

2013 Town of Groton Plan of Conservation & Development & Municipal Coastal Plan Historic Resources



February 21, 2013

Periods of Significance

1. **Early European Settlement** (1637-1781), including the Pequot War and Battle of Groton Heights
2. **Maritime Orientation** (Late 17th c. through 20th c.), including shipbuilding, privateering, whaling and fishing, and Naval/ Submarine histories
3. **Waterfront and Seasonal Growth** (Late 19th c. - today), including Grand Hotels/ Shennecossett Golf Course, and Groton Long Point.
4. **Transportation-motivated growth** (Mid-20th c.), including the construction of I-95, reorientation along Route 1, and construction of mid-century residential developments.

Historic Preservation

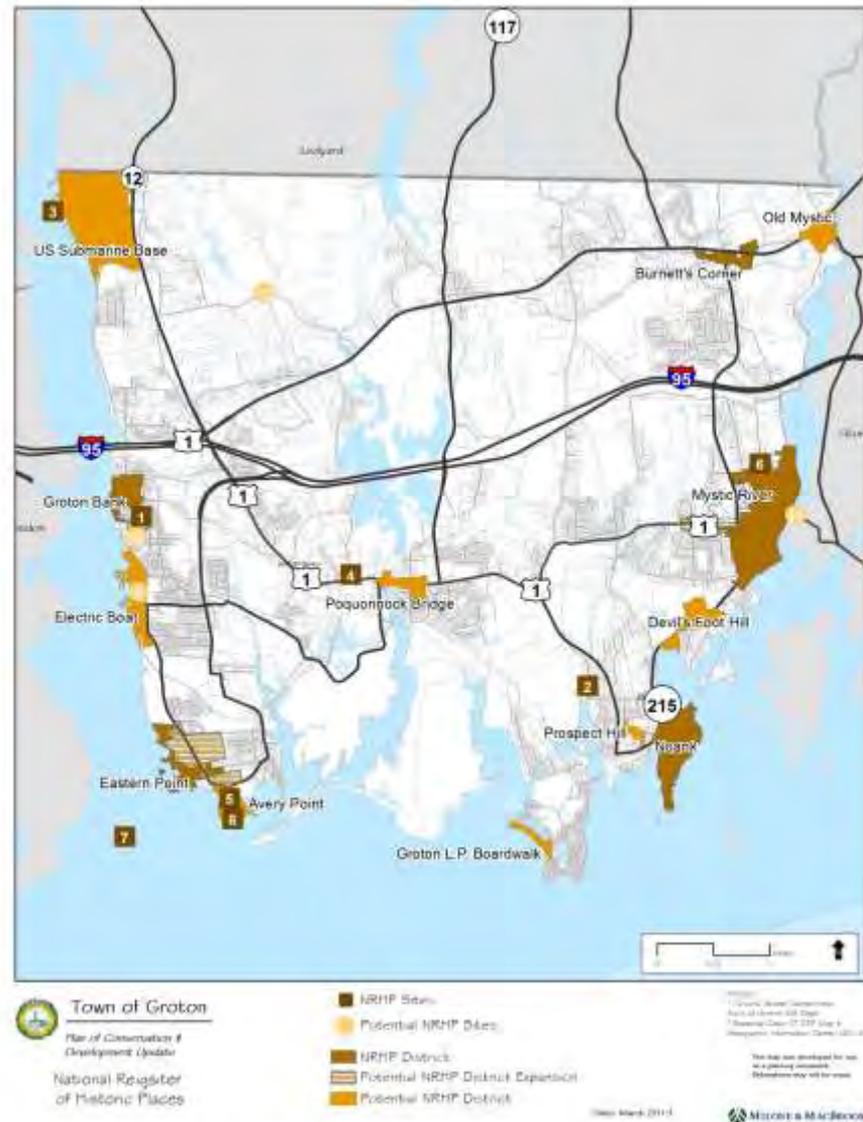
1. 1996 Preservation Plan – Main Avenues of Preservation
2. Village Zoning
3. Local Districts
4. Certified Local Government
5. National Districts and National Register

National Register of Historic Places

EXISTING NRHP DISTRICTS

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1. Fort Griswold
2. Yeoman House (Cove Neck Farm)
3. USS Nautilus
4. Jabez Smith House
5. Branford House
6. Pequot Fort
7. New London Ledge Lighthouse
8. **Avery Point Lighthouse (New Since 2002 POCD)**

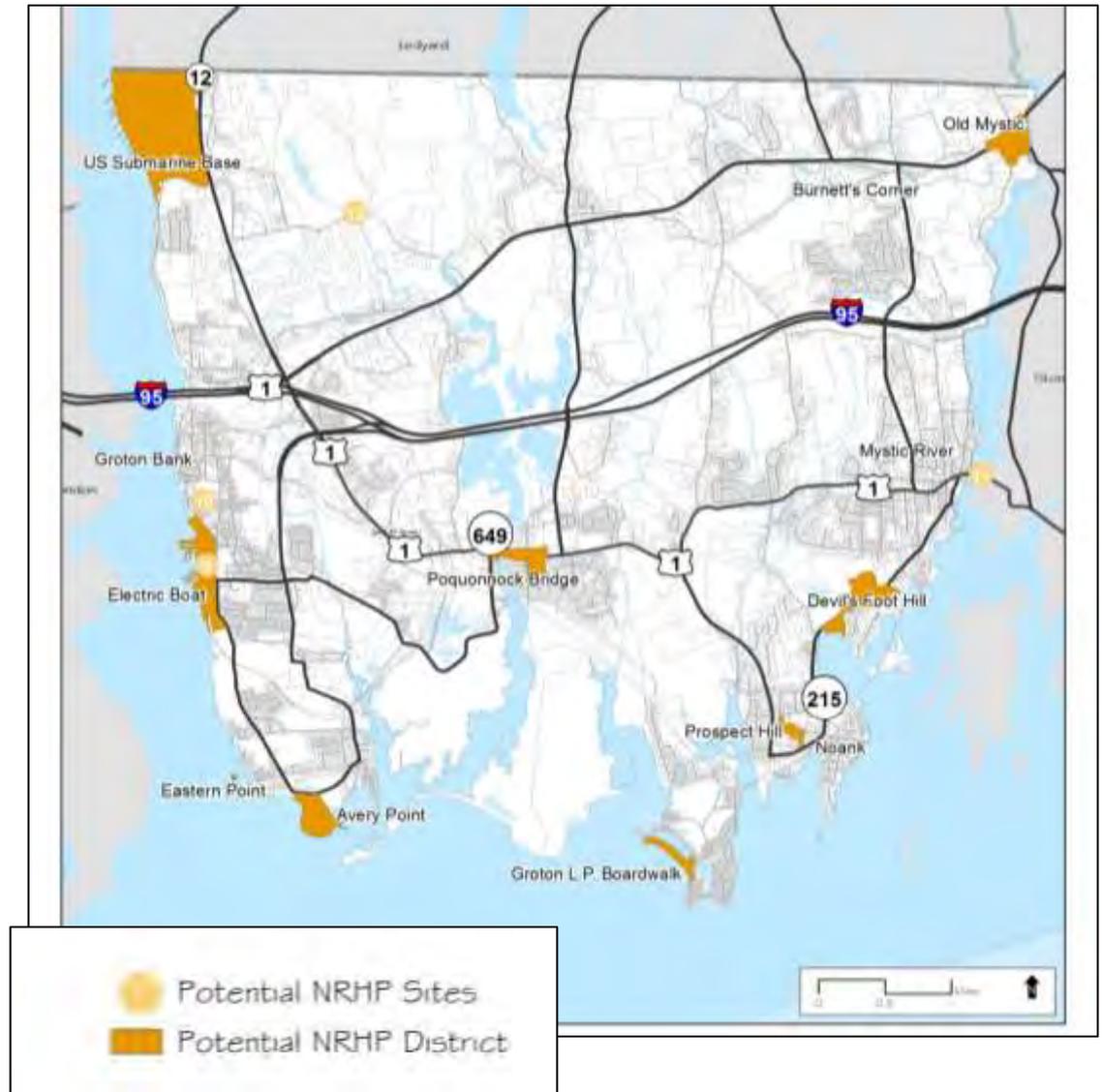


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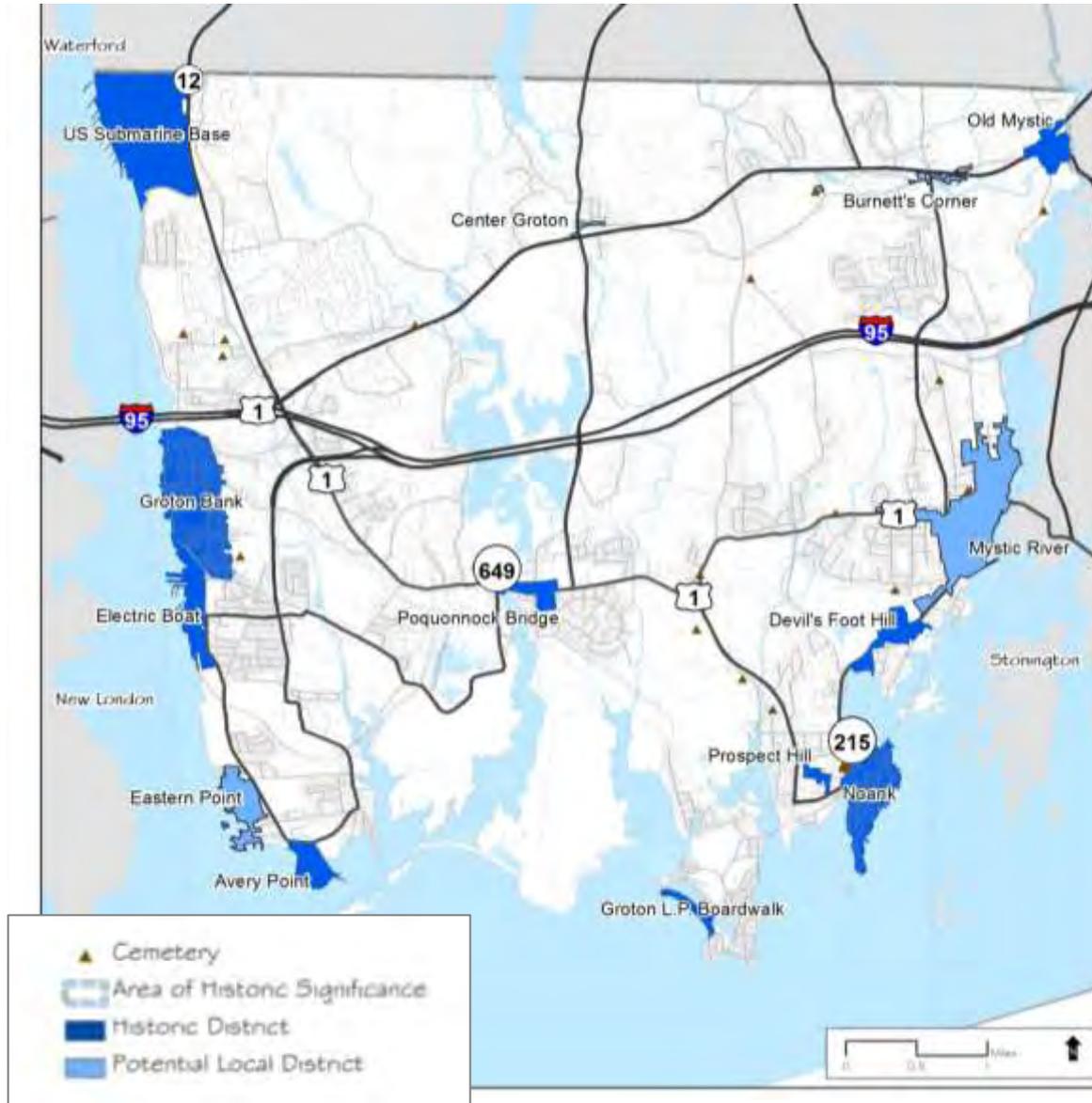
POTENTIAL NRHP DISTRICTS

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- 9. Electric Boat Shipyard
- 10. Fort Griswold
- 11. Mystic Bascule Bridge
- 12. Gungywamp area



Local Historic Districts



Groton Historic District Commission

Historic District Commission 1998-Present

- Est. 90% in Mystic
- 895 Applications
 - For only 359 Properties
- 29 Denied (3%) *mostly materials not keeping in character of prop.*
 - 13 eventually approved



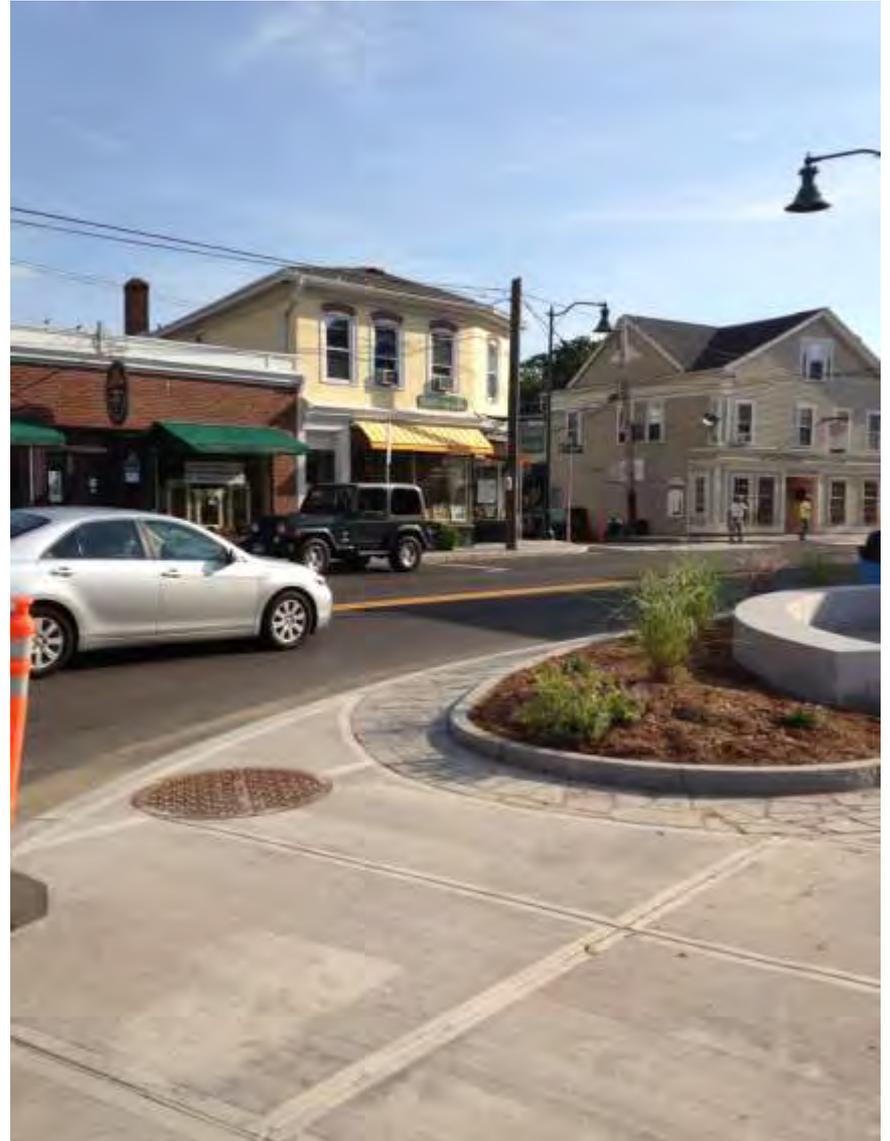
Eastern Point HDC

- ~4-8 Applications/ year
- Nearly all approved
- Tabled or Denied without prejudice



Collaboration Outside HDC

- **Mystic Streetscape Project**
- **Rehabilitation Mystic Bascule Bridge**
- **Acquisition of the Mother Bailey House**
- **Restoration of Avery Point Lighthouse**
 - NRHP in 2002
- **Updates to the City and Town Zoning Regulations**



Historic & Cultural Resources

PUBLIC

- The **Town of Groton Historian**
- The **Town of Groton Historic District**
- The **Eastern Point Historic District Commission**
- The **Groton Public Library**
- the **Bill Memorial Library**
- **Mystic & Noank Library**
- The **Groton Town Clerk**
- The **Parks and Forestry Division**
- The **Shennecossett Golf Course**
- **Fort Griswold Battlefield State Park**
 - **Fort Griswold Monument House Museum**
 - **Ebenezer Avery House**
- The **Jabez Smith House Committee**
- The **Thames Maritime Heritage Park Advisory Board**

PRIVATE

- **Groton Bank Historical Association**
- The **Noank Historical Society**
 - **Sylvan Street Museum**
 - **Latham Chester Store Museum**
- **Mystic River Historical Society**
- **Portersville Academy**
- The **Groton Open Space Association**
- The **Submarine Force Library and Museum is**
- The **Avery Memorial Association**
- **World War II National Submarine Memorial - East**
- **The Gungywamp Society**
- The **Avery-Copp House Museum**

REGIONAL

- The **New London County Historical Society**
- The **Mashantucket Pequot Museum and Research Center**
- The **Five Rivers Consortium**
- **Mystic Seaport: Museum of American and the Sea**