



Riverside Park

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How it started

- ▶ Created in 1893 by New London
- ▶ Land given from Post Hill Improvement Company
- ▶ 33 acres by 1910
 - ▶ Gifted from S.D. Lawrence, F.B. Brandegee, and the Palmer Brothers





Major Changes/Effects

Coast Guard Academy

- ▶ During construction, park was reduced.
 - ▶ Lost 10 acres
 - ▶ Reduced to 18 acres
- ▶ Throughout the years of expansion of the academy, the park kept gaining, and giving away land.



Gold Star Memorial Bridge

- ▶ Park was very popular before construction of the bridge
 - ▶ People didn't want to go from the noises
 - ▶ The view of the river from the park wasn't as beautiful.



Sandy Hook

- ▶ Playground dedicated to Emilie Parker
 - ▶ Emilie was a victim of Sandy Hook
- ▶ “Emilie’s Shady Spot” (Somers)



How the community feels

- ▶ The community is both happy and mad about updates the park is getting
- ▶ In 2019, the park was getting lights for \$50,400
 - ▶ Comments made from the community are all negative

Ideas in the Future?

- ▶ Access to from water
- ▶ Possibility of more playground equipment

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