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Mean Tidal Range = 2.58 ft.

Progress Report: East Lyme's Overlook Park

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The eastern half (i.e. 2,500 feet) of Overlook Park walkway was reopened to the public on June 12, 2013, approximately three and a half years after Amtrak began its project to replace the aging Niantic River railroad bridge. The "Before and After" aerial photographs seen above illustrate the difference in the relative size of the beach that replaced the original beach. Construction of a 220 foot stone groin along the Niantic River at the eastern end of the Park trapped and held sand that would have accumulated naturally over time, but, a "kick start" to beach creation happened when 68,370 cubic yards of sand was trucked from Canterbury, CT. and spread on the beach by machines and the tides. The result is what the photograph shows – creation of a new beach that increased the size of the original beach by about 10 additional acres. The intertidal area along the beach is about 21 feet wide while further out the bottom is more shallow and sandy than it was. Bathers not only can enjoy a much larger beach but a much larger wading beachfront as well.

The new eastern half of the Park walkway has the same basic configuration as did the original Park with the exceptions that the handicapped accessible ramp and three stairways, leading from the walkway to the adjacent beach, are concrete, as is the surface of the walkway itself.

Selected Project Data

Start Date 1/7/2010 – End Date 6/30/2013, or 3 years, 5 months, 24 days.

Total Project Cost \$ 153,600,000

Construction Cost \$ 118,600,000

Amtrak Work Cost \$ 21,000,000

Design/Engineering/Construction Management \$ 14,000,000

(None of these funds were derived from the Town of East Lyme, the state, or the East Lyme Public Trust Foundation. They were all derived from the federal government and Amtrak.)

Total Cubic Yards of Concrete in the Bridge = 8,500

Total pounds of Lead Counterweight to Balance the Bridge = 2,977,281

Total square feet and cubic yards of concrete in the concrete walkway/sidewalk = 33,468 square feet (0.5' thick = 620 cubic yards)

Total tons of RipRap = 38,800 (excluding Terminal Groin)

Total tons of Terminal Groin Stone = 7,000

Total tons of Gravel Fill (embankment and structure) = 53,333

Total cubic yards of Beach Sand = 68,370

Total square feet face of pattered retaining walls = 114,700

Total pounds of structural steel (raw material) = 2,750,000

For more information on Overlook Park, see: <http://publictrustfoundation.org/news.htm>.

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