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## 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

Work Package	FY15 Requirement	FY15 Appropriation	FY16 Requirement	FY16 Appropriation	FY17 Requirement	FY17 President's Budget
Barcelona, West Breakwater Repair			1,300	650	650	
Cape Vincent Harbor, Sediment Sampling & Analysis**	170					
Cattaraugus Creek Harbor, Maintenance Dredging	590		1,100			
Cattaraugus Creek Harbor, Sediment Sampling Analysis					60	
Cattaraugus Creek Harbor, E&D S&W Breakwater Repair	205		205		205	
Great Sodus Harbor, Dredging**			830		830	
Great Sodus Harbor, E. Breakwater Repair**	250		250		250	
Little River Harbor, Dredging			700		700	
Little Sodus Harbor, Dredging**			950		950	
Little Sodus E&D/Const W. Pier Repair**	250		250		250	
Ogdensburg, Sediment Sampling & Analysis	70		70		70	
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 Harbor, Dredging	785		725		725	
Wilson, E&D Const. West Pier Repair			300		100	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2,390</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8,000</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>6,110</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.