



Progress Report: East Lyme's Overlook Park

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Photographed February 4, 2013, the railroad underpass that leads from Cini Park to the Overlook Walkway is seen above with its completed westerly granite block retaining wall in place. An identical wall, yet to be constructed, will be placed opposite along the easterly side of the underpass. The granite was salvaged from the abutments and piers of the original 1907 bridge. Each 2x2x5 foot granite block weighs approximately 1.5 tons.

Four bollards (i.e. strong vertical posts anchored in the ground, such as those at Hole in the Wall Underpass) will be installed across the approach to the underpass to restrict access to the beach and walkway by unauthorized vehicles. In addition, a twin-leaf, lockable gate will be constructed across the entrance to the underpass at the far end of the granite retaining walls in order to prevent unauthorized pedestrian access to Overlook Park, except during such specified times as from dawn to dusk.

For more information on Overlook Park, its specifications, and its reconstruction progress see: <http://publictrustfoundation.org/news.htm>. For a history of all the prior railroad bridges to cross the Niantic River see: [www.publictrustfoundation.org/docs/Niantic River Bridge Historical Documentation 2002.pdf](http://www.publictrustfoundation.org/docs/Niantic%20River%20Bridge%20Historical%20Documentation%202002.pdf)

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