

# State of the City of Groton



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# Groton City: History in the Making



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# 2024 Highlights

- Groton City: History in the Making branding launch
- Shore Avenue Seawall reconstruction project began
- Passed ARPA funding projects, including:
  - Exterior painting/repair of the Zbierski House (at Eastern Point Beach)
  - Replacement of the tennis courts at Washington Park
  - Replacement of the basketball courts at Washington Park
  - Replacement of exercise equipment at Washington Park
  - Replacement of swing sets at Eastern Point Beach and Washington Park
- Successful Concerts in the Park season
- 4th Annual Groton City Brew Run took place
- Began Municipal Building front landing & window renovations
- Groton City Police Department increased Calls for Service by approximately 1,800; at the same time improved their solvability by approximately 1% to 64%



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# 2024 Highlights: Groton Utilities

- Continued infrastructure projects to maintain reliability in all three divisions: electric, water, sewer
- Provided four scholarships (totaling \$12k) to Groton Public School and Grasso Tech
- Provided over \$30k in grants to local non-profit entities
- Assisted other non-profits with granting over \$250k in funding for energy conservation related projects through the State of Connecticut Neighborhood Assistance Act tax-credit
- Closed out the year with 334 rebates through the Home Energy Savings program, likely due to our new HeatSmartCT partnership with the Town of Groton and Lantern Energy

Groton Utilities & Lantern Energy are partnering with the Town of Groton & the City of Groton

TO KICK OFF AN **ENERGY EFFICIENCY** CAMPAIGN



Improving the Energy Efficiency of Groton One Home at a Time



Learn How You Can Save at  
[HeatSmartCT.org/Groton](https://HeatSmartCT.org/Groton)



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# 2025 Outlook

## This year, we plan to address:

- Parking issues along Thames Street with a revised parking ordinance
- Speeding issues within the City with the use of traffic cameras
- Pedestrian safety within the City to/from EB and Pfizer
- Resiliency and planning for the future of our coastline
- Zoning changes in various sections of the City to help promote economic development

## This year, we look forward to:

- Continuing weekly Farmers' Markets in Washington Park (Tuesday afternoons during the summer)
- Concerts in the Park (Friday evenings during the summer)
- Our 40th Anniversary City Day celebration (August 1, Washington Park)
- 5th Annual Groton City Brew Run (September 6, Eastern Point Beach)

## So far, this year, we have:

- Achieved Tier III Accreditation for the Groton City Police Department

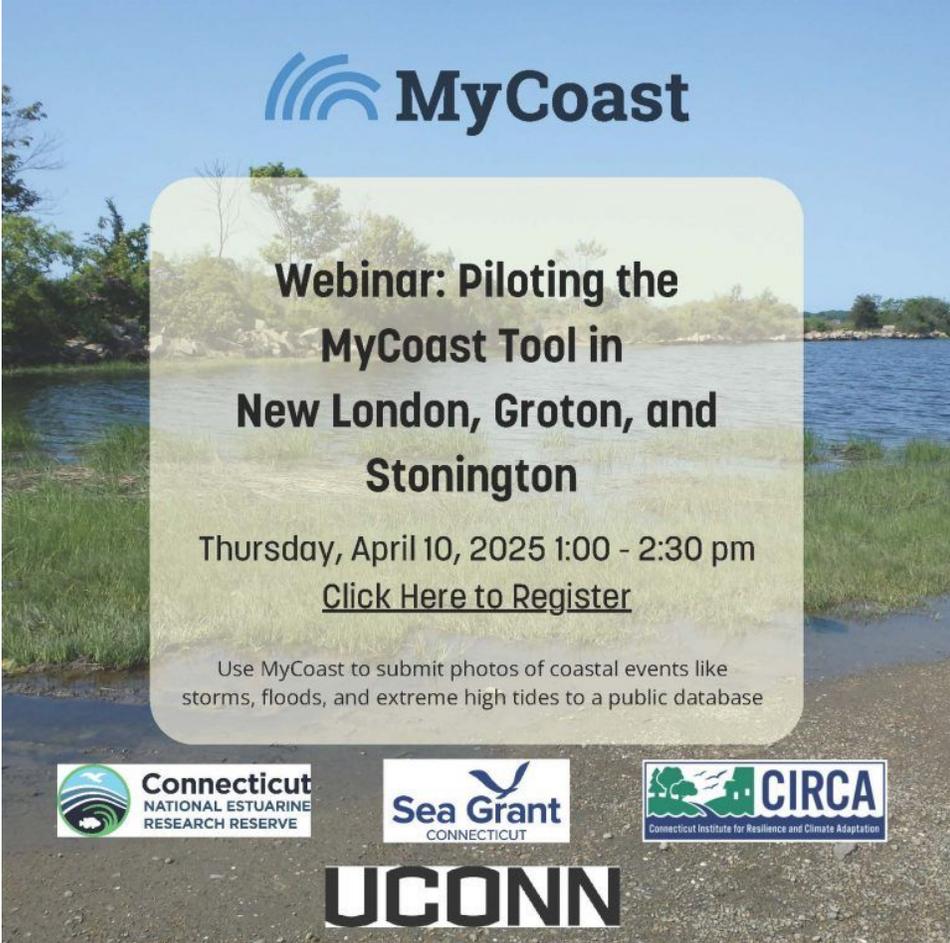


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# Planning & Economic Development

- **Five Corners Stormwater Assessment**
  - This project (a partnership with the Nature Conservancy, with consulting services from Fuse & O'Neill) proposes to conduct a comprehensive stormwater runoff study and feasibility analysis of tree plantings in the Five Corners area in the City of Groton
- **MyCoast**
  - This project will provide a means to capture photo locations and compare water level measurements using local tide gauges, offer evidence of flooding in the area and provide the City of Groton with the most accurate information about where to prioritize resilience actions
- **FEMA BRIC Direct Technical Assistance**
  - In partnership with Town of Groton and Groton Long Point, the City of Groton has embarked on a 3 year project to work with FEMA to develop resilience or Hazard mitigation project proposals for FEMA funding



**MyCoast**

**Webinar: Piloting the MyCoast Tool in New London, Groton, and Stonington**

Thursday, April 10, 2025 1:00 - 2:30 pm

[Click Here to Register](#)

Use MyCoast to submit photos of coastal events like storms, floods, and extreme high tides to a public database

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# Planning & Economic Development

## - CT-CHAMP

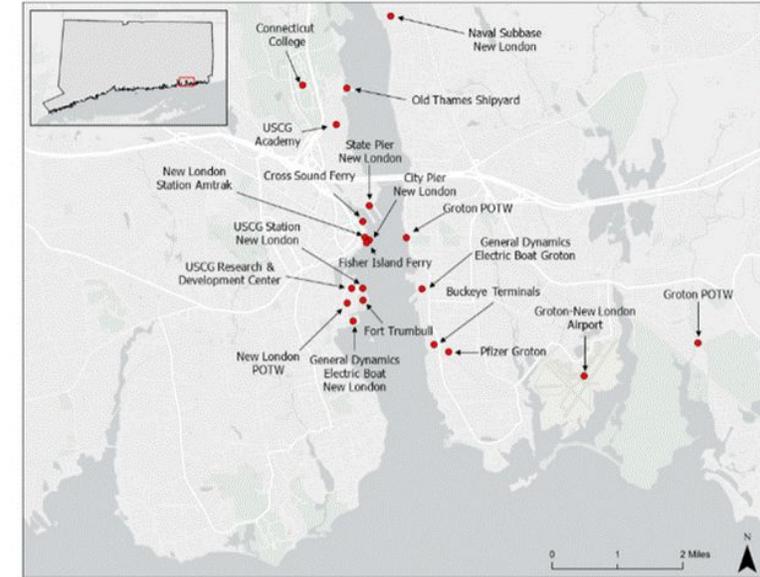
- City of Groton staff are assisting with the development of the CT-CHAMP pilot system, which will aid in long-term planning for critical infrastructure resilience (e.g., hazard mitigation planning using historical or theoretical storm model simulations), and support emergency response operations using near-real-time storm model simulations

## - HeatSmart Groton

- An outreach and education campaign (in collaboration with the Town of Groton) helping residents to improve their home's energy efficiency; providing information about heating and cooling systems, connection to qualified technicians, and incentives

CT-CHAMP Demonstration Project will develop:

- Database for facilities and associated points of interest
- ADCIRC outputs for selected synthetic storms
- CT-CHAMP dashboard and training materials
- Customized reports for facilities and end-users



*Proposed study area for demonstration project, showing potential sites for consequence data collection. The area could expand with future application.*



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# Industry Highlights

## Pfizer

As they celebrate their 66th year in Groton, this facility remains a vital part of Pfizer's Research and Development pipeline. 1/3 of their global budget for renovation and construction worldwide will be spent in Groton.

## Electric Boat

Electric Boat has multiple building projects ongoing throughout the shipyard to upgrade their facilities for the preparation of the next generation Columbia Class submarine.

With over 11,000 working in Groton, Electric Boat has ongoing meetings with the Mayor on parking and pedestrian safety, working to keep employees and city residents safe.



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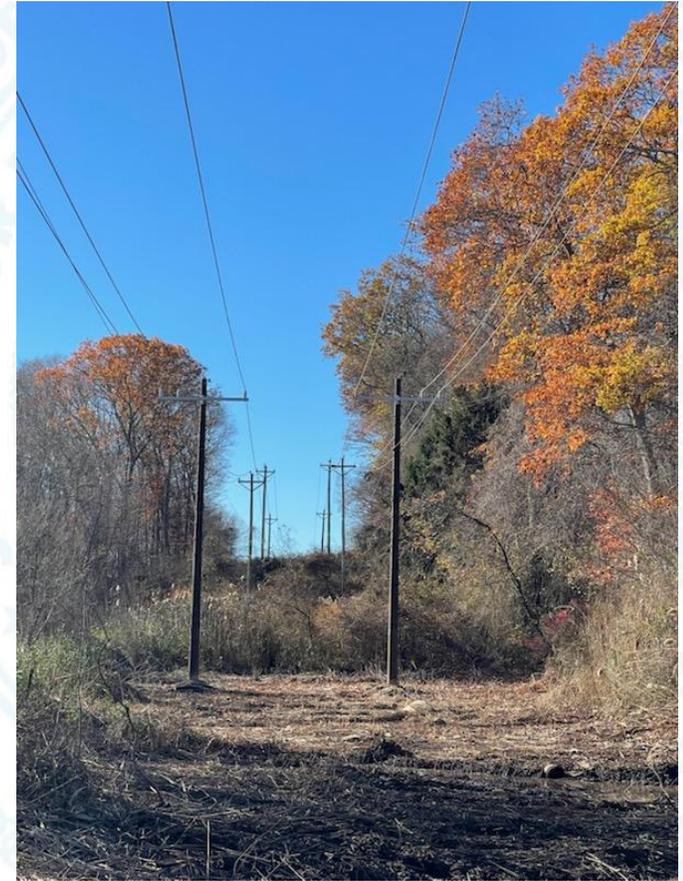
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# GROTON UTILITIES

## 2024 Infrastructure Updates

- High-Voltage Transmission Line Upgrade
- Drozdyk Drive Pole Replacements
- Starhill / Lestertown Road Reconductoring
- Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrades



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# Groton City Brew Run

Groton Utilities and the Greater Mystic Chamber of Commerce held the 4th Annual Groton City Brew Run at Eastern Point Beach in September.

The event is a combination 5K road race/local brewfest that has grown in popularity every year, with nearly 600 people registered (including runner/walkers and brew fest participants) in 2024.

***Save the date! The Groton City Brew Run will return for its 5th annual event on Saturday, September 6, 2025.***



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# Concerts in the Park

The City of Groton Parks and Recreation Department along with Groton Utilities co-sponsor the Concerts in the Park music series every year - drawing thousands of music fans to see some of regions best local bands.

2025 looks like a promising year with some new-to-the-park bands scheduled. Concerts are held on Friday nights in Washington Park.



**2025**

**FOOD TRUCKS!**

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CONCERTS IN THE PARK**

**FREE!!**

JUNE 20 – EIGHT TO THE BAR	JULY 18 – FUSION
JUNE 27 – TAKE IT TO THE BRIDGE	JULY 25 – DIVA AND THE PLAYBOYS
JULY 4 – WILD NIGHTS	AUGUST 1 – AMERICAN HONEY
JULY 11 – MARSHPIT	

**WASHINGTON PARK - FRIDAYS - 6:30PM**



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