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Gasport Terminal is located at latitude: 43.1993542, longitude: -78.576528357. The point was obtained in 2009, and there is no restriction on its release to the public.

Significance: Gasport Terminal, located on the Erie Canal, is a component of the nationally significant New York State Barge Canal. It was one of several terminals constructed along the Barge Canal to provide points for freight transfer.

Description: The Gasport Terminal is located on the south bank of the canal, just west of the Hartland Road Lift Bridge (see HAER NY-508).¹ There is a gravel parking area. The approximately 240'-long concrete terminal wall exhibits some spalling. It is lined with concrete-filled cast-iron bollards, modern utility hook-ups, and modern benches. It is in fair condition.

History: The Gasport Terminal was built as part of Contract 66, awarded to Empire Engineering Corporation on September 22, 1908.²

Sources:

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Historians: Laura S. Black and Jami Babb, summer 2009

Project Information: The Historic American Engineering Record (HAER) is a long-range program that documents and interprets historically significant engineering sites and structures throughout the United States. HAER is part of Heritage Documentation Programs (Richard O'Connor, Manager), a division of the National Park Service, United States Department of the Interior. The New York State Barge Canal Survey was undertaken in summer 2009 in cooperation with the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor (ERIE), Beth Sciumeca,

¹ Description of current conditions is based on a site visit made by the HAER recording team in summer 2009.

² Noble Whitford, *History of the Barge Canal of New York State* (Albany: J.B. Lyon Company, Printers, 1922), 560.

Executive Director. Justine Christianson, HAER Historian, and Duncan Hay, ERIE, served as project leaders. The staff of the New York State Canal Corporation provided access to the sites. Craig Williams of the New York State Museum provided research materials and assistance. The HAER field team consisted of Jami Babb and Laura Black.

Appendix: Image of Current Conditions



Image: Gasport terminal wall with Hartland Road Lift Bridge (see HAER NY-508) in background. Field photograph taken by HAER recording team, summer 2009.