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Introduction to Segmental Retaining Walls (SRW's) for the Design Community

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Abstract

The intent of this course is to develop a basic understanding of how SRW's function, and is geared toward engineers, or future engineers, that have little to no experience with this industry. We will cover the advantages of SRW's, principles of wall design, and reasons why walls fail.

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