

# NEWSLETTER



*Landscaper and heavy equipment operators stop for a break*

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## WOMEN IN CONSTRUCTION

Across the U.S. construction industry, women make up about 4% of the on-site trade workforce. These trades include carpenters, electricians, plumbers, pipefitters, laborers, equipment operators, painters, and many others.

On this project, however, that number is significantly higher. Women make up 34% of the workers directly engaged in the trades. This means that more than one-third of the construction trades workforce on this site is made up of women.

Everyone on site—and many visitors—can clearly see their skill and diligence. Local contractors, delivery drivers, and guests often remark on the number of women actively working throughout the site. One contractor commented, “You all are so happy, constantly smiling, and everyone gets along.” A delivery driver visiting the site for the first time expressed how impressed he was by the number of women working there. He described it as a “refreshing difference” and noted that it was the most organized work site he had ever visited.

These women play a vital role in keeping the project moving forward each day, performing their work with skill, dedication, and a positive spirit.



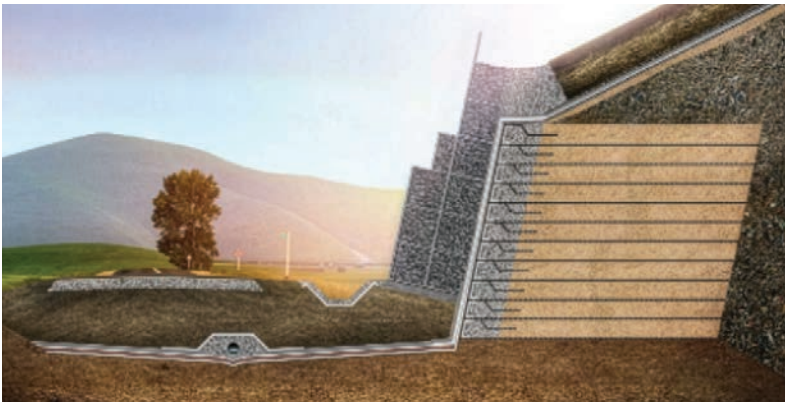
*Volunteers installing temporary network equipment*



*Volunteer performing surveying work*

# RETAINING WALLS DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION

In June, crews completed one of our largest planned retaining walls, marking a major milestone for the project. This effort represents one of the site's most significant civil engineering achievements. At its highest point, the wall reaches 74 feet, about the height of a six-story building, and extends 1,160 feet, nearly one-fifth of a mile. These walls are Mechanically Stabilized Earth (MSE) structures, built to stabilize the steep terrain and allow construction to continue safely in surrounding areas.



*Diagram showing reinforced soil layers and wall facing system*

An MSE wall is built up in layers. Horizontal strips of strong material are placed within each layer of compacted soil and connected to the wall face. These strips act like hidden straps, holding the soil together and preventing it from slipping or collapsing. Although it looks like a solid wall from the outside, most of its strength comes from the reinforced soil mass behind it, working as one stable block. This makes MSE walls an efficient, durable, and cost-effective solution.



*MSE wall under construction, showing reinforcement layers, wall facing, and backfill*

## WHAT'S COMING UP?

Contractors recently completed the water booster station along Sterling Mine Road. We appreciate your patience and cooperation as this work was completed.

Blasting work will pause in late July and start again in early October 2026. All blasting is expected to be completed by January 2027.



Over the summer, activity on site will increase as vertical construction begins on several buildings. Work is already underway in phases on three residential buildings and the parking garage.

In June, the project reached a major milestone as crews installed the first prefabricated mass-timber walls on one of the ten residential buildings. We will highlight this innovative and efficient building method in more detail in a future newsletter.

Construction will continue to progress through the summer, and by the end of 2026, crews will be working on eight buildings at the same time.

## CONTACT US

If you have any questions, concerns, or would like to know more about us, we would like to hear from you. Please contact a local member of our team, **Jesse Goedecke**.

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