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Olcott Harbor, NY

Harbor Features

- Located on Lake Ontario at the mouth of Eighteen Mile Creek in the Village of Olcott, Niagara County, NY.
- Authorization: Rivers & Harbors Acts of 1867 and 1913 and Water Resources Development Act of 1986.
- Shallow draft recreational harbor.
- Project depth is 12 feet in the federal navigation channel.
- The channel is 140 feet wide and approximately 1,400 feet long.
- The east pier and west pier provide a total of 1,723 feet of protection to the harbor entrance.
- Major stakeholders: U.S. Coast Guard, town of Newfane, private marinas, charter boats, charter fishing interests, and the recreational boating community.

Project Requirements

- The harbor requires dredging every 5 to 10 years to maintain the navigation channel. The harbor was last dredged in 2014 when 7,300 cubic yards of material were removed. Maintenance dredging is currently required.
- Funding received in 2024 will be used to complete sediment sampling and analysis, and environmental coordination to support future dredging. Subsequent funding will be needed complete maintenance dredging.



Consequences of Not Maintaining the Project

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

Transportation Importance

- Olcott is a harbor of refuge.
- Harbor offers 236 slips for rent, as well as 2 boat launches with a total of 8 launch lanes that accommodate over 4,300 launches per season.
- Home to approximately 30 charter boats making approximately 514 trips per year.
- Generates \$3.2M in total revenues to accommodations, restaurants, retail, boat repair, and other services and industries; supporting 34 jobs and \$1.5M in labor income.

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Fiscal Year (FY) 2023, 2024, and 2025
Olcott 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	450	0	595	60	595	0
Sediment Sampling & Analysis	70	0	70	70	70	0
Real Estate Management	8	8	8	0	9	9
TOTAL	\$528	\$8	\$673	\$130	\$674	\$9

Congressional Interests

- Representative Claudia Tenney, R-NY-24
- Senator Charles Schumer D-NY
- Senator Kirsten Gillibrand D-NY