



US Army Corps
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FACT SHEET

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ATHOL SPRINGS — HAMBURG, NEW YORK

Hurricane and Storm Damage Reduction

Section 103 of the 1962 Rivers & Harbors Act, As Amended
Construction General (Continuing Authorities Program)

Location

- Along Route 5 at the southeast shore of Lake Erie in the Athol Springs section of Hamburg, Erie County, New York, approximately ten miles south of Buffalo, New York

Project Description

- Deteriorating seawall protecting Route 5
- Repair 1,325-foot-long stone revetment and 10-foot-wide and 2-foot-tall splash apron that would provide stability to the wall and significantly reduce the impacts of wave run-up.
- Storms and resultant waves from Lake Erie cause overtopping of the road and retaining wall, creating hazardous travel conditions.
- Storms also deposit large quantities of debris onto and across the road, often resulting in closure to traffic and unsafe conditions for business in the area.

- Design and implementation for Section 103 projects is normally cost shared 65 percent federal and 35 percent nonfederal. This project will be constructed with 2018 LDRIP Emergency Supplemental funds and is subject to alternate cost-sharing specifications.

Importance

- Route 5 is a major traffic route between Buffalo and the south towns.

Consequences

- Without construction of the project the seawall will continue to deteriorate, resulting in eventual failure of the wall and adjacent road.
- Continued overtopping of Route 5 will continue to restrict traffic and routinely deny access to businesses and residents.

Project Phase	Est. Fed. Cost of Phase	Federal Funding through FY19	FY19 Requirement	FY19 Budget	FY20 Requirement	FY20 Budget
Construction	\$6.775M	\$100K	\$8.15M*	\$0	\$0	\$0

* project being constructed with 2018 Emergency Supplemental federal funds

Project Sponsor/Customer

- Sponsor — New York State Department of Transportation through a letter of intent in Dec 2012
- Customer — Town of Hamburg through a letter of support to the New York State Department of Transportation in March 2013

Congressional Interests

- NY-27
- Senator Charles Schumer D NY
- Senator Kirsten Gillibrand D NY

Current Status

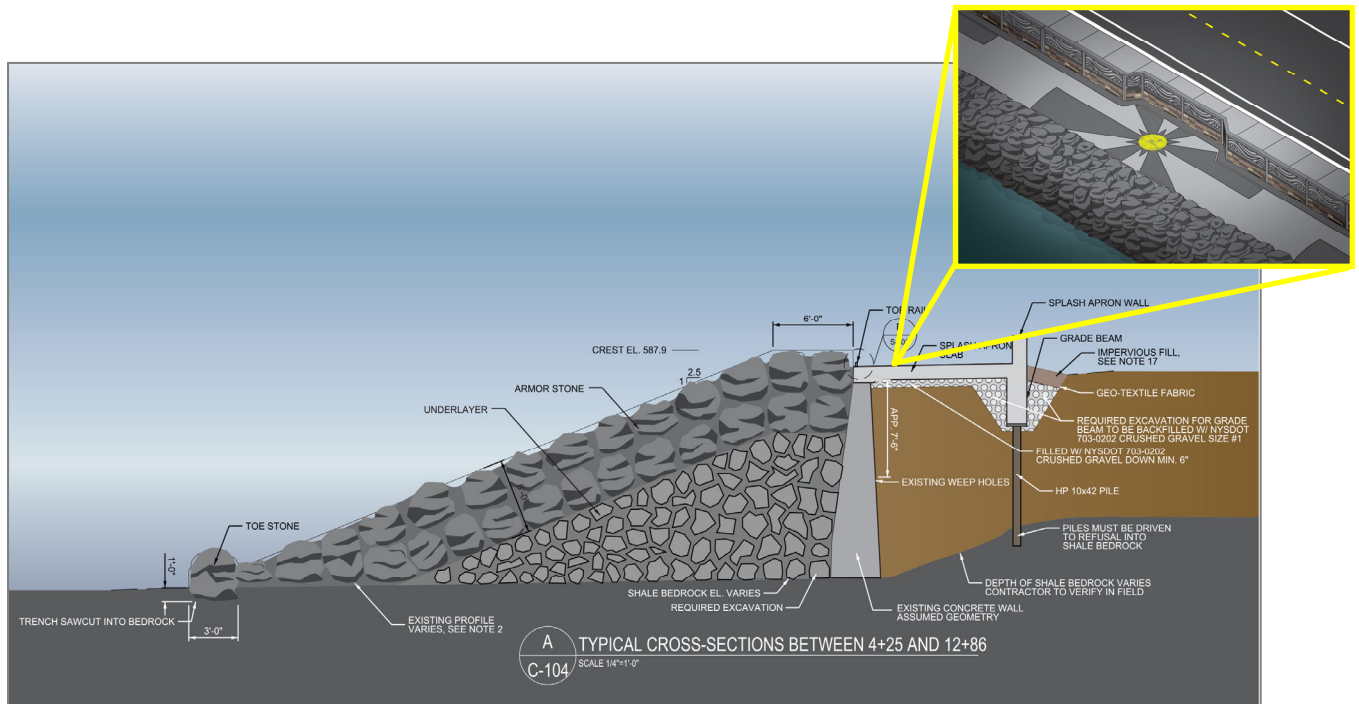
- Signature imminent on the amended PPA.

Issues

- Receipt of federal funding.



Athol Springs, NY – Current conditions; Existing Seawall looking north from water edge



Athol Springs, NY – Project concept of Seawall looking north from water edge depicting project protective features and showcasing project betterment details

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