



Oswego Harbor, NY

Harbor Features

- Located on Lake Ontario in the City of Oswego, Oswego County, NY
- Authorization: River & Harbor Acts of 1870, 1907, 1930, 1940, 1948, 1954, and 1962
- Deep draft commercial harbor
- Project depths are 27 feet in the lake approach channel; 25 feet in the outer harbor; 24 feet in the lower Oswego River channel; and 21 feet in the upper Oswego River channel, east outer harbor area, and west outer harbor area.
- 259k tons of material shipped and received in 2017
- Ranked 46th among Great Lakes harbors in 2017
- Interconnected with 7 commercial ports: receives from 7 ports
- 280-acre outer harbor and 3,000 feet of federal channel in the Oswego River
- Major stakeholders include Port of Oswego Authority, U.S. Coast Guard, NRG Energy, Sprague Energy, Lafarge Cement, Essroc Cement, and private marinas.

Project Requirements

- The harbor requires approximately 72,000 cubic yards of dredging every 3 to 4 years to maintain the navigation channel. The harbor was last dredged in 2019 when 140,000 cubic yards of material were removed.
- The east and west arrowhead breakwaters require significant repairs to deteriorated sections. Repairs to sections of the west arrowhead breakwater were completed in 2019. Additional repairs are needed in 2020.



Consequences of Not Maintaining the Project

- Reduction of bulk commodities that pass through the harbor and generate \$4.12B annually in business revenue. Reduction in support for 24,740 direct, indirect, and induced jobs that produce over \$1.23B per year in personal income in the transportation and commodity related industries.
- Closing the harbor to commercial traffic requires commodities to be transported by rail and truck. This would increase annual emission rates by over 3,303 tons of harmful particulate matter increase costs by \$624,000 due to increased railroad-related accidents and \$1,038,000 due to increased trucking-related accidents.
- Light loading: losses of between 3 and 4 feet of channel depth would result in increased transportation costs of between \$720,000 and \$1,142,000 annually.

Transportation Importance

- Major receiving port on the Great Lakes and a critical Harbor of Refuge.
- Major commodities shipped or received include cement and concrete, aluminum, salt, and corn.

- Home to 536 recreational slips, 6 boat launch lanes, and 29 charter boats
- Generates recreational economic benefits totaling \$7,190,951 and supports 111 jobs.

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Fiscal Year (FY) 2018, 2019, and 2020
Oswego Harbor, NY — Project Requirements and President’s Budget (\$1,000)**

Work Package	FY18 Requirement	FY18 Appropriation	FY19 Requirement	FY19 Appropriation	FY20 Requirement	FY20 President’s Budget
Maintenance Dredging	0	0	850	850	0	0
Construction, West Arrowhead Breakwater	0	0	5,000	5,000	5,000	0
Engineering & Design, Outer West Breakwater Repair	0	0	250	0	0	0
Sediment Sampling & Analysis	0	0	100	100	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	6,200	5,950	5,000	0

Congressional Interests

- Representative John Katko R-NY-24
- Senator Kirsten Gillibrand D-NY
- Senator Charles Schumer D-NY