



US Army Corps
of Engineers
Buffalo District



Ogdensburg Harbor, NY

Harbor Features

- Located on the St. Lawrence River, at the mouth of the Oswegatchie River, in the City of Ogdensburg, St. Lawrence County, New York
- Authorization: River & Harbor Acts of 1910, 1919 and 1935
- Deep draft commercial harbor
- Authorized depths are 19 feet in the upper entrance channel and city front channel, 21 feet in the lower basin and 27 feet in the lower entrance channel
- 197th leading U.S. port with 118,413 tons of material shipped or received in 2010
- Ogdensburg Harbor is ranked 49th among the Great Lakes Ports
- Major stakeholders include U.S Coast Guard, Ogdensburg Bridge and Port Authority, commercial shipping interests and the recreational boating community

Project Requirements

- The harbor requires dredging on an infrequent basis, and was last dredged in 1984
- The current sediment backlog within the functional harbor areas is estimated at approximately 74,000 cubic yards
- USACE has initiated a study under Section 107, Small Navigation Projects program. The Ogdensburg Bridge and Port Authority is the non-Federal sponsor. A determination of Federal interest was completed by the USACE, Buffalo District on August 31, 2011 and found a positive interest in moving forward to the cost-shared Feasibility study phase. Feasibility will commence once a Feasibility Cost-Sharing Agreement is signed
- There are no critical requirements at this time



Consequences of Not Maintaining the Project

- Failure to dredge will result in continued shoaling and reduced channel dimensions; resulting in light loading, increased transportation costs and unsafe navigation conditions
- Light loading; losses of between 2 and 3 feet of channel depth would result in increased transportation costs of between \$15,000 and \$46,000 annually
- Reduction of bulk commodities that pass through the harbor and generate \$2.6M annually in direct revenue while supporting over 18 jobs and generating over \$1M per year in personal income
- If the harbor was closed to commercial traffic, commodities would have to be transported by rail. This would increase annual emission rates by over 21 tons of harmful particulate matter (PM-10) and increase costs by \$48,000 due to increased railroad related accidents

Transportation Importance

➤ Ogdensburg is the only U.S port on the St. Lawrence River and is the northernmost port in New York

➤ Commodities shipped or received include road salt and corn gluten
➤ Harbor of Refuge
➤ Home to Auxiliary U.S. Coast Guard station

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Fiscal Year (FY) 2011, 2012 and 2013
Ogdensburg Harbor, New York - Project Requirements and President's Budget (\$1,000)**

Work Package	FY11 Requirement	FY11 Work Plan	FY12 Requirement	FY12 Appropriation	FY13 Requirement	FY13 President's Budget
TOTALS	0	0	0	0	0	0

Congressional Interests

- Representative Bill Owens D-NY-23
- Senator Kirsten Gillibrand D-NY
- Senator Charles Schumer D-NY