



US Army Corps
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Port Ontario Harbor, NY

Harbor Features

- Located on Lake Ontario, Port Ontario, and Oswego County, NY
- Authorization: Rivers & Harbors Act of 1945
- Shallow draft recreational harbor
- Project depths are 8 feet in the entrance channel and 6 feet in the harbor basin
- The north and south breakwaters provide a total of 1,690 feet of protection to the harbor.
- Operations and maintenance, including sand bypassing, is undertaken by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on an as needed basis. The cost of operation and maintenance is cost-shared between the local sponsor, the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation (65 percent), and the Corps (35 percent).
- Major stakeholders: U.S. Coast Guard, a private marina, charter fishing interests, and the recreational boating community

Project Requirements

- The harbor requires infrequent dredging to maintain the navigation channel. Maintenance dredging is currently required to maintain the functional harbor areas.
- Since construction in 1987, approximately 300,000 cubic yards of sand have accumulated on the south side of the south breakwater. Sand bypassing is required to move this material to reduce shoreline erosion north of the harbor.



Consequences of Not Maintaining the Project

- Failure to complete sand bypassing could potentially result in additional erosion of the shoreline north of breakwater system.
- Potential safety issues for recreational boating community.
- Negative economic impacts, locally and regionally.

Transportation Importance

- Port Ontario is a harbor of refuge.
- Home to 68 slips, 2 boat launch lanes, and 8 charter boats.
- Generates economic benefits totaling \$1.5M and supports over 25 jobs.

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Fiscal Year (FY) 2021, 2022, and 2023
Port Ontario Harbor, NY — Project Requirements and President’s Budget (\$000)**

Work Package	FY21 Requirement (\$000)	FY21 Appropriation (\$000)	FY22 Requirement (\$000)	FY22 President’s Budget (\$000)	FY23 Requirement (\$000)	FY23 President’s Budget (\$000)
Engineering & Design, Construction Sand Bypass	1,300	0	1,300	0	0	0
Maintenance Dredging	0	0	1,000	0	0	0
Real Estate Management	6	0	6	0	5	0
TOTAL	1,306	0	2,306	0	5	0

Congressional Interests

- Representative Anthony Brindisi D-NY-22
- Senator Charles Schumer D-NY
- Senator Kirsten Gillibrand D-NY