



FACT SHEET

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NEW YORK STATE CANAL SYSTEM, NY

Section 1105 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986
Section 553 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1996
Section 341 of the Water Resources Act of 1999
Section 3124 of the Water Resources Act of 2007
Construction General (CG)

Location

- New York State (NYS) Canal System is defined as the 524 miles of navigable canal, including the Erie, Cayuga-Seneca Canal, Oswego, and Champlain Canals and the historic alignments of these canals, including the cities of Albany, Rochester, and Buffalo

Project Description

- Reimbursement program to New York State for the costs of operating, maintaining and rehabilitating the NYS Canal System, which includes a total of 56 locks
- Reimbursable Program - 50% Federal and 50% non-Federal

Importance

- The canal system is of major importance to New York State and the nation
- Provides a navigation linkage system for New York from the Hudson River to the Great Lakes
- Associated with the historical development of our country

Consequences

- The NYS Canal System infrastructure requires major rehabilitation, without which the canal could become unusable

Project Phase	Est. Fed. Cost of Phase	Federal Funding through FY14	FY15 Requirement	FY15 Budget	FY16 Requirement	FY16 Budget
Design & Implementation	\$5M ⁽¹⁾	\$15.0M	\$5M	\$0	\$5M	\$0

(1)The Federal Contribution to the costs of rehabilitating the NYS Barge Canal shall be limited in any fiscal year to the lesser of \$5M or 50% of the expenditures in that fiscal year.

Project Sponsor/Customer

- NYS Canal Corporation which is part of the NYS Thruway Authority

Congressional Interests

- Representative Paul Tonko D-NY-20
- Representative Elise Stefanik R-NY-21
- Representative Richard Hanna R-NY-22
- Representative Tom Reed R-NY-23
- Representative John Katko R-NY-24
- Representative Louise Slaughter D-NY-25
- Representative Brian Higgins D-NY-26

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

Current Status

- The last appropriation received for this project was in FY09

Issues

- Project requires additional funding to move forward



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