

Comparison of 1958 UBC, 1985 MICC, and 1913 plain language definitions of "retaining wall"	
Retaining Wall (Merriam-Webster 1913)	"A wall built to keep any movable backing, or a bank of sand or earth, in its place."
Retaining Wall (1946 and 1958 UBC)	"Retaining Wall is <i>any wall used to resist</i> the lateral displacement of any material." (UBC 1958, Section 424)
Retaining Walls/Rockerries (1985 MICC)	"A wall of masonry, wood, rock, metal, or other similar materials or combination of similar materials that bears against earth or other fill surface for purposes of resisting lateral or other forces in contact with the wall, and/or the prevention of erosion"