

**NEW HAVEN HARBOR, NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT  
NAVIGATION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT  
FINAL INTEGRATED FEASIBILITY REPORT AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT  
STATEMENT  
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Connecticut State Historic Preservation Office  
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Mohegan Tribal Historic Preservation Office  
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**Abstract:** In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) regulations for implementing NEPA, the USACE prepared a Final Integrated Feasibility Report and Environmental Impact Statement (Final-IFR/EIS) as part of the New Haven Harbor Navigation Improvement Project Study. The study investigated solutions to facilitate efficient and safe navigation and marine commerce in New Haven Harbor (New Haven, Connecticut) and navigation improvements (i.e., deepening and widening) to the existing Federal navigation project. The proposed project consists of deepening the main ship channel, maneuvering area, and turning basin and widening the main channel and turning basin to allow larger vessels to efficiently access the Port of New Haven's terminals. The proposed improvements would remove about 4.28 million cubic yards of predominately glacially deposited silts from the Federal channel. Additionally, improvements would require the blasting and removal of approximately 43,500 cubic yards of rock from the channel. The USACE identified several feasible alternative dredged material placement sites, including: an area for shellfish habitat creation, two borrow pits in the harbor, an area for salt marsh creation, an area for rock reef creation, and open water disposal at an U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's designated ocean dredged material disposal site. This Final-IFR/EIS describes the existing environment of the project area and assesses the impacts of the proposed project.

Comments concerning the Final-IFR/EIS must be received by March 30, 2020.

Comments on the Final-IFR/EIS should be sent to:

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