

Happy Holidays from the Connecticut Port Authority

The holidays are nearly here, and we at the Connecticut Port Authority want to extend our warmest wishes to you all.

As the end of the year approaches, I find myself reflecting back on the progress we've made so far. I'm proud to say we've been hard at work strengthening Connecticut's maritime economy and working to maximize the impact of our ports.

This September, the CPA attended the Breakbulk Americas conference and expo in Houston to attract new businesses and partners to our ports. The more trade we bring in, the more jobs it means for people right here in Connecticut—both at the ports and in the businesses they support.

We've also started and completed several key dredging projects across our state, restoring many of our harbors to their natural depths. This helps commercial and recreational boaters alike, and allows our towns and municipalities to take full advantage of their waterways.

Of course, we have more work to do. We recently announced 18 new recipients of our Small Harbor Improvements Projects Program (SHIPP), and we're looking forward to kicking off work on those projects in the coming months.

2018 is going to be a busy year for us, but we're excited to roll up our sleeves and continue working to bring jobs into our communities and business into our ports. Thank you for all your support over the past year, and stay tuned for even more results in 2018.

Happy Holidays!

Scott Bates

Chairman of the Connecticut Port Authority



CPA Celebrates the Holidays

Last week the Connecticut Port Authority was proud to kick off the holiday seasons with our friends in the maritime industry and public sector. Thanks to everyone who joined us at the Saybrook Point Inn & Spa to celebrate our accomplishments and toast the New Year!



John Johnson (CPA Board Member), Mr. and Mrs. Bob Ross (Executive Director of the CT Office of Military Affairs), and Chris Zendan (Public Affairs, Sub Base NL) enjoy the festivities at the CPA holiday party.

IN THE NEWS

Housatonic River dredging project completed

CT Post, December 8, 2017

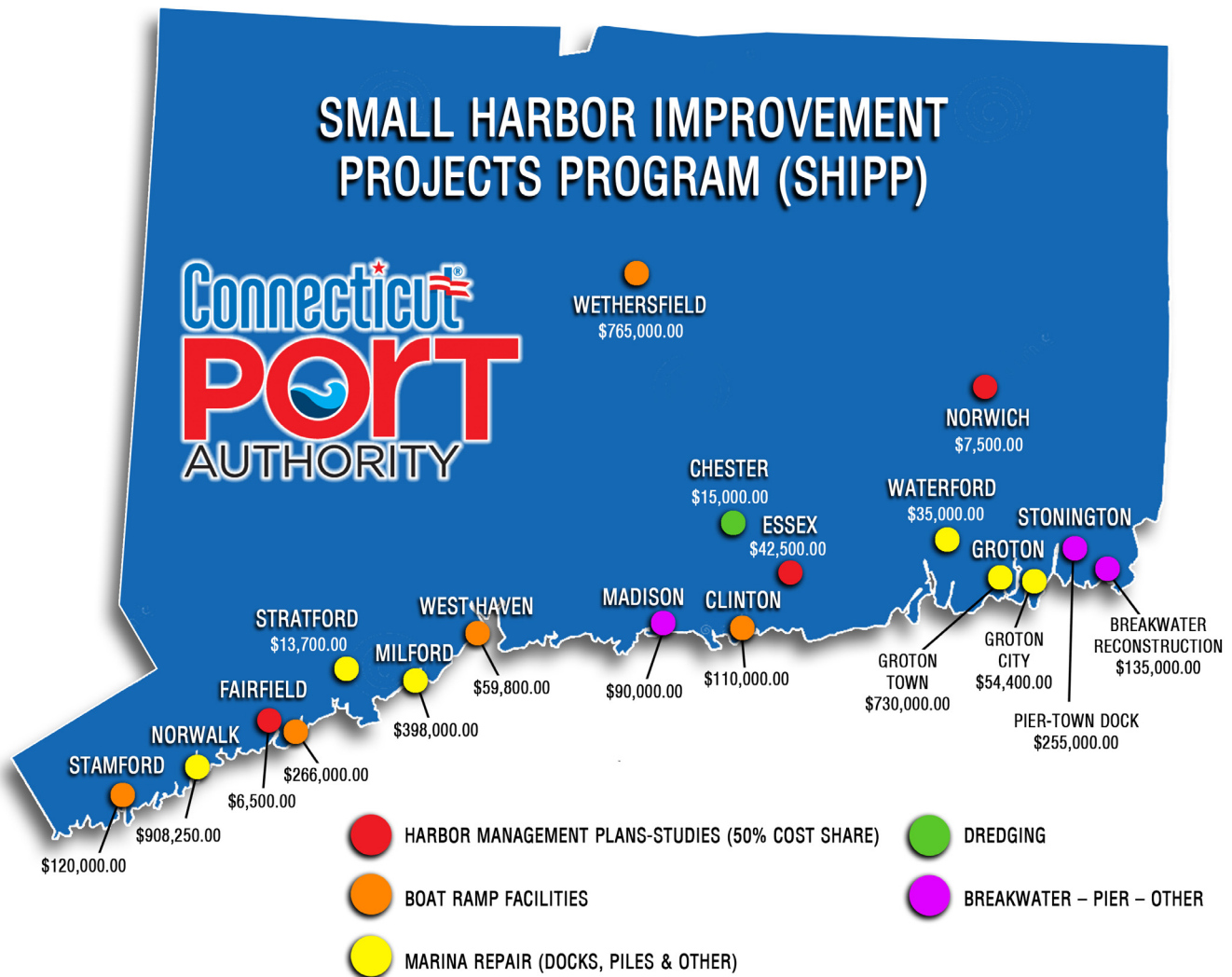
Hammonasset Beach State Park gets new 'finer grain' sand from Housatonic River

Shoreline Times, November 14, 2017

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Feb. 7:** CPA Board of Directors Meeting
- Feb. 8 – 11:** Hartford Boat Show Sponsored by the Connecticut Port Authority
- Mar. 7:** CPA Board of Directors Meeting

Small Harbors See Improvements Thanks to CPA Investment



Hartford, CT – Last month, the State Bond Commission authorized funding for eighteen projects under the Connecticut Port Authority’s Small Harbor Improvement Projects Program (SHIPP). SHIPP helps towns and municipalities maximize the economic impact of their harbors and ports through a variety of improvements and investments. Projects approved include dredging, construction and repairs to boat ramps, dock repairs, breakwater reconstruction, and more.

“These projects will create jobs and opportunity for working families across Connecticut,” said Scott Bates, Chairman of the Connecticut Port Authority. “By partnering with local officials to identify and fund projects, we have developed a new roadmap for investing in Connecticut’s small harbor infrastructure and the long term growth of our maritime economy.”

Connecticut’s waterways, ports, and harbors are a vital part of our region’s economy. They attract visitors and recreational boaters, encourage trade and commercial fishing, and support an ecosystem of maritime businesses. Through SHIPP and the funds secured by Connecticut Port Authority, towns and cities have access to resources they need to make critical improvements to these valuable assets.

The eighteen funded projects are:

- Chester – Evaluation, Engineering, and Permitting for Dredging
- Clinton – Reconstruct Ramp and Dredging
- Essex – Update to the Harbor Management Plan
- Fairfield – Update to the Harbor Management Plan
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- Groton (City) – Design and Construction of Thames Street Dock
- Groton (Town) – Construction of Nautilus Dock
- Madison – Feasibility Study for Marina
- Milford – Repair Docks
- Norwalk – Reconstruct Visitors Docks
- Norwich – Update to the Harbor Management Plan
- Stamford – Replace Boat Ramp and Construct Additional Docks
- Stonington – Design and Permitting for South Pier
- Stonington – Breakwater Reconstruction
- Stratford – Construction of Emergency Service Dock
- Waterford – New Moorings, Docks, and Public Park Space
- West Haven – Feasibility Study for Boat Ramp
- Wethersfield – New Boat Ramp