

# HUR-99-13.77 Value Engineering

Huron County, Ohio

## CLIENT

**Mosser Construction**  
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## OWNER

**Ohio Dept. of Transportation**  
District 3  
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## COMPLETION DATE

**August 2013 (Design)**  
**May 2014 (Construction)**

## PROJECT COST

**\$26,500 (Design)**  
**\$1,280,600 (Construction)**

## PROJECT SAVINGS

**\$38,070**

## E.L. ROBINSON'S ROLE

**Prime Consultant**  
**VE Retaining Wall Design**

## PROJECT MANAGER

**Peter Narsavage, PE**

## KEY STAFF

**Dave Traini, PE**  
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E.L. Robinson Engineering (ELR) designed an innovative retaining wall as a value engineering change proposal for Mosser Construction and their client, The Ohio Department of Transportation - District 3. The original plans called for constructing a drilled shaft soldier pile wall to protect an exposed shale rock face from erosion. The original wall design was socketed into rock and supported by inclined rock anchors. However, the rock anchors were going to be very difficult to install because they were located 12 feet above the bottom of the wall and would require an expensive causeway fill or suspending the drill rig in the air with a crane. Additionally, since the wall would be backfilled, the rock anchors had to be stressed as the backfill was placed.

Working with Mosser Construction, ELR designed a precast concrete cantilever wall with a narrow footing width to stay within the project limits. Vertical rock anchor tie-downs were used to hold down the narrow footing and stabilize the wall. The vertical rock anchors were much easier to install and could be stressed as soon as the footing was cast. The precast wall solution saved 29 days and the total project savings was \$38,070.

