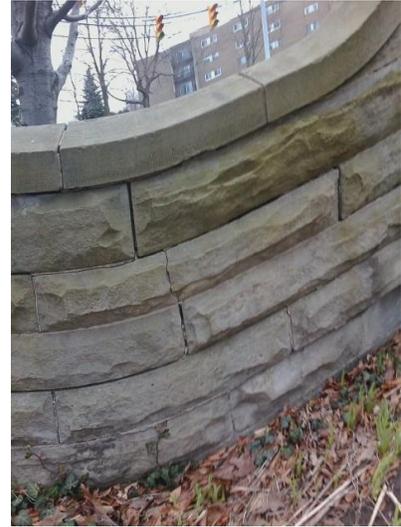


## Project: Refurbishing the Wing Walls at Detroit Rd. & Erie Rd.

There are many historic niches in Rocky River, but the stone wing walls at the corner of Detroit Road and Erie Road are obvious landmarks of a bygone era. The Rocky River Beautification Committee has embarked on a project to restore and preserve these landmarks for future generations. We need your help!

Time and pollution have taken their tolls on the wing walls. Missing mortar and black exhaust remnants jump out to walkers, things that are often too detailed to see while driving by or waiting at the traffic signal. Lauren Miller, an Erie Road resident and Beautification Committee member, decided to spearhead an improvement project designed to restore the walls' beauty and elegance.

That elegance is approximately 100 years old! According to Jack Nickels, Co-President of the Rocky River Historical Society, the walls were commissioned by Clifton Beach at some point between 1909 and 1919 and designed by an architect, Mr. Smith. Mr. Smith built these walls, and the Wagar Beach arch, over a period of approximately 13 years, using sandstone from Lakewood, Olmsted Falls, and Berea.



Concurrent with their research and bid solicitation for the masonry work, Lauren's subcommittee also undertook a general clean-up project. Last summer the city focused on trimming the trees, while volunteers removed old perennials, mulched the beds, and planted a few annuals. This year we are concentrating on the masonry work, followed up by the installation of shrubs and flowers in phases.

The project's cost is estimated to be \$7,700, covering both masonry work and upgraded landscaping. The Beautification Committee is currently raising funds to cover that expense. The planting and ongoing maintenance will be managed by Beautification Committee volunteers.

An anonymous donor is offering a challenge grant that will double match each dollar contributed to the project. We are confident that the Rocky River community will see the value in preserving the wing walls for another hundred years.

You can support this project today! The donation period is open and will conclude on June 30, 2015. To help make this plan become a reality, please send your contribution, payable to the City of Rocky River, to:

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