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FACT SHEET

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OLD FORT NIAGARA, YOUNGSTOWN, NIAGARA COUNTY – NY

Emergency Shoreline Erosion Protection for Public Facilities
Section 14 of the 1946 Flood Control Act (P.L. 79-526), as amended
Construction General (Continuing Authorities Program)

Location

- Old Fort Niagara is located in Youngstown, New York, about 20 miles north of the City of Niagara Falls, at the confluence of the Niagara River and Lake Ontario

Project Description

- Significant erosion is occurring along Old Fort Niagara's northern shoreline with Lake Ontario, with the most significant impacts immediately east of the existing masonry seawall and concrete capped sheetpile footer. Several larger trees and a portion of the site's chain link fence have succumbed to erosion.
- This project will evaluate alternatives for mitigating this erosion and protecting the shoreline and its historic structures.
- Feasibility phase is cost-shared 50% Federal and 50% non-Federal
- Design and Implementation is cost-share 65% Federal and 35% non-Federal.

Importance

- This historic fort, built in the early 1700's by the French, is a major historical resource of New York State. Its history dates back to French settlement of the Niagara Region of western New York and southern Ontario, Canada. The fort also has significant ties to the War of 1812

Consequence

- Erosion of the Lake Ontario shoreline immediately threatens the stability of the historic masonry seawall.
- Degradation of the historic masonry seawall will jeopardize additional historic structures of Old Fort Niagara, including the North Redoubt (1771) and even the French Castle (1726)

Project Phase	Est. Fed. Cost of Phase	Federal Funding through FY19	FY20 Requirement	FY20 Budget	FY21 Requirement	FY21 Budget
Feasibility ¹	\$700K	\$100K	\$150K	TBD	\$150K	TBD

(¹) First \$100k is at 100% Federal expense.

Project Sponsor/Customer

- The New York Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation provided a Letter of Intent on January 17, 2019

Congressional Interests

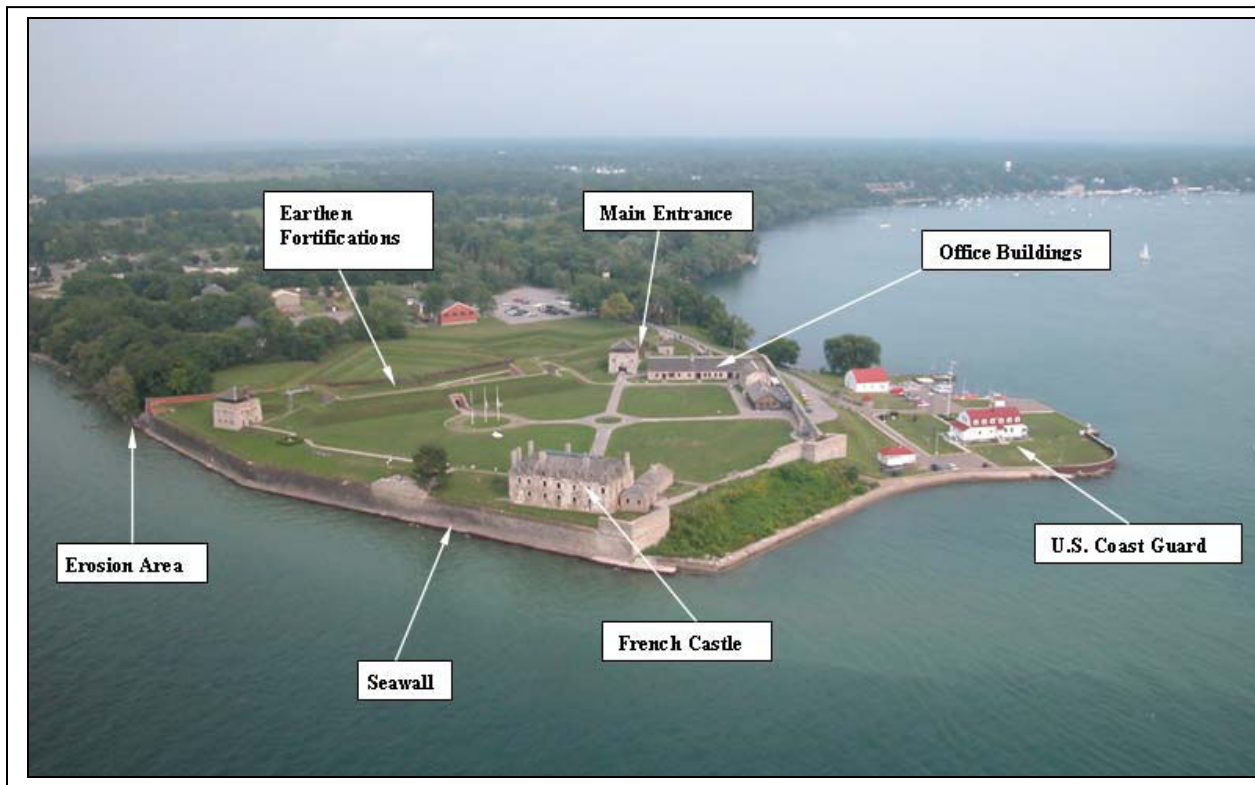
- NY-27
- Senator Charles Schumer D-NY
- Senator Kirsten Gillibrand D-NY

Current Status

- Feasibility Cost Share Agreement was executed in September 2019.
- \$25k of the first \$100K in federal funding is available for Feasibility Study progress in Q1, FY20 with additional funds to be determined.

Issues

- None



Historic Old Fort Niagara

June 2012 Photo

Note significant failure of bluff next to stairs and seawall



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