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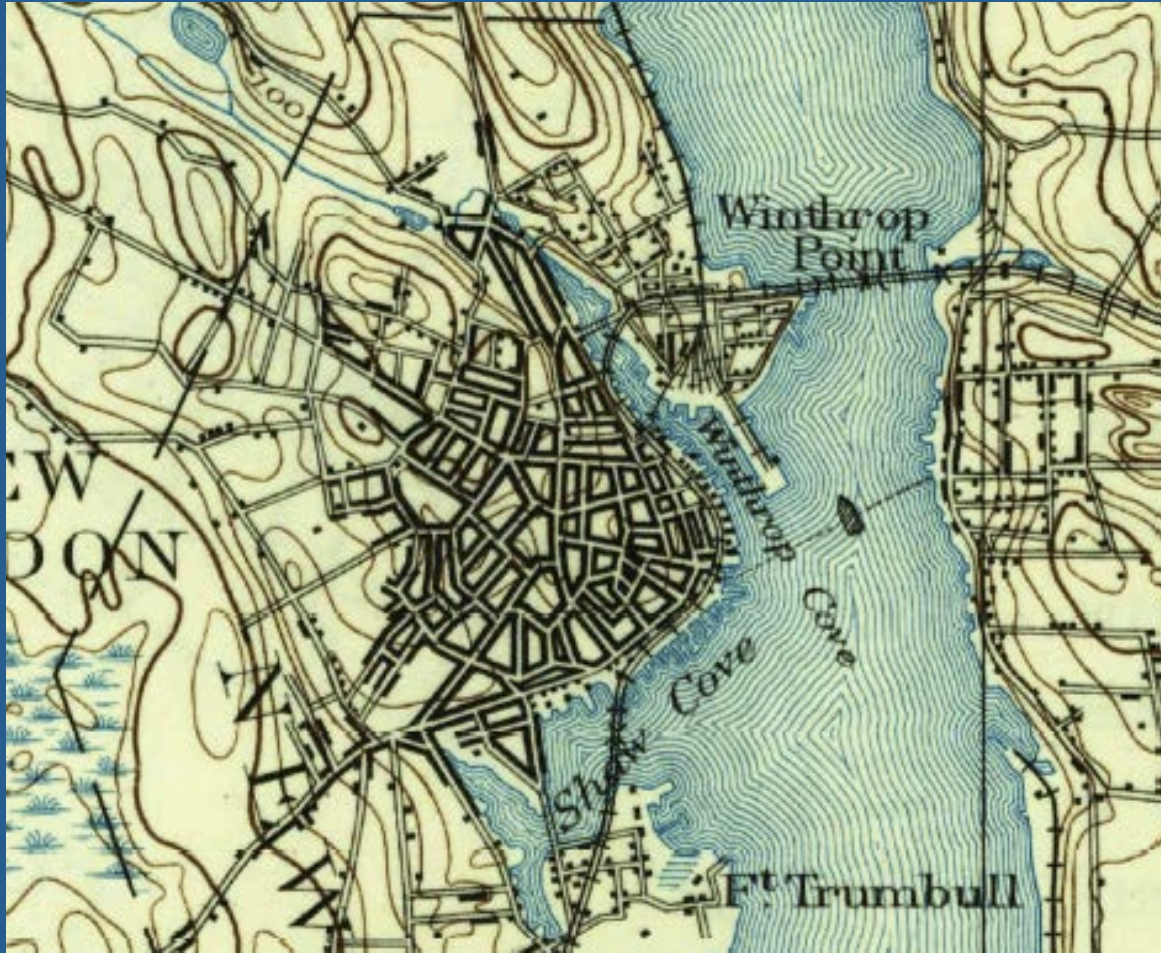
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Williams Street

- An embodiment of how New London's urban landscape has changed
 - North-south arterial road
 - Connects urban center to its surroundings and neighboring towns
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- It has its own urban culture and system
 - Its identity has been challenged numerous times by various forces in the last century

First Phase

- New London's First Master Plan
 - Gold Star Memorial Bridge
 - Interstate 95 Highway





Second Phase

- Urban Renewal



Shapley Street, New London, before urban renewal

Urban renewal

Taking the good
with the bad

Main Street wandered from Hodges Square to State Street, past the city's most deteriorating real estate, some of it dating to the 18th century.

There was a supermarket on the corner of Main and Masonic Streets, serving the the poor families crowded into substandard housing on streets that today no longer exist, like Richards and Shapley Streets, Mather Court and Stony

Later Efforts

- New London Landmarks
 - Creative Placemaking
 - Hodges Square Project
 - Riverside Project



Presented by the Late Mrs. Henry



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