



US Army Corps
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Rochester Harbor, NY

Harbor Features

- Located on Lake Ontario in the City of Rochester, Monroe County, NY.
- Authorization: Rivers & Harbors Acts of 1829, 1882, 1945, and 1960.
- Deep draft commercial harbor.
- Project depths are 24 feet in the approach channel, 23 feet in the entrance channel, and 21 feet in the Genesee River.
- 88K tons of material shipped and received in 2021.
- The east and west piers provide a total of 1.1 miles of protection to the harbor.
- Lake approach, entrance, and Genesee River federal channels total approximately 2.7 miles in length.
- Major stakeholders: the Rochester-Monroe County Port Authority, Port of Rochester, U.S. Coast Guard, and Essroc Cement Corporation.

Project Requirements

- The harbor requires approximately 190,000 cubic yards of dredging every 2 years to maintain the navigation channel. The harbor was last dredged in 2023 when approximately 225,000 cubic yards of material were removed. Additional dredging funded in 2023 is scheduled to be completed in 2024.

Consequences of Not Maintaining the Project

- Light loading: losses of between 3 and 4 feet of channel depth may result in increased transportation costs of between \$257,000 and \$367,000 annually.
- Closing the harbor to commercial traffic requires commodities transported by rail and truck. This may increase annual emission rates by over 359 tons of harmful particulate matter (PM-10) and increase costs by an estimated \$185,000 due to increased railroad-



related accidents and an estimated \$131,000 due to increased trucking-related accidents.

Transportation Importance

- Receiving and shipping port on the Great Lakes and a critical harbor of refuge.
- Location of U.S. Coast Guard station
- Cement and concrete are the major commodities shipped and received.
- Waterborne transportation facilitated by the harbor supports \$3.7M in business revenue, 16 direct, indirect, and induced jobs, and \$1.2M in labor income to the transportation sector.
- Home to 1,034 recreational slips, 5 boat launch lanes, and 26 charter boats.
- Generates recreational economic benefits totaling \$10M and supports approximately 140 jobs.

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Fiscal Year (FY) 2023, 2024, and 2025
Rochester 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	1,265	1,265	0	0	0	0
Engineering & Design and Constr., East Pier Repair	0	0	0	0	0	0
Real Estate Management	10	10	11	11	11	11
TOTAL	\$1,275	\$1,275	\$11	\$11	\$11	\$11

Congressional Interests

- Representative Joseph Morelle D-NY-25
- Senator Kirsten Gillibrand D-NY
- Senator Charles Schumer D-NY