



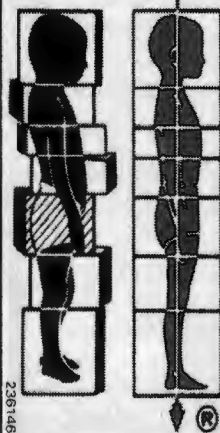
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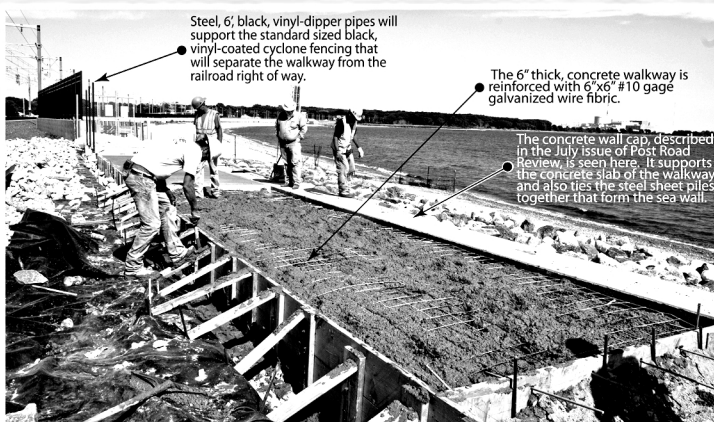


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## East Lyme's Overlook Park Progress Report #39

by Robert S. De Santo, PhD., East Lyme Public Trust Foundation

On July 16, 2015, at 4:09 pm, the last cement delivery of the day was being placed and leveled by the Wiese Construction crew at the eastern end of the reconstruction of the Niantic Bay "Boardwalk," a location approximately opposite Boats Incorporated on Route 156 (Main Street) on the shore of Niantic Bay in sight of the Dominion Resources Millstone Nuclear Power Plant.

Under the watchful eye of the project design firm of Parsons Brinkerhoff's Senior Construction Manager/Project Engineer, this important phase in the long-awaited recreation of the 2,780 foot long western half of the walkway is now expected by some who know best to be completed no sooner than December 15, 2015.

The original contracted completion date was July 31, 2015. However, there is a "learning curve" that is critically required by the selected construction company of Wiese Construction from Norwich, that works to insure ultimate success of the project.

That success of the whole project rests on the critical task of interpreting and applying project plans and as built design adaptations drawn on the experience of the multinational engineering and design firm of Parsons Brinkerhoff. It provides an applied engineering foundation built amidst the context of approximately 14,000 employees, with local offices in Hartford, Providence, and Boston. That firm is responsible for the contractual orchestration and management of the project plans that it produced. That fact offers the best insurance that project implementation will be successful. This is certain.

It is neither possible, nor is it safe for the public to wander about the work site to see for itself that the work is progressing and that the project will be successfully implemented. Hopefully, these monthly "messages from the front" lessen your isolation from direct public witness of the very complicated and overall precision and often real physical danger of the construction of this half mile long, curving walkway of concrete and steel.

This month's photograph is literally a snapshot of one instant in completing the first section of 8.5 foot wide, 30 feet long, reinforced, concrete walkway, which on this day, resulted in the first 97.5 feet of "boardwalk" that will ultimately end at its Hole in the Wall terminus, which is 2,780 feet west of the site pictured above.