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Oak Orchard Harbor, NY

Harbor Features

- Located on Lake Ontario at the mouth of Oak Orchard Creek in the Hamlet of Point Breeze, Town of Carlton, Orleans County, NY.
- Authorization: Rivers & Harbors Act of 1945
- Shallow draft recreational harbor.
- Project depths are 10 feet in the entrance channel and 8 feet in the harbor basin.
- The east jetty, west jetty, and a detached breakwater provide a total of 2,120 feet of protection to the harbor.
- Non-federal facilities in the harbor include state and county marine parks for seasonal and transient docking, launching and fish cleaning, six private marinas - two with fish cleaning stations, two restaurants, three rental cottage facilities, one motel, pump out facilities, fuel lifts, and travel lifts.
- Major stakeholders: Orleans County, U.S. Coast Guard, private marinas, charter fishing interests, and the recreational boating community.

Project Requirements

- The harbor requires dredging every 3 to 5 years to maintain the navigation channel. The harbor was last dredged in 2014 when 9,200 cubic yards of material were removed. Maintenance dredging, funded in 2024, is planned for 2025.

Consequences of Not Maintaining the Project

- Potential safety issues for recreational boating community.
- Negative economic impacts, locally and regionally.



Transportation Importance

- Oak Orchard is a harbor of refuge.
- Provides safe recreational access between Lake Ontario and Oak Orchard Creek.
- Orleans County Sheriff Marine Patrol and Coast Guard auxiliary unit located at Orleans County Marine Park.
- Hosts annual harbor festivals and fishing derbies.
- Harbor offers 407 slips for rent, as well as 4 boat launches with a total of 8 launch lanes that accommodate over 10,000 launches per season.
- Home to approximately 56 charter boats making approximately 1,289 trips per year.
- Generates \$7M in total revenues to accommodations, restaurants, retail, boat repair, and other services and industries; supporting 73 jobs and \$3.2M in labor income.

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Fiscal Year (FY) 2023, 2024, and 2025
Oak Orchard 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 – Primary Work Package	650	0	650	650*	0	0
Sediment Sampling and Analysis	75	0	75	75*	0	0
Real Estate Management	5	5	6	0	5	5
TOTAL	\$730	\$5	\$731	\$725	\$5	\$5

**Congressionally Directed Spending*

Congressional Interests

- Representative Joe Morelle, D-NY-25
- Senator Charles Schumer D-NY
- Senator Kirsten Gillibrand D-NY