



Progress Report: East Lyme's Overlook Park

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Photographed on March 3, 2013, at 11:12 am, when the tide was approaching low water, the view above shows the ramp that leads from the Overlook walkway to the new beach.

Sand distributed by winter storms and excavators has been moved across the entire beach and includes 76,000 cubic yards of sand brought by truck from a Canterbury sand pit in 2012. Three stair ways and this ramp provide access to the beach from the ten foot wide, concrete Overlook walkway. Note that the hand railing on the right of this ramp disappears into the sand at its far end. The sand has drifted by wind and waves up to the retaining wall. Also note that sand covers some of the 7,000 pound revetment stones that were placed in two courses seen in the distance which line the foot of the sea wall (www.publictrustfoundation.org/docs/Vol%201%20No%202%20ELPTF%20Bull.pdf).

Coastal beaches are dynamic features. Some of the sand that now covers portion of the revetment stones, access stairs, and ramp will be more or less removed during summer storms, only to more or less return during the winter season, the result of which is seen here. For more information on Overlook Park, its specifications, and its reconstruction progress see: <http://publictrustfoundation.org/news.htm>.

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