

NEW YORK STATE CANAL CORPORATION - CANAL SYSTEM:

The Canal Corporation runs the New York State Canal System, which includes the Erie, Champlain, Oswego, and Cayuga-Seneca canals. Spanning 524 miles, the waterway links the Hudson River with the Great Lakes, the Finger Lakes, and Lake Champlain. The Canal System includes the Erie Canalway Trail, a multi-use trail designed to accommodate pedestrians, bicyclists, and cross-country skiers. The Canal System is comprised of over 2,000 structures including 57 locks, movable bridges and water control structures (taintor gates, guard gates, and movable dams) and adjacent property.

2024 Accomplishments - New York State Canal Corporation

- **Bicentennial Celebrations:** Celebrated the 200th anniversary of the Erie Canal with forums, symphony orchestra performances, artist residencies and the filming of a documentary (scheduled to air in 2025) about the Erie Canal. The celebrations will culminate in the World Canals Conference in Buffalo in September and an event in New York City.
- **Dam Safety Program:** Continued investment in the Canal System, focusing on dam and lock repair and flood mitigation.
- **Strategic Tugboat Investment:** Procured four new maintenance marine vessels to support the Canal System, with the first two tugboats scheduled for delivery in 2025.
- **Brockport Bridge:** Commenced construction of a pedestrian bridge in the Village of Brockport, connecting SUNY Brockport to the Empire State Trail, expected to open in 2025.
- **Medina Canal Enhancements:** Initiated enhancements in the Village of Medina, including safety upgrades, new boater and trail amenities and public art installations.
- **Upstate Flood Mitigation Task Force:** Concluded its investigation and identified recommendations to mitigate flood damage in the basins of the Mohawk and Oswego rivers.