



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.



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) 2022, 2023, and 2024
Port Ontario Harbor, NY — Project Requirements and President’s Budget (\$1,000)**

Work Package	FY22 Requirement	FY22 Appropriation	FY23 Requirement	FY23 Appropriation	FY24 Requirement	FY24 President’s Budget
Maintenance Dredging – Primary Work Package	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sediment Sampling and Analysis	0	0	0	0	60	0
Real Estate Management	6	0	5	5	5	0
TOTAL	6	0	5	5	65	0

Congressional Interests

- Representative Claudia Tenney, R-NY-24
- Senator Charles Schumer D-NY
- Senator Kirsten Gillibrand D-NY