



Buffalo Harbor South Pier

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AUTHORIZATION:

- River & Harbor Acts of 1826, 1866, 1874, 1896, 1899, 1900, 1902, 1909, 1910, 1912, 1919, 1927, 1930, 1935, 1945, 1960, 1962, and Water Resources Development Acts of 1986, 1988, and 2007
- Operations & Maintenance

PROJECT SPONSOR:

- 100% federal expense; no sponsor.
- Commercial stakeholders are the Gateway Metroport, General Mills, Mobil Oil, Lafarge Cement, Sand Products, Holcim, Standard Elevator, and Whitebox Commodities.
- Federal stakeholder is U.S. Coast Guard
- Non-federal stakeholders are Port of Buffalo, City of Buffalo

LOCATION:

Figure 60. A 1962 aerial showing the removal of the concrete banquette and its replacement with rubble from the now demolished 1900 era banquette down the length of the mole (US Coast Guard).



June 2021 – Photo from 1832 Lighthouse



Congressional Member Interest	Key Stakeholder Interest
Representative Brian Higgins D-NY-26	USCG
Senator Kirsten Gillibrand D NY	Port of Buffalo, NY
Senator Charles Schumer D NY	Local commercial enterprises

PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND BACKGROUND:

- The rubblemound stone placed in 1960 is gone, leaving the pier exposed to wave action. Complete a repair to the south pier to reduce/eliminate material subsidence/loss.
- The South Pier was the first structure built on Buffalo Harbor. It was originally built by the City of Buffalo and New York State, though later taken over and upgraded by the federal government.

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BUDGET INFORMATION:

Authorized Total Project Cost	\$1,000,000
Non-Federal Sponsor Cost	N/A
Federal Cost	\$1,000,000
Federal Funding Received Prior to FY24 President Budget	\$1,000,000
FY24 President Budget	\$0

CURRENT STATUS:

- Buffalo District Repair Fleet placed stone along the south pier from the lighthouse to as far as funding would allow in 2021, as a temporary measure to protect the navigation structure.
- Completed two subsurface investigations in 2021 and 2022 to determine impacts to the south pier navigation structure. The first to document voids above the structure, and the second to dig and explore those voids further.

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