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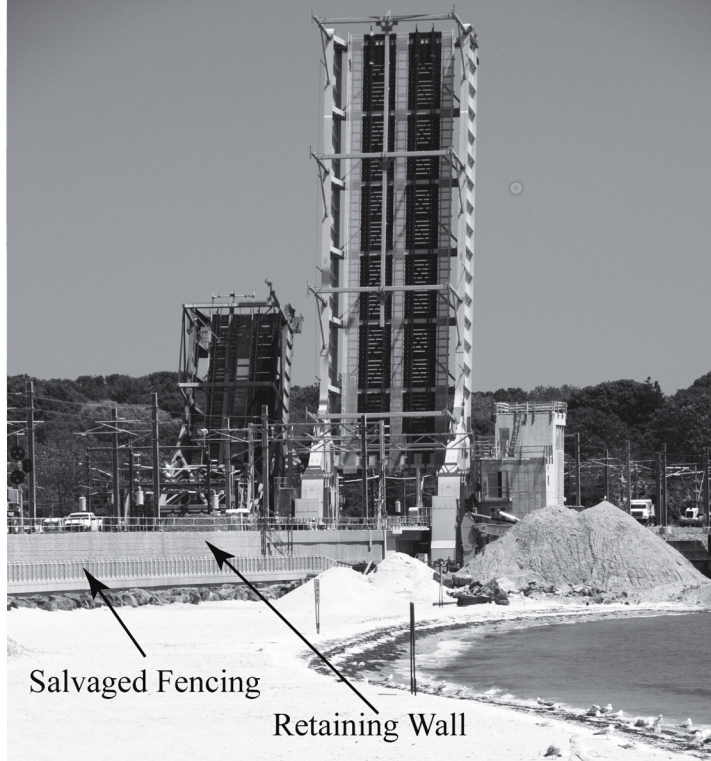
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Progress Report: East Lyme's Overlook Park

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The above photograph was taken July 6, 2012, to show both the 1907 and the new bridges as seen from the vantage point of the Park walkway through a telephoto lens from approximately 1,500 feet west of the bridges. The new bridge's total weight will be nearly 5.2 million pounds yet the bridge will be able to open or close in a little more than a minute and a half.

A 10 foot high retaining wall can also be seen in the photograph. It forms the landward (i.e. northerly) boundary of the walkway. The retaining wall separates the walkway from the elevated railroad. The wall tapers down westerly as the walkway approaches the elevation of the tracks where the Amtrak reconstruction project begins. That point is more or less even with Niantic Transmission Company on Route 156. There, the retaining wall is 3.5 feet high. An 8 foot high, vertical black-rail security fence will stand next to the lower western portions of the retaining wall.

The concrete walkway is smooth, 10 feet wide, with a very slight pitch toward the beach. The wire mesh railing that lined both sides of the original Boardwalk was salvaged before the Boardwalk was disassembled in 2010. About half of that salvaged 4,400 feet of railing was reconditioned and has been reused along the ocean side of the new walkway, a small portion of which is seen in this photograph.

The salvaged railing left over after accounting for railing along the ocean side of the new walkway, was used to line both sides of the wooden boardwalk that East Lyme constructed along the north side of Main Street between the east end of Bayview Landing (111 Main Street, Niantic) and the entrance to Cini Park.

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

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