



US Army Corps
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Buffalo District

FACT SHEET

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ATHOL SPRINGS HAMBURG - NY Hurricane and Storm Damage Reduction

Section 103 of the 1962 Rivers and Harbors Act, as amended
Construction General (Continuing Authorities Program)

Location

- Along Route 5 at the southeast shore of Lake Erie in the Athol Springs section of Hamburg, Erie County, NY, which is approximately ten miles south of Buffalo, NY

Project Description

- Deteriorating seawall protecting Route 5
- Repair 860 foot long stone revetment and 15 foot wide and 2 foot tall splash apron that would provide stability to the wall and significantly reduce the impacts of wave run-up
- Storms and resultant waves from Lake Erie cause overtopping of the road and retaining wall, creating hazardous travel conditions
- Storms also deposit large quantities of debris onto and across the road, often resulting in closure to traffic and unsafe conditions for business in the area

- Design and Implementation is cost-shared on a 65% Federal and 35% non-Federal basis

Importance

- Route 5 is a major traffic route between Buffalo and the south towns

Consequences

- Without construction of the project the seawall will continue to deteriorate, resulting in eventual failure of the wall and adjacent road
- Continued overtopping of Route 5 will continue to restrict traffic and routinely deny access to businesses and residents

Project Phase	Est. Fed. Cost of Phase	Federal Funding through FY14	FY15 Requirement	FY15 Budget	FY16 Requirement	FY16 Budget
Feasibility	\$ 140k	\$140k	\$0	\$0		
Design & Implementation	\$1.801M	\$288k	\$100k	\$100k		
TOTAL	\$1.941M	\$428k	\$100k	\$100k		

Project Sponsor/Customer

- Sponsor - New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) through a letter of intent in Dec 2012
- Customer - Town of Hamburg through a letter of support to the NYSDOT in March 2013

Congressional Interests

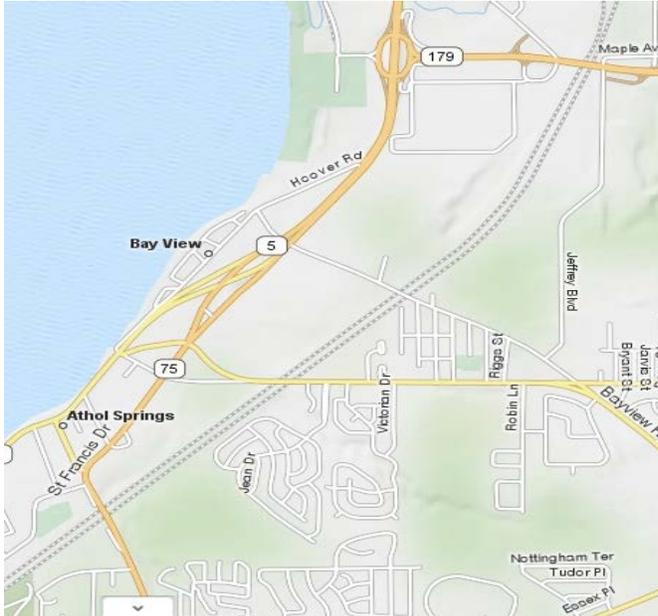
- Representative Chris Collins R-NY-27
- Senator Charles Schumer D-NY
- Senator Kirsten Gillibrand D-NY

Current Status

- Feasibility Report was completed in 2006
- The PPA was approved in April 2014 and fully executed in July 2014
- Design work for the project has begun in January 2015

Issues

- Local real estate acquisitions are anticipated to take anywhere from 12-18 months, which could delay the project.



Aerial View of Project Area, Source: Mapquest



Athol Springs, NY – Existing Seawall looking north from water edge

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