



US Army Corps
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Big Bay Harbor, MI

Harbor Features

- Located on the south shore of Lake Superior, 33 miles northwest of Marquette, MI and 38 miles east of the portage entry to the Keweenaw Waterway
- Authorization: 1945 Rivers & Harbors Act
- Shallow draft recreational harbor
- Project depth: 12 feet in the entrance channel and 10 feet in the harbor basin
- Approximately 500 feet of maintained federal channel
- More than 1,250 feet of maintained piers
- Dredged material is placed along the beach as beach nourishment.
- Major stakeholders: U.S. Coast Guard, Michigan DNR, Marquette County Sportsman's Club, and various marinas

Project Requirements

- Requires periodic maintenance dredging on a 3 to 5 year cycle of approximately 11,000 to 19,000 cubic yards
- Maintenance dredging was completed in 2019 with FY18 funds, where approximately 12,600 cubic yards of material were removed.
- Maintenance dredging is not currently required.



Consequences of Not Maintaining the Project

- Loss of local jobs
- Loss of recreational and charter fishing in the area

Transportation Importance

- This project serves as an important harbor of refuge and supports charter fishing and recreational navigation interests.
- The local community has established significant infrastructure around the harbor facilities that generates income from harbor users and visitors to the area.

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Fiscal Year (FY) 2019, 2020, and 2021
Big Bay Harbor, MI - Project Requirements and President's Budget (\$1,000)**

Work Package	FY19 Requirement	FY19 Appropriation	FY20 Requirement	FY20 Appropriation	FY21 Requirement	FY21 Appropriation
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0

Congressional Interests

- Representative Jack Bergman R-MI-1
- Senator Gary Peters D-MI
- Senator Debbie Stabenow D-MI