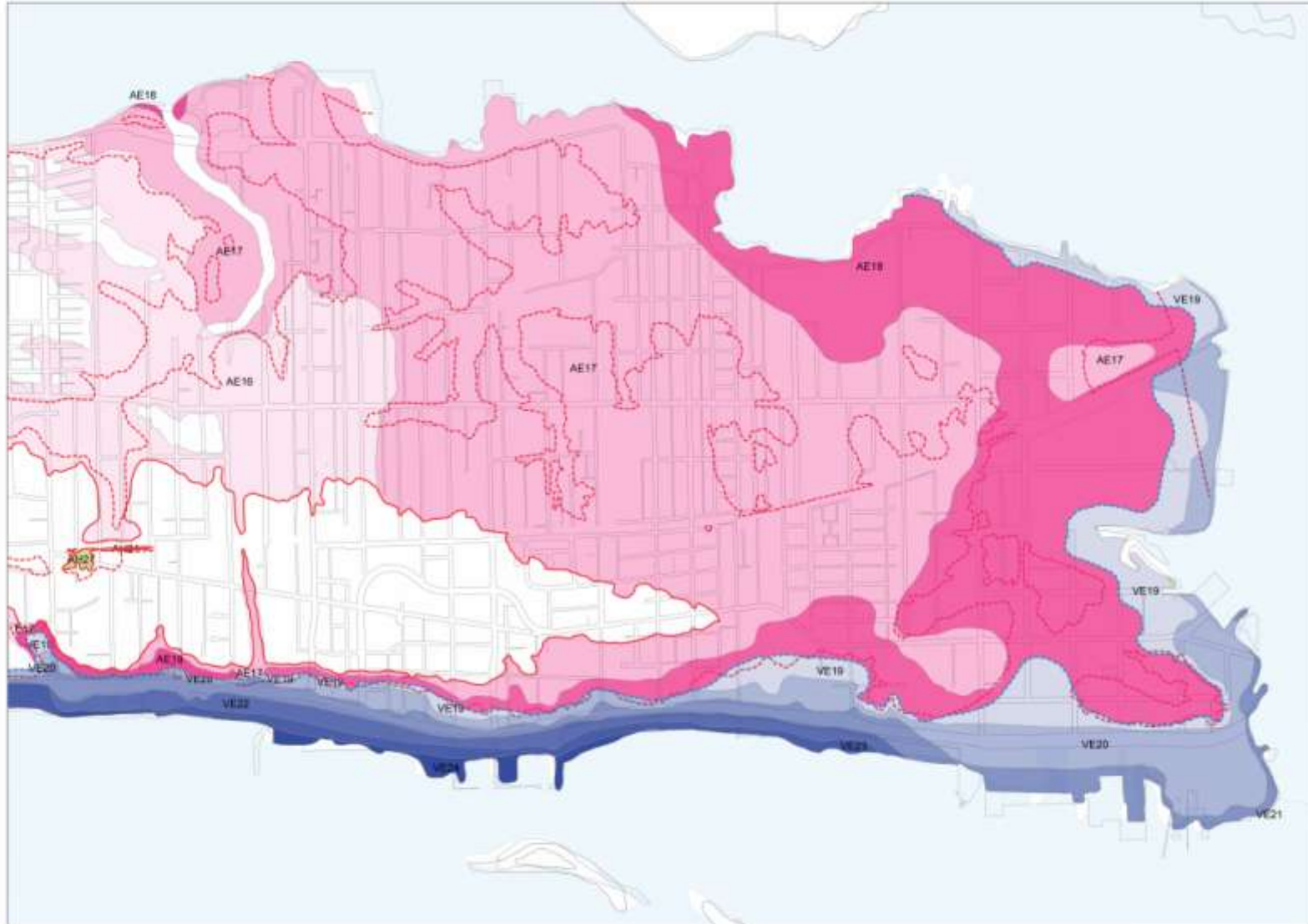
Limit of Velocity Zone  
Current Floodplain  
Limit of Flood Area

FEMA Flood Zone Category

AH21	VE19
AE16	VE20
AE17	VE21
AE18	VE22
	VE23
	VE24

NOTE: This is not an official FEMA map. Map for planning purposes only.  
Sources: FEMA D-FIRMS, December 2007.

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# IMPLICATIONS IN COASTAL FLOOD ZONES

# Impact of FIRM Base Flood Elevations on East Biloxi

March 2008

Height of Base Flood Elevation Above Existing Ground Plane

- Limit of Velocity Zone
- Current Floodplain
- + 0'
- + 1' to 3'
- + 4' to 6'
- + 7' to 9'
- + 10' to 12'
- + 13' to 15'
- + 16' to 18'
- + 19' - 22'

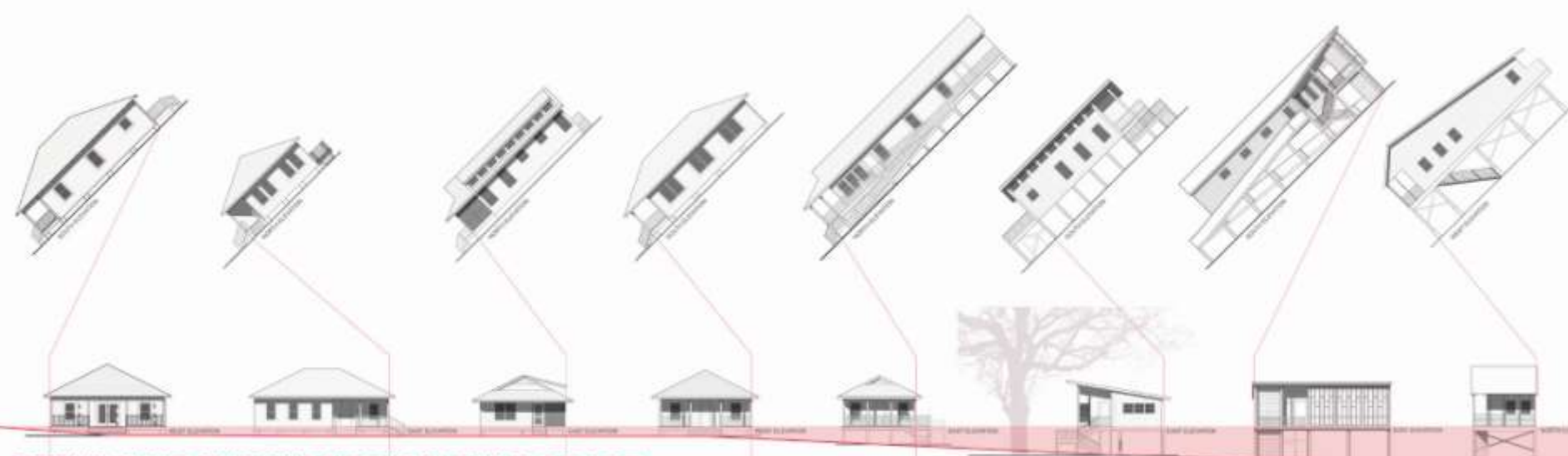
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# IMPLICATIONS IN COASTAL FLOOD ZONES



**REBUILDING THE MISSISSIPPI GULF COAST. East Biloxi After Katrina.**



LEE SMITH'S HOUSE

CORA REDDICK'S HOUSE

MARVIN TAYLOR'S HOUSE

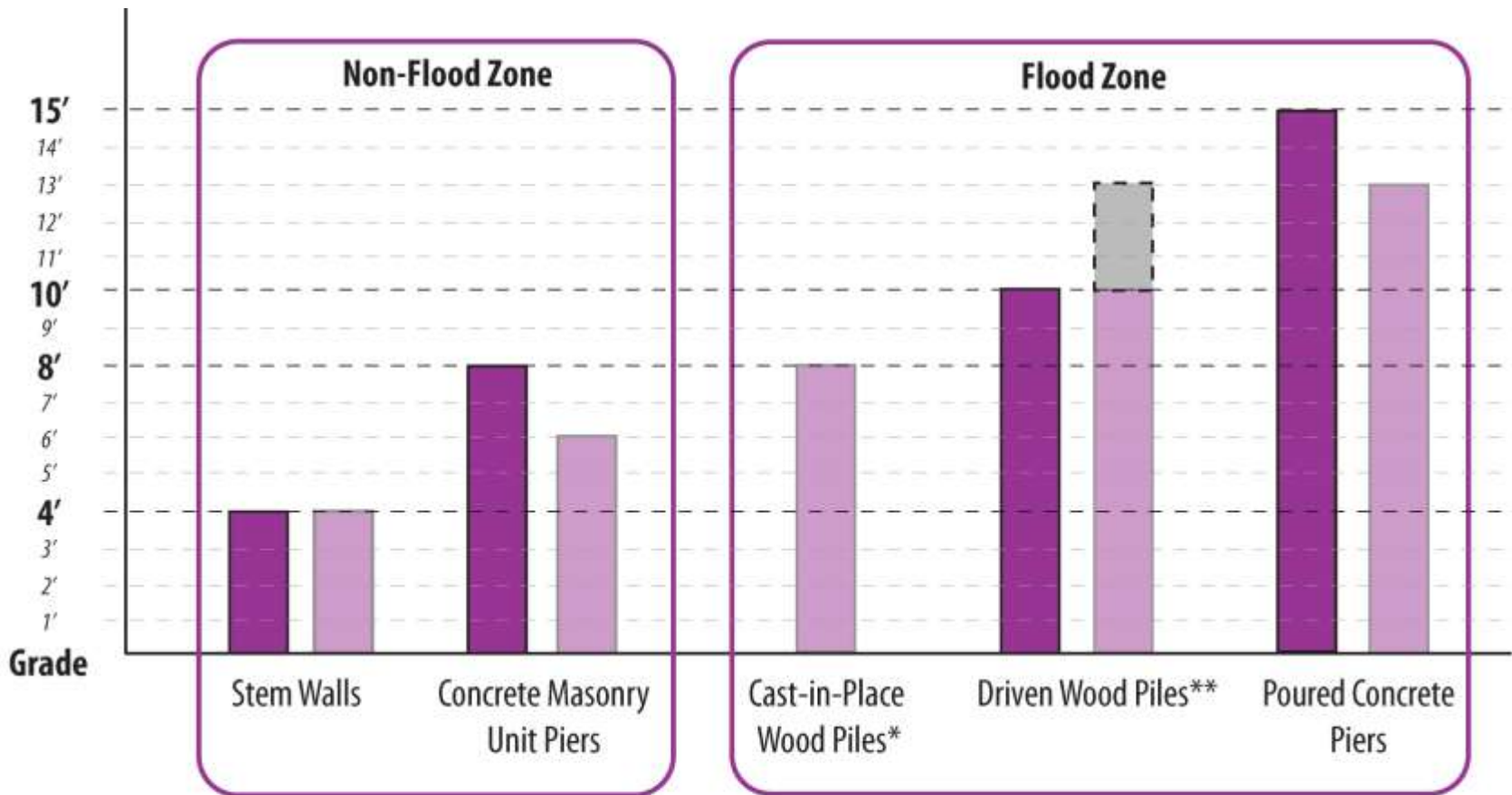
PATIENCE HARRIS' HOUSE

RUBY RANNEY'S HOUSE

CYRIS VERSOZAY'S HOUSE

DOROTHY COLLIER'S HOUSE

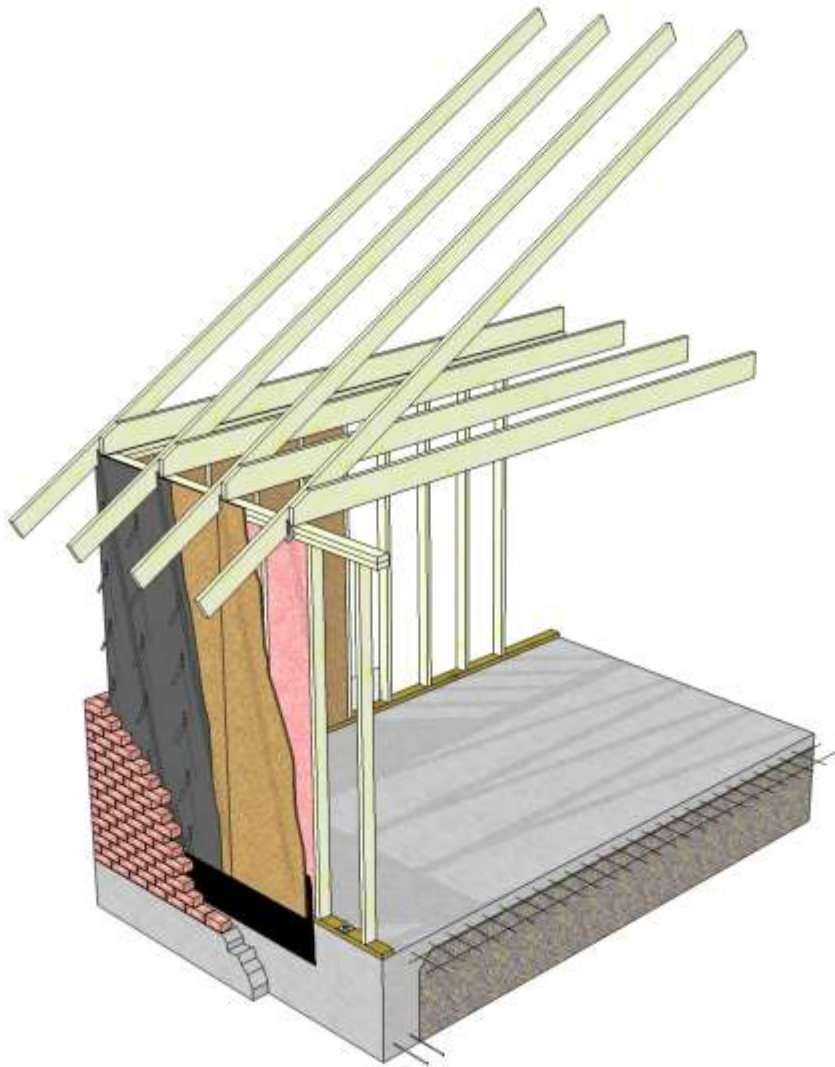
MARK SCHNIDER'S HOUSE



GCCDS Recommendation  
 FEMA Recommendation

*\*Note: Cast-in-Place Wood Piles Not Researched By FEMA*

*\*\*Note: Consult Specialist if Elevating Piles Above 10'*



**FOUNDATIONS: SLAB ON GRADE**



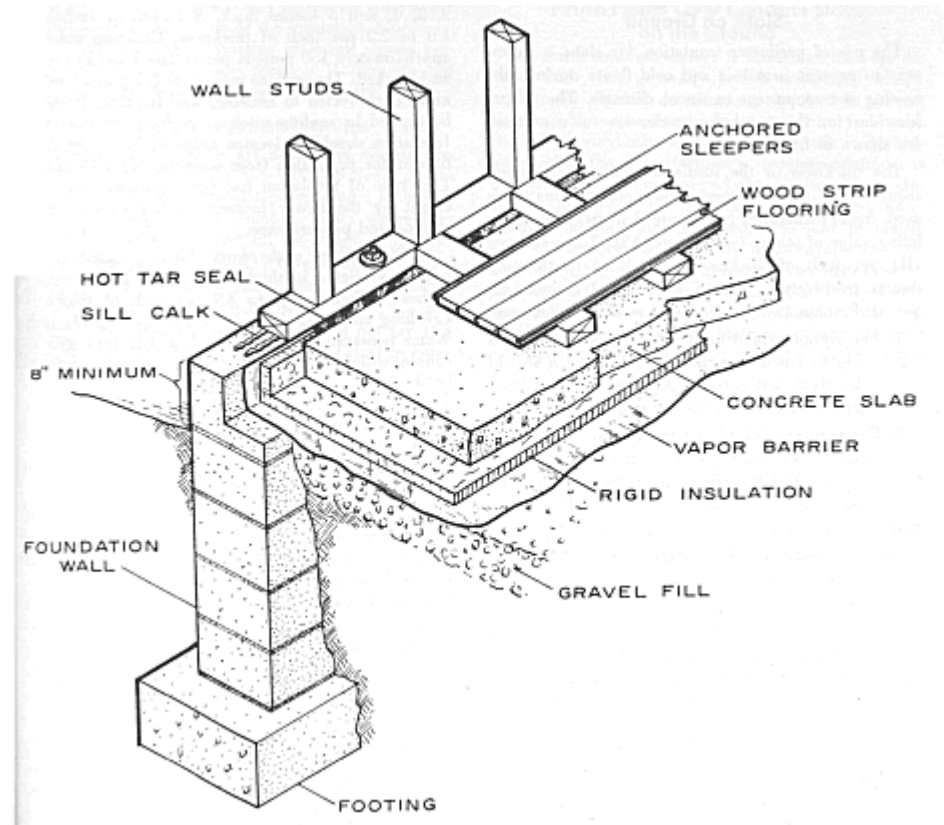


**RESILIENT FOUNDATIONS: STEM/CHAIN WALLS**

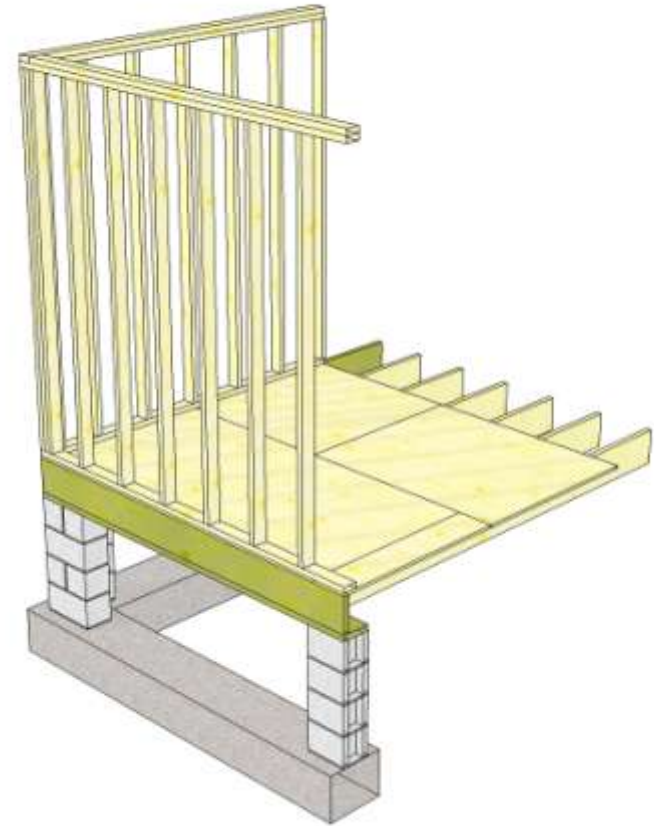
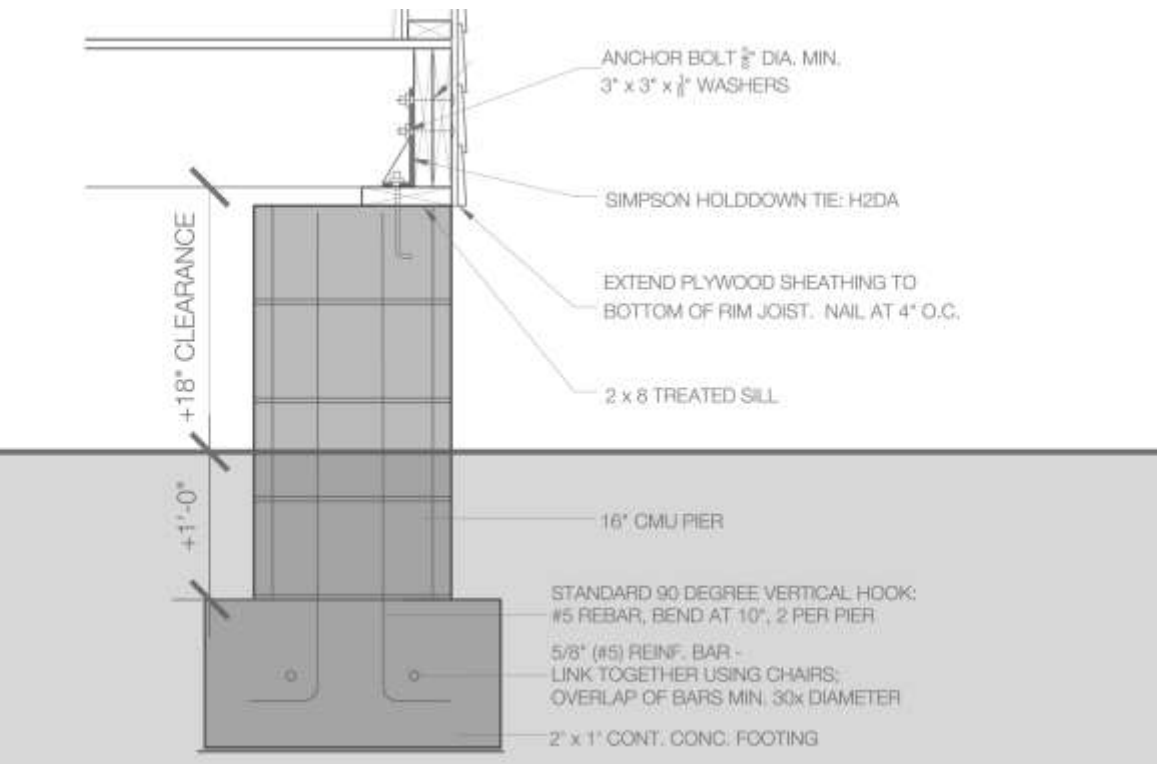
\*APPROPRIATE FOR A ZONES AND ELEVATIONS BELOW 4'

\*INTERIOR MAY BE BACKFILLED AND A SLAB POURED ACROSS THE SURFACE

\*IF LEFT UNFILLED, BUILDER SHOULD CONSULT LOCAL MUNICIPALITY ON THE SPACING AND SIZING OF VENTS REQUIRED BY LOCAL CODE.



## RESILIENT FOUNDATIONS: STEM/CHAIN WALLS



# RESILIENT FOUNDATIONS: CMU FOOTINGS



**RESILIENT FOUNDATIONS: CMU FOOTINGS**

\*CMU PIERS REQUIRE LARGE AMOUNTS OF REINFORCEMENT TO RESIST LATERAL WIND AND FLOOD LOADS

\*EACH PIER BEARS ON A CONTINUOUS CONCRETE FOOTING BELOW THE SOIL.

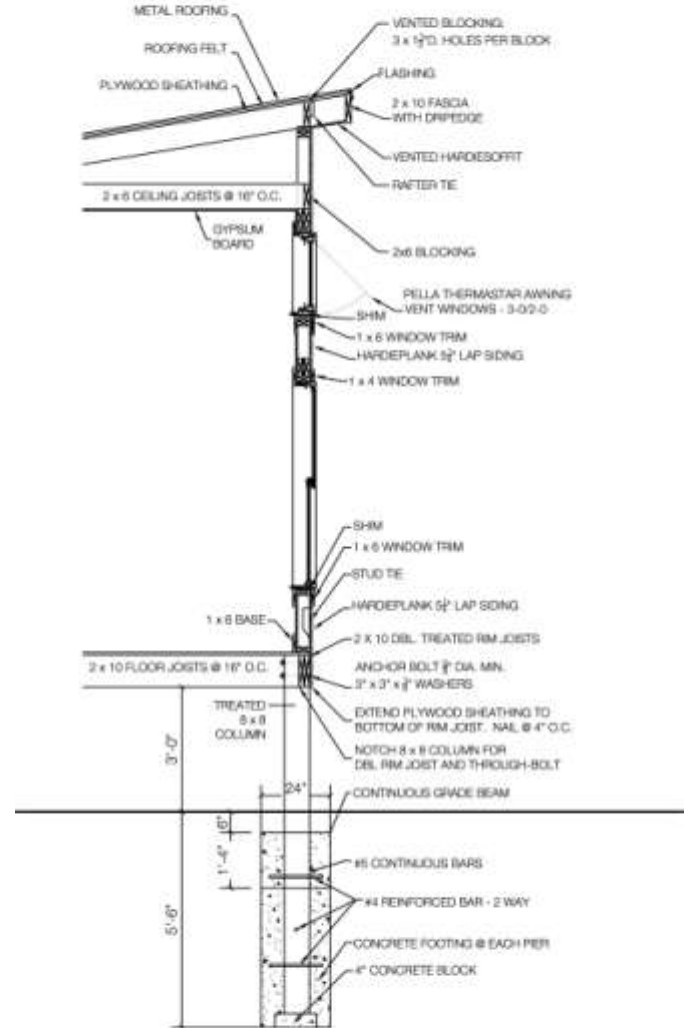
\*HEIGHT SHOULD BE LIMITED TO AVOID FAILURE AND IS NOT RECOMMENDED FOR HIGH ELEVATIONS

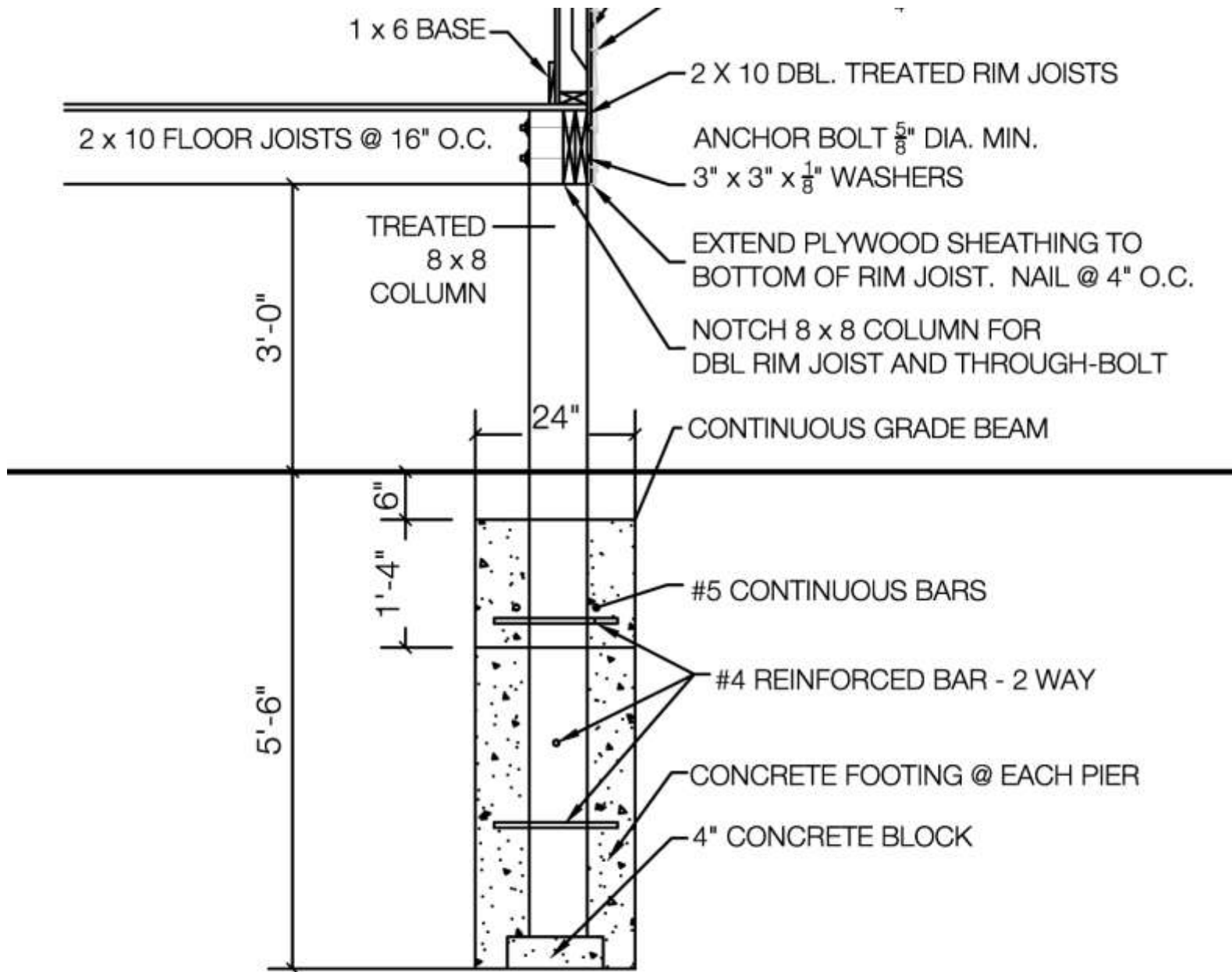


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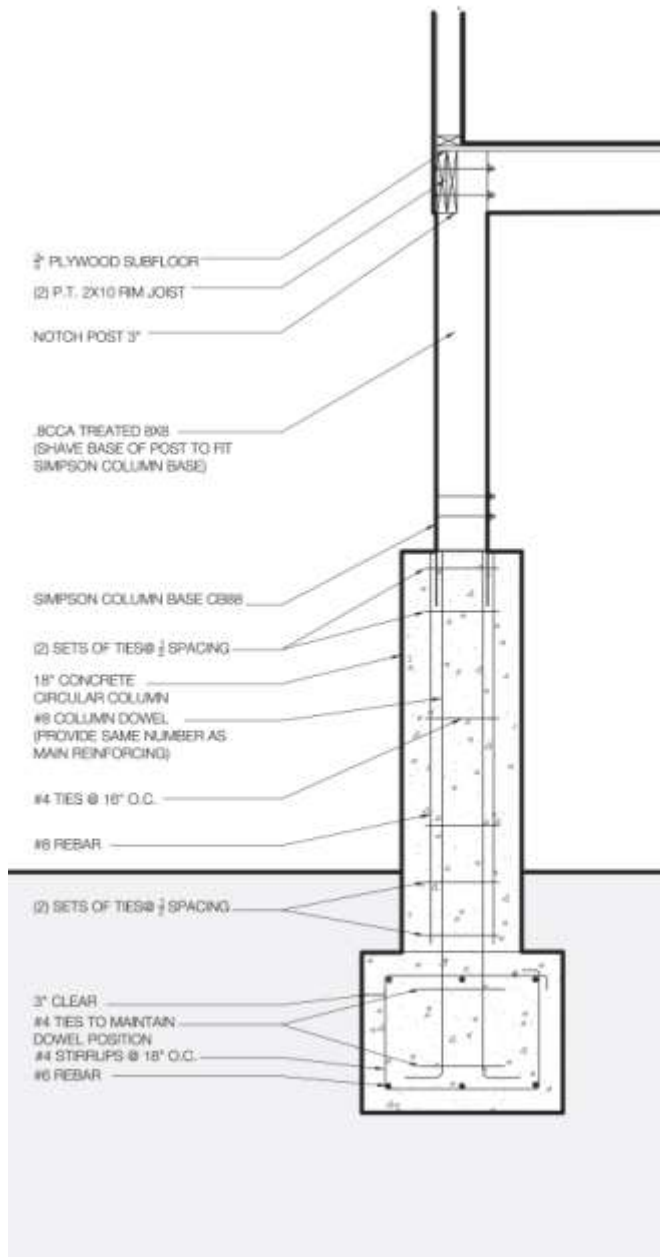
FLOOR PLAN











# DEEP FOUNDATIONS- CONCRETE PIERS

\*CAN BE ENGINEERED TO REACH HIGHEST ELEVATIONS

\*CONCRETE GIVES THE GREATEST STRENGTH FOR ELEVATING IN FLOODPLANE

\*PIERS FORM AN OPEN PLAN THAT IS LESS SUCCEPTABLE TO THE EFFECTS OF SCOUR.

\*DRAWBACKS CAN BE AVAILABILITY OF CONTRACTORS ABLE TO EXECUTE ENGINEERING AND COST DIFFERENTIAL



## **DEEP FOUNDATIONS- CONCRETE PIERS**



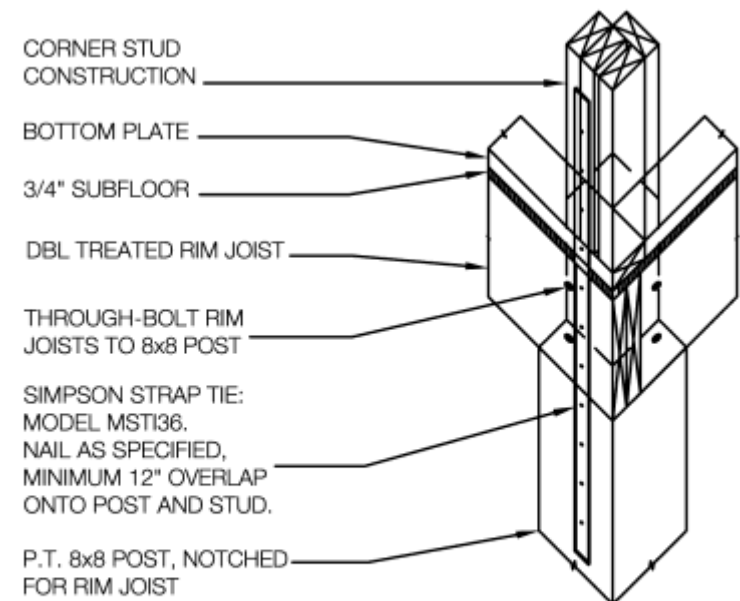
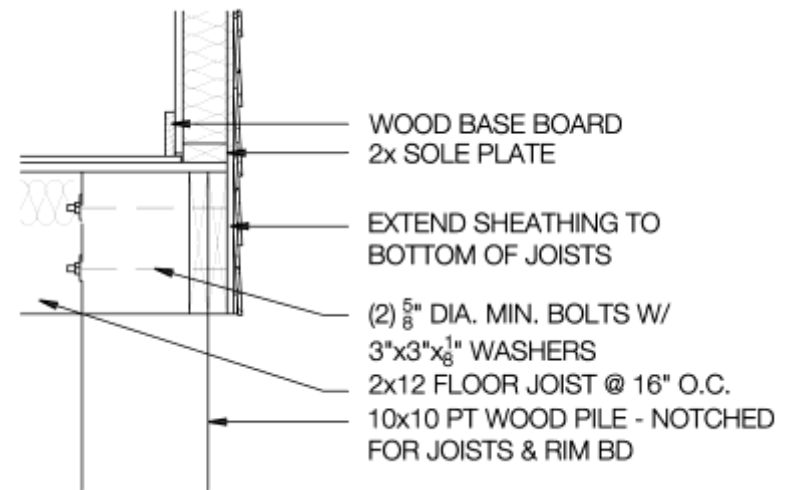
**DEEP FOUNDATIONS- DRIVEN WOODEN PILES**

\*WOODEN PILES ARE EASILY NOTCHED TO RECEIVE JOISTS, NO CONCRETE IS NEEDED.

\*RELY ON FRICTION WITH TO RESIST GRAVITY AND UPLIFT

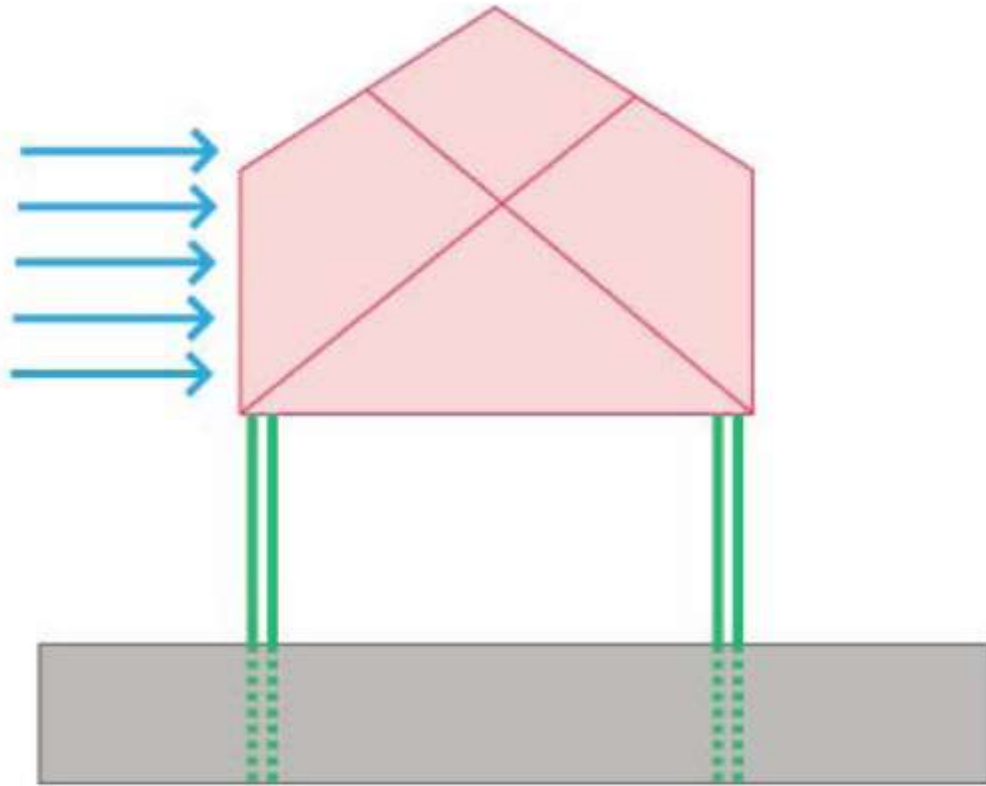
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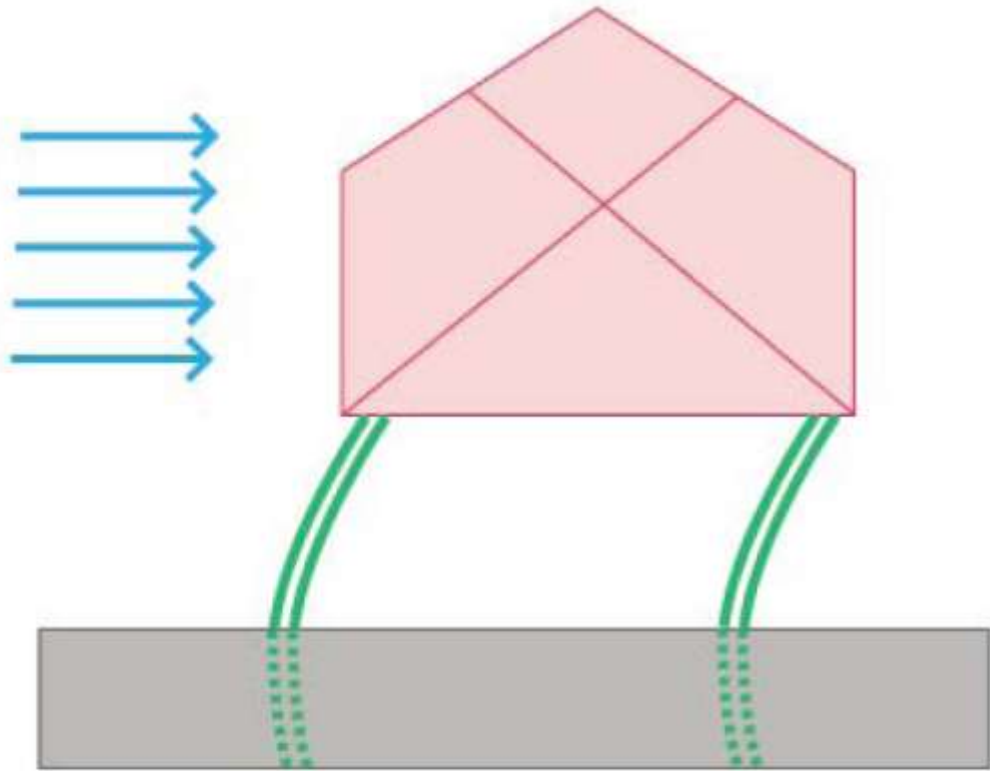
\*DRIVEN BY A PNEUMATIC OR HYDRAULIC HAMMER UNTIL DETECTED RESISTANCE INDICATES THEY HAVE REACHED AN ACCEPTABLE BEARING CAPACITY.

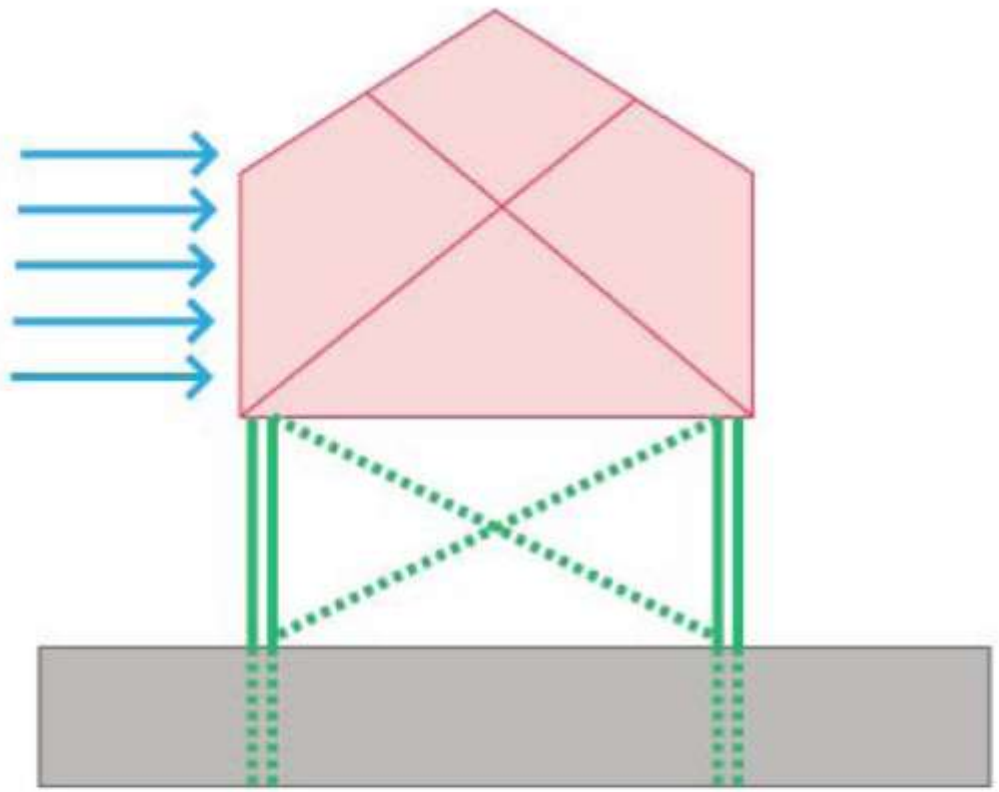


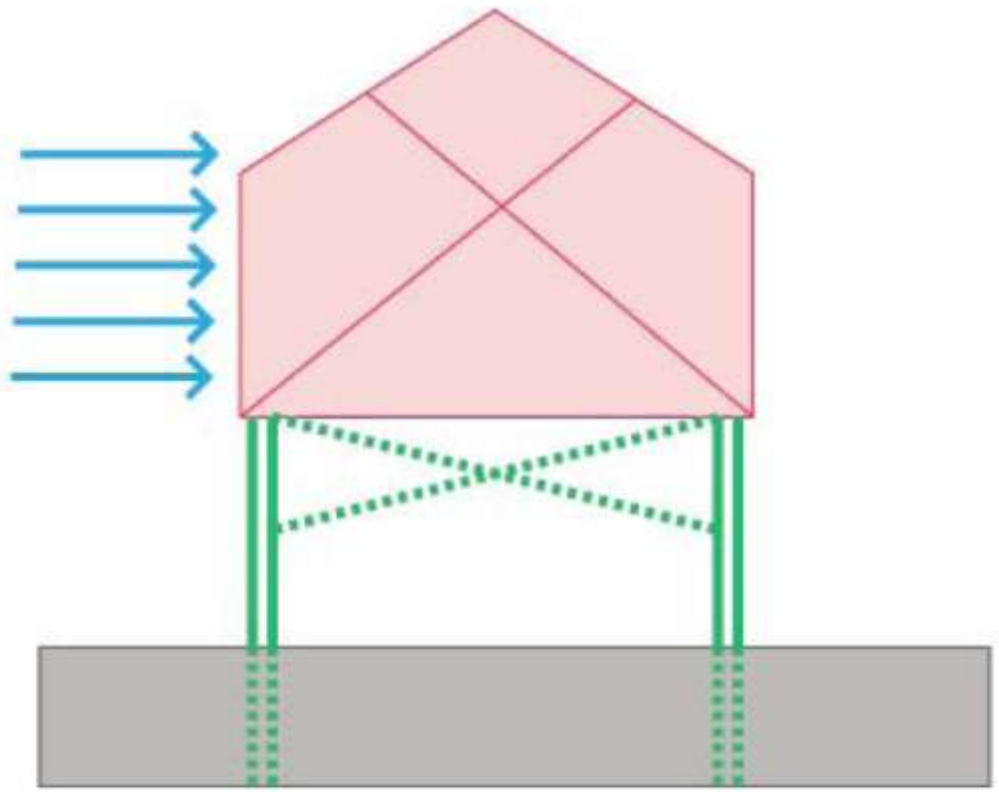
NOTE: EXTERIOR SHEATHING TO RUN FROM BOTTOM OF RIM JOIST TO TOP OF WALL PLATE; NAIL AS PER SPECS.

## DEEP FOUNDATIONS- DRIVEN WOOD PILES

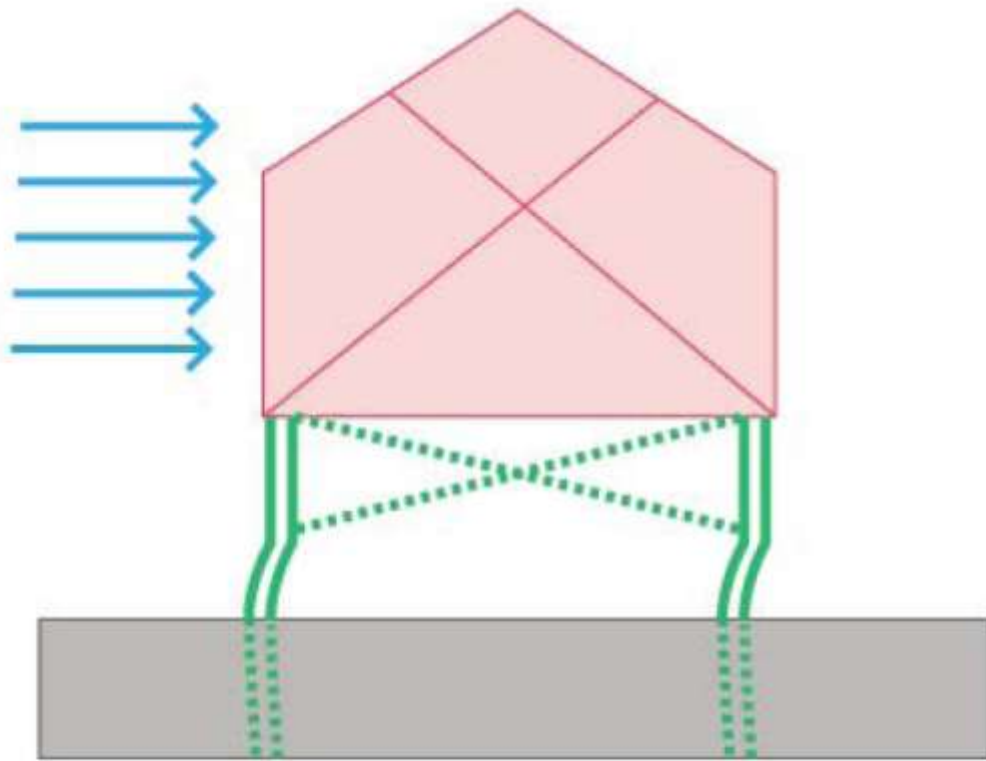


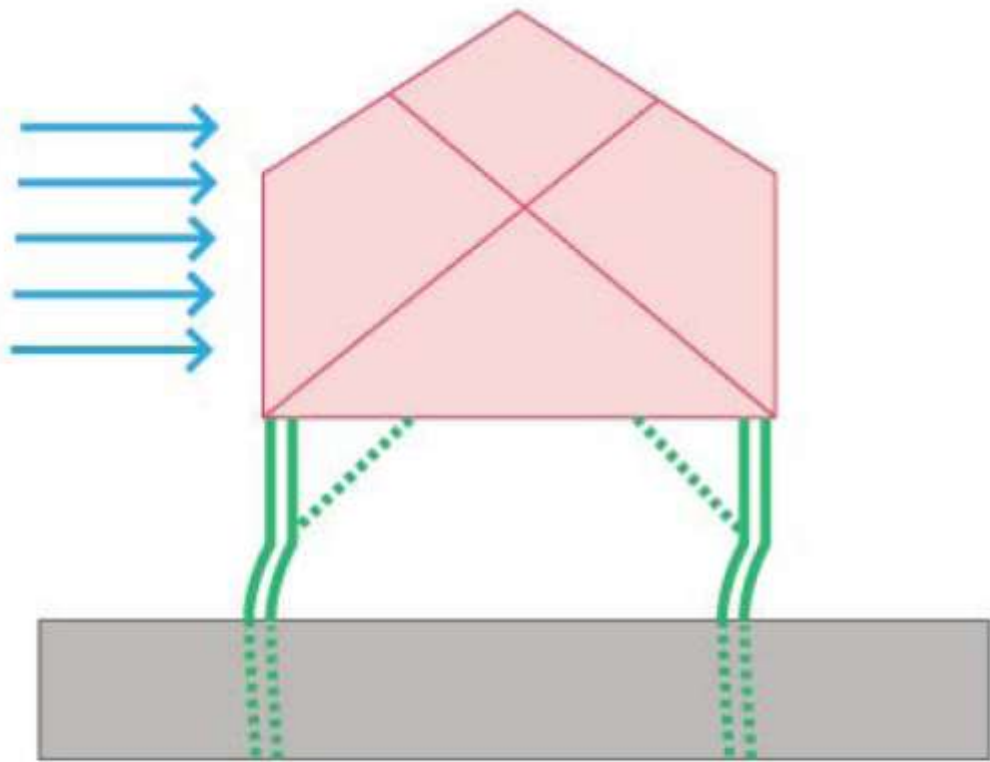


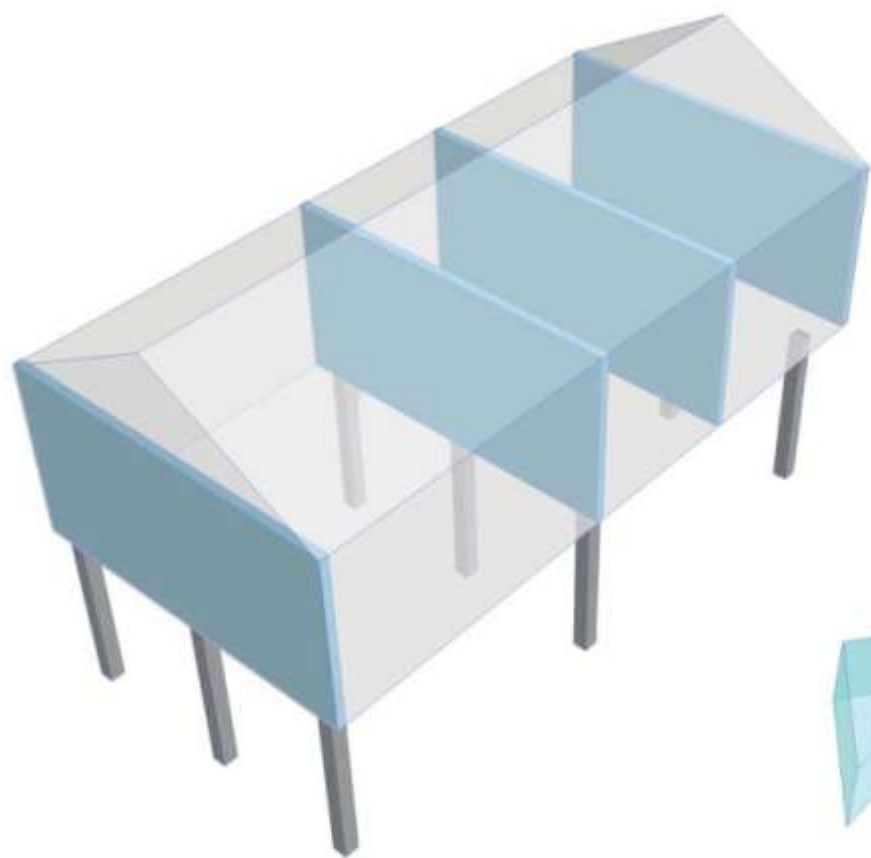




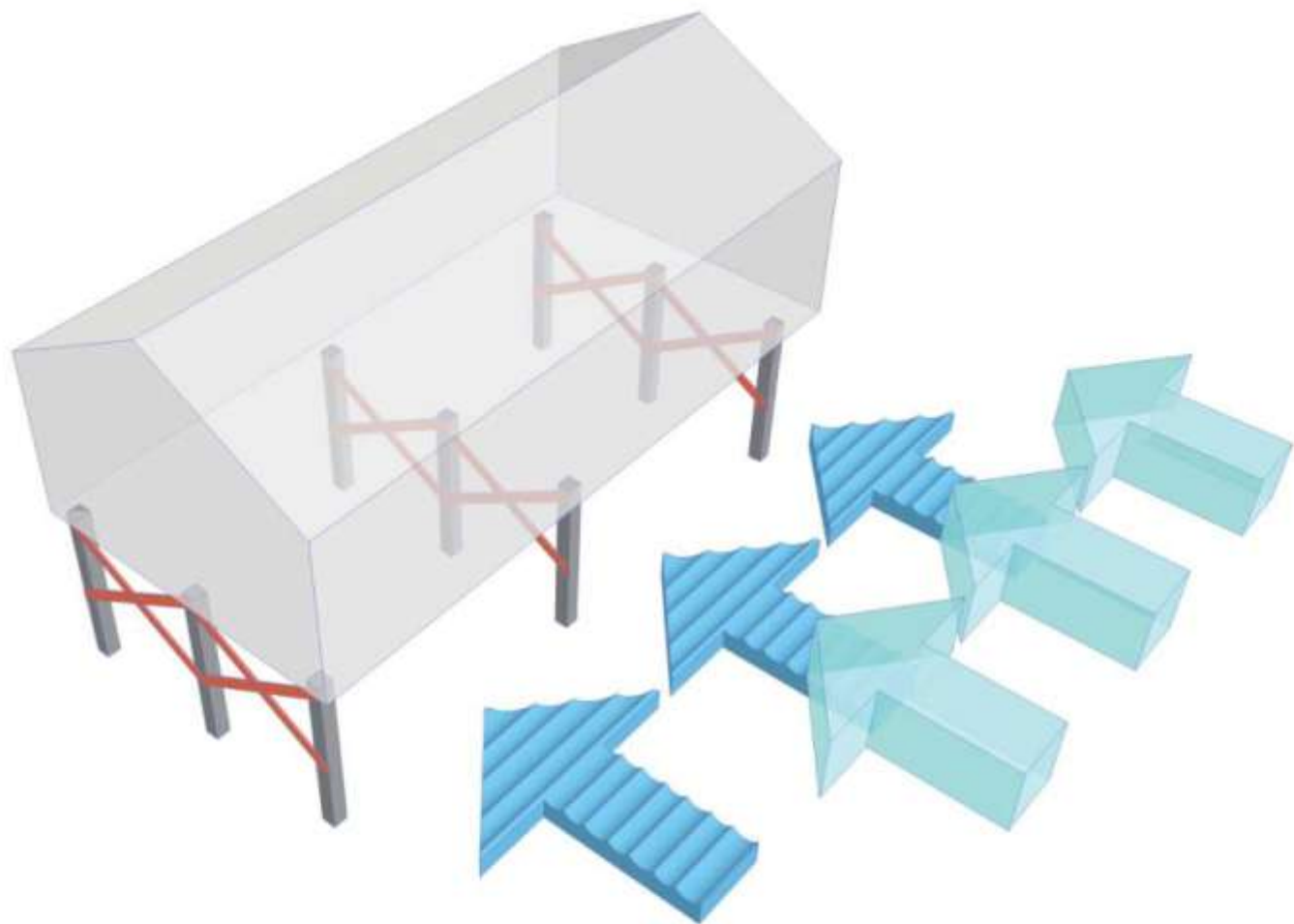


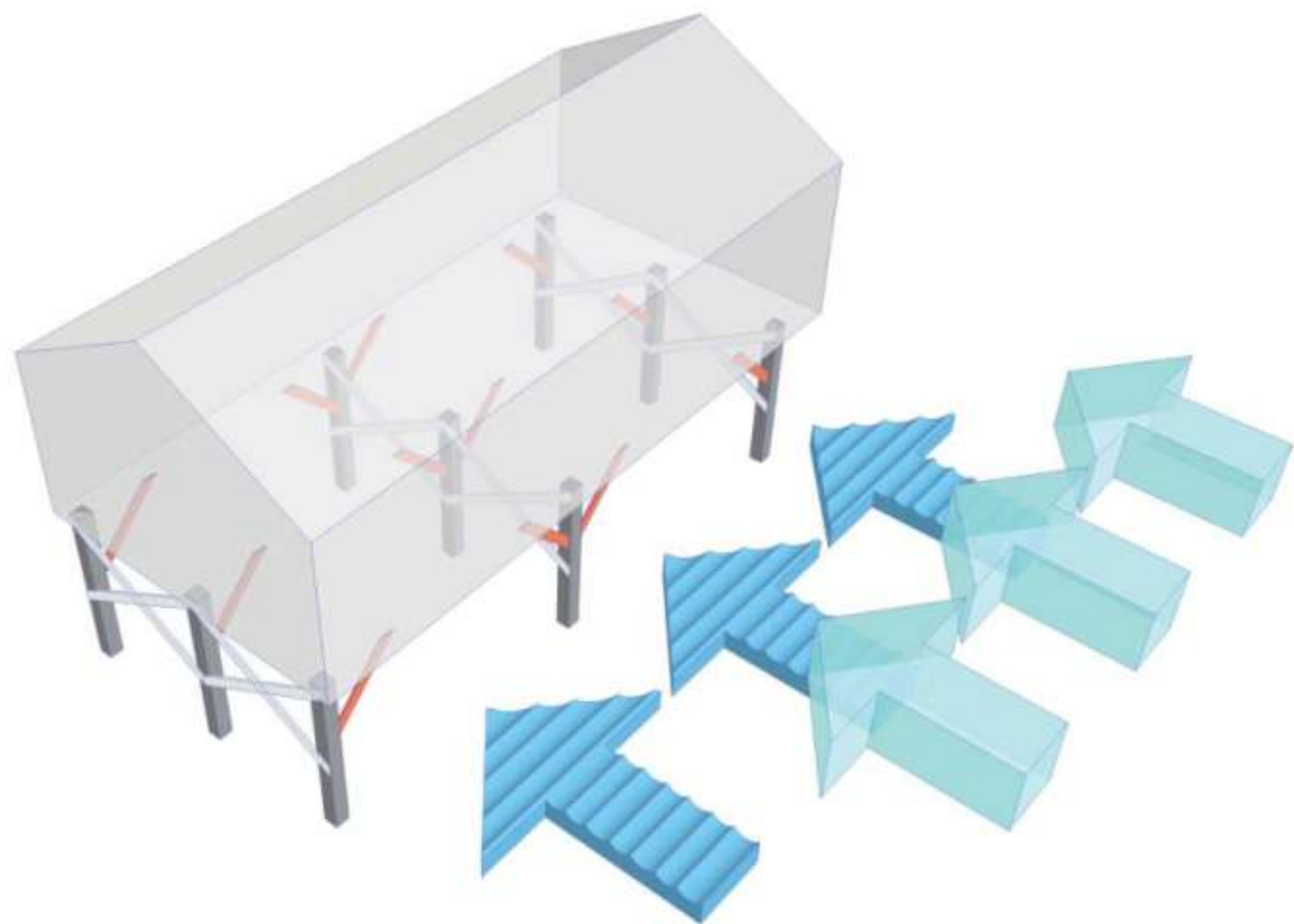


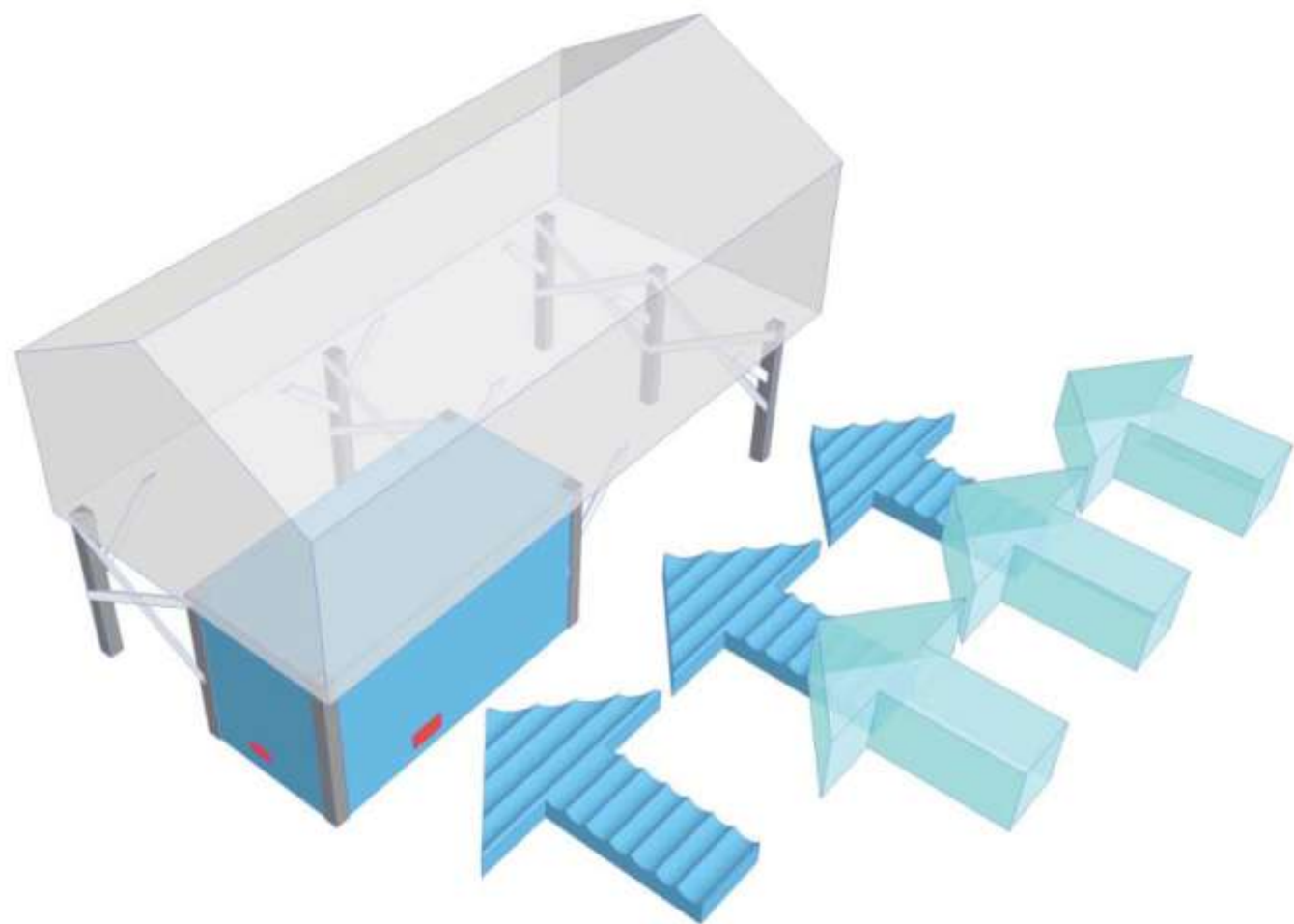




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## ***RESOURCES***

***SSTD 10-99: STANDARD FOR HURRICANE RESISTANT  
RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION***  
*SOUTHERN BUILDING CODE CONGRESS INTERNATIONAL*

***ACSE 7-98: MINIMUM DESIGN LOADS FOR BUILDINGS  
AND OTHER STRUCTURES***  
*AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS*

***FEMA COASTAL CONSTRUCTION MANUAL***

***INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE - IBC 2003/2006***



