Foundations for RWH tanks

In the range of 1,500 to 3,000 gallon above ground poly tanks - what is the recommendation for foundations. I have been recommending road cloth, compacted 4-6 inches of 3/4 minus gravel and 2 inches of sand that is either below grade or contained by pressure treated 2x8 or 2x12's - whatever the grade difference requires. In the case of solid clay layers I recommend half the above amount. Am I over engineering the foundations? I have been recently questioned on the use of sand because it will may slough away from the bottom edge of the tank putting undue pressure on the edge of the tank. I have actual seen this problem with uncontained sand foundation, but no failure occurred.

Any thoughts?

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