US Army Corps of Engineers
Buffalo District

Great Lakes Navigation System

Port Ontario Harbor, NY

Harbor Features

- Located on Lake Ontario, Port Ontario, Oswego County, New York
- Authorization: River & Harbor Act of 1945
- Shallow draft recreational harbor
- Authorized depths are 8 feet in the entrance channel and 6 feet in the harbor basin
- The harbor is protected by the north and south breakwaters with a total length of 1,690 feet
- In accordance with project documentation, all operation and maintenance, including sand bypassing, is to be undertaken by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) on an as-needed basis. The cost of operation and maintenance is to be cost shared between the local sponsor, New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation (65%), and USACE (35%)
- Major stakeholders include private marina, charter fishing interests and the recreational boating community

Project Requirements

- Maintenance requirements include periodic project conditions surveys, sediment sampling and analysis, dredging, and sand bypassing
- Since construction in 1987, approximately 300,000 cubic yards (CY) of sand has accumulated on the south side of the south breakwater. Sand bypassing is required to move this material to reduce shoreline erosion north of the harbor
- Critical requirements include sand bypassing

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
- Potential functional loss of Harbor of Refuge
- Negative economic impacts, locally and regionally

Transportation Importance

- Harbor of Refuge
- Supports 3 charter fishing boats generating approximately $24,000 in net income annually

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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Fiscal Year (FY) 2011, 2012 and 2013
Port Ontario 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
E&D, Construction Sand Bypass	800		800		800	
Sediment Sampling and Analysis	60					
TOTALS	**860**	**0**	**800**	**0**	**800**	**0**

Congressional Interests

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