



Dunkirk Harbor, NY

Harbor Features

- Located on Lake Erie in the City of Dunkirk, Chautauqua County, NY.
- Authorization: Rivers & Harbor Acts of 1827, 1867, 1896, 1910, 1948, and Section 201 of the Flood Control Act of 1965.
- Deep draft harbor.
- Project depths are 17 feet in the outer channel, 16 feet in the inner channel, 8 feet in the access channel, and 6 feet in the dock front recreation channels.
- Over 1.3 miles of breakwater structures.
- The outer, inner, access, and dock front federal channels total approximately 7,000 feet in length.
- Major stakeholders: U.S. Coast Guard, the city of Dunkirk, private marinas, charter fishing interests, and the recreational boating community.

Project Requirements

- The harbor requires dredging every 3 years to remove approximately 60,000 cubic yards of material to maintain the navigation channel. The harbor was last dredged in 2023 resulting in removal of approximately 30,000 cubic yards of material.
- Repairs to deteriorated sections of the northern outer breakwater are needed to ensure the harbor is adequately protected. Engineering and design was completed in 2023. Subsequent construction is planned for 2025. Additional funding is needed to complete all required repairs.



Consequences of Not Maintaining the Project

- Negative economic impacts, locally and regionally.

Transportation Importance

- Formerly active commercial harbor receiving coal for waterfront power plant; coal shipments ceased in 2005.
- Dunkirk is a harbor of refuge.
- Supports 24 charter fishing boats generating approximately \$196,000 in net income annually.

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Fiscal Year (FY) 2023, 2024, and 2025
Dunkirk Harbor, NY — Project Requirements and President’s Budget (\$1,000)**

Work Package	FY23 Requirement	FY23 Appropriation	FY24 Requirement	FY24 Appropriation	FY25 Requirement	FY25 Appropriation
Maintenance Dredging	600	0	0	0	0	0
Sediment Sampling and Analysis	80	0	0	0	0	0
Engineering, Design and Construction Breakwater Repair	4,750	4,750*	0	0	0	0
Outer Breakwater Repair Phase 2	0	0	5,000	0	6,500	0
Real Estate Management	3	3	3	0	3	3
TOTAL	\$5,433	\$4,753	\$5,003	0	\$6,503	\$3

**Congressionally Directed Spending*

Congressional Interests

- Representative Nick Langworthy R-NY-23
- Senator Charles Schumer D-NY
- Senator Kirsten Gillibrand D-NY