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## **FACT SHEET**

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### **Old Fort Niagara, Youngstown, Erie County – NY** Section 14 of the 1946 Flood Control Act (P.L. 79-526), as amended Construction General (Continuing Authorities Program)

#### **Location**

- Old Fort Niagara is located in Youngstown, New York, about 20 miles north of Niagara Falls, at the confluence of the Niagara River and Lake Ontario.

#### **Project Description**

- This historic fort, built in the early 1700's by the French, is a major historical resource of New York State. Its history dates back to French settlement of the Niagara Region of western New York and southern Ontario, Canada. The fort also has significant ties to the War of 1812. Due to its location, age of many of the buildings, and wave attack, the fort is subject to heavy deterioration. The most severely effected seawalls can be evaluated and protected under the Section 14 Program. The Fort is owned and operated by a private non-profit corporation in conjunction with the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation.

#### **Importance**

- The Fort is owned and operated by a private non-profit corporation in conjunction with the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation.

#### **Consequence**

- Erosion of the Lake Erie shoreline immediately fronting the fort threatens the stability of the historic structure. Old Fort Niagara Association does not have the funds nor the capability to conduct an investigation at \$100% non-Federal cost. Without this study the association cannot prioritize repairs to the fort in line with grants and other funding they may receive.

#### **Current Status**

- Determine Federal interest

#### **Project Sponsor/Customer**

- The Old Fort Niagara Corporation would serve as the non-Federal sponsor. Old Fort Niagara provided letters requesting the studies on November 20, 2004.

#### **Congressional Interests:**

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

#### **Issues**

- The Congressional moratorium on signing Feasibility Cost-Sharing Agreements will prevent progress to a full Feasibility study in FY09 if not lifted.

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