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Port Ontario Harbor, NY

Harbor Features

- Located on Lake Ontario, Port Ontario, and Oswego County, NY.
- Authorization: Rivers & Harbors Act of 1945.
- Shallow draft recreational harbor.
- Project depths are 8 feet in the entrance channel and 6 feet in the harbor basin.
- The north and south breakwaters provide a total of 1,690 feet of protection to the harbor.
- Operations and maintenance, including sand bypassing, is undertaken by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on an as needed basis. The cost of operation and maintenance is cost-shared between the local sponsor, the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation (65 percent), and the Corps (35 percent).
- Major stakeholders: U.S. Coast Guard, a private marina, charter fishing interests, and the recreational boating community.

Project Requirements

- The harbor requires infrequent dredging to maintain the navigation channel.
- Funding received in 2024 will be used to complete sediment sampling and analysis, to support future dredging. Subsequent funding will be needed to complete maintenance dredging.



Consequences of Not Maintaining the Project

- Failure to complete sand bypassing could potentially result in additional erosion of the shoreline north of breakwater system.
- Potential safety issues for recreational boating community.
- Negative economic impacts, locally and regionally.

Transportation Importance

- Port Ontario is a harbor of refuge.
- Home to 68 slips, 2 boat launch lanes, and 8 charter boats.
- Generates economic benefits totaling \$1.5M and supports over 25 jobs.

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Fiscal Year (FY) 2023, 2024, and 2025
Port Ontario 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 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sediment Sampling and Analysis | 0 | 0 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 0 |
| Real Estate Management | 5 | 5 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 5 |
| TOTAL | \$5 | \$5 | \$65 | \$60 | \$65 | \$5 |

Congressional Interests

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