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Downtown Riverhead Historic Trail

Explore Riverhead's rich history by walking the Downtown Historic Trail – either with your feet on the ground or virtually on your computer or smart phone. With enthusiastic support from the Town Board and the BID, the Landmarks Preservation Commission has created this Historic Trail for Downtown Riverhead. At each stop, you will hear a first-person narration by an historic character associated with that place and see archival images. Narrators include merchants and bankers, their wives or children and people who worked here. You will meet Riverhead characters, such as "Judge" Taft at his candy store, Tammany Hall member J.J. Sullivan at his hotel or Republican county boss Harry Lee. You will

Visitors can walk the Downtown Riverhead Historic Trail on the street using their smart phones to access QR codes at each stop. The trail begins at the intersection of Main Street and Roanoke Avenue and ends at the Suffolk County Historical Society. You can walk the trail virtually by clicking on the stops on this list or the map below.

1. [Perkins & Benjamin Building](#)
2. [Bank Building](#)
3. [Riverhead Savings Bank](#)
4. [Pump House &](#)

meet Syrena Stackpole, the first woman to hold public office in Riverhead. You will meet the architects who designed some of the town's most impressive buildings like the Methodist church or the Suffolk County Historical Society . . . and the flamboyant red-haired Englishman who completed the First Congregational Church. You will meet recent arrivals such as Lulu Brown, the young Black woman from Virginia who worked as a maid in one of the grand houses on Griffing Avenue in 1910; Rose Romanski, a young Polish woman working in the Dr. Johnson House on East Main; and Greek-born Tzanos Moustaka who started the Riverhead Grill. These and many other colorful characters with a connection downtown are played by local actors and actresses – with occasional appearances by members of the Riverhead Town Board. Enjoy the trail!

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[Grangebel Park](#)

5. [Taft Candy Store](#)

6. [Vail-Leavitt Music Hall](#)

7. [Commercial Building](#)

8. [John J. Sullivan Hotel](#)

9. [Lee Building](#)

10. [Riverhead Grill](#)

11. [Davis-Corwin House](#)

12. [East Lawn](#)

13. [Preston House](#)

14. [Dr. Johnson House](#)

15. [Garfield Langhorn Avenue](#)

16. [Young-Doroszkha House](#)

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20. [Star Confectionery](#)

21. [Fenimore Meyer House](#)

22. [Corwin-Katz House](#)

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