



**US Army Corps  
of Engineers**  
Buffalo District



## New York Shallow Draft Harbors

**Appropriation Category:** Operations and Maintenance (O&M)

**Congressional Interests:**

Representative Tom Reed R-NY-23  
 Representative Louise Slaughter D-NY-25  
 Representative Chris Collins R-NY-27  
 Senator Charles Schumer D-NY  
 Senator Kirsten Gillibrand D-NY

<b>Work Package</b>	<b>FY14 Requirement</b>	<b>FY14 Appropriation</b>	<b>FY15 Requirement</b>	<b>FY15 Appropriation</b>	<b>FY16 Requirement</b>	<b>FY16 President's Budget</b>
Barcelona, West Breakwater Repair					500	
Barcelona, Dredging	250					
Cape Vincent Harbor, Sediment Sampling & Analysis**			170			
Cattaraugus Creek Harbor, Maintenance Dredging			590			
Cattaraugus Creek Harbor, E&D S&W Breakwater Repair			205		205	
Great Sodus Harbor, Dredging**	830				830	
Great Sodus Harbor, E. Breakwater Repair**	250		250		250	
Irondequoit Bay, Dredging	350	350				
Little River Harbor, Dredging					700	
Little Sodus Harbor, Dredging**	600					
Little Sodus E&D/Const W. Pier Repair**	250		250		250	
Oak Orchard, Dredging	100					
Ogdensburg, Sediment Sampling & Analysis			70		70	
Olcott, Dredging	790					
Port Ontario, E&D, Construction Sand Bypass	1,300				1,300	
Port Ontario, Sediment Sampling and Analysis			70			
Sturgeon Point, Annual Sand Bypass***	20				20	
Wilson, E&D/Constr. West Pier Repair					300	
Wilson, Dredging	300		785		725	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>5,040</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>2,390</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5,150</b>	<b>0</b>

- \*\* These harbors were authorized as deep draft commercial harbors but are currently maintained as shallow draft recreational harbors.
- \*\*\* This project was Federally constructed and is locally operated and maintained.

**Current Condition:** The New York shallow draft harbors are in serious need of maintenance dredging, navigation structure repair or sand bypassing. Funding for recreational “low-use” harbors is a low priority in the budgetary process. Lack of maintenance at these harbors will lead to increased shoaling, structure deterioration and sand accretion; resulting in limited usage and/or unsafe navigation conditions within the harbor and navigation channels and potential shoreline erosion.

**Background:** Shallow draft harbors within NY include: Barcelona, Cape Vincent, Cattaraugus Creek, Irondequoit, Little River, Morristown, Oak Orchard, Olcott, Port Ontario, Sackets, Sturgeon Point and Wilson. Shallow draft harbors are utilized for recreational purposes, with no defined commercial traffic. These projects generally consist of a shallow channel (4–14 feet deep), and relatively small system of breakwaters and/or piers.



**Significance:** The NY shallow draft harbors help to support the regional economy by providing an additional source of revenue, jobs and income to the area. The harbors support recreational interests and numerous regionally significant businesses interests. Major business interests include marinas, charter fishing, tourism, gasoline and marine product sales. In addition, most of the harbors serve as designated harbors of refuge; with the purpose of providing refuge to water crafts during severe lake storms.