# 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

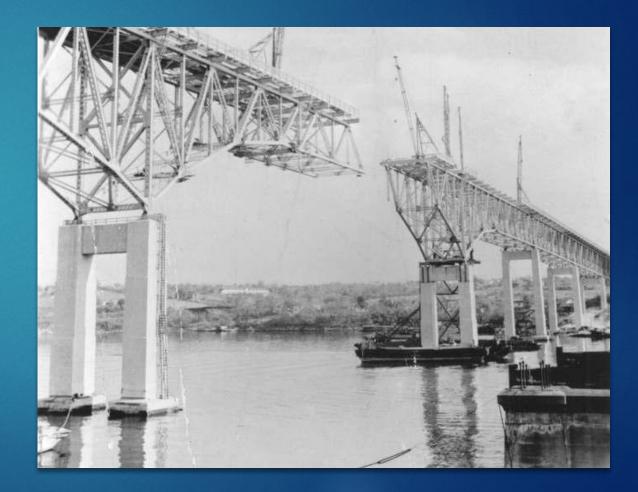
### Coast Guard Academy

- During construction, park was reduced.
  - Lost 10 acers
  - Reduced to 18 acers
- 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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