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Thermotech Masonry New Construction: **Granite Retaining Walls in Hallowell Village**



OVER THE PAST several years, Thermotech Masonry designed and built several long, blocky granite retaining walls in the village of Hallowell. The most recent was finished this fall for Larry Davis in The Ledges. This curved, 100-foot wall (*pictured above*) was artfully crafted by Richard and Celeste. The first step was removing four feet of earth. The wall is built on a batter to work with the challenges of nature—water, gravity and

Maine winters. Two feet of crushed rock fill and landscape fabric separate the wall from the hill. This large stone structure incorporates three unique decorative features. A circular, antique, cast iron element (*top*) gives a focal point to the structure's sculptural flow.

A SMALLER PROJECT, but doing heavier duty, is the 30-foot by 5-foot-high wall at Central & Middle Streets, built by Richard and Celeste in 2008 (*shown at left*).

WE CREATED

a complex retaining wall on High Street in 2003–'06 with granite steps and granite paths.

ALL OF OUR walls are constructed to become increasingly stronger with time, not weaker.

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