The Seneca Regional Port District is located in North-Central Illinois, its boundaries consist of all of the limits of the village of Seneca, as well as portions of Manlius and Brookfield Townships in LaSalle County and Erienna Township in Grundy County.

Port District Biography

The Port District is located in North-Central Illinois, just 65 miles southwest of Chicago providing it access to one of the nation’s largest markets. The district owns and leases a chemical terminal that is located on 16 acres. One of the district’s great advantages is the proximity of Illinois River, Interstate 80, and the CSX rail line, all of which are easily accessible to each other. The general convergence of these three modes provides a great transportation advantage to shippers and customers of goods.

1942-1945

The site of the Shipyard Industrial Park was home to the “Prairie Shipyard” which built 157 LSTs (landing ship, tank) for the U.S military during WWII, 23 of the 157 were directly involved in the D-Day assault in Normandy.

1960

General Service Administration decides to sell the former WWII Prairie Shipyard property. The soon to be Seneca Regional Port District would go onto purchase the property.

1961

Seneca Regional Port District was created.
**Multimodal Connections**

**HIGHWAY**
Two major roads provide service throughout the port district, these include IL-170 and US 6. Additionally, Interstate 80 is located just north of the port district.

**RAIL**
CSX Transportation (CSXT) a class I railroad provides service within the port district.

**WATER**
The Illinois River flows 5 miles through the port district, the river is part of Marine Highway 55.

**LOCKS and DAMS**
- Marseilles Lock and Dam - Located near the district

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**Port District Top Commodities:**

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

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**2017 Commodities by County***(inbound, outbound, in-state):*

- **LASALLE COUNTY** 2.2 MILLION TONS
- **GRUNDY COUNTY** 711 THOUSAND TONS

*Note Seneca Regional Port District does not encompass the entirety of the listed counties*
List of Terminals (Public and Private)

1. Renewable Energy Group, Inc.
2. CF Industries, Seneca Terminal Dock
3. Growmark, Inc.
4. Cargill Aghorizons, Seneca Grain Elevator Wharf
Economic Impact

It is estimated that marine cargo activity being handled within the Seneca Regional Port District directly or indirectly supports 394 jobs within the state. These workers earn an estimated $25.4 million in wages and contribute approximately $43.6 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 table to the right breaks out the impact by the type of activity occurring.

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Port-Owned Property Economic Impact

Independent of the port district economic analysis, the economic impacts of on-port tenants are presented below. These impacts are centered around the employment of businesses on port property: ranging from restaurants, golf courses, and youth organizations, to manufacturers and barge operators. These impacts represent the activities of marine, and non-marine businesses to show the diversity of port activity.
Seneca Terminal

The Seneca Regional Port District owns 15.7 acres of land along the Illinois River. The port district leases the terminal to C.F Industries who handle liquid anhydrous ammonia for fertilizer purposes. The anhydrous ammonia is held in a 1.13 million cubic foot tank. The terminal receives the product by barge and sends out the product via truck, the terminal does not have any rail access.