

REHABILITATE INVESTIGA

Mitigating and Remediating Damage to Properties Adjacent to Construction in Congested Urban Environments

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Adjacent Construction

- What is it?
 - Construction in closeproximity to adjacent structures
 - Lot-Line construction
 - Additions/Extensions
- What is an adjacent structure?
 - Building
 - Utilities (above or below ground)
 - Roads/Sidewalks
 - Buried Structures (tunnels, mass transit)



Code Requirements

Protection Required by Building Codes

- IBC Chapter 33 Safeguards During Construction
 - Section 3307 Protection of Adjoining Property
 - NYCBC Section 3309

3307.1 Protection required. Adjoining public and private property shall be protected from damage during construction, remodeling and demolition work. **Protection must be provided for footings, foundations, party walls, chimneys, skylights and roofs.** Provisions shall be made to control water runoff and erosion during construction or demolition activities. The person making or causing an excavation to be made shall provide written notice to the owners of adjoining buildings advising them that the excavation is to be made and that the adjoining buildings should be protected. Said notification shall be delivered not less than 10 days prior to the scheduled starting date of the excavation.



Code Requirements – Nothing New

the level of the footings.

Whenever an excavation of either earth or rock for building or other purposes shall be intended to be, or shall be carried to the depth of more than ten feet shal prev below the curb, the person or persons causing such limb vent excavation to be made shall at all times, from the or p filed commencement until the completion thereof, if afpani the forded the necessary license to enter upon the adjoining W build land, and not otherwise, at his or their own expense, shall belo exca preserve any adjoining or contiguous wall or walls, com ford structure or structures from injury, and support the land prese same by proper foundations, so that the said wall or struc same walls, structure or structures, shall be and remain pracwalls tical tically as safe as before such excavation was comment or v menced, whether the said adjoining or contiguous wall less licen or walls, structure or structures, are down more or such refus less than ten feet below the curb. If the necessary or c safe, building code



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Design Considerations: Pre-Construction

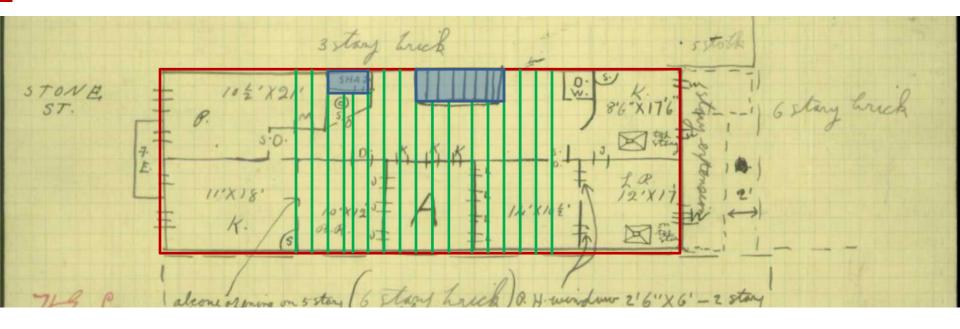
- Adjacent Structure Concerns
 - Separate buildings or adjoining (party) walls
 - Structure construction type (unreinforced masonry, concrete, steel)
 - Stability (orientation of framing, mechanical connections)
 - Weatherproof integrity
 - Contractor Means & Methods (Vibration, Noise, Dust)
 - General Condition of Structure
- Need to understand the existing building in order to manage risk

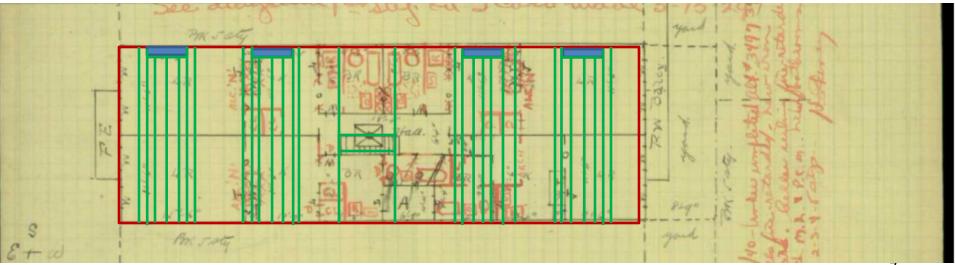
Design Considerations - Unreinforced Masonry

- Typically Empirically Designed (1700's to early 1900's)
- Party wall construction often encountered
 - Wall supports floor framing of adjacent buildings
 - Typically rely on framing on both sides of wall to provide lateral support.
- General lack of mechanical connection between framing and walls
- Need to consider how interruptions in framing affect stability
 - Stairwells, chimneys, etc.
- Soft Stories



Typical Floor Plans – Masonry Walk-Ups





Unreinforced Masonry Typical Floor Joist Mechanical Connection









Unreinforced Masonry: Façades

- Minimal joining of masonry
- Facades tend to peel away from return wall
- May require reinforcing prior to construction





Stabilization & Weatherproofing Typical Wall Exposure During Demolition



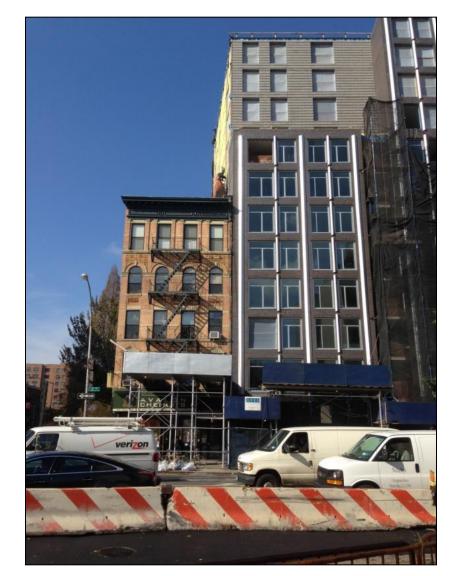






Design Considerations

- New Development or Renovations
 - Excavation Depth
 - Support of excavation
 - Underpinning
 - Dewatering
 - New Building Height
 - Roof Protections
 - Weatherproofing between buildings (seismic gap)
 - Chimney Extensions
 - Roof Protections
 - Means & Methods
 - Vibrations
 - Noise and Dust
 - Other...

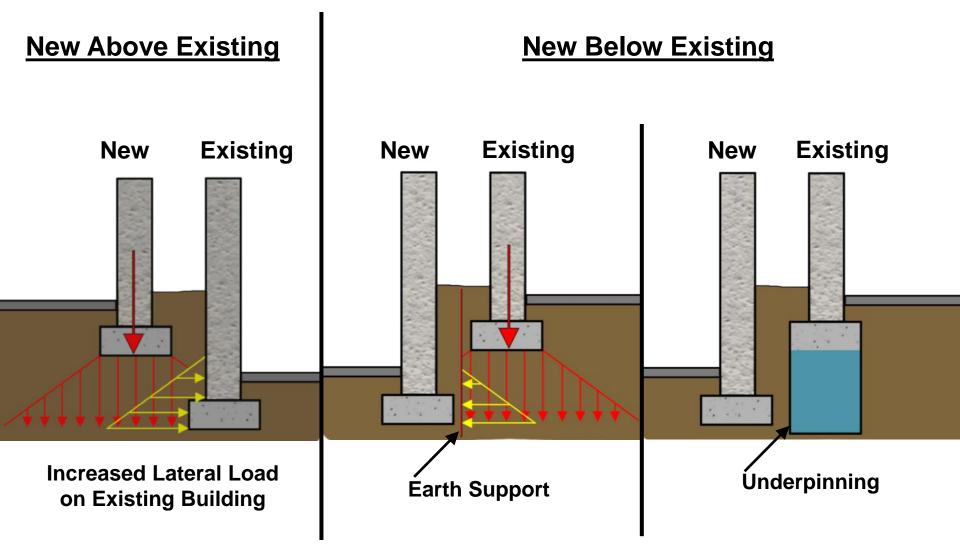


Common Sources of Damage

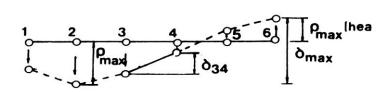
- Excavation
 - SOE Installation
 - Underpinning
- Dewatering
- Vibration
 - Demolition
 - Blasting
 - Pile Driving
 - Drilling

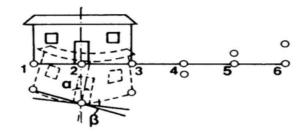


Risks from Excavation – Depth of New Construction...



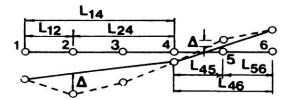
Excavation Effects: Settlement

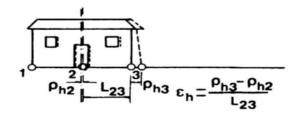




a) Settlement and Differential Settlement

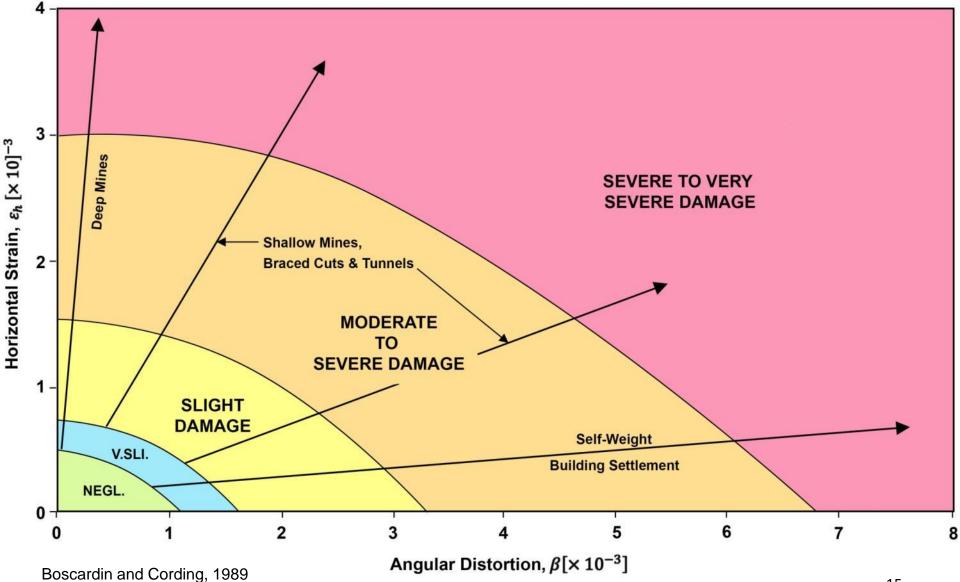
c] Tilt and Angular Distortion (Relative Rotation





b) Relative Deflection and Deflection Ratio d) Horizontal Displacement and Horizontal Strain

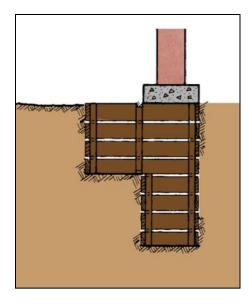
Damage Potential



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Underpinning – Things to Consider...

- Underpinning is never required Need vs. Want
 - There is always an alternate solution!
- Permission needed to underpin neighbor's wall
 - Trespass
- Anything deeper than 4' typically needs lateral support
- Settlement will occur





Support of Excavation - Considerations

- Depth of excavation relative to depth of adjacent structure
- Type of adjacent foundation
- Groundwater elevation
- Contractor means and methods



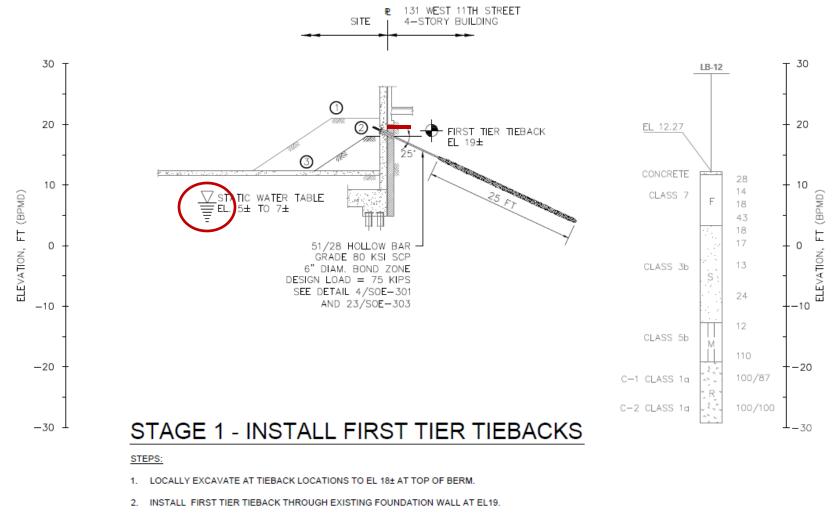


Support of Excavation: Considerations

- Types of SOE
 - Soldier pile & lagging
 - Steel sheet pile
 - Secant or tangent pile wall
 - Slurry Wall
 - Jet-grout or soil-mix wall
 - Soil nail wall
- The proper system depends on a number of factors
- A combination of systems may be required



Support of Excavation



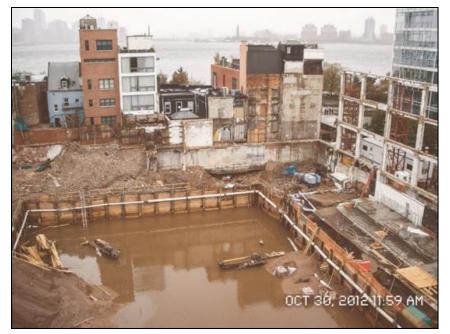
- 3. AFTER INSTALLATION OF ALL FIRST TIER TIEBACKS, EXCAVATE REMAINING DEMOLITION BERM AT EXISTING FOUNDATION WALL.
- 4. DEWATER AS NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN DRY WORKING CONDITIONS DURING UNDERPINNING AND FOUNDATION INSTALLATION.

Support of Excavation – Means & Methods

- Performed in proper sequence
- Equipment used
- Effects of Drilling
- Vibrations



Groundwater





- Need to consider effects of dewatering on adjacent structures
- Dewatering can lead to significant changes in soil stress
- Leakage through SOE can be catastrophic to adjacent structures
 - Near instantaneous settlement

Vibration Effects

- Contractor Means & Methods
 - Equipment Used
 - Materials Encountered
- Limit Vibration Intensity
 - Establish appropriate limits
- Adjacent structure type will affect response
 - May need to evaluate response

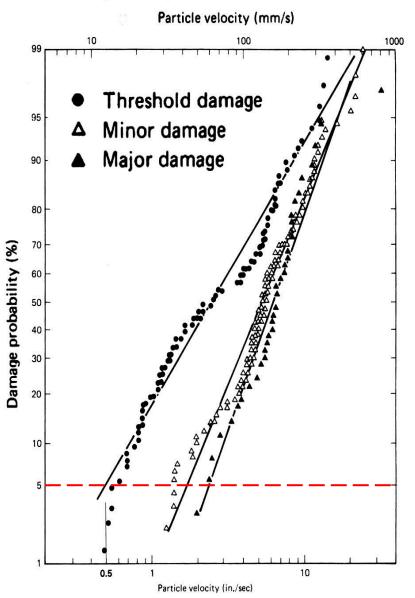


Figure 12-3 Damage data: probability analysis. (From Siskind et al., 1980b.)

Vibration Response

- Response from rock removal activities; drilling, blasting, hammering
- Consider building and appurtenance responses





Pre-Construction Surveys

- Document existing condition of adjacent properties prior to construction
- A useful tool to help resolve claims for minor damages



Before Construction



During Construction

Preemptive Stabilization

- Condition warrants stabilization before construction can continue
- Temporary or permanent
- Who pays for it?

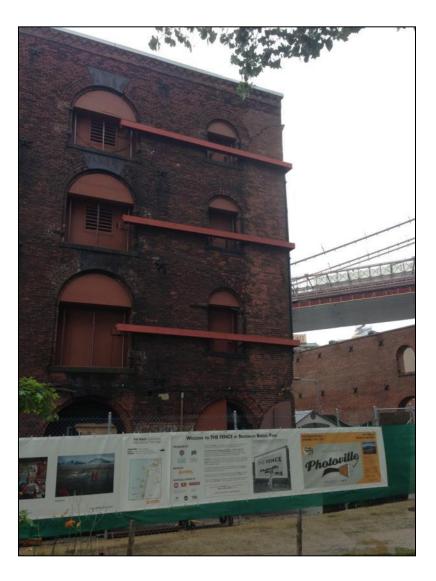






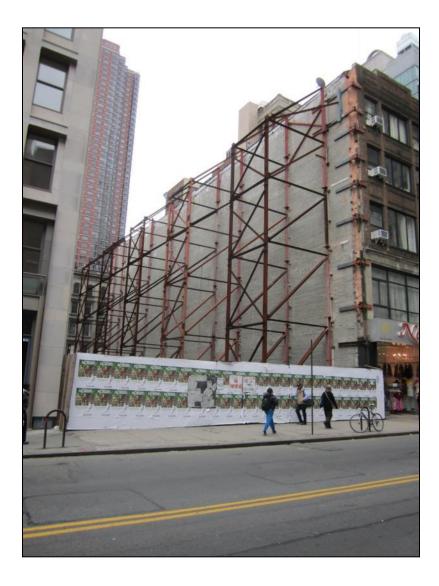
Façade Stabilization



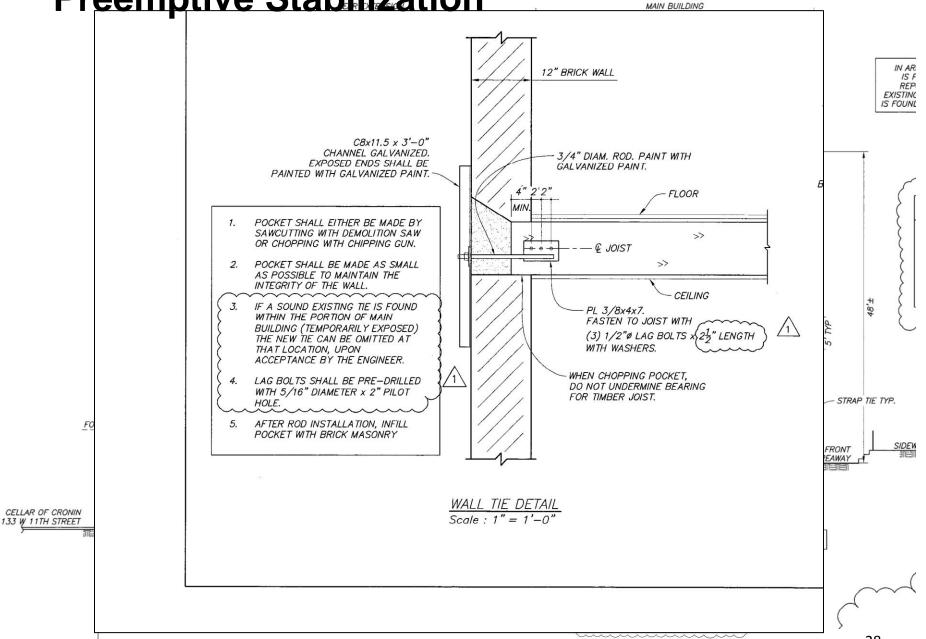


Preemptive Stabilization





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Monitoring during Construction

- Typically monitor for:
 - Vibration
 - Movement
 - Groundwater Levels
- Establish Monitoring Plan
 - Indicate type and locations of monitoring equipment
 - Frequency of readings
 - Threshold criteria
 - Action plan if criteria exceeded
- Monitoring helps to manage risk





Damage











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When damage does occur:

- Assessment
 - Level of damage
 - Elements affected
 - Cause
- Major structural damage is often the result of building settlement
 - Large cracks in masonry
 - Slippage of floor joists





Stabilization

 Temporary bracing and shoring often required







Repairs

- Permanent stabilization
- Masonry repairs
- Partial rebuilding





Permanent Stabilization

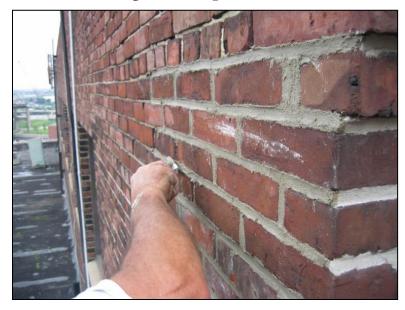






Tie floor framing into exterior walls

Masonry Repairs









Masonry Repairs/Strengthening







- Liner Walls
 - CMU, CIP, Shotcrete
- Fiber-Reinforcing

Façade Pinning



- Pin façade elements back to structure
- Numerous methods
 - Mechanical Anchors
 - Epoxy Anchors



Concrete Repairs





- Crack injection
- Patch repairs

Summary

- Proper Prior Planning...
 - Assess damage potential prior to construction
 - Develop appropriate protections
 - Implement Protections
 - Monitor
- Stabilize & repair if damage does occur
- Communication is key to successful project

QUESTIONS?

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Custom Shows





