





I had previously met one of the former owners of 125 Henderson Ave, Kristen Chambers, who explained that due to severe erosion along the side yard, heavy rain would consistently wash away soil under the fence. At the time, she had a three-year-old son and was concerned he could eventually slip under the fence because of the soil loss. As a temporary fix about nine years ago, she placed a few railroad ties along the perimeter to help curb the erosion.

In our recent analysis, we came to a similar conclusion—that erosion in that same side yard remains an issue. Our concerns were twofold:

1. Significant soil loss has exposed many roots, raising concerns about the long-term health of the large tree line along Church Street.
2. Gaps under the fence along Church Street could allow our pet to escape.

Our landscaper consulted with an arborist, who confirmed that the lack of sufficient topsoil creates an unhealthy long-term environment for the trees. The recommended solution was a retaining wall, which would both prevent soil loss and provide stable soil conditions for the tree line, addressing the arborist's concerns.

The wall was built with concrete stone, selected to match the front porch stone. A footer was not required, and the wall averages 3'6" in height across the width of the driveway. To soften the look and add greenery, Confederate Jasmine was planted to climb and cover the retaining wall over time.