

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.

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2025 Accomplishments

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- **Historic \$50 Million Canal System Investment:** As part of the FY 2025 Enacted Budget, Governor Hochul announced a \$50 million capital investment in the New York State Canal System to support critical infrastructure projects along the navigable waterway and at legacy water-impounding structures, ensuring the system remains safe, operable and a driver of tourism and economic activity.
- **Erie Canal Bicentennial and World Canals Conference:** The Erie Canal bicentennial effort—launched in 2024 and continued through 2025—focused on community events, capital investments and storytelling that highlight the canal’s historic and future role. In September 2025, Buffalo hosted the World Canals Conference, using the Erie Canal’s 200th anniversary as a backdrop to showcase innovation and revitalization along inland waterways.
- **REDC Round XIV Awards:** In January 2025, NYPA and the Canal Corporation awarded approximately \$1 million in grants to eight upstate municipalities for capital projects along the Canal System through Round XIV of the Regional Economic Development Council initiative.