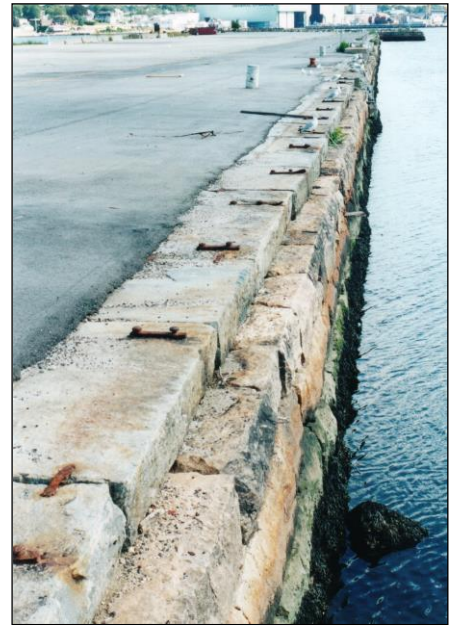


**Maritime Structures  
Cultural Resources Survey  
National Register of Historic Places Nomination**

**Central Vermont Railroad Pier  
New London, Connecticut**

In conformance with state regulations, a Phase IA Archaeological Assessment Survey of the former Central Vermont Railway pier in New London was undertaken prior to proposed utilities improvements. The pier, built in 1876, is 1,100 feet long and 150 feet wide and consists of granite perimeter walls and earth fill. Background research indicated that the onshore portions of the property were heavily modified during construction of the pier by blasting away bedrock, grading, and filling. As a result, the survey concluded that archaeological sensitivity of this portion of the project area was low; no further archaeological studies were recommended. The pier itself was recommended as eligible for the National Register of Historic Places based upon its historical engineering significance and its role in the history of transportation in New England. The steamships berthed at the pier were a vital link between the port of New York and the Central Vermont Railway, which provided rail service to the interior of New England and southern Canada.



In addition to the Phase IA archaeological report, the contract required AHS to produce the following products for the project:

- A State of Connecticut Historic Resources Inventory – Buildings and Structures form.
- Digital photography documenting the current appearance of the pier.
- A National Register of Historic Places Registration form for the pier. The pier was nominated to the National Register as a cooperative effort of the Connecticut Department of Transportation and the Connecticut State Historic Preservation Office. It was formally listed on the National Register on January 26, 2005.