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Cattaraugus Creek Harbor, NY

Harbor Features

- Located on Lake Erie in the Town of Hanover, Cattaraugus County, NY
- Authorization: Rivers & Harbor Act of 1968
- Shallow draft recreational harbor
- Project depths are 8 feet in the entrance channel and 6 feet in the Cattaraugus Creek channel.
- The north and south breakwaters provide a total of 2,450 feet of protection to the harbor.
- The project provides flood control benefits to the local community by removing shoals at the mouth of the creek and reducing the threat of annual ice jam flooding.
- Maintenance for this project is cost-shared 59 percent federal and 41 percent local cost share partner. The local cost share partner is the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation (NYSOPRHP).
- Major stakeholders: U.S. Coast Guard, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), NYSOPRHP, the Seneca Nation, private marinas, charter fishing interests, and the recreational boating community

Project Requirements

- No dredging has occurred since construction in 1983. The harbor requires maintenance dredging to maintain the navigation channel. Funding was received in 2022 and coordination with the local cost share partner is ongoing. Work is tentatively planned for 2024/25.
- Sections of the south and west breakwaters are starting to deteriorate and require repairs to prevent further deterioration.



Consequences of Not Maintaining the Project

- Potential safety issues for the public and recreational boating community.
- Negative economic impacts, locally and regionally.

Transportation Importance

- Cattaraugus Creek is a harbor of refuge.
- Supports 11 charter fishing boats generating approximately \$90,000 in net income annually.

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Fiscal Year (FY) 2022, 2023, and 2024
Cattaraugus Creek Harbor, NY — Project Requirements and President’s Budget (\$1,000)**

Work Package	FY22 Requirement	FY22 Appropriation	FY23 Requirement	FY23 Appropriation	FY24 Requirement	FY24 President’s Budget
Sediment Sampling & Analysis	150	0	0	0	0	0
Maintenance Dredging	1,000	1,000	0	0	0	0
Engineering, Design and Construction South and West Breakwater Repair	5,000	0	100	0	250	0
Real Estate Management	3	0	3	3	3	0
TOTAL	6,153	1,000	103	3	253	0

Congressional Interests

- Representative Nick Langworthy R-NY-23
- Senator Charles Schumer D-NY
- Senator Kirsten Gillibrand D-NY