

*Great Lakes Commission
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Upstate New York Roundtable

**Great Lakes Connections
Oswego — The Port City
of Central New York**

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City of Oswego

- Oswego "the Pouring Out Place" named by the Onondagas
- October 1615 Samuel de Champlain arrives
- 1722 Fur trade established with Dutch and French traders
- 1756-57 French & Indian Wars
- British Fort in Revolutionary War
- War of 1812
- Industrial boom in Oswego driven by Erie Canal, Railroads, hydropower 1830-1870s
- Manufacturing and grain transport dominate industries through 1950s
- Energy center —hydro, steam and nuclear power development 1960-1980s



Planning to Use Environmental Problem Areas as Development Opportunities— Tools for transformation

- **City of Oswego**
-Local Waterfront Revitalization Program
U.S. Office of Ocean and Coastal Resources Management
New York State Department of State
adopted by Oswego Common Council April 28, 1986
- **Oswego 2020 Vision Comprehensive Plan**
U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development
New York State Office of Small Cities
Adopted by Oswego Common Council August 23, 2003

Oswego Steam Electrical Generating Station in 1950s



Breitbeck Park Recovered coal tailings dumpsite



Wright's Landing

- Before 1979



Wright's Landing - fishing shanties and bathhouses before marina was built

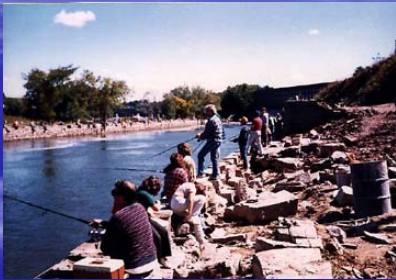
City of Oswego
Local Waterfront Revitalization Program
Wright's Landing Marina



City of Oswego
Adverse Conditions



Oswego River West Side 1970s



Oswego River in 1970s



Oswego Fisheries and Dam Management



Oswego Riverwalk West 2007



Oswego West Riverfront in
Downtown Oswego before 1950s



Oswego Riverwalk West
downtown in 2007



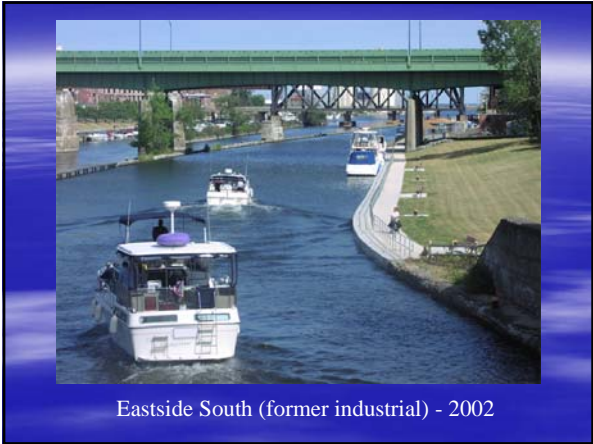
Northeast Oswego Harborfront
circa early 1900's



Eastside South Early 1900's



Eastside South - 1990's



Eastside South (former industrial) - 2002

Future projects



- East Gateway Project**
 - Oswego Welcome Center
 - Main Street Revitalization
 - Demolish Overflow Retention Facility EPA/City
 - Arts Center feasibility
 - Funding NY Office of Small Cities, EPA, NY Canal Corporation Canal Greenway

Brownfield Opportunity Sites









Long Term Control Plan drives Waterfront recovery

- Demolition of the Overflow Retention Facility—LTCP




Captain's Quarters Conference Center

- \$5 million expansion
- 16 new hotel suites
- Conference and banquet facility
- Waterfront restaurant
- Waterfront Spa
- Proposed funding from NY Office of Small Cities, ESD Restore NY, Oswego County IDA, City of Oswego



Oswego Waterfront Square



Waterfront Square Project

- Mixed use construction of 24 Apartments
- 6 commercial/retail.
- Brownfield Opportunity Area—Phase 2 EPA
- Proposed funding Empire State Development Restore NY, Brownfield Tax Credits, City of Oswego



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