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## FACT SHEET

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### LAKE ONTARIO, GOLDEN HILL STATE PARK, SOMERSET, 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

- Golden Hill State Park is located in Somerset, New York, about 50 miles northeast of the City of Buffalo, NY, on Lake Ontario.

#### Project Description

- To address shoreline erosion at the historic Thirty Mile Point Lighthouse in Golden Hill State Park, on Lake Ontario in the town of Somerset, Niagara County, NY.
- A feasibility study will evaluate alternatives to protect the shoreline and its historic structure.
- The feasibility study is 100 percent federally funded up to \$100,000. Costs over \$100,000 are cost shared 50 percent Federal and 50 percent non-Federal.
- Design and Implementation is cost-shared 65% Federal and 35% non-Federal.

#### Importance

- The Thirty Mile Point Lighthouse located in Golden Hill State Park is a historic landmark.
- On March 3, 1873, Congress appropriated funds for the construction of the lighthouse to aid in navigation, and it was completed in 1875. Currently, the edge of the shoreline sits just fourteen feet from the base of the lighthouse tower.

#### Consequence

- Shoreline erosion, due to wave action and Lake Ontario levels, will continue to threaten the structural integrity of the lighthouse and surrounding areas.

Project Phase	Est. Fed. Cost of Phase	Federal Funding through FY21	FY22 Requirement	FY22 Budget	FY23 Requirement	FY23 Budget
Feasibility <sup>1</sup>	\$600k	\$75k	\$25k	\$0	\$200k	TBD
Design & Implementation	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 August 24, 2017 and again on May 13, 2021

#### Congressional Interests

- Representative Chris Jacobs R-NY-27
- Senator Charles Schumer D-NY
- Senator Kirsten Gillibrand D-NY

#### Current Status

- Federal Interest Determination (FID) completed in May 2021. Positive federal interest.
- Sponsor pursued a FEMA grant in lieu of project with USACE.
- Sponsor wants to proceed towards a Feasibility Cost Share Agreement (FCSA) and cost shared project with USACE.

#### Issues

- None



**Thirty Mile Point Lighthouse at Golden Hill State Park**



**Significant shoreline erosion adjacent to the Lighthouse**

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