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## Progress Report: East Lyme's Overlook Park

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Living on the New England Coastline puts us in a front row seat to witness the power of coastal storms and to appreciate the cost that we sooner or later pay for the privilege of living with the sea at our door step.

The photograph above was probably taken by the US Corps of Engineers as it prepared a record of damages in the aftermath of a hurricane that struck New England on Wednesday, September 21, 1938. Eastern Connecticut was on the bad eastern side of that hurricane and, although Long Island acted to block large ocean surges, coastal flooding in the Sound rose to unimaginable heights. This Category 3 (111-129 mph) storm created surges of 9-12 feet in the Sound. Wind gusts reached Category 5 strength (= 157 mph) in eastern Connecticut. Small shoreline towns to the east of New Haven were virtually destroyed from water and winds and the consequences of this hurricane of 1938 still holds the record for the worst natural disaster ever recorded in Connecticut.

Landmarks that remain today visible here in the photograph include: A) Niantic Green Flagpole, B) The Morton House, and C) Niantic Railroad Station footprint on the south side of Rte. 161 where Ocean Express Food Store now stands. Another such hurricane is statistically certain to strike Niantic in the near or distant future. When it does inevitably arrives, you can expect that the Amtrak reconstructed half of Overlook Park will survive. That half of the Park is being built to remarkably strong specifications, unlike the inadequately designed tracks, houses, and docks that were present along the Niantic Bay shore before this photograph was taken in 1938. They were all swept away by the sea within a few hours.

For more information on Overlook Park, its specifications, and its reconstruction progress see: <http://publictrustfoundation.org/news.htm>.

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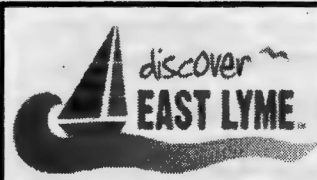
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