

# The Lofts at the Highlands St. Louis, Missouri

Geopier® Rammed Aggregate Piers™

## Project Team

**Geotechnical Engineer:** Geotechnology, Inc.

**Structural Engineer:** SSE, Inc.

**Owner:** Balke Brown

**General Contractor:** HBD

**Geopier Installer:** Foundation Service Corp.

**Geopier Designer:** GFC – St. Louis

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## Project Overview

### Description:

Construction of two 44,500 square foot buildings each consisting of a five-story metal stud frame apartment building over one level of concrete construction parking. Column loads range from 225 to 450 kips.

### Subsurface Conditions:

Six to 11 feet of engineered fill, underlain by 3.5 to 25 feet of undocumented, uncontrolled fill, overlying natural, cohesive soils and bedrock. The uncontrolled fill consists of silty clay to clay with varying percentages of bricks, broken glass, cinders, gravel and pieces of concrete.

### Geopier Solution:

A Geopier Intermediate Foundation solution was developed to reinforce the existing fill and support shallow foundations. Over 800 Geopier Rammed Aggregate Piers (RAP) were installed to provide a safe allowable bearing pressure of 5,500 psf and to control total settlement to less than one



inch and differential settlement to less than one-half inch. The Geopier approach provided significant cost savings and schedule advantages as compared to the conventional overexcavation/replacement that would otherwise have been required.

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