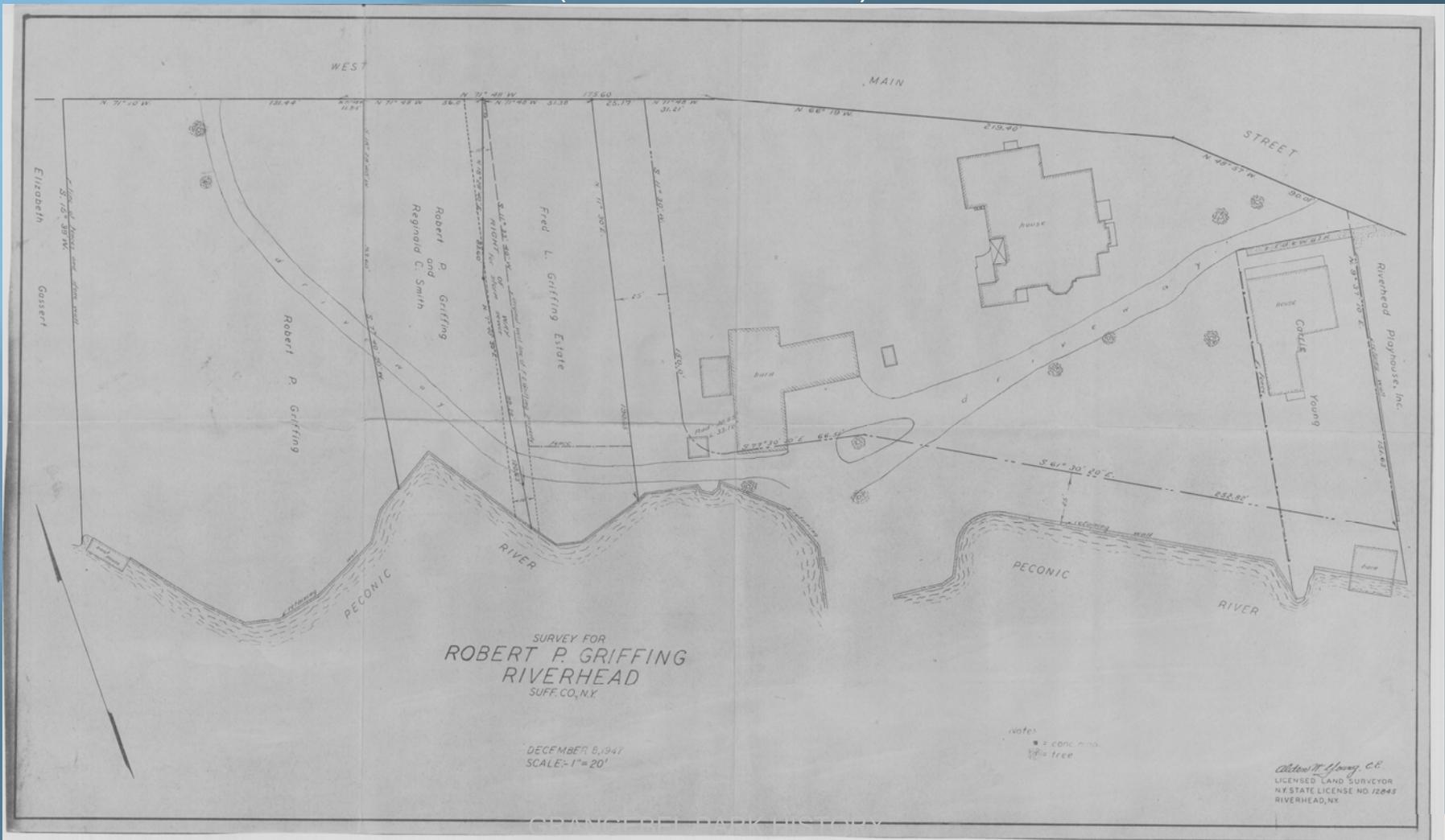


Map of Historic Riverhead 1947
provided by Mr. Timothy Griffing
In 1890 the Hubbard Griffing homestead was on the south
side of Main Street, on the river immediately west of Mill
Street leading to the dam and the Jagger and Luce flour mill.
(Thomas M. Stark)





1951 Photographs – provided by Mr. Griffing showing downtown Riverhead and Grangebél Park

“In 1873 William Jagger and Abraham Luce were grinding grain in their mill located on the north end of the mill dam just south of Main Street” (Thomas M. Stark)

“The Halletts incorporated their flour mill in 1907 the mill was located at the present location of Peconic Paddler and was demolished in 1924” (Thomas M. Stark)





1951 – Downtown Riverhead during flood

1951 – Grangebél Park – North spillway flowing north instead of south

In 1869 Timothy M. Griffing married Caroline Perkins and had five children: Frederick, Grace, Angeline, Mabel and Robert

Timothy M. Griffing graduated from Yale College in 1894, later became the leader of the Suffolk County bar. In (Thomas M. Stark)





1951 Riverfront Area

The existing pump house building still standing today was built in 1907 next to the Grangebel Tower to “house new water pumps driven by a 35-horsepower gasoline engine. These pumps could either fill the water tank in the tower or pump directly into the water mains. “ (Thomas M. Stark)

1951 – Grangebel Park Pump House

“The Jagger and Luce flour mill burned in 1879 and was not rebuilt. The section of the river below the dam was an overgrown and unsightly swamp. The entire area lay immediately east of the Griffing homestead and now-abandoned Mill Street. In the Fall of 1884, Timothy Griffing purchased the area including the dam and the swamp, from Jagger and Luce heirs for \$3,000.” (Thomas M. Stark)



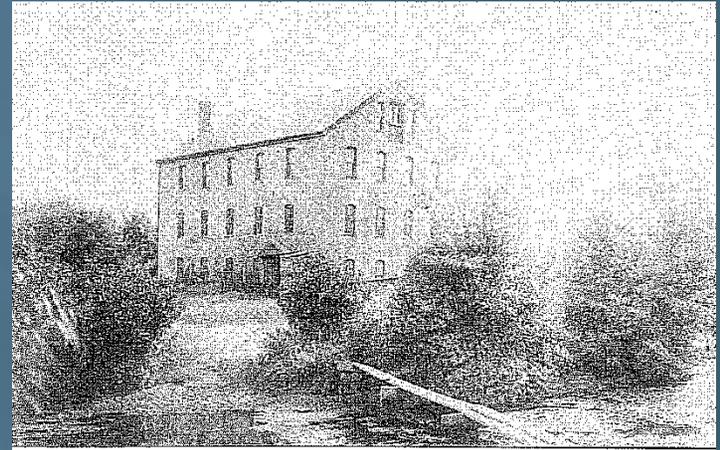


“Mr. Griffing improved the area and turned it into a beautiful private park, reconstructing the dam with a new spillway and planting many different trees and flora. He named the park “Grangebél” after his three daughters, and it was open to the public for strolling from an entrance on Main Street”
(Thomas M. Stark)





“In 1845 John Perkins constructed a new and larger woolen mill at Upper Mills” (Thomas M. Stark)



Perkins Woolen Mill, Upper Mills

“In early 1897, the Riverhead Electric Light Company built a new brick building on the Upper Mills dam north of the woolen mill.
...between 1902 and 1907 Timothy M. Griffing became President of the Riverhead Electric Light Company”

“Attorney Timothy M. Griffing served as County Court Judge from 1907 through 1912.”(Thomas M. Stark)





The East End Arts Council Property was purchased by the Town of Riverhead in 1996. There are two residential type structures along Main Street that were among the earliest residences in the downtown area. The Davis-Corwin House (gallery & admin office) was built in 1830 by Chapman Davis Jr. . The School of Arts bldg was built in 1860s by Moses-Benjamin, proprietor of Benjamin's Drug store (Denise Civiletti). There was three drug stores located in the downtown area during this time that sold items from paint, alcohol to pharmaceuticals (Thomas M. Stark)





GRANGEBEL PARK HISTORY



Photo circa 1930s provided by Mr. Jim Dreeben



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“In January 1892, Griffing announced plans for the construction of a square wood-enclosed tower at the southeast corner of the park, sited over a new flume and channel leading from the dam. It would be 100 feet high with a 25 foot observatory at the northeast corner of the roof. Under the roof it would house a large iron water tank, and below that a grist mill for the grinding of grain. The tower was completed in September 1892.

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“The Griffing Tower remained in place for many years. The observatory above the roof became a popular location to view downtown Riverhead and take photographs. In the first decade of the twentieth century, the tower’s grist mill was operated by Frederick L. Griffing for the production of flour. After Timothy Griffing’s death in 1924, ownership of Grangebél Park and the tower passed to his heirs, and in 1931 the upper portion of the tower was removed because of its weakened condition. After Grangebél Park was acquired by the Town of Riverhead in 1948, the lower portion of the tower was demolished. Its stone foundation, the sluiceway and pump house remain today in the park” (Thomas M. Stark)

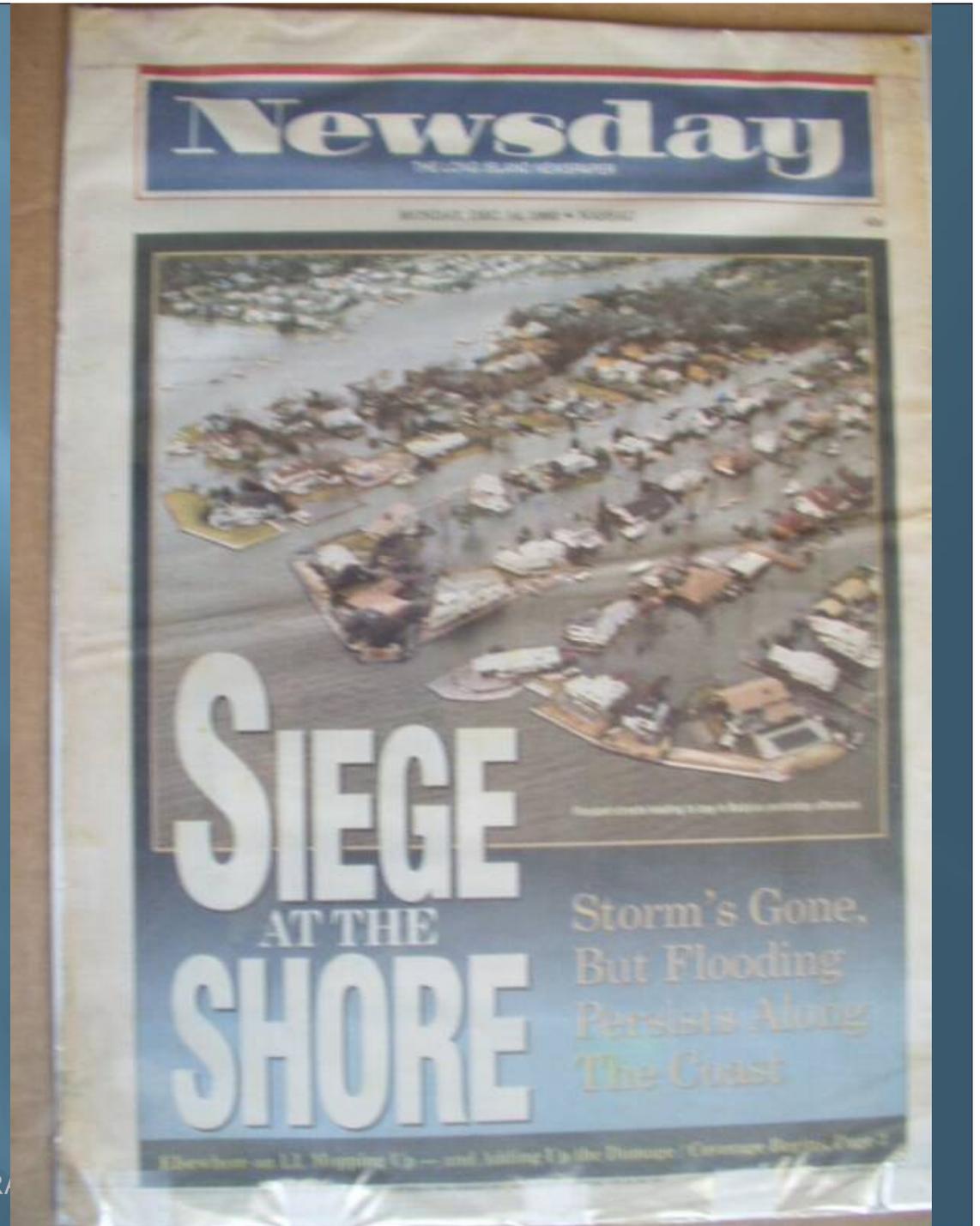


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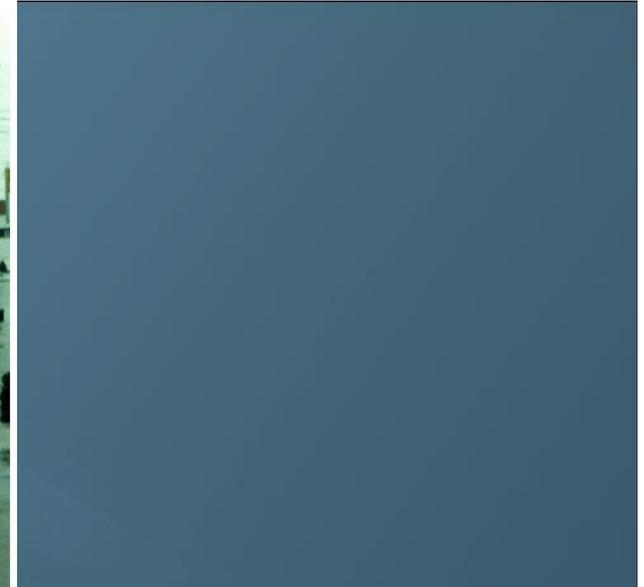


Photo taken from Peconic Avenue looking East at Peconic Riverfront during 1988 Hurricane Gloria – photo provided by Mr. Jim Dreeben

On 12/12/1992 one of the fiercest nor'easters to hit the north east, shut down train and bus service and caused over 1/2 billion dollars worth of damage.

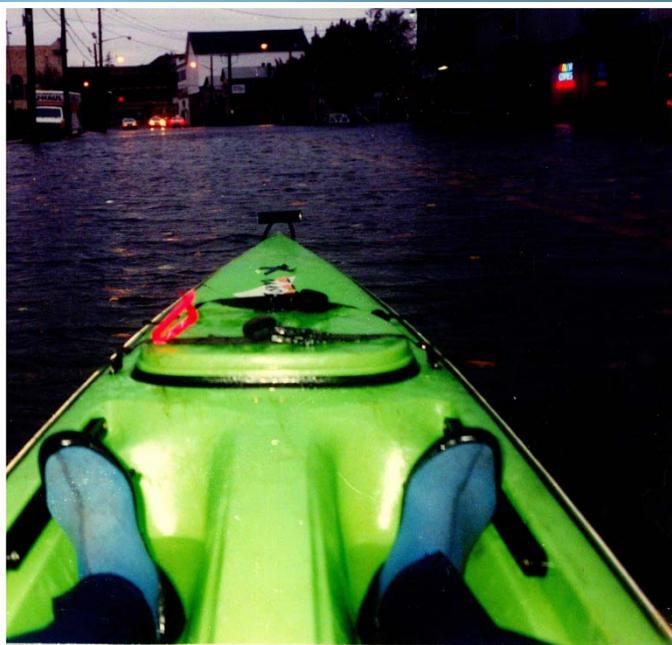


In 1992 N'oreaster paid the Town of Riverhead a visit again making NYS 25 waterfront.





Photos showing
downtown after
early 1990s
flooding event
Photos provided by
Mr. Jim Dreeben





Photos
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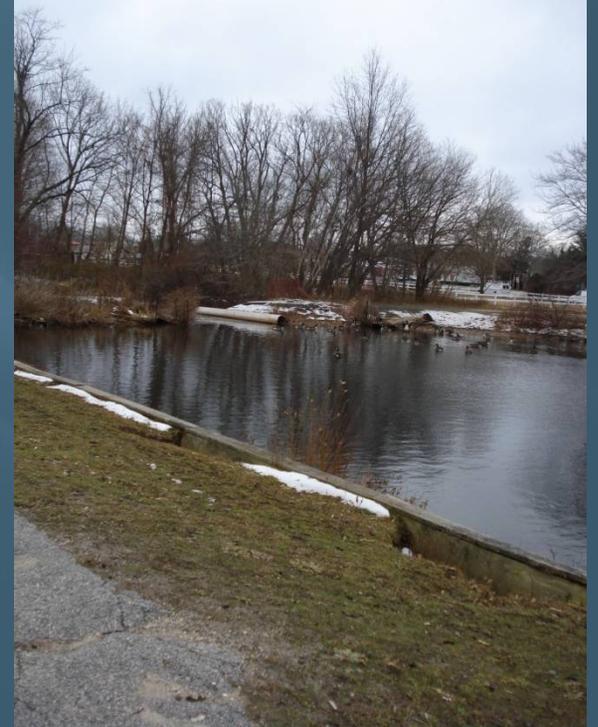


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2001 Photographs





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2002 Photographs





Photo 1 - View looking east at Peconic Ave.



Photo 2- View looking south.

Photo 3- View looking at Left (north) concrete spillway





Photo 4 – View looking south at wood bridges.



Photo 5– View looking west at right spillway



Photo 6– View of north side of Grangebél Park looking east



2009 Spillway Work

North Spillway repair work had to be performed before the Fish Passage could be constructed at the location of the former South Spillway. This was staged so that when the water was bypassed to the north spillway during the fish passage construction the north spillway would be able to accommodate the additional flows. The Contractor, Terry Contracting had to access from the south side of the park. Work began for the repairs to the north spillway in October 2009





The north spillway repairs required that the contractor de-water the site prior to work. The estimated original construction dated back to the late 1800's. The spillway was in excellent condition, however the abutment walls, wing walls and overhead wall had experienced significant concrete spauling over the years that required massive repairs.





The Contractor was required to remove the deteriorated area of concrete, this was performed by use of a pneumatic air hammer that chipped the surficial concrete until an underlying adequate base of concrete was found.





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Once the poor concrete was removed, the contractor doweled the good concrete with anchor bolts and installed epoxy coated rebar for a new high strength surface treatment – the Dam got a Spa Treatment





There were two types of repair, surficial repairs, and repairs that required the re-bar treatment. The surficial repairs did not require formwork to contain the new concrete. The rebar treatment repairs required formwork to contain the amount of concrete that had to be placed





Work was completed on the North Spillway in December 2009, the dewatering sheet piling was removed and the River was once again racing through the spillway. Now onto the Fish Passage





The South Spillway was dewatered in January 2010, following completion of the North Spillway rehabilitation, the soils upstream of the spillway were found to be in poor condition. When they tried to put the base stone in, it would disappear in the muck





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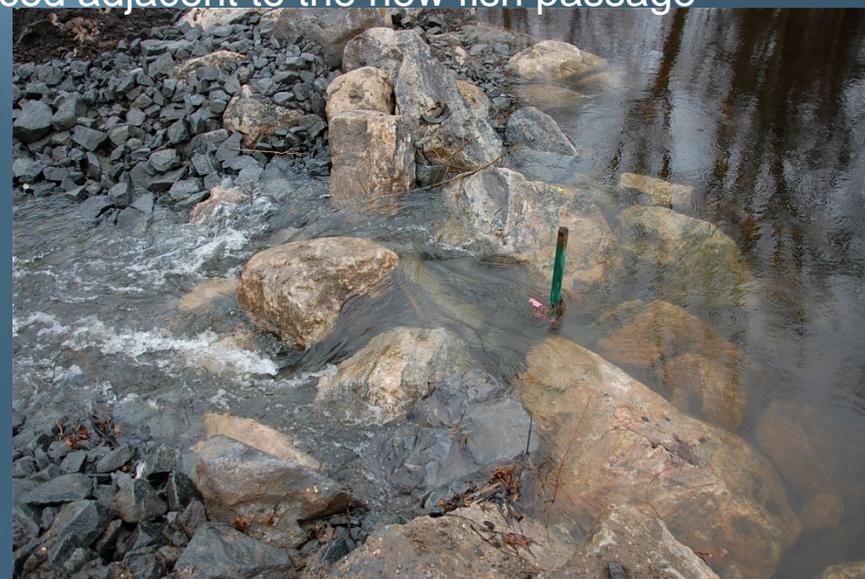
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Bob Conklin and The Peconic Fish Commission were strong advocates and partners in the Fish Passage process. The Fish Commission honored Bob Conklin with a beautiful plaque on a native stone which is placed adjacent to the new fish passage





The Town received Bids in January 2010 for the site improvements to the park...the last stage. Work rolled from the spillway work into the site work which re-routed electrical utilities to remove the guy wire going to the center island and provide more power to the site



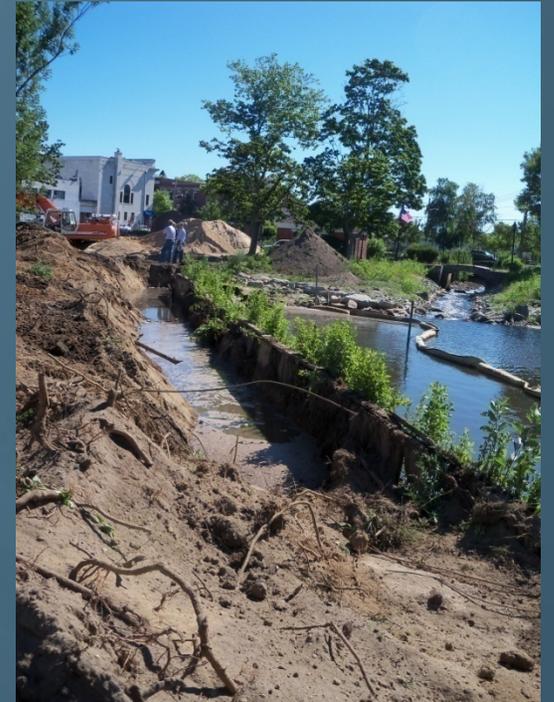
Work to replace bulkheading, restore Bridal Veil Falls, site lighting, pathways and the bridge to the Suffolk County Property were all part of the project





The Town is progressing plans to construct a mid-block crossing at Peconic Avenue to connect the Peconic Riverfront Park and Grangebél Park to help revitalize the downtown area and make it a destination point for tourists





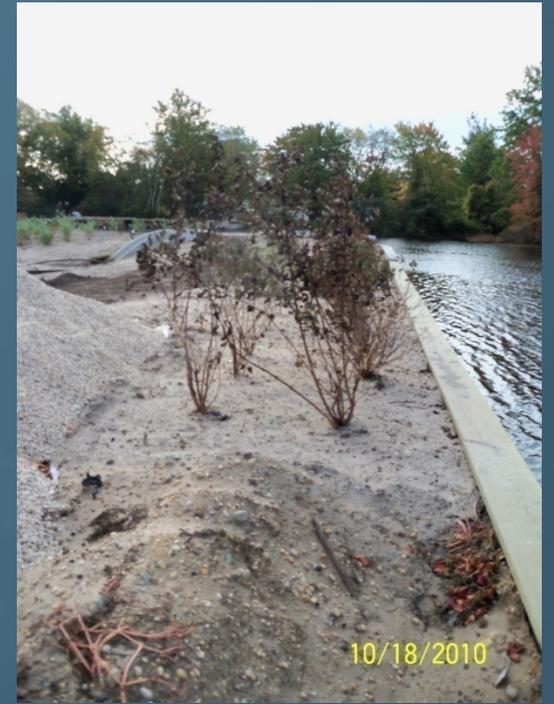
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Bridal Veil Falls was re-constructed to include a stormwater control to contain upstream trash from entering the downstream pond. The landscaping will restore Grangebél Park to the turn of the century park which show cased beautiful landscaping to create a peaceful escape from a busy work day





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The spring of 2011 will blossom with beautiful colors and a renewed patronage of locals and tourists to the downtown area visiting the newly renovated Grangebél Park and the Riverfront Park. Other 2011 highlights will include commencement of the Peconic Avenue Pedestrian Crossing and site improvements to the East End Arts Council Property.

