

**NEW MILFORD TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
October 10, 2017**

Present: Mayor David Gronbach
Mary Jane Lundgren
Peter Bass
Katy Francis
Walter Bayer
Frank Wargo
Jessica Richardson
Tom Esposito
John Kane
Paul Szymanski (arrived at 7:02 pm)

Also Present: Rebecca Rigdon, Town Attorney
Mary Vannucci, Administrative Aide to the Mayor

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The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Gronbach.

1. Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence
2. Public Comment

Jeff McBreairty, Vice Chairman of the New Milford Veterans Committee, spoke to the Town Council about their request for money to purchase a bugle and insert to be used at veteran's funerals and various parades. Mr. McBreairty's comments are attached.

Mr. Szymanski arrived at 7:02 pm.

Frank Wargo, a New Milford resident and a member of the Town Council, said he was responding to the article in the paper about 25 Church Street and the bid he put in to purchase the property. He said he serves on the Surplus Properties Committee with Mr. Esposito, Mr. Bass, Mr. Chamberlain and Kathy Castagnetta, Town Planner. The committee asked Mrs. Castagnetta to put together an RFP for this property and only two bids were received – one for \$5,000 and one for \$10,000. He said there is a person trying to get a catering facility in town and they need a property with a grease trap. Mr. Wargo was going to purchase this property and renovate it with that in mind. He said he did not have any advantage over anyone else and so he will be sending a letter to the Ethics Commission to ask them for an opinion. He said he thought he was doing a good deed by getting this property back on the tax roles.

Richard Rosiello, a New Milford resident and member of the Riverfront Revitalization Committee said he could not stay for the meeting but wanted to thank the Council and Mayor for appointing him to this committee. He said they were told to think big and outside the box which he felt they did.

Heidi Edel, a New Milford resident, said she wanted to speak out in support of both the work at John Pettibone and the riverfront.

Harold Hill, a New Milford resident, spoke about the chip sealing on Merryall and Chapel Hill Road saying that there are parts of the roads that should have been patched before being chip sealed. He said according to the State the tolerance for chip sealing is 1/4" but some of the spots were over 1". He said the road base is structurally inadequate even though it was reconstructed in 2011-2012. He noted typically a road is chip sealed eight to 15 years after reconstruction but this road was done in five. Photos provided by Mr. Hill are attached to these minutes.

Kyle Rodgers, a New Milford resident, said there are no adequate crosswalks in some places downtown specifically Terrace Place, Railroad Street, Main Street and Bennitt Street. He suggested now that some of these roads have been paved this is a good time to paint crosswalks as well.

Valerie Cooper of Total Health Connecticut said New Milford has the distinction of being the community with the most mental health trainings being offered. She said Mental Health First Aid is free training, right now, which increases peoples access to getting help. She said this is part of a three year grant with one year remaining. She said she is requesting help to get out the word about upcoming trainings including one at New Milford Library on November 12th and 19th from 1 to 5 pm. People could get more information at www.mhconn.org.

Lisa Ostrove, a New Milford resident, spoke about Rescue Candlewood Mountain and thanked those Council members who attended the September 19th informational meeting and the Siting Council meeting. She said the Siting Council will continue its work on October 21st at 11 AM in New Britain though that is not a public session. She said everyone must be aware and speak out against the bad PILOT program authorized by the Council. She said if people want to send information to the Siting Council they can do so at siting.council@ct.gov.

Lisa Hida, a New Milford resident, was speaking on behalf of Hate Has No Home Here and noted that item 7.a. requesting funding for lawn signs would send a message that the Town has a policy of standing in support of its residents.

Steve Looney, a New Milford resident, said he was not aware of the Veterans Association need for money and he said he and his family would donate \$600.00 so the Vets could purchase the items they were requesting. He said there have been a number of incidents on Railroad Street with pedestrians and he was wondering if the crosswalks couldn't be raised like they are on Main Street. He also said there have been many conversations of holding town officials to a higher standard and he said they should be held to higher standards.

Nancy Saggese, a New Milford resident, thanked members of the Council who came to the Siting Council meeting. She said this is a large proposal with a large impact that she felt was rushed through to approval and if people had more knowledge of it they would know it is not a good proposal. She said the Town Council is supposed to represent the Town and listen to the people and know that the people are saying no to this. On another matter, she asked why the speakers at Council meetings had their backs to the public and thought that should be reconsidered. She wondered what the forum was for the public to ask questions and get answers. She wondered why the Maxx kitchen can't be used by other caterers for some parties and wondered if the John

Pettibone kitchen was going to be available for anyone to use. Finally she thanked members of the Council for the incredible amount of time they put in to help the Town run smoothly.

Carl Dunham, a New Milford resident, said he has been spending a lot of time with the Siting Council lately noting that there is a comparative proposal for Solar in Simsbury. He said the Siting Council pushed for competent, experienced people to answer questions and wondered why the Town has not sought the same expertise. He said especially as it relates to things like storm water management. He said the mountain is full of ledge. He said Candlewood Solar LLC has 75,000 solar panels but no real financial resources. He said a surety bond has been asked of them but said that requirement is pathetic. Ameresco is not being indemnified in this project and they need to step up to the plate. On the matter of New Milford police leaving the Town force, he wondered if any sort of analysis has been conducted to determine if those positions need to be filled.

Mr. Szymanski left the meeting briefly returning after the approval of the minutes.

3. Approval of Prior Minutes –
Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes 9/25/2017

Mrs. Lundgren moved to approve the minutes of 9/25/2017 with the amendment that on page 11 of 12, third paragraph, that the comment that "Mr. Esposito said the Mayor was lying" be removed, seconded by Ms. Francis and passed 8-0.

4. Mayor's Comments -

Mayor Gronbach said October 11th will be the public input meeting for Long Mountain and Squire Hill Roads with Department of Public Works and the contractor.

October 14th Loaves and Fishes will be holding a fundraising gala 6 – 9:30 pm at St. John's Church.

The Library Modernization Committee will be giving a presentation about their plans on October 17th.

October 22nd the Old Boardman Bridge group will be hosting a "Learn About Boardman Bridge Day" from 11 am – 1 pm at the bridge to raise awareness and draw attention to their efforts so far.

5. Appointments and Re-Appointments to Boards and Committees –

Bike and Trail Committee

Lisa M. Arasim (U)	11/03/2017 – 05/03/2018
Mary Jane Lundgren (D)	11/03/2017 – 05/03/2018
Jame R. McKeon (R)	11/03/2017 – 05/03/2018
Thomas Phillip O'Brien Jr. (D)	11/03/2017 – 05/03/2018
Pamela S. Picheco (R)	11/03/2017 – 05/03/2018

Mrs. Lundgren moved to approve the re-appointment of Lisa M. Arasim (U), Mary Jane Lundgren (D), Jame R. McKeon (R), Thomas Phillip O'Brien Jr. (D), and Pamela S. Picheco (R) to the Bike and Trail Committee for the term 11/3/2017 – 5/3/2018, seconded by Mr. Bass.

Mr. Szymanski requested that Jame McKeon's name be corrected to James.

The motion with the friendly amendment passed unanimously.

6. Tax Collector –

Discussion and possible action regarding October 2017 refunds in the amount of \$5,211.47 (This leaves a balance of \$27,920.18 in the refund account.)

Mrs. Lundgren moved to approve the October 2017 refunds in the amount \$5,211.47 (This leaves a balance of \$27,920.18 in the refund account.), seconded by Mr. Bayer and passed unanimously.

7. Mayor's Office –

- a. Discussion and possible action on acceptance of a donation from the New Milford Rotary Club of \$1,500 and a matching grant of \$1,500 from Rotary District 7890 to acquire and install two benches at the River Walk Trail.

Mrs. Lundgren moved to accept a donation from the New Milford Rotary Club of \$1,500 and a matching grant of \$1,500 from Rotary District 7890 to acquire and install two benches at the River Walk Trail, seconded by Ms. Francis.

Mayor Gronbach said he appreciated the offer of the Rotary Club to make this donation for park benches along the river trail.

Mr. Szymanski asked if the benches would be the consistent with what is already on the trail and Mr. Wargo said the Club was only providing the funding and the Town would purchase.

The motion passed unanimously.

- b. Discussion and possible action on the request from the New Milford Veterans Committee for \$565.33 to purchase a Bugle and Insert. The funds are to come from contingency or another account as deemed appropriate by the Director of Finance and should be transferred to Service Officers Account #10442600 59901.

Mrs. Lundgren moved to approve the request from the New Milford Veterans Committee for \$565.33 to purchase a Bugle and Insert. The funds are to come from contingency or another account as deemed appropriate by the Director of Finance and should be transferred to Service Officers Account #10442600 59901, seconded by Mr. Bass.

Mayor Gronbach said he thought the Town would want to support the Veterans through this gift and was unaware that a member of the public would make such a donation.

Mr. Bass said since someone is willing to donate should the Council table this and have Mr. Looney make the donation directly.

Ms. Richardson moved to amend the motion to accept the donation of \$565.33 from Mr. Looney and family, Mr. Bass seconded and passed unanimously.

- c. Discussion and possible action on the request from the Hate Has No Home Here Group for \$250.00 to purchase "No matter where you are from, we're glad you're our neighbor" lawn signs. The funds are to come from contingency or another account as deemed appropriate by the Director of Finance

Mrs. Lundgren moved to approve the request from the Hate Has No Home Here Group for \$250.00 to purchase "No matter where you are from, we're glad you're our neighbor" lawn signs. The funds are to come from contingency or another account as deemed appropriate by the Director of Finance, seconded by Mr. Wargo.

Mayor Gronbach said this group has met two or three times and are starting to form subcommittees. He said someone dropped off a sample lawn sign that they would like to order and place at religious institutions and he wanted the Town to show support for their efforts.

Ms. Francis suggested they might want to consider more permanent signs such as the Tricentennial signs. She asked how many signs this money would buy and Lisa Hida said she thought ten.

Ms. Richardson said the committee may want to seek donations so people could put signs on their property.

The motion passed unanimously.

8. Hidden Treasures Park -

- a. Presentation and update from Hidden Treasures Park Committee.

Lisa Arasim presented on behalf of the Hidden Treasures Park committee. She said their initial goals were to make the park usable (kayaking, canoeing, fishing, walking, enjoying the views of the river, camping) and to make the park safe.

The current status of the park thanks to the generous contributions of services from three local businesses: Bruzzi Landscaping, J.C. Merritt Construction and Advanced Construction, and with the help of Inland Wetlands is invasive growth has been cleared; non-native damaged trees have been removed and the Housatonic River can be seen again.

There are some safety concerns including the dilapidated roof and debris inside the pump house building; the water tower is filled with water and the kayak/canoe portage entrance/exit area is uneven.

The additional steps needed to open the park include cleanup, topsoil, seeding, demolition of roof and debris from the pump house, repair the chain link fence, establish parking, drain the water tower, repair the kayak portage, and add amenities such as signs and benches all at a cost of about \$75,000.

Future considerations for phase 2 include researching options for the Pump House such as leaving it as is, repair the walls and add a new roof or tear it down; the addition of trails perhaps as a Boy Scout project; and future maintenance even though the plan is to make it as low maintenance as possible.

Additional things to note about this park is an A-2 survey of the Hidden Treasures property is being conducted in October by CCA, LLC which is being paid for with a grant from First Light obtained by New Milford's Town Planner. The engineering firm Milone and MacBroom, who have been hired to identify the New Milford River Trail's potential phases and routes, are recommending the trail pass through the park, and are providing topographic information shortly. They are recommending a rolled gravel base trail through this property, with a pedestrian bridge over the dam and Housatonic River to Pickett District Road.

Mayor Gronbach thanked the committee for their efforts.

Mr. Wargo asked about the camping and whether facilities would be needed and Ms. Arasim said the Boy Scouts were interested in camping and there were no facilities at some of the places they camp now.

Mr. Szymanski asked if they had Wetlands and Zoning permits and Ms. Arasim said they have been working with Jim Ferlow, Inland Wetlands Officer. She said she knows they will need to rezone this as a park.

Mr. Szymanski said the plan is to fill 200 yards in a flood plain which means they need to take that away from somewhere else. Mrs. Castagnetta said they will submit a plan to Zoning.

Mr. Szymanski asked who will do the maintenance work and Chris Bruzzi, a committee member, said the park would require basic maintenance such as mowing every couple of weeks and brush hogging. He said it would be Parks and Rec, Public Works or Friends of the park.

Ms. Francis asked who would empty the trash cans and Ms. Arasim said Parks and Rec most likely.

Mayor Gronbach said Dan Calhoun, Director of Parks and Rec, is aware of this park and they are on board.

Ms. Francis asked how the committee arrived at the \$75,000 and Ms. Arasim said that comprises \$22,000 for seeds, \$11,000 for topsoil, \$13,500 for labor, \$1,000 for signage, \$7,400 for fencing, \$3,500 for benches, \$200 for garbage cans, \$8,500 for the kayak ramp, and \$5,000 for demolition projects.

Ms. Francis said she is always concerned about safety around water and asked what precautions they were planning. Mr. Bruzzi said having removed the brush and invasives there is no where where someone could get lost anymore. Ms. Arasim said there is fencing to block access to the dam and there are "no swimming" signs.

Mr. Esposito noted there are PCBs and asked if there were any environmental studies done.

Ms. Arasim said they thought the structures might need some environmental research.

Mayor Gronbach said this park is similar to Addis Park and no one raised an issue about PCBs before.

Ms. Francis said Hidden Treasures has had issues and is in the flood plain. She said the State budget is also unknown and grants the Town thought it might get are not happening so maybe this needs to be delayed to do an environmental study. She said the process should be followed especially if there might be PCBs.

Mr. Esposito said this could open the Town to liabilities.

Ms. Richardson said the committee cannot do some of the work without zoning and asked how they feel about the soil testing. Mr. Bruzzi suggested they look at the history of soil testing at the site.

Ms. Richardson said she doesn't know anything about PCBs so she is not jumping into this without someone to explain to her what might be on site.

Mr. Wargo suggested that Mr. Ferlow could be asked for his testing opinion.

Mayor Gronbach suggested the requested money be allocated so the various work could be done.

Mr. Szymanski said the intent is not to stall the committee but specific permits require specific hearings. He said the earliest these could be completed might be Thanksgiving so what is the rush since there really is no plan in place.

Ms. Arasim said they do have a Wetlands permit and Mr. Szymanski asked if it was to fill in in a flood plain and Ms. Arasim said no. Mr. Bruzzi said stabilizing the ground does not require a permit.

Mr. Bass noted HVA did some work years ago on the portage area and asked if they were asked to help and Ms. Arasim said they have not spoken to them.

Mr. Bass asked Town Attorney Rigdon if this work was considered maintenance and so therefore would not qualify for the Waste Management settlement fund. Mayor Gronbach said Mr. Bass was mischaracterizing this as maintenance work. Mr. Bass said he would like to hear from the Town Attorney. Ms. Rigdon said she was more concerned about the structures on the property.

Mr. Esposito suggested the Town could fix the fence.

Mrs. Lundgren suggested the committee might need the \$75,000 to do the soil test, determine what to do about the structures, and not detract from the Town budget.

Mr. Esposito asked what it would cost to do the soil test, the water test in the tower, fix the fencing and do the seeding.

Ms. Richardson said the money could be allocated and if the committee couldn't get the permits they needed they would have to return the money.

Ms. Francis said no one is against this project but the Town needs to follow the processes set in place and suggested the Mayor did not like to follow the required processes.

Mayor Gronbach asked why Ms. Francis would suggest that when he created this subcommittee to do this work.

- b. Discussion and possible action on the request from Hidden Treasures Park Committee of \$75,000 from the Waste Management Fund to seed the Park, provide topsoil, remove debris, construct trails and a parking area, improve the kayak portage, install signs, benches and fencing.

Mrs. Lundgren moved to approve the request from Hidden Treasures Park Committee of \$75,000 from the Waste Management Fund to seed the Park, provide topsoil, remove debris, construct trails and a parking area, improve the kayak portage, install signs, benches and fencing, seconded by Mr. Wargo.

Mayor Gronbach said they have had a lot of discussion already this evening and as has been mentioned this park could be part of the future bike trail. The committee is asking for the funds to move this forward and he suggested the money be allocated with the caveat that they go to appropriate boards before doing the work.

Mr. Szymanski asked if Public Works could put up the fencing and Dan Stanton, Town Engineer, said they have done it in the past using Public Works employees or contractors.

Mr. Szymanski asked how much money would be needed to stabilize the site and do the soil testing and Mr. Bruzzi said the site really should be cleaned up and said if it was cleaned up 80,000 square feet of area would need to be seeded otherwise it would be 30,000 square feet.

Ms. Arasim said the costs for clean up would be \$13,500, seeding \$22,000, and they could skip the top soil and parking area fencing until they had everything in place. But she said the pump house roof should be demolished.

Mr. Szymanski asked Ms. Rigdon if someone could sue even if the fencing was up and there was adequate signage saying Do Not Trespass and she said yes.

Mayor Gronbach suggested the funding should be \$45,000 to do the cleanup, seeding and environmental testing if needed.

Mr. Wargo moved to amend the motion to \$45,000 from the Waste Management Fund to seed the park, remove debris, and get environmental testing if needed, seconded by Mrs. Lundgren.

Ms. Francis asked if Milone & MacBroom did any testing of this site and Mayor Gronbach said he was not sure but he would find out.

The motion passed unanimously.

9. Old Boardman Bridge -

Presentation and update from Old Boardman Bridge Committee.

Robert Burkhart was present to discuss the updates to the Old Boardman Bridge Committee noting they meet the second Wednesday of each month in the Brickley Room of Town Hall. He said the committee members include Katy Francis, Walter Bayer, Joe Quaranta, Jeremy Ruman, Ron Suresha, and Bill Devlin. He said they started their work by looking at the 2015 inspection which estimated a cost to repair that all felt was too high. He said the first repairs needed include clearing the vegetation, masonry repair of the abutments and wing walls, repair and replace structural steel components, remove decking and install timber decking, and install decorative fencing/bridge rails. He said this bridge was placed on the Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation National Register of Historic Places in 1976. This bridge will also be a key part of the Riverwalk and bike trail. They discussed this bridge with Circuit Rider Greg Farmer who said the repair of this bridge is a no brainer.

They met with DPW Director Mike Zarba to obtain the property boundaries. They have created a Facebook page – Friends of Old Boardman Bridge and they have a website www.friendsofboardmanbridge.org.

Mr. Burkhart has spoken with a person who works at Pittsburgh Paints who is recommending an epoxy coating versus stripping the paint off which could negatively impact the river below.

He said the vegetation clearing will be done in October thanks to Advanced Construction. The vines and overgrown shrubs have been removed by Public Works and Eversource will be removing an electric utility pole which is not used.

On October 22nd, the Committee will be holding a “Learn About Old Boardman Bridge Day” from 11 to 1 at the Bridge to raise community awareness. There will be refreshments, large photographs of the bridge past and present and pictures of the Old Drake Flower Bridge which is a model of what this bridge could become.

The next step is to get the cost for masonry and steel repair and they will be looking for donations to get this work done.

Mayor Gronbach thanked the committee for their work to date.

Mr. Wargo asked when this bridge was built and Mr. Burkhart said 1888 by the Berlin Bridge Company.

Mr. Kane asked if all the finials were still on the bridge and Mr. Burkhart said one is missing.

Ms. Francis said to not do anything to this bridge would be a crime as it will continue to rust and the contaminants will fall into the river. Besides if the bridge falls into the river the Town is responsible for it.

Mr. Kane asked if with this epoxy coating if sand blasting would have to be done Mr. Burkhart said very little as this epoxy is a marine type which is meant for this type of application.

Mr. Burkhart noted there is a fund of past donations and grants of \$12,050.

The meeting recessed at 8:50 pm and reconvened at 9:05 pm.

10. Riverfront Revitalization Committee

Presentation and update by the Riverfront Revitalization Committee

Liba Furlman and Julie Bailey were present to update the Council on the Riverfront Revitalization Committee (RRC). Both Mrs. Furlman and Ms. Bailey thanked the Council for appointing them to this Committee. They recognized the other committee members including Chris Gardner, Richard Rosiello, Peter Schmitt, Frank Wargo, Lucy Wildrick, and Adrienne Aurichio.

Ms. Bailey said the charge of the committee was to facilitate preparation of a comprehensive and detailed Downtown Housatonic Riverfront Revitalization Master Plan.

The committee will make recommendations to the Town for how to plan and implement riverfront revitalization to strengthen the link between the Riverfront and the Village Center, enhance quality of life for residents, attract businesses and entrepreneurial investment, generate property tax revenue, create jobs, increase recreational opportunities for residents and visitors, and offer amenities to attract new residents - from millennials to retirees.

The committee charge was to define riverfront revitalization area and produce deliverables within five months. The committee established an advisory committee and explored existing source materials.

They heard presentations from a variety of experts including real estate developers, a member of the Heron Foundation, architects and engineers experienced in riverfront development, as well as Public Works and Parks and Recreation representatives.

The lessons they learned from all these presentations are to involve the public early and often in the process, recruit institutional anchors such as a satellite educational campus, museum of eco-center and enhance the downtown and riverfront "live-work-play" environment for all ages.

Trends in riverfront revitalization include keeping everything connected: downtown to the riverfront, bridge to bridge, Youngs Field to Segs Meadows - to create vibrancy and excitement, incorporate the local ecology and capture the economic value.

One of the first things the group did was to define the actual district which they are proposing to be bridge to bridge - Boardman to Lover's Leap. The committee said the project can be phased in.

The objectives of this whole plan are to link the riverfront with the Village Center by overcoming multiple physical constraints, attract entrepreneurs for whom quality of life is a priority, expand in town housing, increase recreational and eco-tourism opportunities for residents and visitors, enhance, revitalize and protect the river's natural ecosystem; increase access to riverfront and Village Center, provide for additional infrastructure needs, integrate existing Young's Field activities with other year-round event, plan for transportation hub, and fulfill the promise of "Gateway to Litchfield County."

New Milford has fewer and less challenging physical constraints than other area towns that have successfully undertaken river revitalization projects which should be capitalized on.

There are however existing physical constraints including a steep embankment, parking lots and railroad track crossings in between the river and the downtown, environmentally sensitive and floodplain areas, seasonal variations in Housatonic River water levels, and the location of the Public Works facility and two local businesses.

Some strategic constraints include adding the Riverfront Revitalization District into the POCD to enable New Milford to be competitive for state and federal government grants, need for coordination among agencies working on the river, and competition for short term state and federal funding.

The short term recommendation of the RRC include extending the term of the committee and its members and to approve the "Bridge to Bridge" idea as the district, create sense of excitement through a series of attractions at Young's Field, initiative rail transportation survey to determine feasibility of Hart/Metro North shuttle, complete short term infrastructure enhancement projects to show progress and build support for the long range vision, develop linkages to Native Meadows, and Hidden Treasures, partner with Harrybrook Park, and resurrect the Housatonic River Trail.

Some next steps include keeping the momentum going by extending the RRC and members terms, finalize and RFQ to solicit cutting edge riverfront design firms, draft a budget for the consulting firm, work closely with town agencies to identify funding sources, select finalists and develop an RFP for consultants, and seek authorization from the Town to prepare applications as opportunities arise.

Mayor Gronbach thanked the committee for their work and innovative solutions to some of the issues that are not necessarily radical.

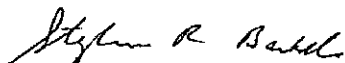
Mr. Szymanski asked the Mayor to add the reappointment of the Committee to the next agenda and Mayor Gronbach suggested it could be added tonight.

Mr. Bass moved to add the reappointment of the Riverfront Revitalization Committee to the agenda, seconded by Mr. Kane and passed unanimously.

Mr. Bass moved to reappoint the Riverfront Revitalization Committee for the term 11/9/2017 to 5/9/2018, second by Ms. Francis and passed unanimously.

Mr. Bayer moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 pm, seconded by Mr. Bass and passed unanimously.

Minutes recorded by:



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Recording Secretary



Town of New Milford
Old Boardman Bridge Committee
10 Main Street
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Organizational Meeting: July 26, 2017 plus a meeting on August 9th and September 13th. Meet are the first Wednesday of the month in the Loretta Brickley Conference Room at 7:00PM

Reviewed: 2015 Bridge Inspection and Estimated Cost

Brief Overview of Bridge Condition and on site visit to the Bridge

First Repairs and Rehabilitation Needed:

1. Vegetation: Clearing
2. Masonry Repair: Abutments and Wing Walls
3. Repair/Replace Structural Steel Components
4. Remove Decking & Install Timber Decking
5. Install Decorative Fencing/Bridge Rails

Discussed site visit by Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation: Circuit Rider Greg Farmer: Perfect place for a pedestrian bridge that would connect the parking lot on the west end of the bridge to Saga Meadows Park and all the river views, a perfect addition to the town's parks.

Met with Director of Public Works to discuss project

Obtained property boundaries from the Town Engineer (Parking lot)

Began Friends of Old Boardman Bridge on Facebook and domain: www.friendsofboardmanbridge.org

Discussed the use of PPG epoxy coatings that are intended for use without excessive sanding or sandblasting

Vegetation: Clearing Happening in October

Removal of Trees; Advanced Construction and Tree Removal, LLC

Removal of Vines, shrubs and Overgrowth: New Milford Public Works

Eversource: Removal of unused electrical pole # EC37

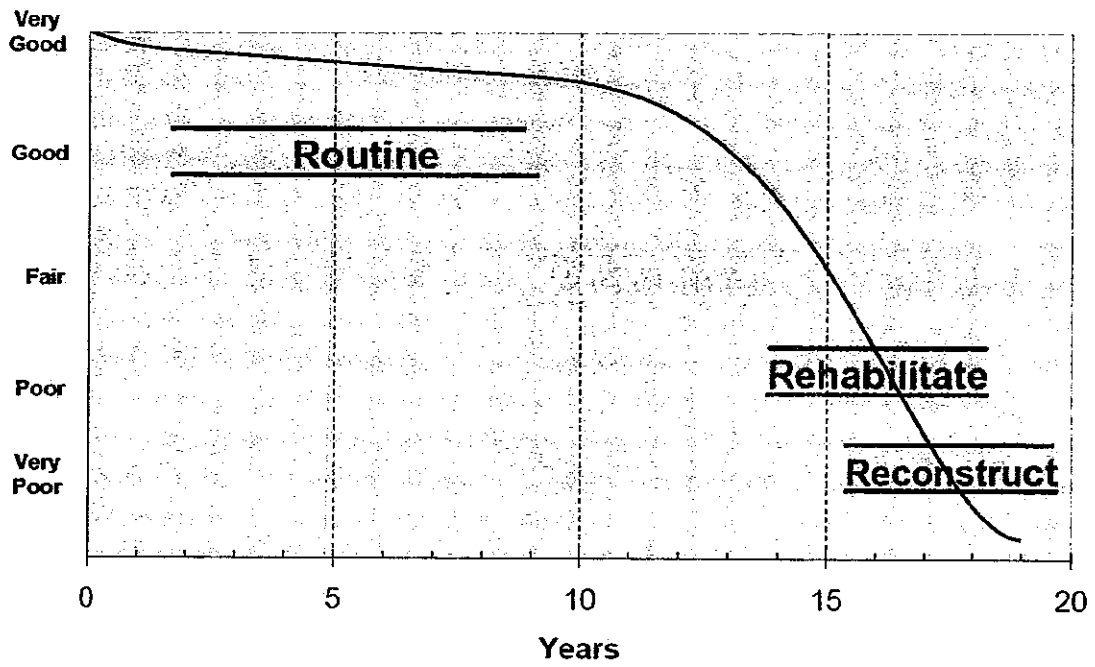
“Learn About Old Boardman Bridge Day” October 22 11:00 to 1:00 at the Bridge
Highlight the bridge, Raise community awareness, and Enlist volunteers

Refreshments, speakers, bridge brochure, large photographs of Old Boardman Bridge past and present and Old Drake Flower Bridge

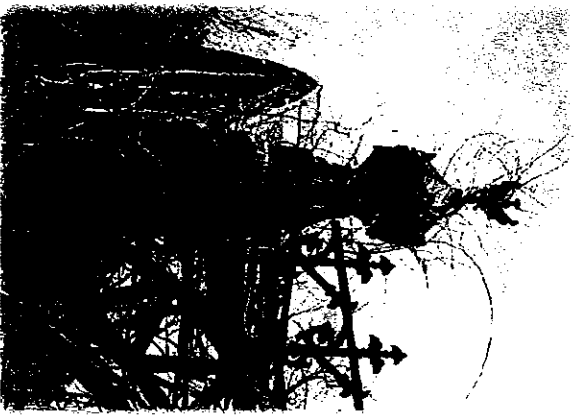
Next: masonry repair, repair Structural steel, decking estimates

Thank you the Secretary of the Old Drake Flower Bridge for the use of their photo's and inspiration.

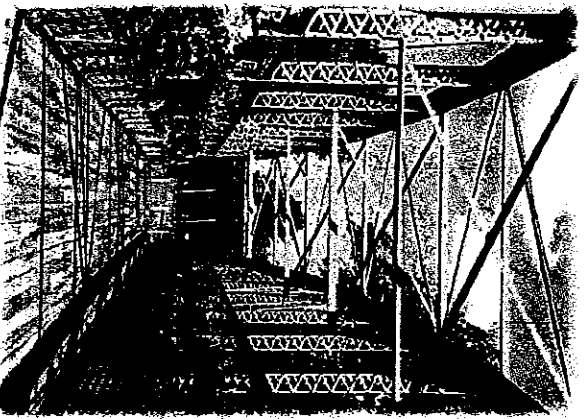
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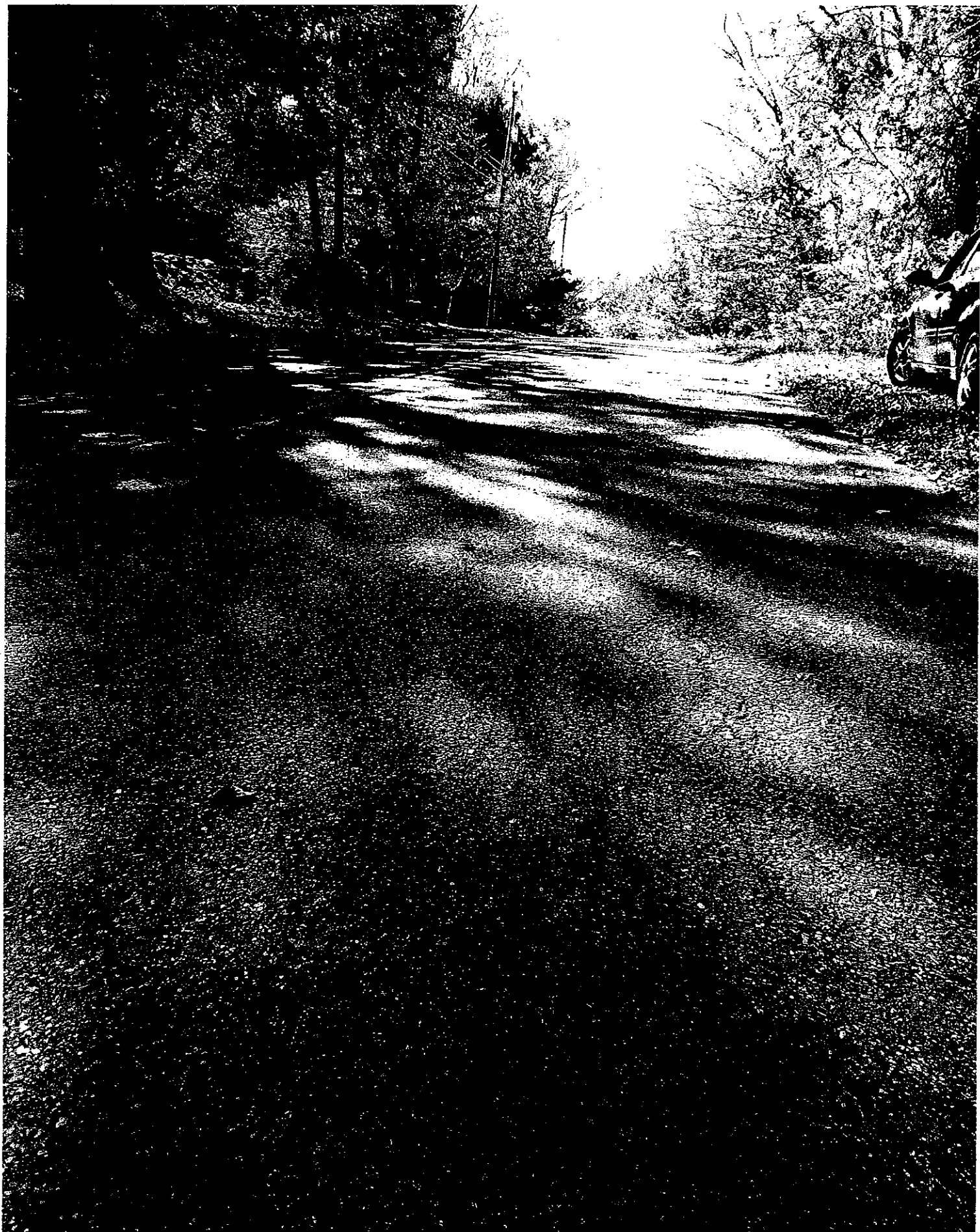


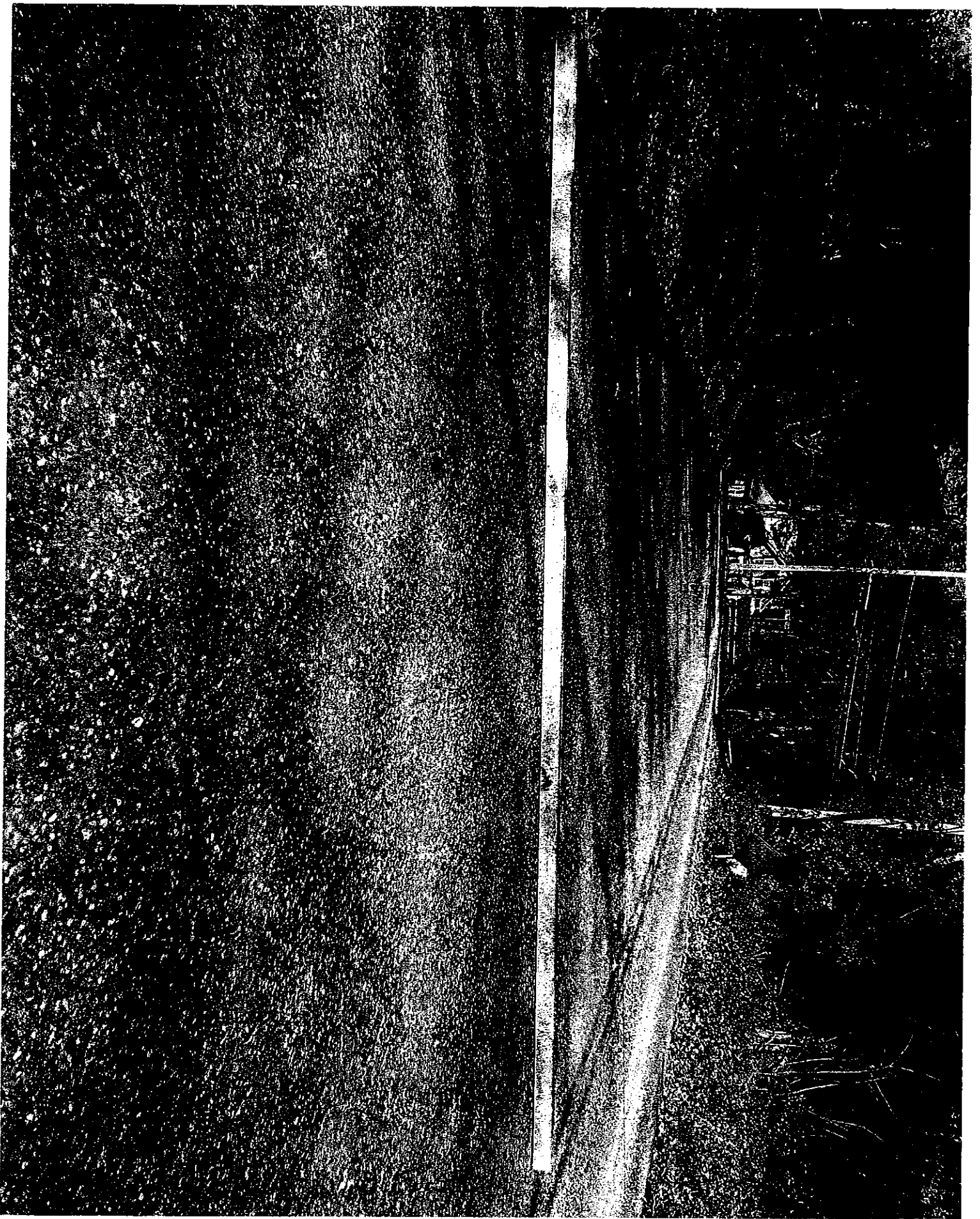
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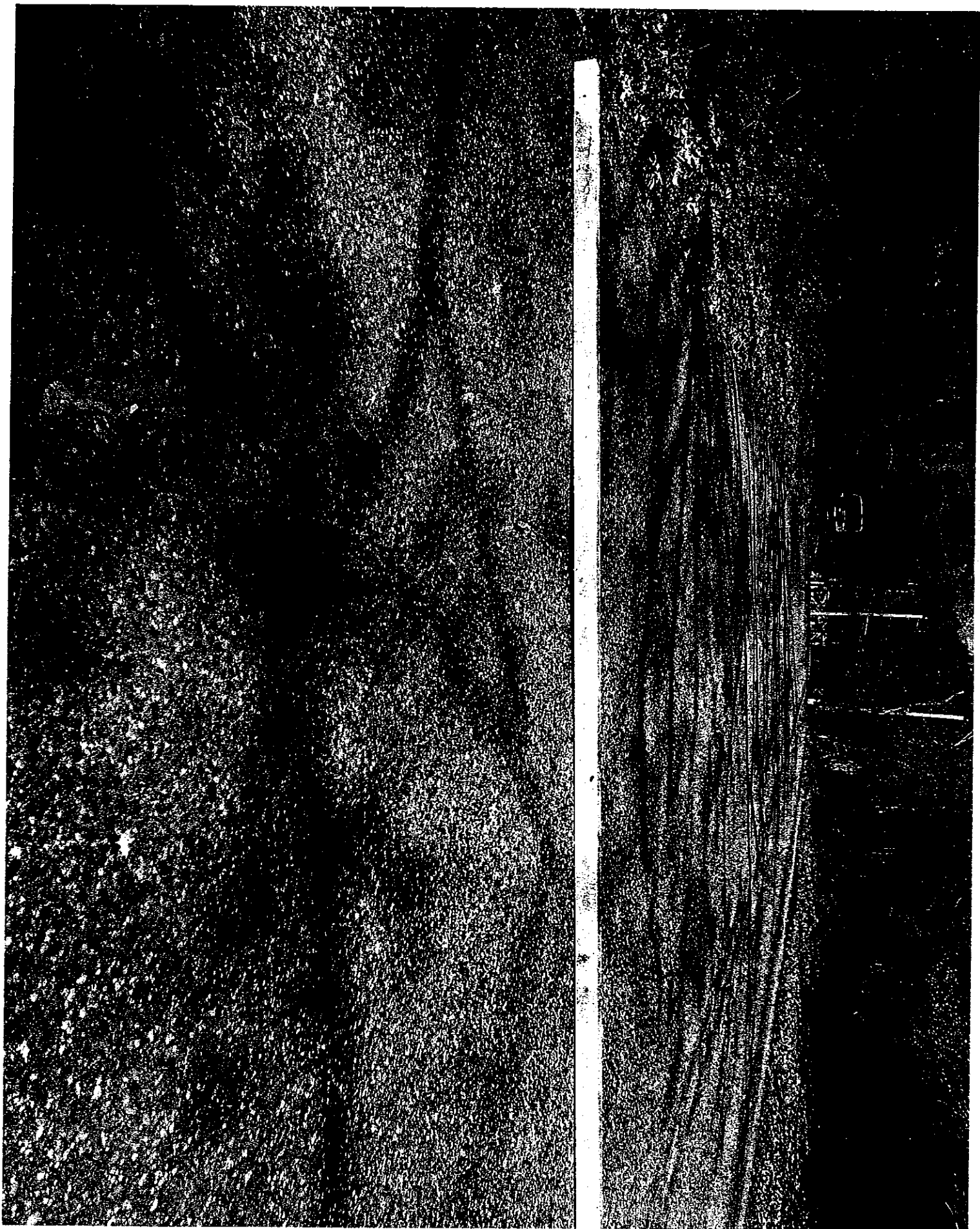


The Old Drake Flower Bridge Simsbury

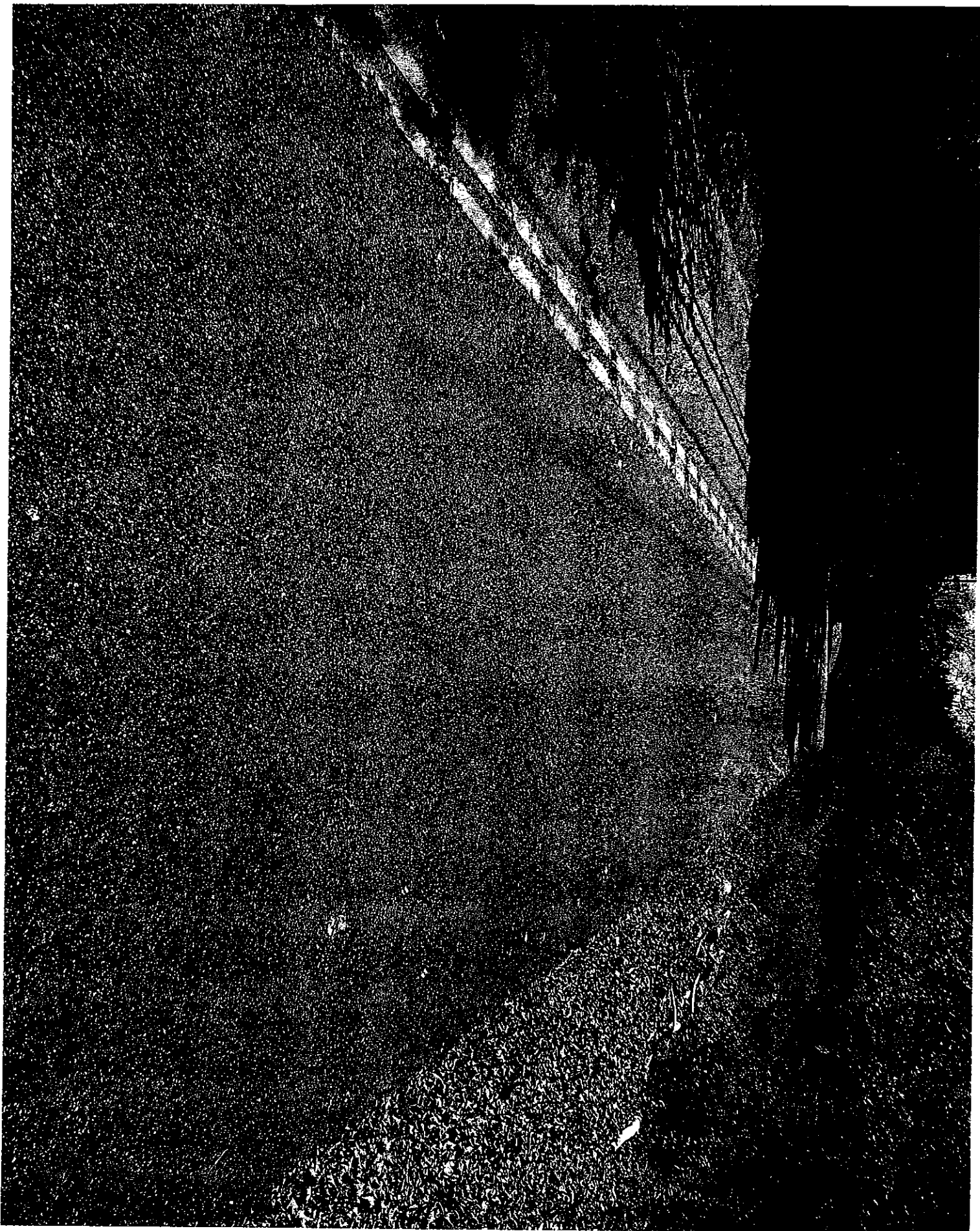




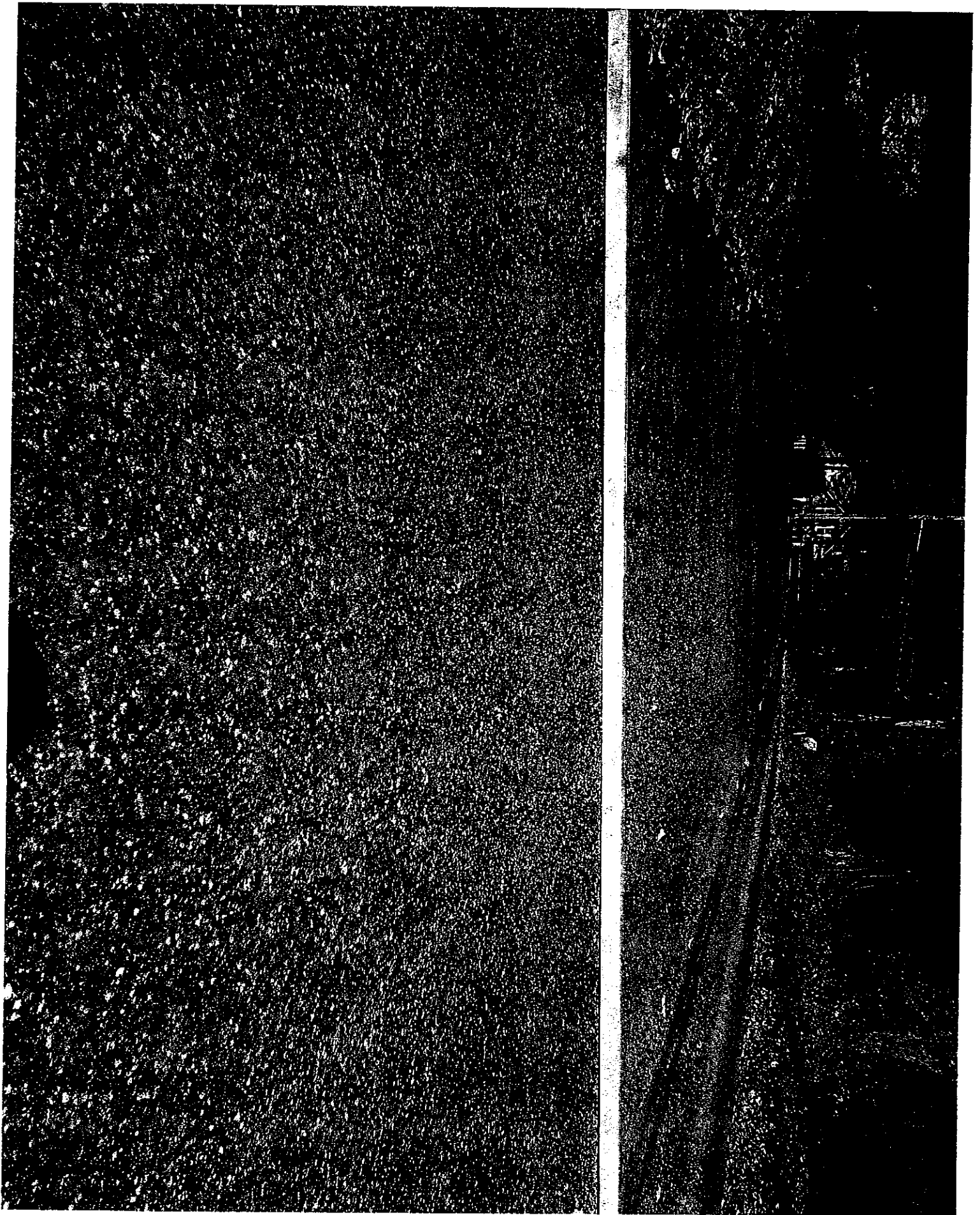














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September 29, 2017

**TO: Mayor David Gronbach and The New Milford Town Council
10 Main Street
New Milford, Connecticut 06776**

FROM: New Milford Veterans Committee

Honorable Mayor Gronbach and Town Council Members

As you may or may not know, the state provides an honor guard for all military funerals and at present they send two members of the branch of the service for the Veteran being interred. They will only provide taps on request and there is still only two members sent to any one funeral to perform these services.

They do not provide a rifle salute or playing of TAPS at present. In our efforts as a Veterans group consisting of both the American Legion and the VFW, we strive to make sure all Veterans who pass away get a complete military funeral. We have created a combined color guard for the Town of New Milford from both primary Veterans organizations in town and as part of our commitment in doing so, was to be able to provide a complete military funeral for any Veteran from New Milford who passes away, including a rifle salute, and playing of Taps.

We currently have Color Guard Veterans available who can perform the Rifle salute on request from color guards throughout the state, but we want to be able to perform this service as well from honored Veterans from our own Color Guard. Currently, we do not have a Bugle and Insert to be able to play TAPS

The presence of a Bugle would allow us to perform our own playing of Taps at events such as Memorial Day, Veterans Day, Pearl Harbor Day and especially September 11, in honor of all the Veteran 1st responders who are critical to the safety and welfare of our Town. So, Mayor Gronbach, ladies and gentlemen of the New Milford Town Council, I am in request of the funds tonight, to be able to purchase a bugle and an insert, so we can be at the ready to perform services for all our Veterans at any given moment or day throughout the year. we are in request of a donation from the Town Of New Milford for the cost to purchase a Bugle and 1 Insert so we can perform Taps at military funerals and at all other events in our town during the year that require the playing of TAPS.

The total cost of a new Bugle and Insert, including shipping and handling is \$565.33. Please give our request consideration and if approved, we Thank You from our hearts for your continued efforts to honor all Veterans of New Milford.

Respectfully,

Jeffrey B. McBreairty

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Vice Chairman

New Milford Veterans Committee



Ceremonial Bugle

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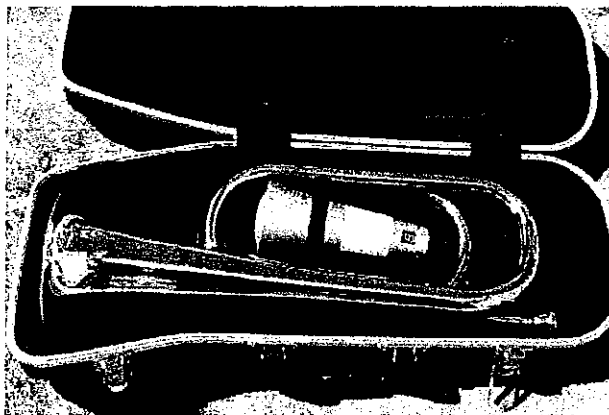
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CB2003US: [click to order](#) (In stock)

The American Ceremonial Bugle. Nickel silver 17 inch bugle, New silver insert that plays "Taps" and other calls*. Hard shell carry case.

Price: \$530 (48 states)

See [Product sheet \(PDF\)](#) for more details



Quotes

"We like it very much," said Bob Manhan, spokesman for the Missouri-based Veterans of Foreign Wars. "This will add more dignity to the burial service. The survivors can physically see a bugler playing a nice rendition of taps. Nothing is ever going to be perfect, but this is nearly a fail-safe method," he said.

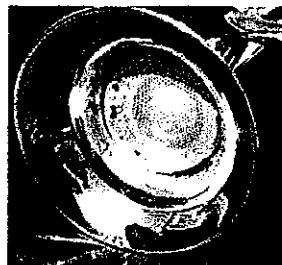
Mike Duggan of the American Legion agreed. "We're excited about this, and we think it will have a good visual effect. This isn't meant to fool anybody," he said. "The idea is not to replace a live bugler but offer an alternative that is close to the real thing."

Programmable insert: [click to order](#) (In Stock)

Those who have already purchased our original Ceremonial Bugle can now **upgrade** to the new programmable insert which includes new 2 inch speaker, improved sound quality. Silver finish to match bugle, USB 2.0, for additional calls. Free software available on our website.

We will provide one per bugle and **we will need the original invoice number or serial number from current insert as proof of purchase.** Inserts carry a 1 year warranty.

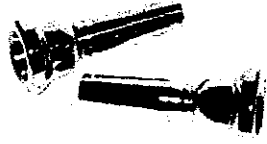
Price: \$175 inc. US shipping, 48 states



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Nickel silver 17 inch bugle. You will need to send us your bugle case so we can securely ship your bugle.

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Office of the Tax Collector

October 3, 2017

TO: Honorable David Gronbach, Mayor
Honorable W. Lee Palmer, Director of Finance
Honorable Members of Town Council

FROM: Kathleen Conway, Assessor
Nancy McGavic, Tax Collector

RE: October refunds

Balance in refund account: \$ 33,131.65
Account #10413700-59500

October refunds \$ 5,211.47

Balance after October refunds \$ 27,920.18

Respectfully Submitted:

Kathleen Conway, Assessor and Nancy McGavic, Tax Collector

October 10, 2017 refunds

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	ACCOUNT	AMOUNT	NOTES
Acar Leasing		2016-03-0100096, 100240	547.76	adjusted by Assessor
Burns	Patrick	2016-03-0103317	61.54	adjusted by Assessor
Chagas	Silvano	2016-03-0104239	367.33	adjusted by Assessor
Ding	Long	2016-03-0106547	30.14	adjusted by Assessor
Dougherty	Kyle	2016-03-0106781	11.88	adjusted by Assessor
Feaser	Darryl	2016-03-0107834	71.39	adjusted by Assessor
Financial Service Vehicle Trust		4 account #s	404.99	adjusted by Assessor
Fortuna	Robert	2016-03-0108443	47.68	adjusted by Assessor
Gravelly	Judith & Phillip	2016-03-0109667	20.05	adjusted by Assessor
Giuliani	Carmine	2016-03-0109385	41.01	adjusted by Assessor
Holding	William	2016-03-0110946	50.82	adjusted by Assessor
Honda Lease Trust		17 accounts #s	2609.82	adjusted by Assessor
Hyundai Lease Titling Trust		2016-03-0111589	35.43	adjusted by Assessor
Janaitis	James & Teresa	2016-03-0111936, 0111937	50.31	adjusted by Assessor
Jung	Andrew	2016-03-0112526	79.79	adjusted by Assessor
Kaul	Deep	2016-03-0112661	16.7	adjusted by Assessor
Klausner	Lillian & James	2016-03-0113109	20.31	adjusted by Assessor
Kozusko	Jake	2015-03-0110785	90.14	adjusted by Assessor
Kramer	Jacob	2013-03-0110822	79.01	adjusted by Assessor
Levine	Jeffrey	2016-03-0114260	69.76	adjusted by Assessor
Mendes	Joseph	2016-03-0116334	16.22	adjusted by Assessor
Merkel	Stephen	2016-03-0116387	32.4	adjusted by Assessor
Miller / Buccieri	Keri / Patrick	2016-03-0116595	129.84	adjusted by Assessor
Nissan Infiniti		2015-04-83313	75.89	adjusted by Assessor
Orlan	Marilyn	2016-03-0118390	24.82	adjusted by Assessor
Rodda	Gerald	2016-03-0120983	27.2	adjusted by Assessor
Rooney	Jaime	2016-03-0121145	55.86	adjusted by Assessor
Shapiro	Melvin & Barbara	2016-03-0122505	45.65	adjusted by Assessor
Telesca	Lisa	2016-03-0124227, 0124228	97.73	adjusted by Assessor
Total			5211.47	



Mary Vannucci <mvannucci@newmilford.org>

Fwd: Rotary Contribution

Mayor David Gronbach <mayor@newmilford.org>

Wed, Sep 27, 2017 at 2:00 PM

To: David Gronbach <dgronbach@newmilford.org>, Mary Vannucci <mvannucci@newmilford.org>

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Robert Macklin** <rmbanker@gmail.com>

Date: Wed, Sep 27, 2017 at 1:44 PM

Subject: Rotary Contribution

To: mayor@newmilford.org

Mr. Mayor: As we previously discussed, I am pleased to inform you that the New Milford Rotary Club has allocated \$1,500.00 to be used to acquire and install benches for the new River Walkway along the Housatonic River. Rotary District 7890 has approved a matching grant bringing the total proposed contribution to \$3,000.00.

Please request that the New Milford Town Council agree to accept this contribution.

Under the terms of the District grant, the project must be completed by March 31, 2018. Please refer me to the proper individual to coordinate this effort. Should you have any questions, please contact me.

Robert (Bob) Macklin
Rotary Club Foundation Chairman
57 Carlson Ridge Rd.
New Milford, CT 06776

e-mail: rmbanker@gmail.com
cell phone: 203-444-8738

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: October 10, 2017

SPEAKER'S SIGN IN SHEET

PUBLIC COMMENT WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE MEETING FOR A TOTAL OF 15 MINUTES WITH EACH SPEAKER LIMITED TO 3 MINUTES. SIGN UP IS REQUIRED PRIOR TO THE SCHEDULED START OF THE MEETING. ADDITIONAL TIME WILL BE PROVIDED AT THE END OF THE MEETING TO ADDRESS THE GROUP IF MORE THAN 15 MINUTES IN TOTAL IS NECESSARY.

Please print clearly

- ✓ NAME: Frank Wargo ADDRESS: C Highmeadow Rd
- ✓ NAME: Jill McKearty ADDRESS: 288 Kent Rd. N.M.
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- ✓ NAME: Heidi Edel ADDRESS: 8 Gregory Dr.
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Hidden Treasures Park

Town Council update October 10, 2017

By the Hidden Treasures Park Committee

Lisa Arasin

Chris Bruzzi

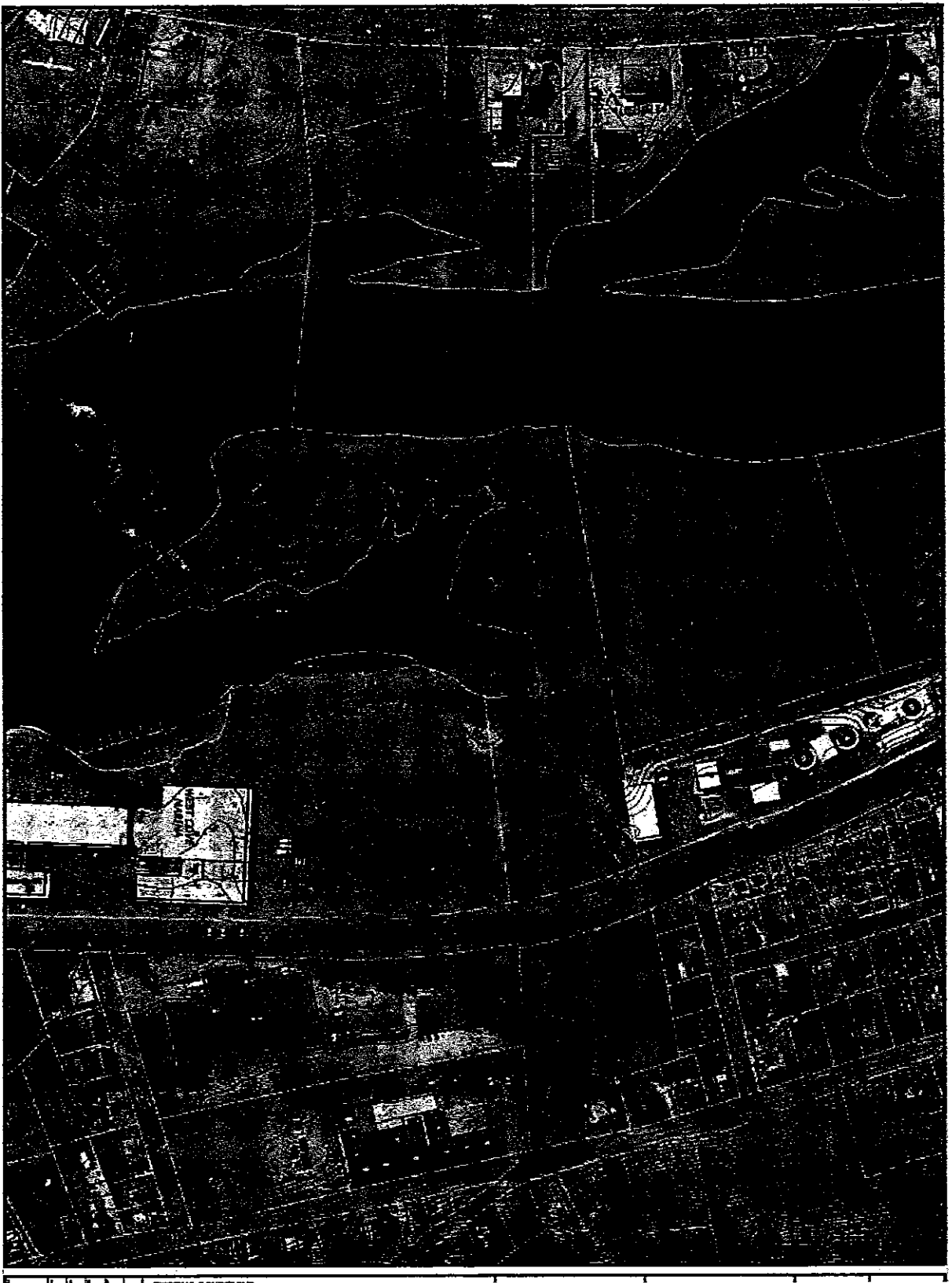
Tricia Gregory

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Hidden Treasures Park Aerial view



Our Immediate Goals: Phase 1

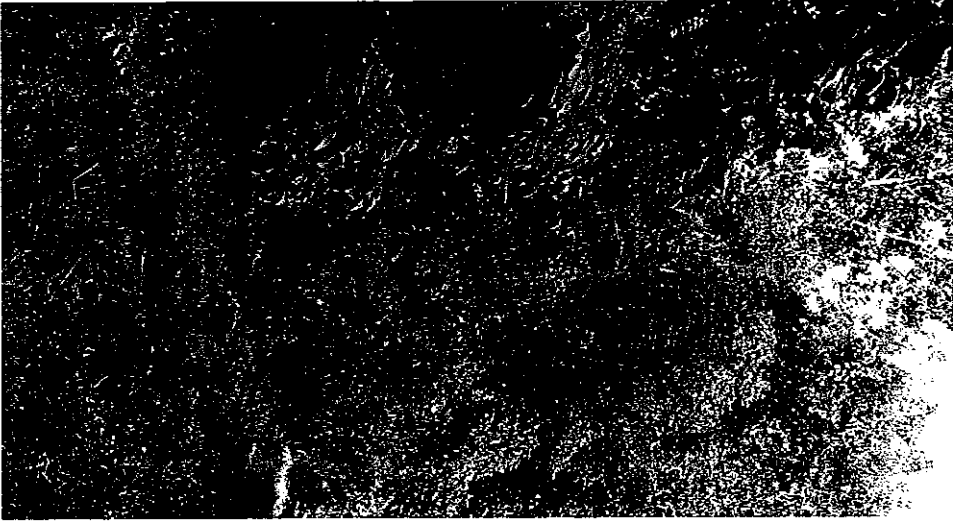
- To make the park usable (kayaking, canoeing, fishing, walking, enjoying the views of the river, camping)
- To make the park safe

Status of the Park

Thanks to the generous contributions of services from three local businesses: Bruzzi Landscaping, J.C. Merritt Construction and Advanced Construction, and with the help of Inland Wetlands we have been able to:

- Clear and remove much of the invasive growth**
- Remove damaged, non-native trees**

The Result: You can see the beautiful Housatonic River again!

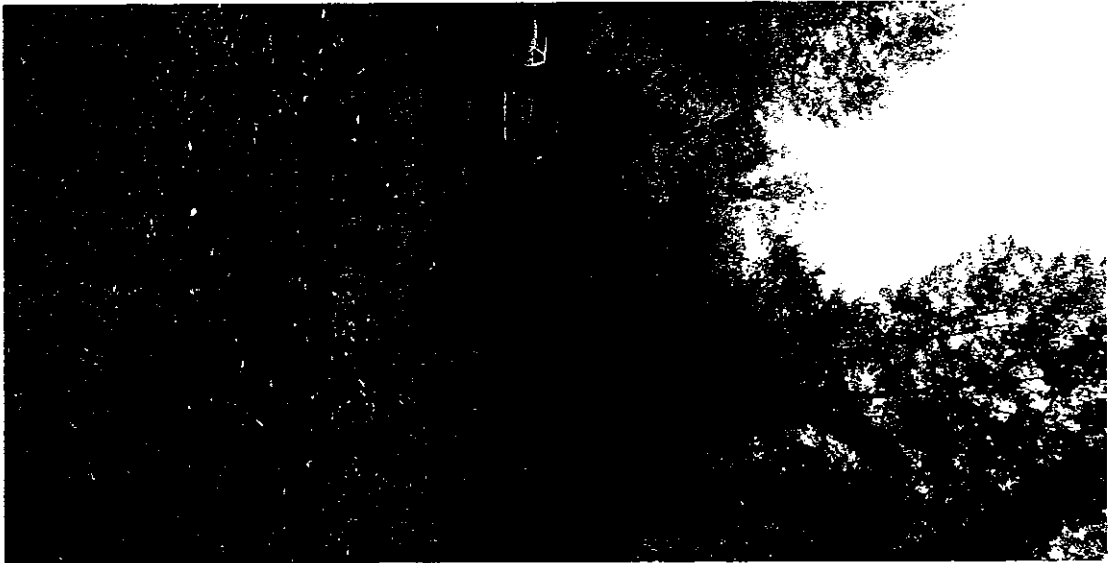


Before



Before

Clearing begins with cutting of vines and "hand pulling" with small excavators



Larger equipment was brought in for tree removal, brush hogging and stump grinding





After

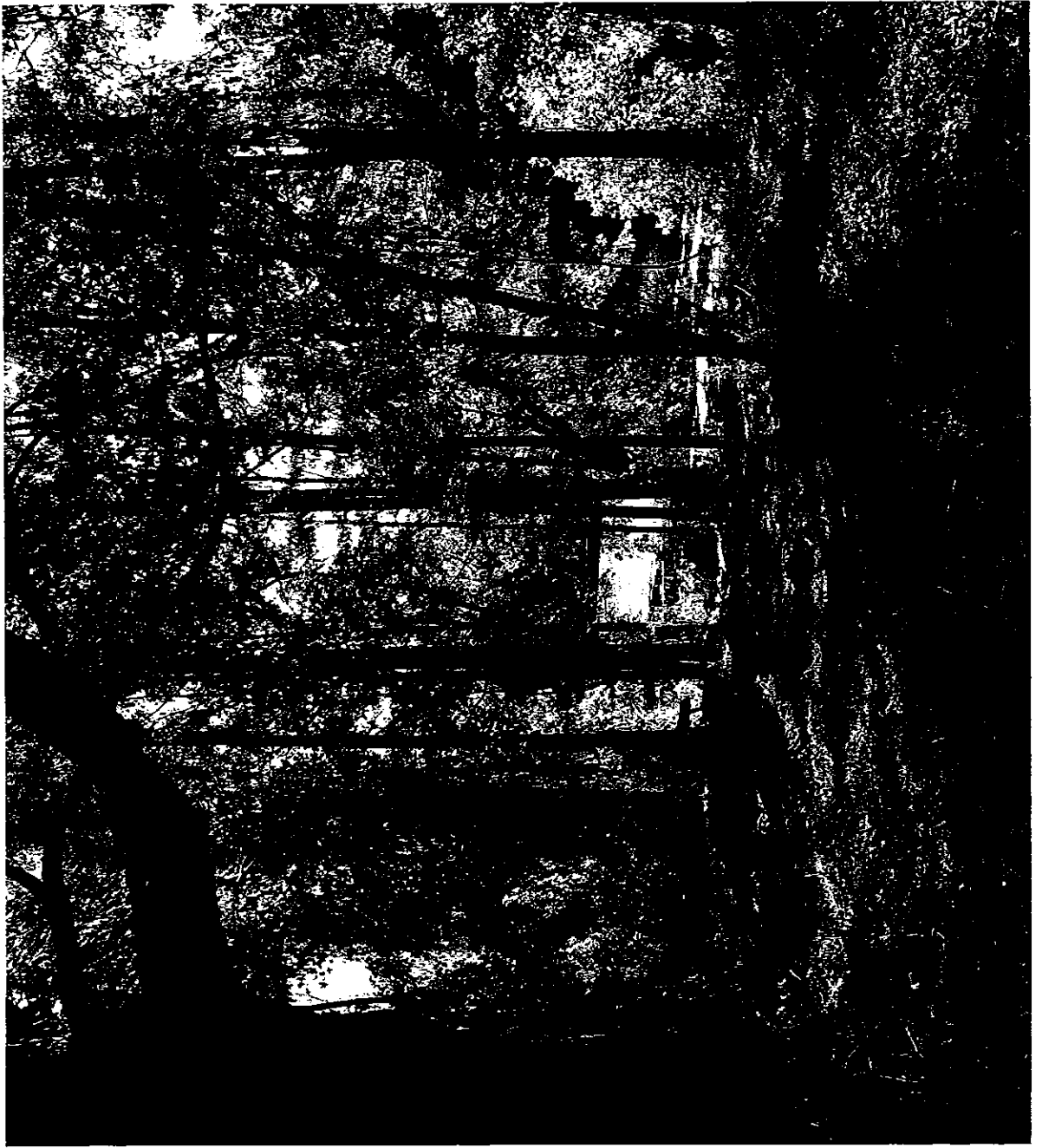




After



More After Photos



Before: Looking from building towards end of peninsula



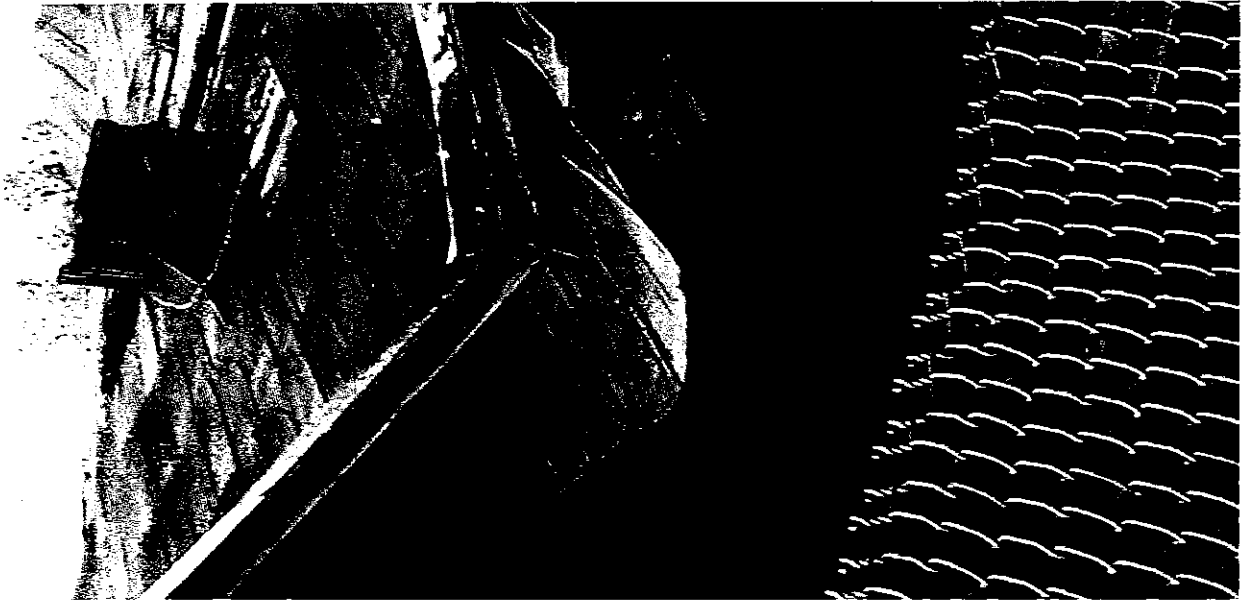
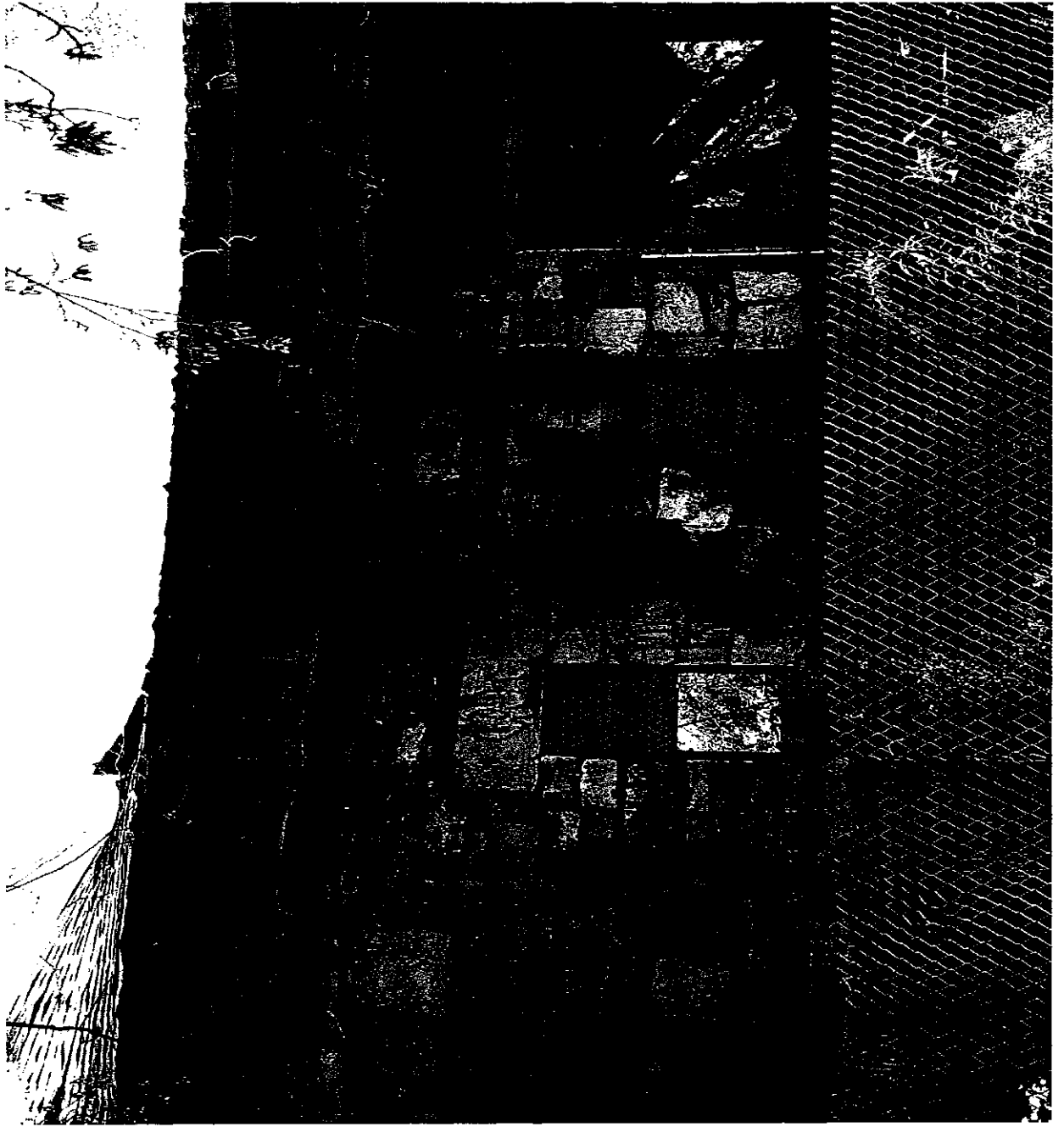
After: Looking from building towards end of peninsula



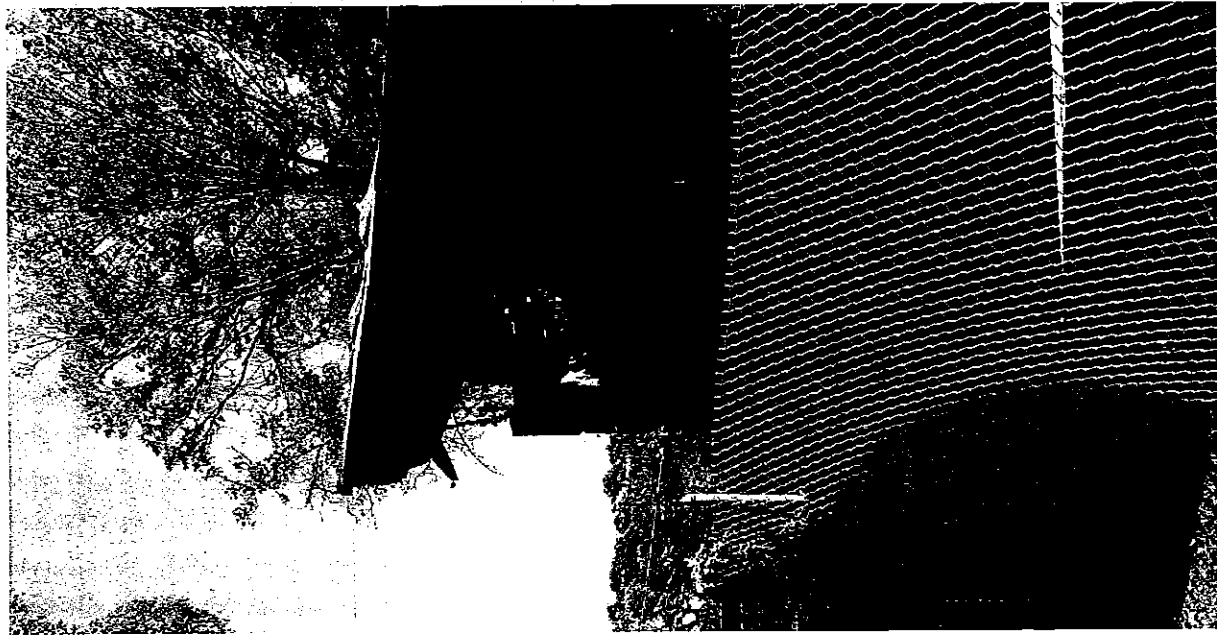
Safety Concerns

- **Dilapidated roof and debris inside Pump House building**
- **Water tower filled with water**
- **Uneven kayak/canoe portage entrance/exit area**

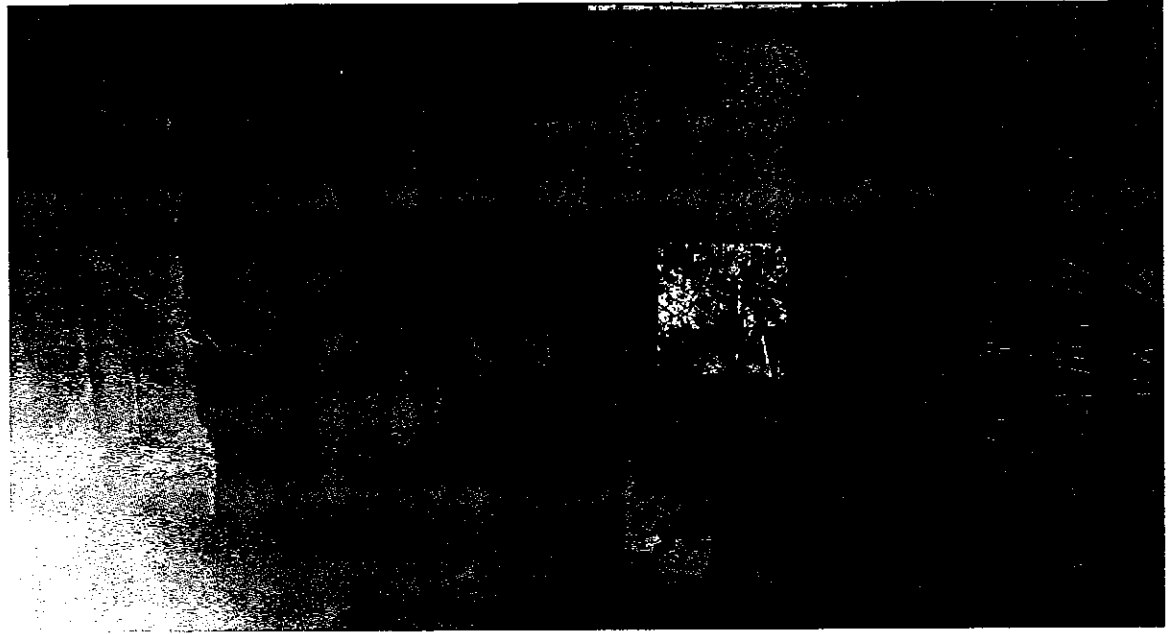
Pump House



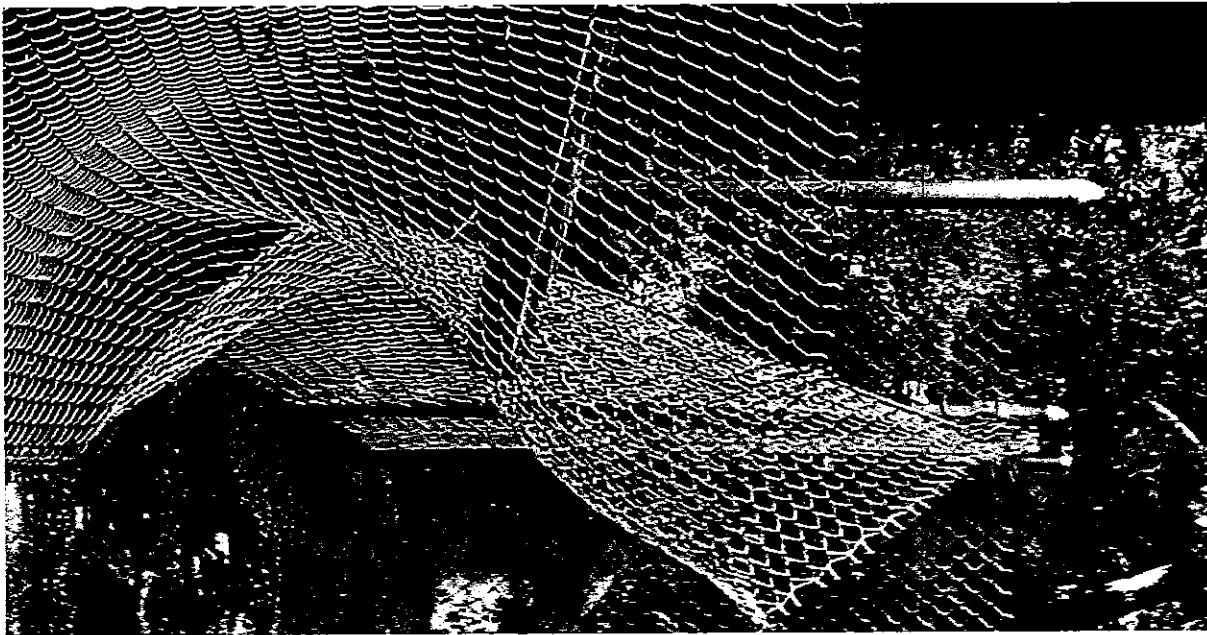
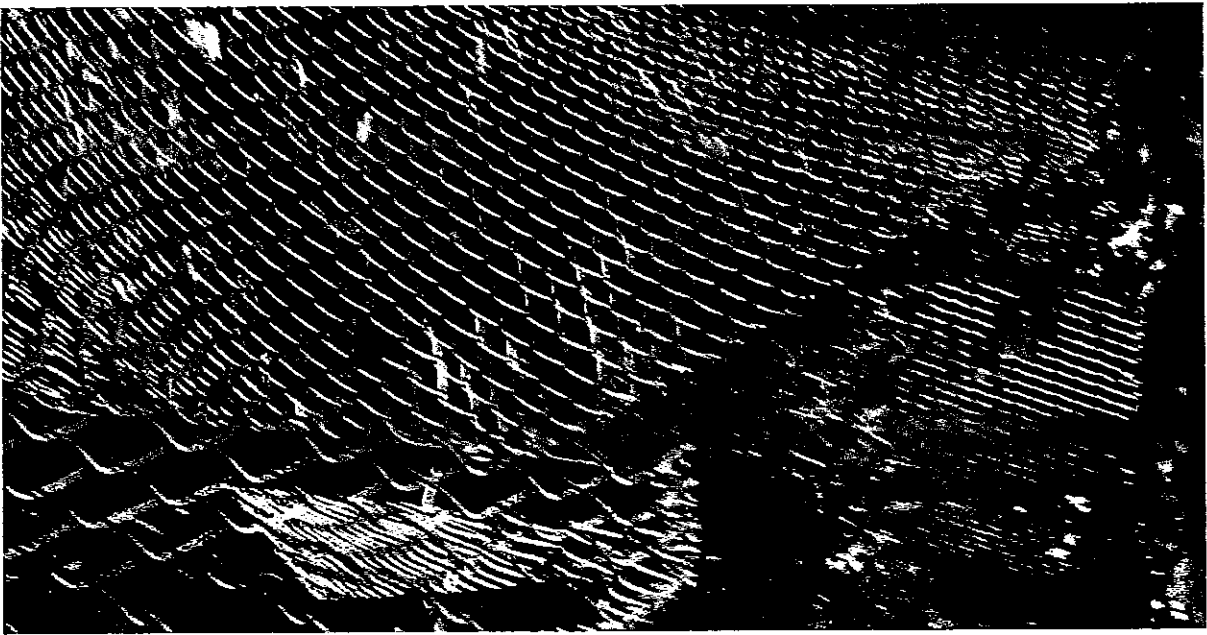
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More Photos of Pump House



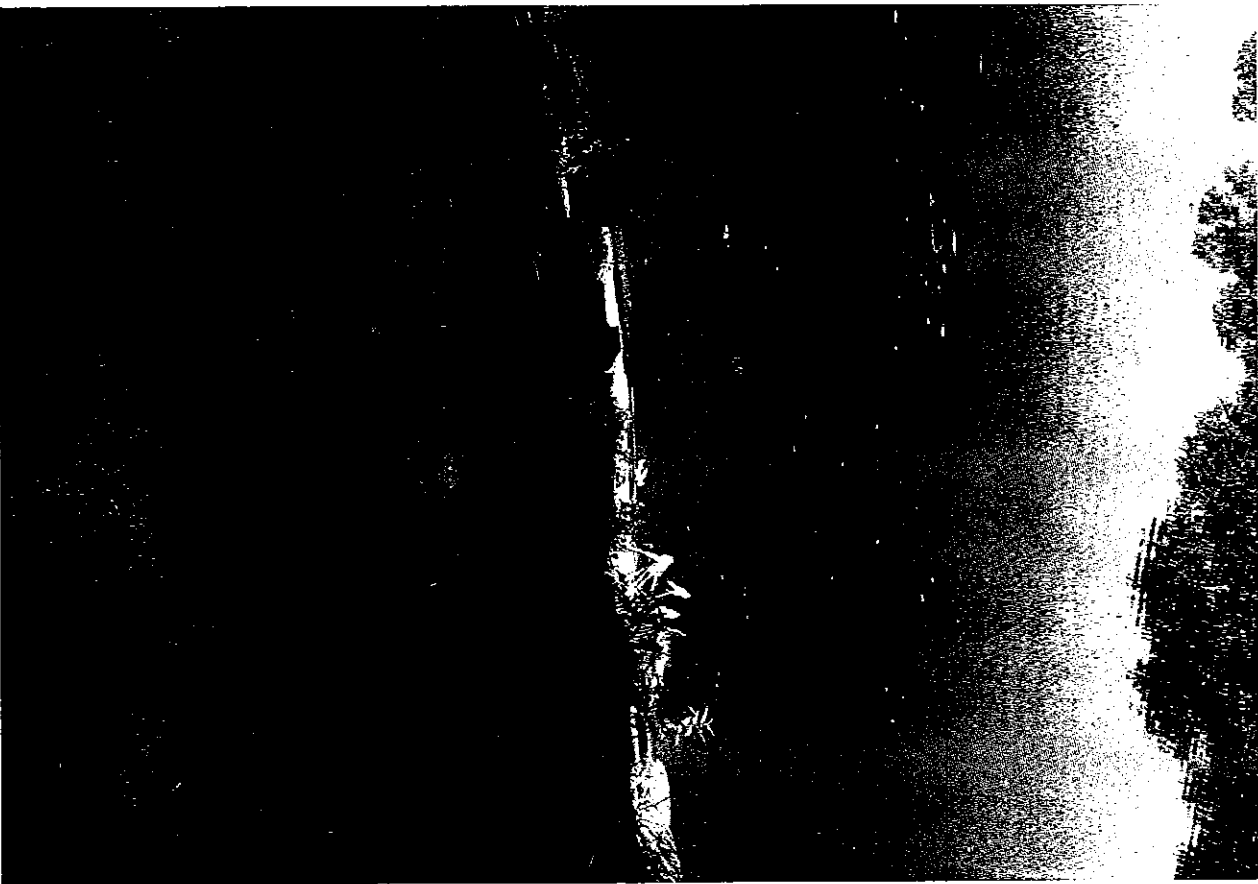
Fencing around the Pump House building

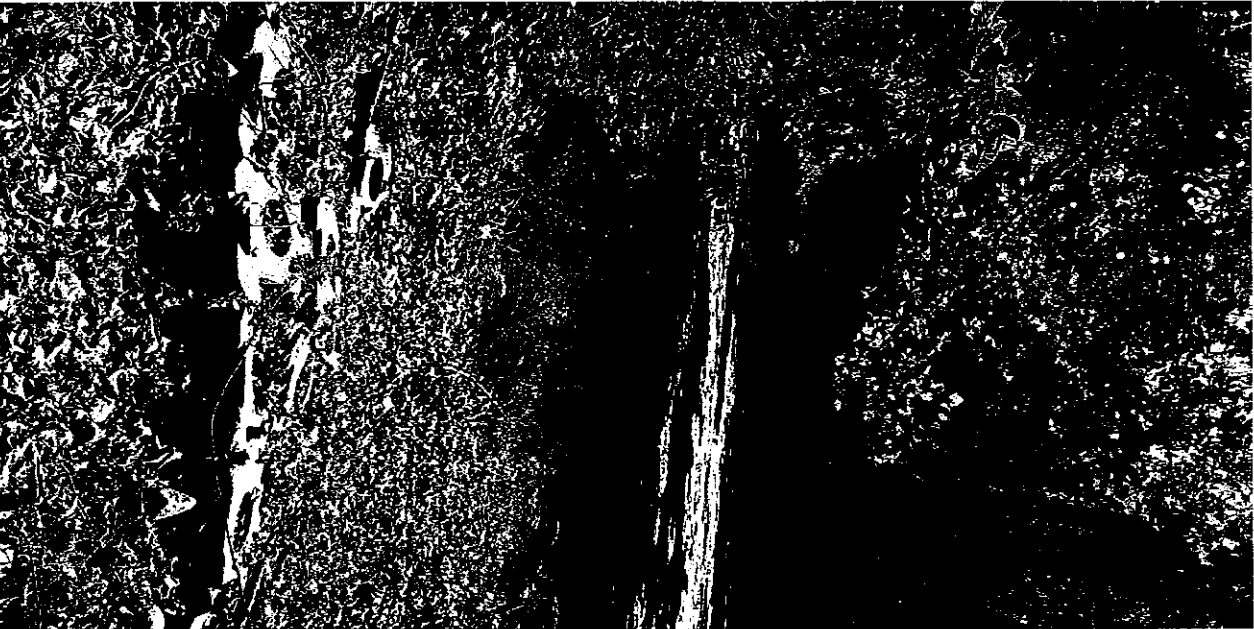
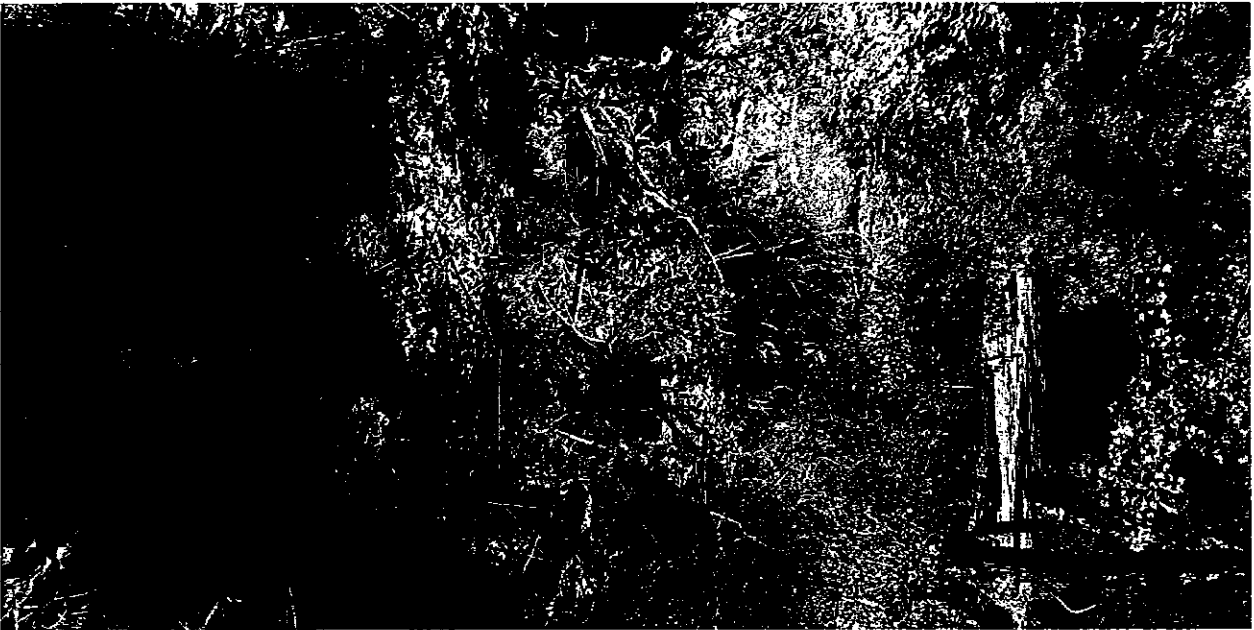


Water Tower



Portage area # 1





Portage Area # 2

Additional Steps Needed to Open the Park

- **Cleanup:** A small machine with a York rake is needed to collect wood, leaf and flood debris, then load and haul away using dumpster (labor estimated as 3 men for 4 days)
- **Topsoil:** Need to bring in and spread out topsoil (200 Cubic Yards be spread over sandy loam areas to establish no mow)
- **Seed:** Need to stabilize ground by planting seeds (High seed with Verdyl Biotic earth black with no mow fescue (80,000 square feet))
- **Demolish:** Need to demolish and remove roof and debris in pump house building with dumpsters and repair the chain link fence
- **Parking:** Need to establish parking area with fencing, as well as put fencing around the pond: 3 high split-rail fencing @ 400 lineal feet, as well as bollards
- **Drain:** Drain water tower
- **Repairs:** Repairs to Kayak Portage/ramp (3 men, 2 days with excavator, 60 ton of 1.25" processed stone)
- **Amenities:** Signage, benches, garbage cans, miscellaneous expenses
- **Estimate \$75,000**

Future Considerations: Phase 2

- **Researching options for the Pump House building once cleared :**
 - **Leave “as is”, even though it would be an attractive nuisance that obstructs the view of the Housatonic River and dam**
 - **Repair walls, add a new roof or seasonal canopy**
 - **Tear down the building providing better access to the dam for inspections and repairs, opening up the view of the Housatonic River, clearing the way for the New Milford River Trail to pass through the area to cross the river with a bridge that extends over the dam**
- **Trails, additional clearing and signage**
 - **The Boy Scouts and Youth Agency may be able to help with adding amenities, upkeep and projects as needed, along with signage**
- **Maintenance**
 - **We are keeping the park as natural and low-maintenance as possible, but brush hogging and invasives control will be needed.**

Additional things to note:

Survey and Topographic Information and the New Milford River Trail

An A-2 survey of the Hidden Treasures property is being conducted in October by CCA, LLC. It is being paid for with a grant from First Light obtained by New Milford's Town Planner.

Engineering firm Milone and MacBroom, who have been hired to identify the New Milford River Trail's potential phases and routes, are recommending the trail pass through the park, and are providing topographic information shortly. They are recommending a rolled gravel base trail through this property, with a pedestrian bridge over the dam and Housatonic River to Pickett District Road.

**Town of New Milford
Riverfront Revitalization Committee
Advisory Panel**

Dana K. Bezerra, Senior Vice President, The Heron Foundation, responsible for deal sourcing, across a spectrum of investors, syndicating capital when possible, and cultivating opportunities to deploy the full range of Heron's "toolbox" including grants, program related investments and market-rate mission related investments for urban revitalization projects, New Milford resident

Kevin Bielmeier, New Milford Economic Development Director, New Milford resident

Margery Feldberg, Former partner in Boston-based real estate commercial and residential real estate firm; co-owner deHoek Farm and its USDA-certified onsite cattle processing facility; board member, Weantinoge Heritage Land Trust, Inc.; and 30-year part-time New Milford resident

Barry Ginsburg, Retired large scale national retail mall developer, Roxbury resident and former 14-year New Milford part-time resident

Merle Ginsburg, Retired commercial real estate network and nonprofit leader, Roxbury resident and 14-year New Milford part-time resident

Lisa Hide, Retired marketing professional with a Fortune 500 company, New Milford resident for over 15 years

Michael Jatremski, HVA, Watershed Conservation Director

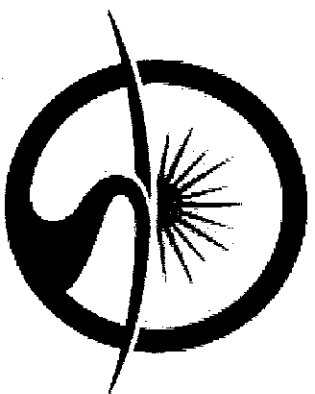
Steve Kleppin, The Town Planner, Norwalk CT, Chair New Milford Farmland & Forest Preservation Committee, owner/operator Windswept Christmas Tree Farm, lifelong New Milford resident

Dennis Larkin, Leader of Environmental Health and Safety, Kimberly Clark Corporation, New Milford Subsidiary, New Milford resident

Russ Posthauer, President, CCA Engineering, Brookfield, longtime New Milford resident

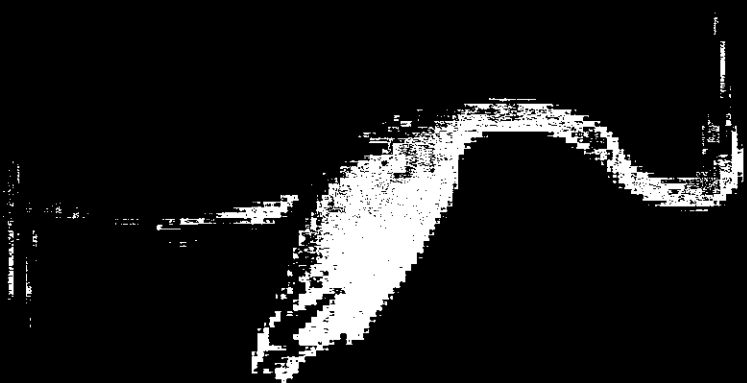
Nick Poudier, Founder & Principal, Poudier Design Group, providing landscape, architectural and ecological planning services to clients throughout the Northeast United States, and resident of our town, New Milford resident

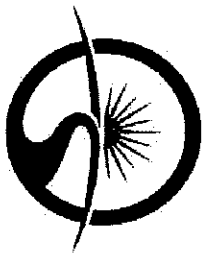
Jean Solomon Large scale national real estate development project leader, resident of Washington CT



Riverfront Revitalization Committee

Report to Mayor David Gronbach
and the New Milford Town Council
October 10, 2017





A New Vision

FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERS WHO VOTED TO ESTABLISH THE RIVERFRONT REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE, PLEASE VISIT THE TOWN OF GRANBACH WEBSITE AT WWW.GRANBACHVT.COM

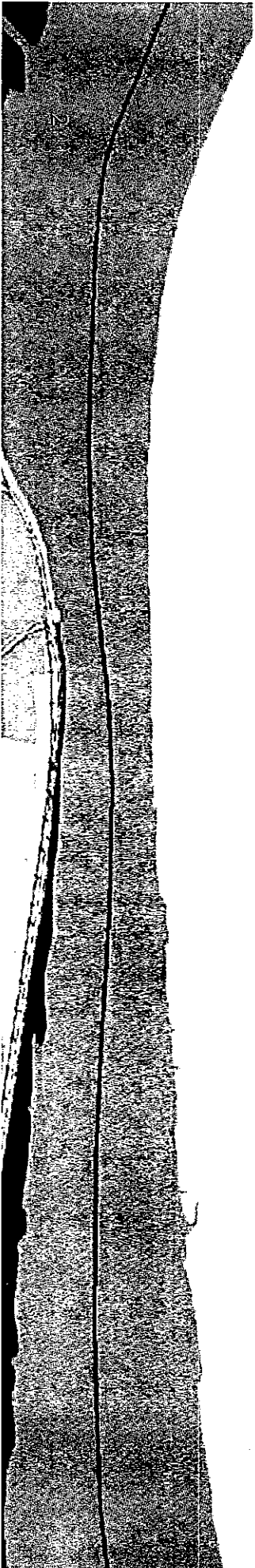
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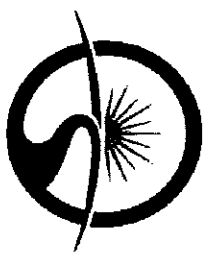
The Town Council unanimously votes to establish Riverfront Revitalization Committee proposed by Mayor Gronbach.

May 8, 2017

Committee Members Appointed, Term of May 8 to November 1, 2017

- Julie Bailey
- Liba Furhman
- Chris Gardner
- Richard Rosiello
- Peter Schmitt
- Frank Wargo
- Lucy Wildrick
- Adrienne Aurichio, Alternate





Committee Charge

Define Riverfront Revitalization area

- “Thinking big and out of the box” leverage and transform the existing Housatonic River shoreline
- *Mayor David Gronbach, May 14 RRC meeting*

Produce deliverables within five months

- Interim report
- Identification of next steps
- RFQ to identify consultants to develop phased plan
 - Revitalization Vision
 - Residents, business and property owners, Town agencies and commissions and other key stakeholder engagement
 - Planning, engineering, remediation and traffic recommendations






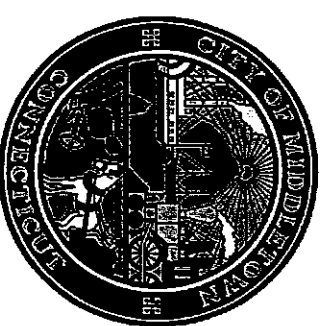
Presentations by:

- Real estate development experts, including Jean Solomon
- Dana Bezerra, Managing Senior Vice President Heron Foundation
- Gina Ford, ASLA, Principal, Martin Zogran, Principal, Susannah Ross, Landscape Architecture Coordinator, SASAKI, Boston, MA, riverfront revitalization architects/planners
- Vince McDermott, Senior Vice President, Milone & McBroom
- Joseph Samolis, Director of Planning, Conservation and Development, Middletown CT on Middletown's Riverfront Reconnection and Redevelopment.

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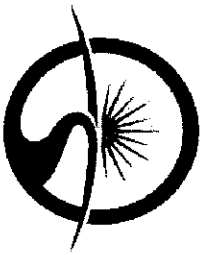




Presentations by:

- HVA Watershed Conservation Director Michael Jastremski
- New Milford Public Works Director Mike Zarba and Town Engineer Dan Stanton
- New Milford Park and Recreation Commission Chairman Tom Beecher
- New Milford Bike and Trail Committee Chairman Tom O'Brien and member Lisa Arasim
- RRC members on challenges of riverfront developments (Collinsville, Newburgh, Poughkeepsie, et al)



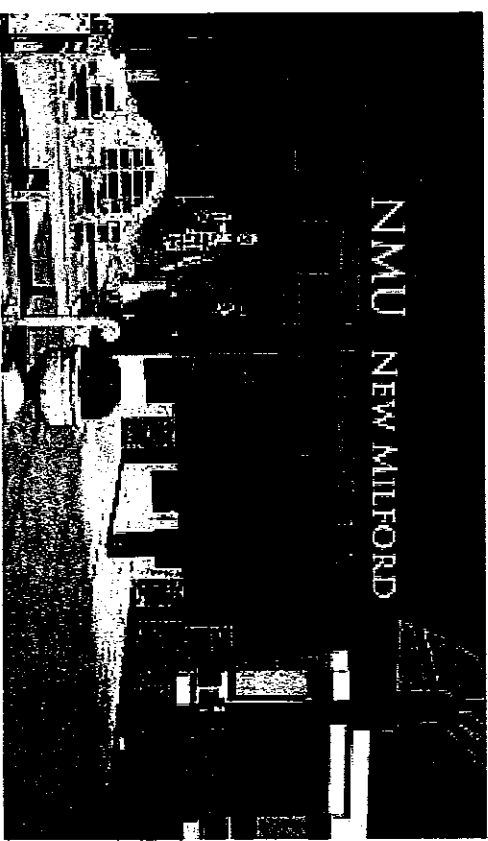


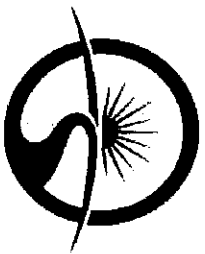
Lessons Learned

Involve the public early and often in the process.

Recruit institutional anchors such as a satellite educational campus, museum or eco-center

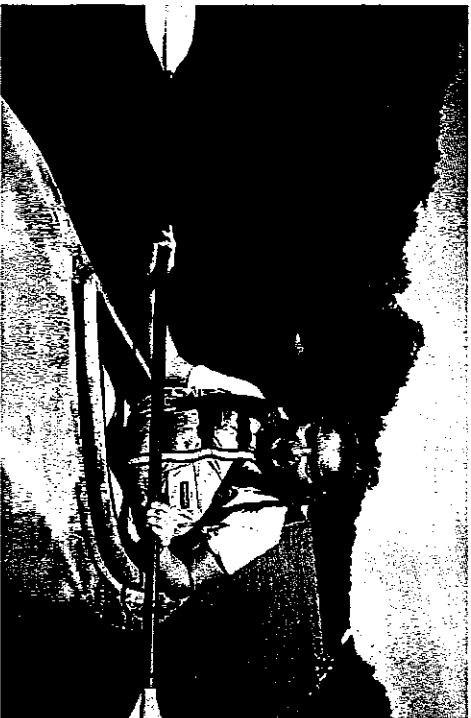
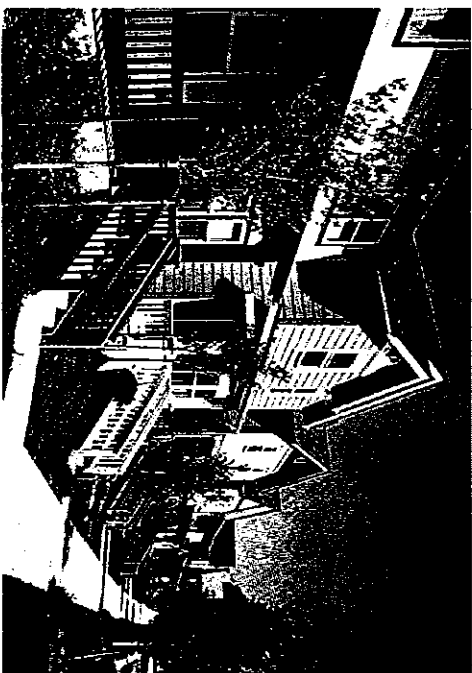
- Brings jobs
- Student, faculty and staff housing
- Commercial expenditures
- Contributes to activity, offerings and vibrancy
- Attractive for business looking to locate

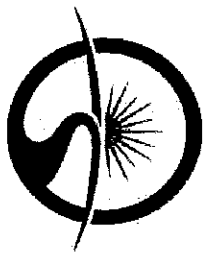




Lessons Learned

Enhance our Downtown and riverfront "Live-Work-Play" environment for all ages.





A Riverfront for the 21st Century

Trends in Riverfront Revitalization

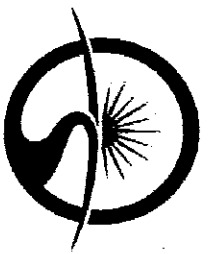
Keep everything connected.

- Downtown to the Riverfront
- Bridge to Bridge
- Young's Field to Segra Meadows

Create vibrancy and excitement.

Incorporate local ecology.

Capture Economic Value.



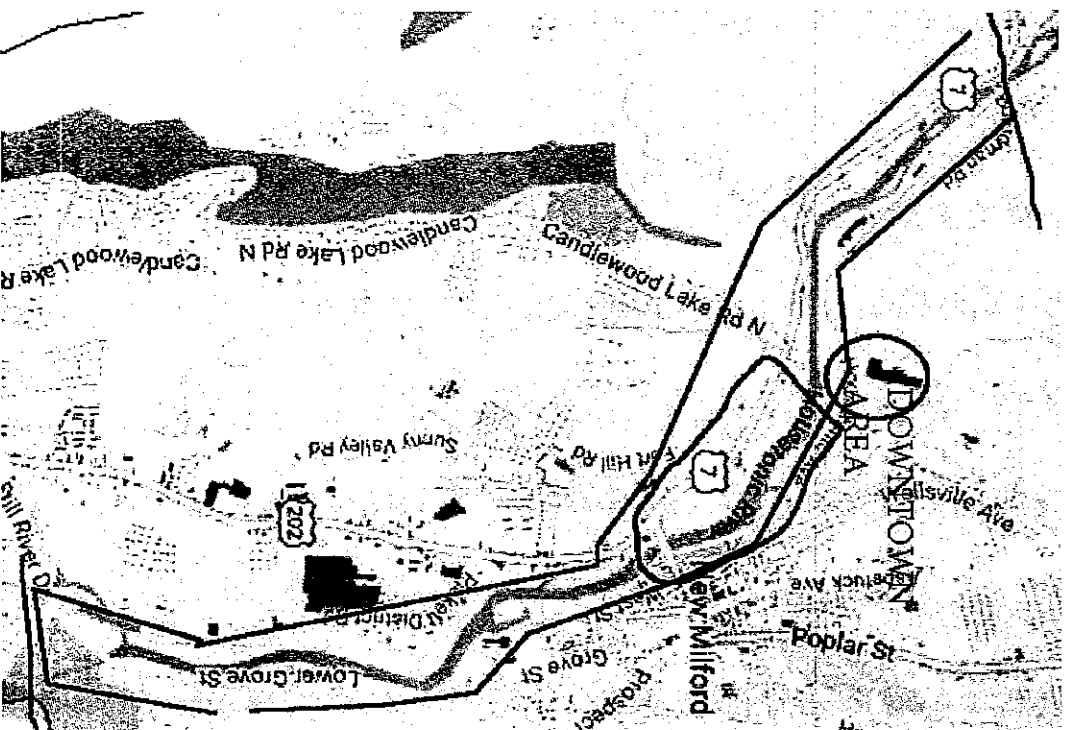
Define The District

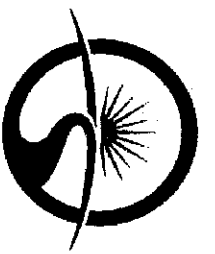
“Bridge to Bridge” from Boardman to Lover’s Leap East and West River Banks

A comprehensive master plan that puts New Milford in control of its future development

A tool for clarifying where and what type of development initiatives we want

Puts New Milford in a more competitive position for attracting large-scale state and federal funders seeking truly transformative projects



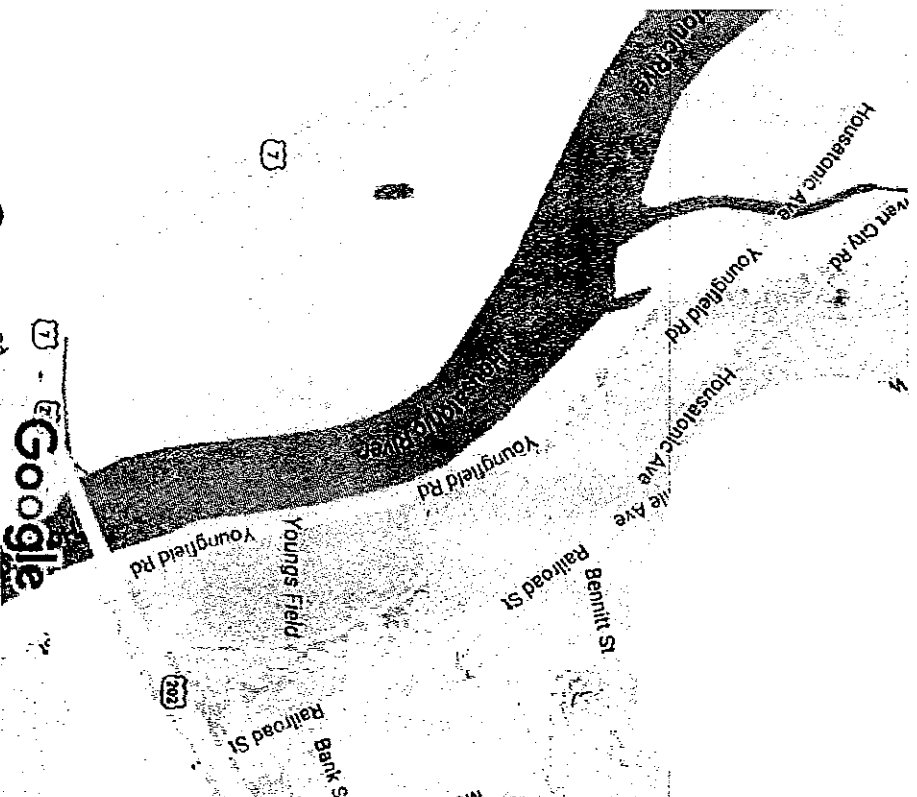


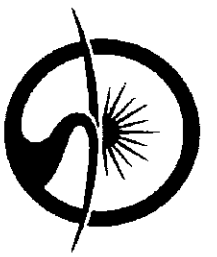
Phasing the Plan

Phase 1

Young's Field Road from Bridge Street to the intersection of Housatonic/Boardman/Aspetuck Ridge Roads and Railroad Street and Downtown New Milford linkages.

Route 7 from Native Meadows Preserve to the entrance to Downtown via Veterans Bridge.



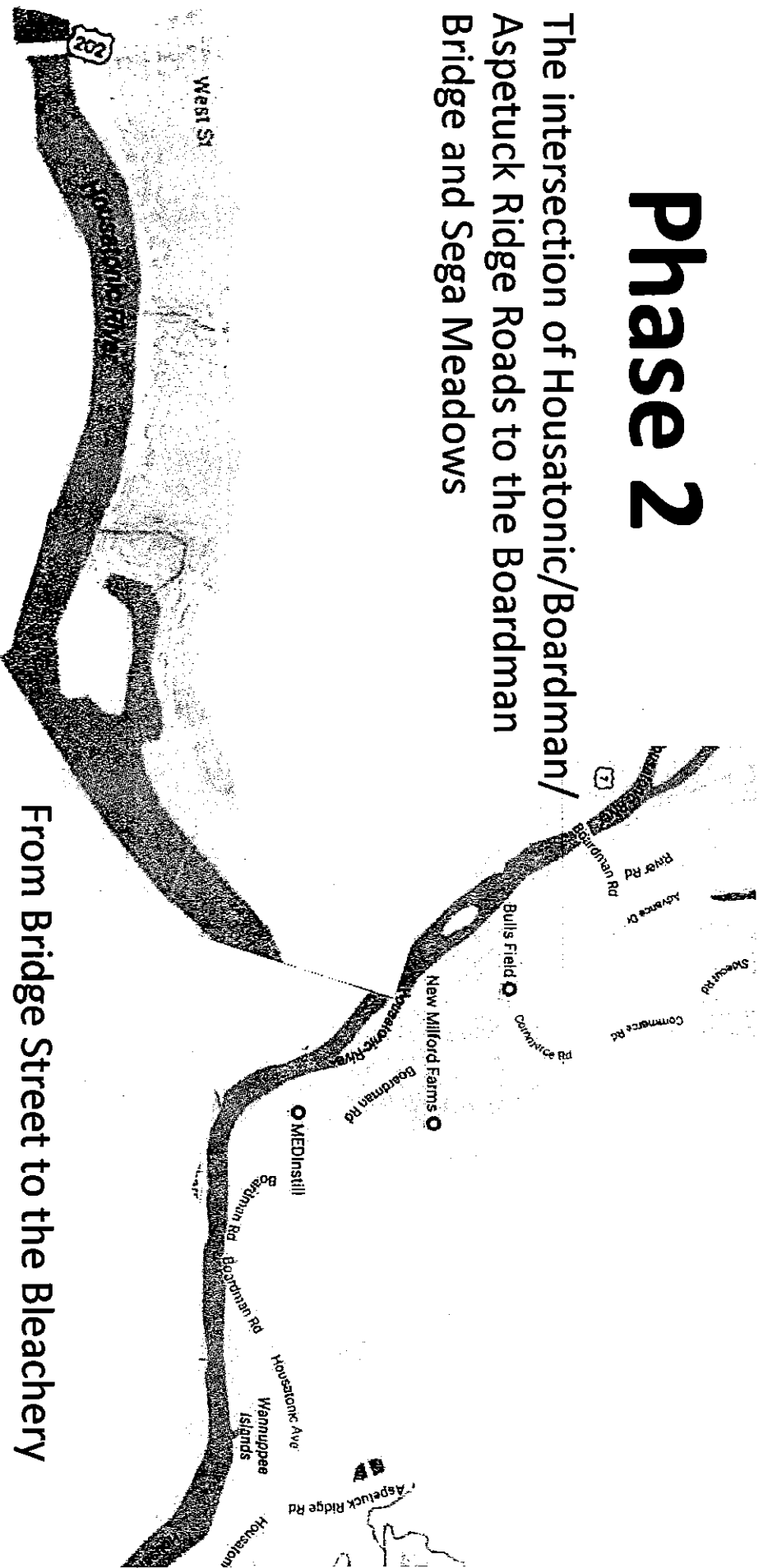


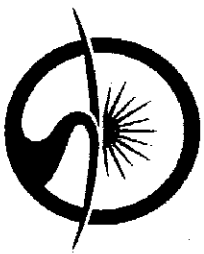
Phasing the Plan

Phase 2

The intersection of Housatonic/Boardman/
Aspetuck Ridge Roads to the Boardman
Bridge and Sega Meadows

From Bridge Street to the Bleachery
Property along West Street





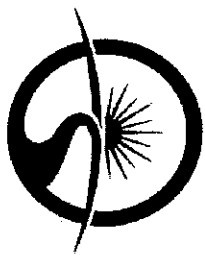
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Phase 3

The Grove Street/Still River Road Corridor to Lover's Leap State Park and Harrybrooke Park

The Pickett District Road Corridor

US Route 7 from Boardman Bridge to Bridge Street



Objectives

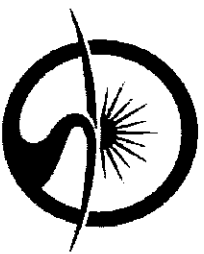
Link the riverfront with the Village Center by overcoming multiple physical constraints.

Attract entrepreneurs for whom quality of life is a priority.

Expand in-town housing options for young professionals, active adults and seniors.

Increase recreational and eco-tourism opportunities for residents and visitors.





Objectives (cont'd)

Enhance, revitalize and protect the river's natural ecosystem

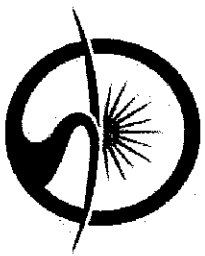
Rationalize traffic infrastructure without further dividing Village Center from riverfront.

Increase access to riverfront and Village Center by enhancing parking options.

Provide additional infrastructure needs:

- Sidewalks
- Lighting
- Free Wi-Fi zones and hot spots
- Public spaces and amenities



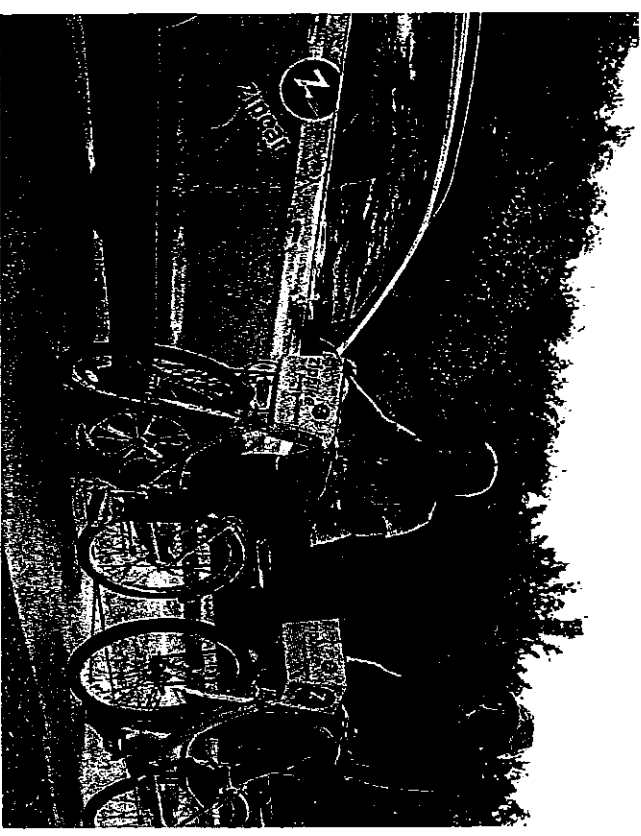


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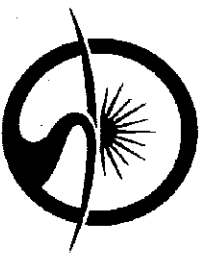
Integrate existing Young's Field activities with other year-round recreational and cultural events to expand usage of the riverfront area.

Plan for transportation hub proximal to riverfront and downtown for better regional access

- Hart bus service
- Potential passenger rail service
- Taxi/Uber/Zip Car
- Bike rentals



Fulfill the promise of “Gateway to Litchfield County” and draw in regional tourism.



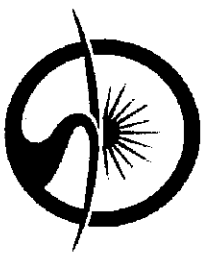
Capitalize on Existing Assets

New Milford has fewer and less challenging physical constraints than other area towns that have successfully undertaken river revitalization projects.

The Town owns the majority of the property in Phase 1 revitalization area.

We have a vibrant and revitalized downtown thanks to major investments.





Capitalize on Existing Assets

When completed, the New Milford River Trail will be a main anchor and draw.

Potential exists for mixed uses including housing, commercial, hospitality, retail, recreation, and public spaces.

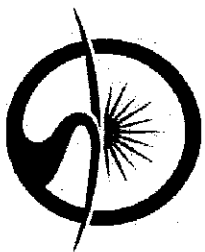
Use the recent designation in WestCOG Region's first Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy of the designation of New Milford's Riverfront Revitalization Plan as one of its 18 vital projects to our advantage.



Capitalize on Existing Assets

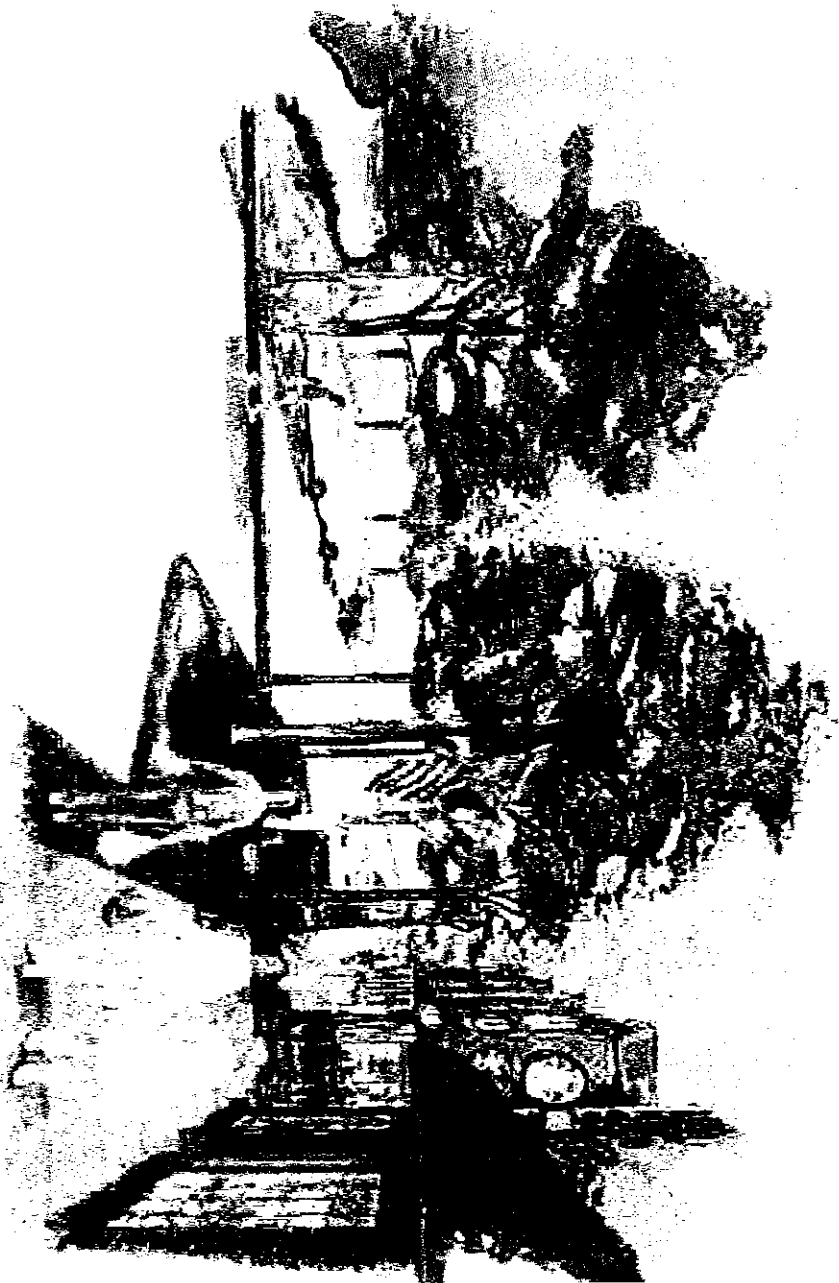
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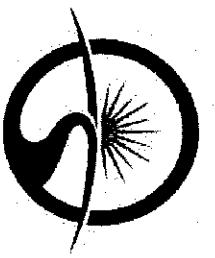




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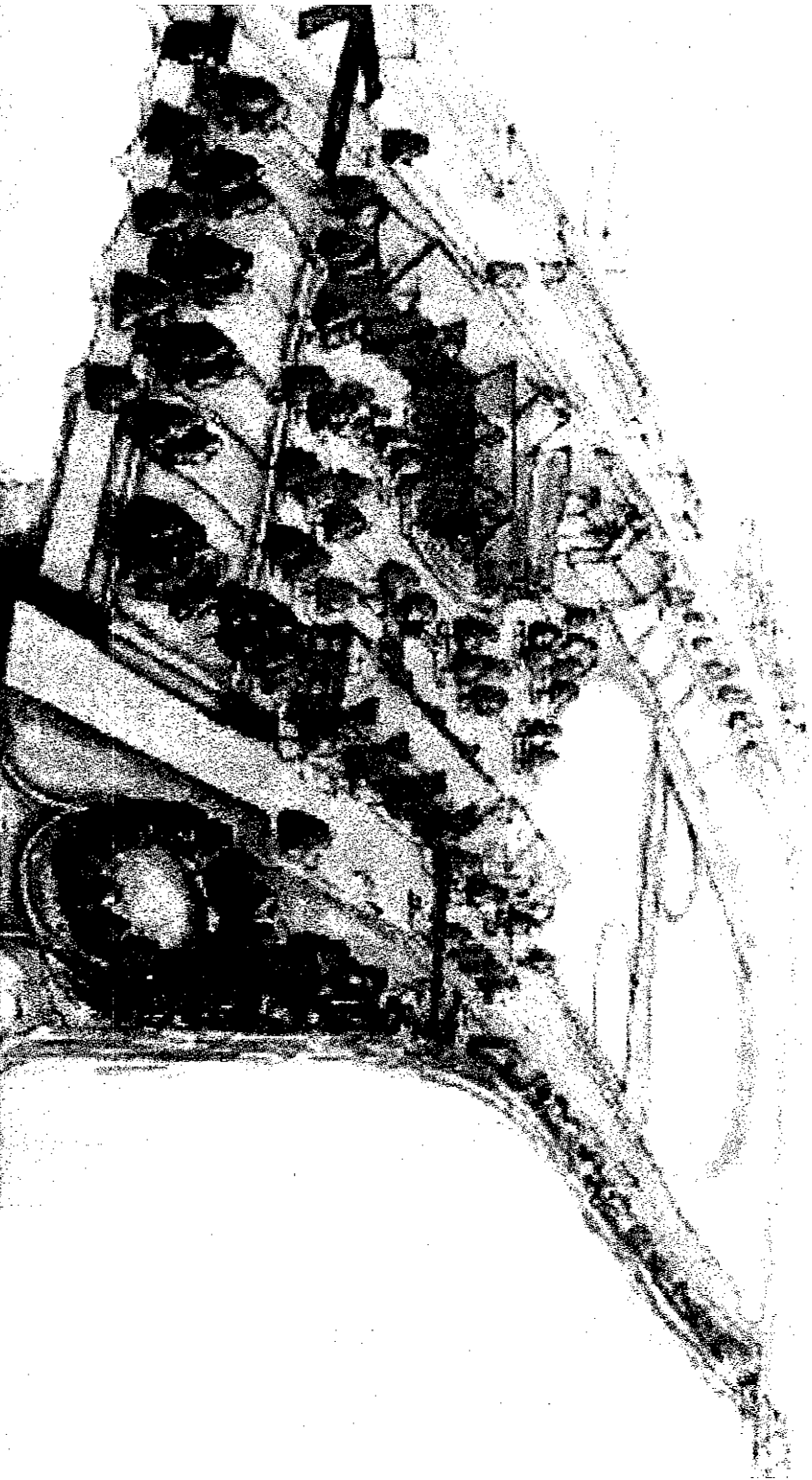
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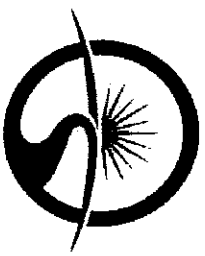




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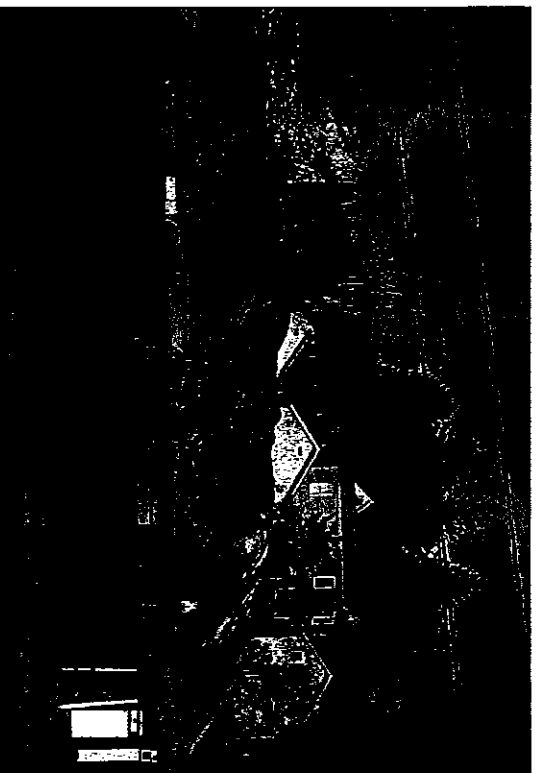


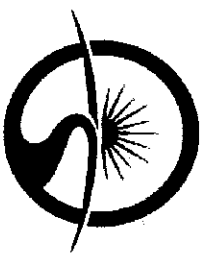


Existing Physical Constraints

Though fewer and less challenging than other towns that have successfully revitalized their waterfronts, New Milford has these physical constraints:

- Steep embankment, parking lots, lack of pedestrian railroad track crossings
- Environmentally-sensitive and floodplain areas
- Seasonal variations in Housatonic River water levels
- New Milford Public Works facility and Mitchell and Superior properties





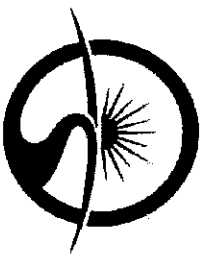
Strategic Constraints

Riverfront Revitalization District needs to be incorporated into POCD to enable New Milford to be more competitive for major state and federal government grants.

Protect downtown from industrial access and traffic patterns that would further separate downtown from the river.

Need for improved coordination and communication among Town agencies and committees working in Riverfront Revitalization area.

Competition for short-term state and federal funding.

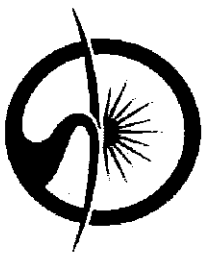


Short-Term Recommendations

Extend the term of the RRC and its members to continue its mission and execute the next steps.

Town to approve “Bridge to Bridge” from Boardman to Lover’s Leap East and West River Banks as official Riverfront Revitalization District.



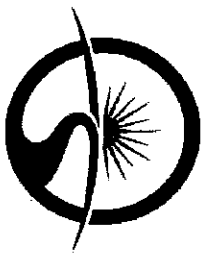


Short-Term Recommendations

Create a sense of real excitement, ownership of, and broad resident support for Riverfront Revitalization through a series of attractions at Young's Field.

- Festivals, fireworks and events
- Concerts and cultural performances
- Temporary art and sculpture installations
- Multi-media show based on New Milford's history
- Historic military re-enactments
- Races and cycling events for children and adults
- Food trucks





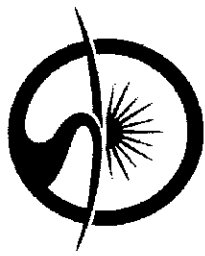
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Demonstrate the viability of year-round activities at the riverfront by creating winter opportunities

- ice-skating
- cross-country skiing
- sledding

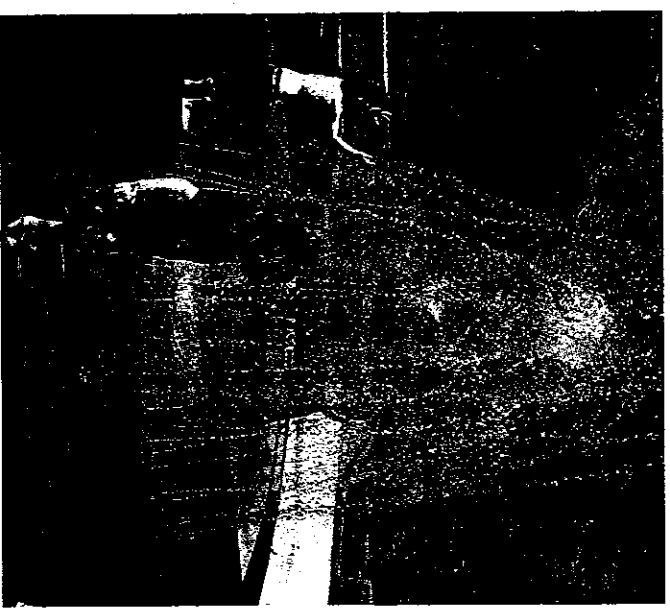
Encourage more eco-tourism entities to provide a broader range of offerings.

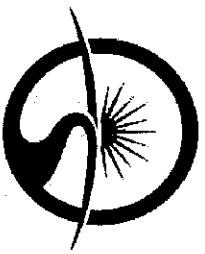




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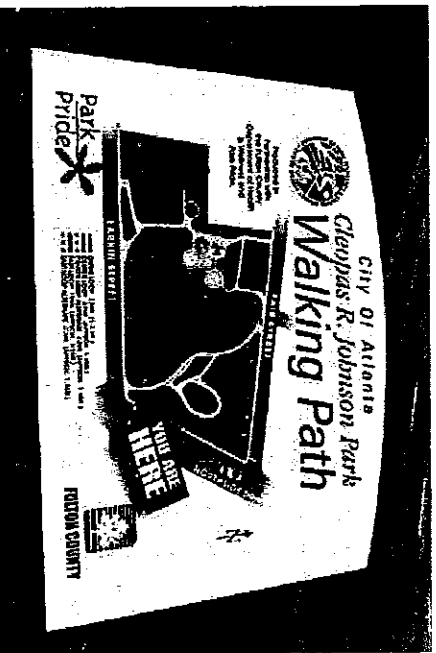
- Initiate rail transportation survey to determine feasibility of Hart/Metro North shuttle
- Enhance "playground" area
 - Adult components
 - Splash pad

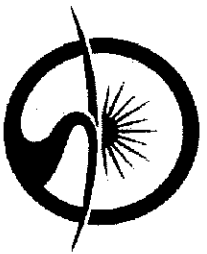




Short-Term Recommendations (cont'd)

- Complete short-term infrastructure enhancement projects to show progress, building support for the long-range vision.
- Delineate one-mile walking path from downtown to Patriots Way to the River and back with signage and sharrows.
- Install rivercams showing the Riverfront and activities to build public connections.
- Revitalize, improve and maintain landscaping at high-profile entrance corridors to the Downtown and Riverfront areas.

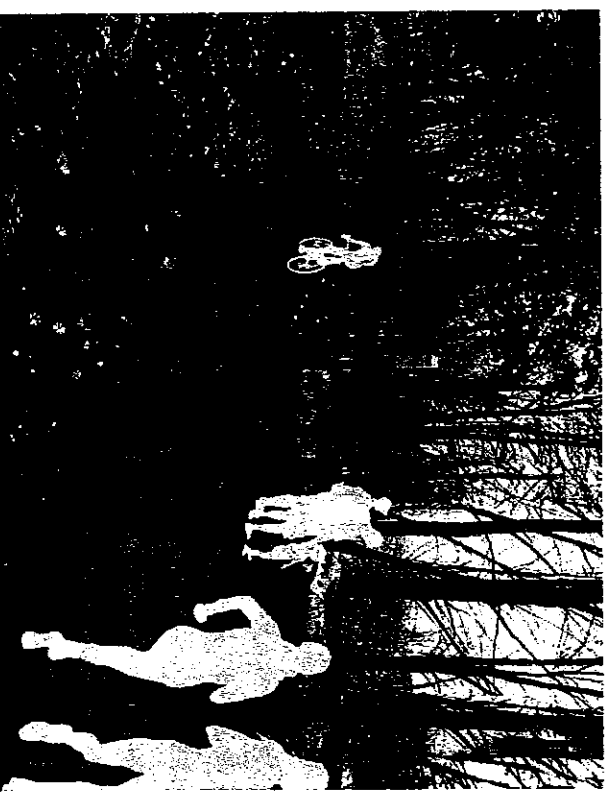


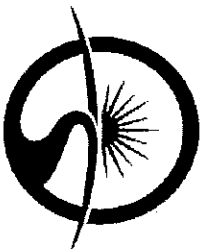


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Support organized activities to attract residents to the riverfront.

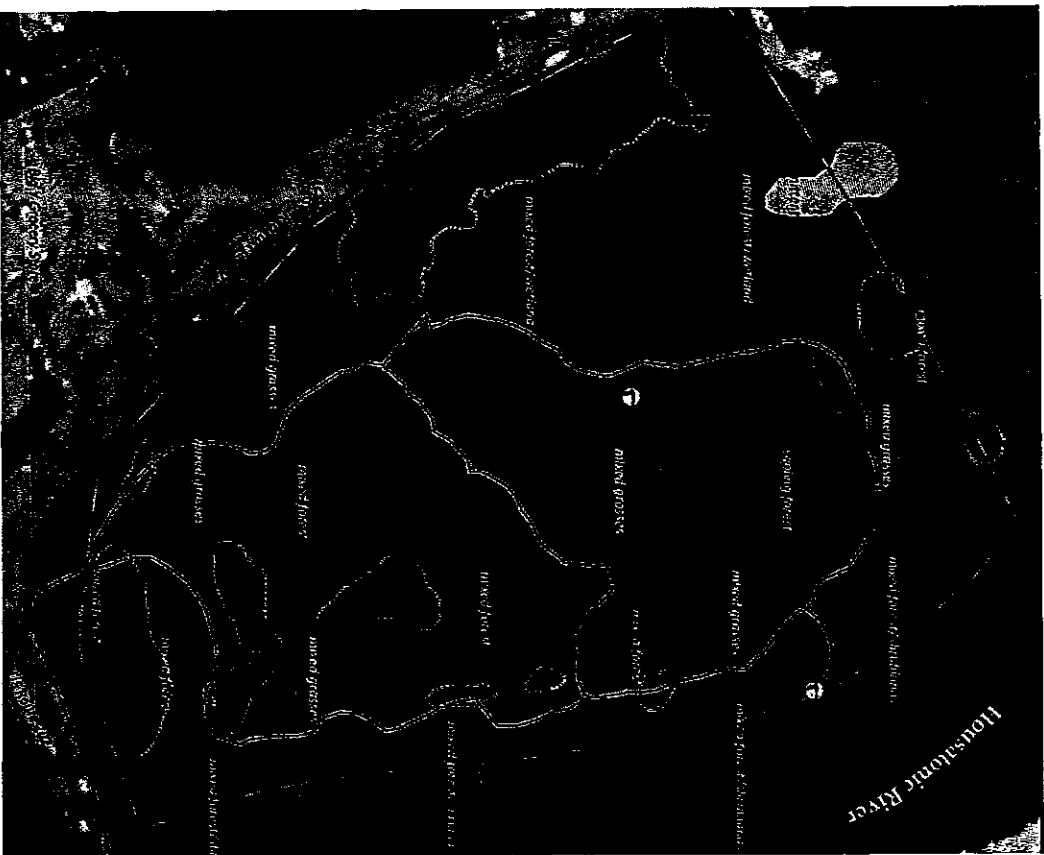
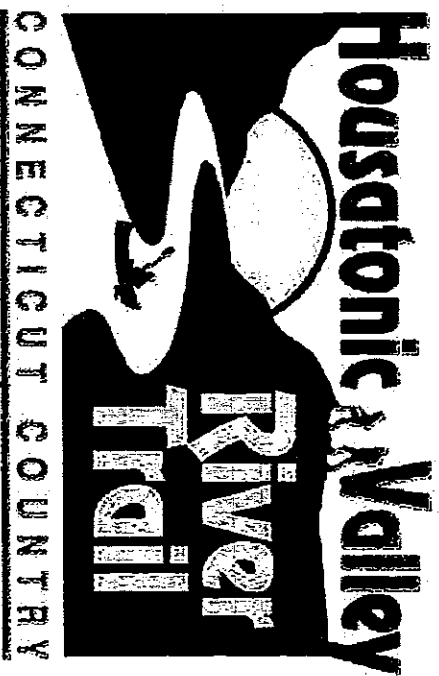
Endorse efforts to extend the northern section of New Milford's River Trail from Sega Meadows to the new Young's Field Road segment.

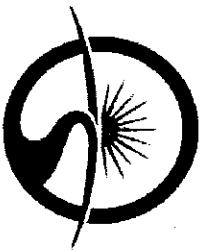




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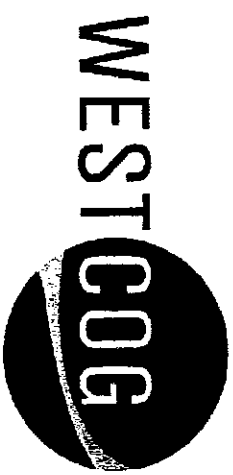
- Develop linkage to Native Meadows Preserve on the west side of the Housatonic River and Hidden Treasures to the south.
- Partner with Harrybrooke Park for access to Still River.
- Resurrect the Housatonic River Trail.



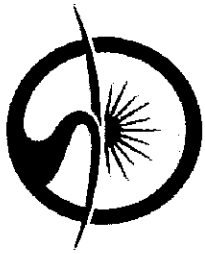


Long-Term Recommendations

Capitalize on designation in WestCOG's
Comprehensive Economic Development
Strategy of New Milford's Riverfront
Revitalization Plan as one of its 18 vital
projects.



Support efforts to complete the full 13-mile River Trail.
Support the rehabilitation of Boardman Bridge.
Adopt "Bridge to Bridge" Riverfront Revitalization District in
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Next Steps

Keep momentum going by extending RRC and its members' terms to November 2018.

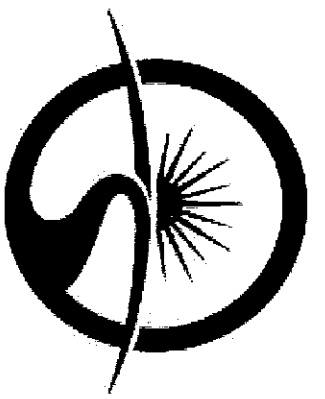
Finalize RFQ, including resident and stakeholder input, to solicit cutting-edge riverfront design firms to build consensus on the vision and create a development/implementation plan.

Draft budget for consulting firm (public outreach, market analysis, technical and remediation expertise).

Work closely with town agencies to identify funding sources (town funds, state and federal grants, and foundations).

Select finalists, develop and distribute RFP. Identify the most qualified consultant, negotiate contract, and present to Mayor and Town Council for approval and funding.

Seek authorization from Town to prepare grant applications as opportunities arise to assist in financing.



Thank you

