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New York

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**Dates of Construction:** 1905-1918

**Builder:** Various; see individual site histories for contractors

**Present Owner:** New York State Canal Corporation

**Present Use:** Navigation and shipping

**Significance Statement:** The Oswego Canal is part of the New York State Barge Canal, a nationally significant work of early twentieth century engineering construction that affected transportation and maritime commerce across the eastern third of the continent for nearly half a century.

**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, 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.

For documentation on individual sites on the Oswego Canal, see:

<b>Site</b>	<b>HAER No.</b>
Lock O1	NY-529
Lock O2	NY-530
Fulton Terminal	NY-531
Lock O3	NY-532 *NOTE: there is no Lock O4
Minetto Terminal	NY-533
Lock O5	NY-534
Lock O6	NY-535
Lock O7	NY-536
Oswego Terminal	NY-537
Lock O8	NY-538