



US Army Corps
of Engineers
Buffalo District



Ogdensburg Harbor, NY

Harbor Features

- Located on the St. Lawrence River, at the mouth of the Oswegatchie River, in the City of Ogdensburg, St. Lawrence County, New York
- Authorization: River & Harbor Acts of 1910, 1919 and 1935
- Deep draft commercial harbor
- Authorized depths are 19 feet in the upper entrance channel and city front channel, 21 feet in the lower basin and 27 feet in the lower entrance channel
- Five year average (2008-2012) tonnage of 105k tons of material shipped and received
- Ranked 41st among the Great Lakes Harbors based on five year average (2008-2012) tonnage
- Interconnected with 2 commercial ports: receives from 2 ports
- Major stakeholders include U.S Coast Guard, Ogdensburg Bridge and Port Authority, commercial shipping interests and the recreational boating community

Project Requirements

- The harbor requires dredging on an infrequent basis, and was last dredged in 1984
- USACE has initiated a study under Section 107, Small Navigation Projects program. The Ogdensburg Bridge and Port Authority is the non-Federal sponsor. A determination of Federal interest was completed by the USACE, Buffalo District on August 31, 2011 and found a positive interest in moving forward to the cost-shared Feasibility study phase. A Feasibility Cost-Sharing Agreement was signed in March 2013 and the Feasibility study is underway



Consequences of Not Maintaining the Project

- Reduction of bulk commodities that pass through the harbor and generate \$4M annually in direct revenue while supporting 31 direct, indirect, and induced jobs that produce over \$2M per year in personal income
- If the harbor was closed to commercial traffic, commodities would have to be transported by rail. This would increase annual emission rates by over 43 tons of harmful particulate matter (PM-10) and increase costs by \$37,000 due to increased railroad related accidents
- Light loading; losses of between 3 and 4 feet of channel depth would result in increased transportation costs of between \$45,000 and \$79,000 annually

Transportation Importance

- Ogdensburg is the only U.S port on the St. Lawrence River and is the northernmost port in New York
- Commodities shipped or received include road salt and corn gluten.
- Critical Harbor of Refuge
- Home to Auxiliary U.S. Coast Guard station

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Fiscal Year (FY) 2014, 2015 and 2016
Ogdensburg Harbor, New York - Project Requirements and President's Budget (\$1,000)**

Work Package	FY14 Requirement	FY14 Appropriation	FY15 Requirement	FY15 Appropriation	FY16 Requirement	FY16 President's Budget
Sediment Sampling & Analysis			70		70	
TOTALS	0	0	70	0	0	0

Congressional Interests

- Representative Elsie Stefanik R-NY-21
- Senator Kirsten Gillibrand D-NY
- Senator Charles Schumer D-NY