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FACT SHEET

Title/Name: Lake Ontario, Olcott Harbor, NY – Section 107 of the 1960 Rivers and Harbors Act, as amended

Location: Olcott Harbor is located in the village of Olcott on the south shore of Lake Ontario between the mouth of the Niagara River and Rochester.

Project Description: Olcott Harbor, an existing Federal navigation project, is utilized for major charter and recreational boating on Lake Ontario. The harbor has experienced some navigation problems due to heavy wave action. The harbor is currently maintained by the Corps but is a low priority for continued dredging and repair in the Operation and Maintenance Program.

Appropriation Category: Construction General (Continuing Authorities Program)

Total Estimated Cost: The Section 107 Feasibility study has been initiated. Total cost of the study is yet to be determined.

Project Sponsor/Customer: Village of Olcott, NY

Congressional Interests:

Representative Louise Slaughter -D-NY-28
Senator Charles Schumer D-NY
Senator Hillary Clinton D-NY

Current Status: The preliminary investigation of economic benefits and environmental acceptability is complete. Further Feasibility study work is required to determine if a Federal interest exists with respect to economic benefits, environmental acceptability and budget priority. Due to funding constraints, we anticipate no further funding for this project in FY05 or FY06.

Issues: Benefits appear to be mainly recreational, which are not budgetable under current administration policy.

The demand for funding in the Continuing Authorities Program for FY 2005 greatly exceeds appropriations. Guidance from Headquarters states that appropriations are to be allocated first toward FY 2005 congressionally named Continuing Authorities Program projects. Remaining funds are allocated to projects currently under construction, then to projects with executed Project Cooperation Agreements; projects with previously committed construction funds; and to projects that incurred carryover from FY 2004. Due to FY 2005 restrictions there are no new project starts in any phase (new study, feasibility, plans and specifications, or construction) in the Continuing Authorities Program, unless specific permission is granted by headquarters. The same guidance will apply to FY06 including the prohibition on starting and new phase (i.e. feasibility; plans & specifications; construction).

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