The Ottawa Port District is located in North-Central Illinois, it encompasses the entire city limits of Ottawa and portions of Ottawa and South Ottawa townships, in LaSalle County.

Port District Biography

The Ottawa Port District is strategically placed within LaSalle County which is located in North-Central Illinois. One of the district’s great advantages is the proximity of Illinois River, interstate 80, and the CSX rail line that all are closely accessible to each other. The general convergence of all these three modes provides a great transportation advantage to shippers and customers.

2011

Ottawa Port District was created.
Multimodal Connections

**HIGHWAY**

Several interstate, state routes, and US highways traverse the port district, these include I-80, IL 23, IL 71, and US 6.

**RAIL**

CSX Transportation (CSXT) a class one railroad provides service within the port district and connections nationwide, east of the Mississippi River. The Illinois Railway (IR) a short line railroad provides service as well and intersects with the BNSF Railroad, another Class 1 railroad with connections nationwide west of the Mississippi River.

**WATER**

The Illinois River flows 12 miles through the port district, the river is part of Marine Highway 55.

**AIR**

- Illinois Valley Regional Airport - VYS (Peru, IL)

**LOCKS and DAMS**

- Starved Rock Lock and Dam - Located near the district
- Marseilles Lock and Dam - Located near the district

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### Port District Top Commodities:

1. **PETROLEUM PRODUCTS**
2. **FOOD**
3. **FERTILIZER**

**LASALLE COUNTY**

2.2 MILLION TONS

*Note Ottawa Port District does not encompass the entirety of LaSalle County*
List of Terminals (Public and Private)

1. SABIC Innovative Plastics
2. Bruce Oakley Terminal
3. ADM Terminal Services - Upper Dock
4. ADM Terminal Services - Lower Dock
5. ADM Grain - Ottawa North
6. Artco - Ottawa Fleet Operations
7. ADM Grain - Ottawa South
8. Ottawa Barge Terminal, Bulk Materials Dock
9. Ottawa Barge Terminal, Dock
Economic Impact
It is estimated that marine cargo activity being handled within the Ottawa Port District directly or indirectly supports 1,254 jobs within the state. These workers earn an estimated $80.3 million in wages and contribute approximately $132 million towards State GDP. The activity enabled comes from shippers across the state making use of facilities within the district, as well as the services supporting their goods movement. The following table breaks out the impact by the type of activity occurring.

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$80.3M

$132.1M

$269.0M

CAPITAL NEEDS
The Ottawa Port District does not own or operate any terminal facilities. If the Port District were to construct a terminal a major investment would be required. Depending on the type of terminal, the cost of construction could range from a couple million dollars to tens of millions of dollars.