

2024-07-17 - back deck at 2436 gerrard

materials used:

- (4) concrete deck blocks, \$ 10 each
- (3) 2x6 by 10' pressure treated lumber, \$ 15 each
- (9) 2x6 by 8' pressure treated lumber, \$ 12 each

process:

- power-washed existing deck boards
- started trying to remove nails for sanding, realized foundation of deck was completely rotted away
- removed all deck boards with pry-bar
- individually removed all old rusty nails from existing deck boards, so that they could be re-used
- cleared away rotted foundation, levelled build area
- dug holes and set and levelled new block foundation
- built floating frame with pressure-treated 2x6s
- screwed existing deck boards back on

total material cost: around \$ 215

future recommendation:

- one option is to sand & stain the existing boards (sadly i don't have time!)
- another option is to let the deck boards reach the end of their life naturally. in a year-ish, replace just the deck boards. the new foundation shouldn't need any work for a while (10+ years, i hope!)

