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HARBOR INFRASTRUCTURE INVENTORIES Cattaraugus Creek Harbor, New York



Harbor Location: Cattaraugus Creek Harbor is located on the southern shore of Lake Erie in the Towns of Hanover and Brant, NY about 30 miles southwest of Buffalo, NY.

Authority: River & Harbor Act of 1968

Project Description: Cattaraugus Creek Harbor is a shallow draft recreational harbor. Protective structures consist of North and South breakwaters totaling 2,450' in length.

Transportation Importance: Supports 11 charter fishing boats generating approximately \$90,000 in net income annually, and is a harbor of refuge.

Congressional Interest:

- Representative Brian Higgins D-NY-27
- Representative Tom Reed R-NY-29
- Senator Kirsten Gillibrand D-NY
- Senator Charles Schumer D-NY

Current Condition Assessment: B



Date of Site Visit: 27 May 2010

Summary of Impact: Prevailing waves come from the southwest, west, or northwesterly direction, impacting primarily the South Breakwater. The immediate impact of breakwater failure would be increased shoaling choking the mouth of Cattaraugus Creek. Additionally, increased wave action would also be noticed up Cattaraugus Creek with a west/northwest wind.

Examples of Protected Infrastructure:



1. Sunset Bay Access Site and Marina: DEC owned public marina with 25 plastic floating slips, 15 of which are transient, able to accommodate 16'-40' boats. Electric, water and pumpout are available. 2 launch ramps with a \$7 launch fee. Daily dock fees range from \$18-\$36, season rentals range from \$850-\$1,250. Breakwaters allow for calm waters in Cattaraugus Creek for marina operations. Marina concerns are primary with serious erosion occurring downstream of the property.



2. Hidden Harbor Marina: Privately owned marina with 18 fixed wooden seasonal slips able to accommodate boats up to 28'. A mechanic, electric, water, pumpout and fuel (gas only) are available. 4 ton travel lift. Seasonal rates are \$850. A public launch is located on site, cost: \$7. No marina concerns with breakwaters or harbor.



Potential Impact Area: The following graphic displays property parcels that could be impacted within various zones defined by different setbacks from the shoreline behind existing Federal coastal structures. Values are based on real property tax assessments from these parcels, and don't reflect any detailed coastal zone damage assessments. Figures simply reflect property values at various setbacks.

