



Figure 3.14 Cantilevered reinforced-concrete retaining wall detail.



Figure 3.15 Photograph of interlocking blocks.

All retaining walls require a suitable foundation. Flexible retaining walls are usually fairly small in elevation, and, given a suitable compacted base, they may not require footers to extend below the frost line. As a rule, retaining walls should extend a minimum of 2 ft below grade, or half the above grade height or to the frost line, whichever is greatest. A certain amount of settle-