



Progress Report: East Lyme's Overlook Park

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Progress by Amtrak to rebuild the eastern 2,515 foot long walkway as the central part of the East Lyme Niantic Bay Overlook Park and pointed out in the photograph, continues on schedule.

Its completion remains expected in the spring of 2013, when the Park will be very different from what it was in 2010. For example, the aerial photograph seen here was taken on April 25, 2012 at 11:22 am looking over the new beach with the new bridge in the lower left. The state of the tide in Niantic Bay at that time was approaching Mean High Tide. At that time, the width of the beach at its widest was approximately 90 feet. At Mean Low Tide, the beach is approximately 145 feet wide.

Once the natural process of sand accretion is completed much more sand will be trapped on the beach because of the 230 foot long groin at its westernmost end. By this process, approximately 8 acres of new sand will be added to the Park and will make the beach seen in this photograph substantially larger.

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

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