

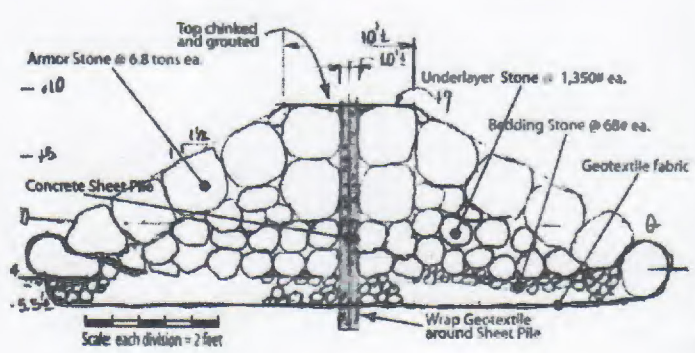
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US Coast Guard aerial photograph of the Niantic River Railroad Bridge Site conditions on February 2, 2011 - see progress report on page 34

Progress Report: Stone Groin on East Lyme's Overlook Park

The construction of a stone groin is now well underway as part of the Amtrak railroad bridge replacement project across the Niantic River. An aerial photograph taken by the US Coast Guard is shown on the front cover. This groin, whose "foot print" is now outlined by steel sheet piles, will be used during project construction as a dock to receive stone and other construction materials delivered by barge. Once those requirements are over, the groin structure diagramed here will be built and the steel sheet pile will be removed. The groin will provide two vital benefits to the Niantic Bay Overlook Park. Its presence will create and maintain a new park beach of approximately nine acres and it will serve as a fishing pier, which has been envisioned by the East Lyme Public Trust Foundation, Inc. since 1992.

The sketch below represents a cross section at a point approximately 40 feet off shore along the 230 foot center line of the groin. Note that the top of the groin is 10 feet wide and relatively flat in order to provide a walking surface. The potential to construct a fishing pier on the groin will be investigated by the East Lyme Public Trust Foundation, Inc., and perhaps others, once the project is nearer completion, now scheduled for the fall of 2013. For more information on progress see: <http://www.publictrustfoundation.org/news.htm>.



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