



Dunkirk Harbor, NY

Harbor Features

- Located on Lake Erie in the city of Dunkirk, Chautauqua County, New York
- Authorization: River & Harbor Acts of 1827, 1867, 1896, 1910, 1948 and Section 201 of the Flood Control Act of 1965
- Deep draft commercial harbor
- Authorized depths are 17 feet in the outer channel, 16 feet in the inner channel, 8 feet in the access channel and 6 feet in the dock front recreation channels
- Over 1.3 miles of breakwater structures
- The outer, inner, access, and dock front Federal channels total approximately 7,000 feet in length
- Major stakeholders include the NRG Energy power plant, City of Dunkirk, private marinas, charter fishing interests and the recreational boating community

Project Requirements

- Approximately 20,000 cubic yards (CY) of material must be dredged every 2 years. The harbor was last dredged in 2009 when approximately 106,000 CY of material was removed. Prior to 2009, the harbor was last dredged in 2003
- Sections of the north breakwater are in poor condition and in need of repair



Consequences of Not Maintaining the Project

- Failure to complete periodic dredging will result in continued shoaling, reduced channel dimensions and unsafe navigation conditions
- Failure to repair deteriorated sections of the north breakwater, will result in the continued degradation of the structure, increased future maintenance costs and unsafe navigation conditions within the harbor
- Negative economic impacts, locally and regionally

Transportation Importance

- Receiving and shipping port on the Great Lakes
- Harbor of refuge
- Supports 24 charter fishing boats generating approximately \$196,000 in net income annually

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Fiscal Year (FY) 2012, 2013 and 2014
Dunkirk Harbor, New York - Project Requirements and President's Budget (\$1,000)**

Work Package	FY12 Requirement	FY12 Appropriation	FY13 Requirement	FY13 President's Budget	FY14 Requirement	FY14 President's Budget
Maintenance Dredging – Primary	650		650		650	
Structure Repair – N. Breakwater (F/P)	800		800			
Project Condition Surveys	85		85		85	
TOTALS	1,535	0	1,535	0	735	0

Congressional Interests

- Representative Tom Reed R-NY-23
- Senator Charles Schumer D-NY
- Senator Kirsten Gillibrand D-NY