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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 approximately 60,000 cubic yards of dredging every 3 years to maintain the navigation channel. The harbor was last dredged in 2018 when approximately 128,000 cubic yards of material were removed. Dredging is planned for 2022.
- Repairs to deteriorated sections of the north breakwater are needed to ensure the harbor is adequately protected.



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) 2020, 2021, and 2022
Dunkirk Harbor, NY — Project Requirements and President’s Budget (\$1,000)**

Work Package	FY20 Requirement	FY20 Appropriation	FY21 Requirement	FY21 Appropriation	FY22 Requirement	FY22 President’s Budget
Maintenance Dredging	0	0	690	0	1,000	680
Engineering & Design, Construction Breakwater Repair	250	0	250	0	10,000	0
Real Estate Management	0	0	3	0	3	0
TOTAL	250	0	943	0	11,003	680

Congressional Interests

- Representative Tom Reed R-NY-23
- Senator Charles Schumer D-NY
- Senator Kirsten Gillibrand D-NY