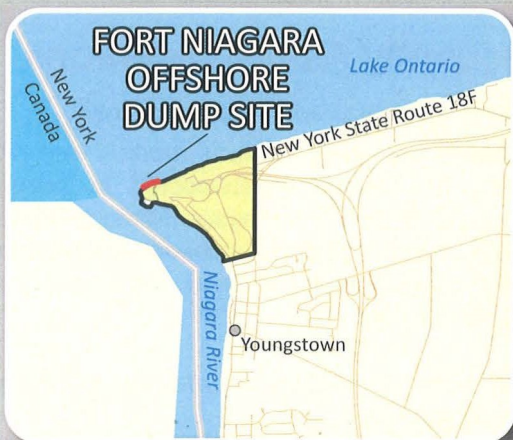


3Rs Safety Guide

Former Fort Niagara

**New York
Niagara County**



Fort Niagara Offshore Dump Site



**US Army Corps
of Engineers.**



Source: Niagara Falls Public Library

Training exercise at the former Fort Niagara, circa World War I

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What types of potential hazards exist?

A: Military munitions, such as mortars and practice mortars, are known or suspected to have been disposed of at the Fort Niagara Offshore Dump Site. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is unable to rule out the presence of munitions that may pose an explosive hazard.

Q: What do I do if I suspect I may have come across a military munition?

A: If you suspect you may have come across a military munition, the best way to ensure your safety is to follow the 3Rs of Explosives Safety: **Recognize** – when you may have encountered a munition, and that munitions are dangerous; **Retreat** – do not approach, touch, move or disturb it, but carefully leave the area; and **Report** – call **911** and advise the police of what you saw and where you saw it.

Q: What are the findings of the work that the government has completed?

A: Based on historical research and site inspections, military munitions are known or suspected to have been disposed of at this area, and some munitions

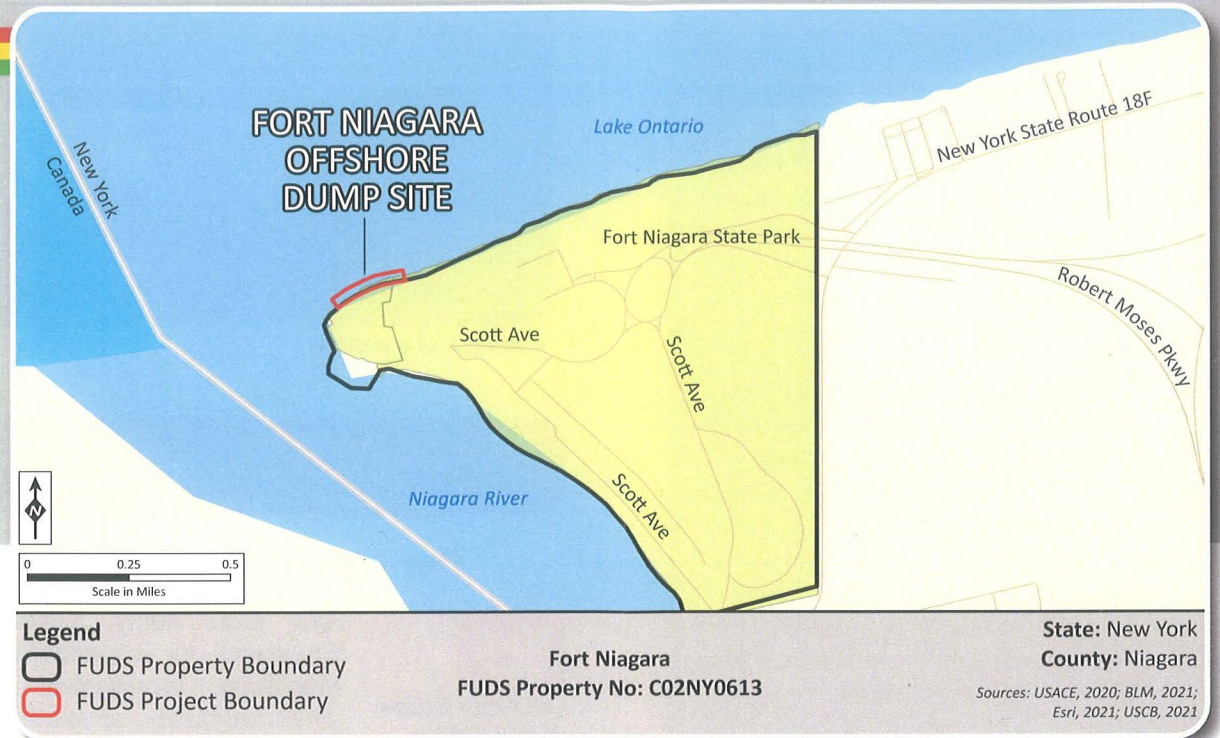
may remain on the land and in the waters of the Fort Niagara Offshore Dump Site. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has determined that further investigation is required for the Fort Niagara Offshore Dump Site at the former Fort Niagara.

Q: What will be done next?

A: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will make explosives safety education material that is based on the 3Rs available to the landowner and the community. Additionally, it will coordinate with the landowner as it plans required response activities.

Q: Where can I get more information?

A: For more information, call the Formerly Used Defense Sites Information Center toll-free number 1-855-765-FUDS (3837) or select the GIS Tool on the Interim Risk Management page at www.fuds.mil. Learn more about munitions and explosives safety at <https://3Rs.mil>.



Follow the 3Rs of Explosives Safety

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Retreat

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Introduction

The purpose of this guide is to provide information about the military activities that took place at the former Fort Niagara and to raise awareness of the explosive hazards that may exist at the property.

The former Fort Niagara was used from 1900 to 1946 by the U.S. Army as an officer training camp, a reception center for draftees and a prisoner of war camp. An area associated with the former Fort Niagara, known as Fort Niagara Offshore Dump Site, was used between 1900 and 1934 for munitions disposal and has been identified through historical research and site visits as having potential explosive hazards. The munitions known or suspected to have been disposed of at the area include mortars and practice mortars.

The Fort Niagara Offshore Dump Site is located in Fort Niagara State Park and extends into the waters of Lake Ontario, in Niagara County, New York. The land within this former disposal area is publicly owned as part of the state park, and the waters within this area are used for recreational purposes.

Because explosive hazards associated with military munitions from past military activities may remain on the land and in the waters of the Fort Niagara Offshore Dump Site, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers recommends that the landowner and visitors follow the **3Rs of Explosives Safety – Recognize, Retreat and Report.**



Example of a mortar

Former Fort Niagara

For More Information



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The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is responsible for identifying, investigating and, when necessary, conducting an appropriate response to address contamination and military munitions resulting from past Department of Defense activities at Formerly Used Defense Sites, also referred to as FUDS.

For information about the former Fort Niagara, contact the FUDS Information Center by calling the toll-free number 1-855-765-FUDS (3837). For general information about the FUDS Program, visit www.fuds.mil.

Follow the 3Rs of Explosives Safety



Visit the U.S. Army's Explosives Safety Education website:
<https://3Rs.mil>