



Connecticut Maritime Strategy – Executive Summary

The Connecticut Port Authority (CPA) works to build a thriving maritime economy that can drive steady economic growth and create new jobs across Connecticut. Part of our legislative mandate is the requirement to develop and implement a statewide maritime strategy to accomplish that goal.

The 2018 Maritime Strategy provides a roadmap for investing in eight areas that will enable Connecticut to maximize the potential of our natural marine assets and position us to have a positive impact on the state’s long-term economic outlook.

1. Manage the State Pier to Increase Utilization and Profitability

Redevelop the State Pier in New London to create long-term stable jobs and maximize the potential links between the port, freight rail and highway transportation systems throughout our region.

2. Build More Volume in Our Commercial Ports

Continue to build upon Connecticut’s historical strengths while meeting the changing needs of business, and building a diverse and sustainable set of services.

3. Support Dredging of Connecticut’s Ports and Waterways

Work with our partners and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to invest in and support dredging projects throughout Connecticut that will sustain and increase the use of our ports, waterways and marinas well into the future.

4. Support Small Harbor Improvement Projects Program (SHIPP)

Support our local municipalities and recreational marine industries by continuing support for Connecticut’s small harbors through funding requests and operational support for future rounds of SHIPP grants.

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5. Create Intermodal Options

Explore and develop innovative solutions to enhance intermodal shipping options that create efficient and cost-effective opportunities for distributing containerized cargo along Connecticut's coastline.

6. Leverage Emerging Opportunities

Continue to monitor the landscape for port usage and be nimble in responding to potential opportunities.

7. Enhance Ferry Systems and Cruise Coordination Activities

Evaluate ways in which Connecticut could expand its partnership with ferry and cruise service operators and booking agents, while investing in facilities and infrastructure.

8. Ensure Future Support of the CPA

Work with Connecticut's elected officials at the Federal, state and local level to ensure the port authority is authorized and funded to sufficiently support our objectives for long-term economic growth across Connecticut.

