



US Army Corps
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Port Ontario Harbor, NY

Harbor Features

- Located on Lake Ontario, Port Ontario, Oswego County, New York
- Authorization: River & Harbor Act of 1945
- Shallow draft recreational harbor
- Project depths are 8 feet in the entrance channel and 6 feet in the harbor basin
- The harbor is protected by the north and south breakwaters with a total length of 1,690 feet
- In accordance with project documentation, all operation and maintenance, including sand bypassing, is to be undertaken by the USACE on an as-needed basis. The cost of operation and maintenance is to be shared between the local sponsor, New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation (65%), and USACE (35%)
- Major stakeholders include private marina, charter fishing interests and the recreational boating community

Project Requirements

- Since construction in 1987, approximately 300,000 cubic yards of sand has accumulated on the south side of the south breakwater. Sand bypassing is required to move this material to reduce shoreline erosion north of the harbor



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
- Potential functional loss of Harbor of Refuge
- Negative economic impacts, locally and regionally

Transportation Importance

- Harbor of Refuge
- Home to 68 slips, 2 boat launch lanes and 8 charter boats.
- Generates economic benefits totaling \$1,554,937 and supports 26 jobs.

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Fiscal Year (FY) 2015, 2016 and 2017
Port Ontario Harbor, New York - Project Requirements and President's Budget (\$1,000)**

Work Package	FY15 Requirement	FY15 Appropriation	FY16 Requirement	FY16 Appropriation	FY17 Requirement	FY17 President's Budget
Sediment Sampling and Analysis	70					
E&D, Construction Sand Bypass			1,300		1,300	
TOTAL	70	0	1,300	0	1,300	0

Congressional Interests

- Representative Richard Hanna R-NY-22
- Senator Kirsten Gillibrand D-NY
- Senator Charles Schumer D-NY