



US Army Corps  
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## Black River, Port Huron Harbor, MI

### Project Features

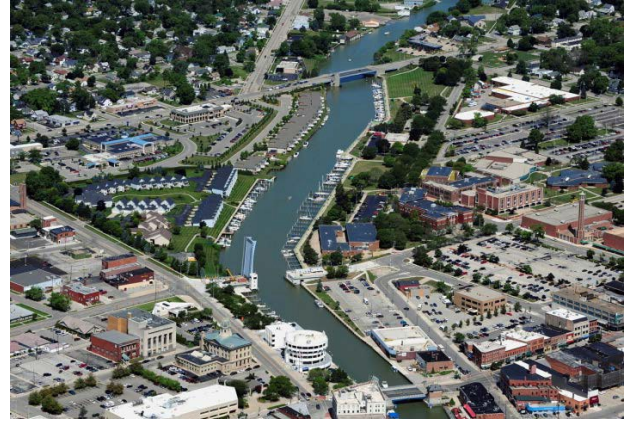
- Flows southeast from Sanilac County into the St. Clair River at Port Huron
- Authorization: Rivers & Harbors Acts of 19 Sep 1890, 13 Jul 1892, 22 Sep 1922, 3 Jul 1930, 30 Aug 1935, 3 Apr 1970
- Deep draft harbor in outer portion and shallow draft channels in the upper river, all primarily serving recreational traffic
- Project depths: 20 feet in the main portion of the channel, 6 and 8 feet in the upper river channels
- Approximately 12,000 feet of maintained channel
- Dredged material is placed in upland placement sites as needed.
- Major stakeholders: U.S. Coast Guard, Port Huron Township, St. Clair County, and various marinas and charter fishing interests

### Project Requirements

- Periodic maintenance dredging on a 5- to 10-year cycle of approximately 15,000 to 35,000 cubic yards is required. Dredging requirements vary relative to shoaling patterns, usage, placement site, and environmental coordination efforts.
- The river was last dredged in 2015.
- Sediment sampling is currently required.
- Funding for maintenance dredging was included in the FY24 President's Budget.

### Consequences of Not Maintaining the Project

- Significant loss of local jobs
- Loss of recreational opportunities and charter and sport fishing in the area



### Transportation Importance

- Home port of U.S. Coast Guard's 225-foot-long cutter Hollyhock. Hollyhock's primary missions include: aids-to-navigation, search and rescue, environmental protection, and ice breaking. The Hollyhock docks at the U.S. Coast Guard Station Port Huron.
- 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) 2022, 2023, and 2024  
Black River, Port Huron Harbor, MI – Project Requirements and President’s Budget (\$1,000)**

<b>Work Package</b>	<b>FY22 Requirement</b>	<b>FY22 Appropriation</b>	<b>FY23 Requirement</b>	<b>FY23 Appropriation</b>	<b>FY24 Requirement</b>	<b>FY24 President’s Budget</b>
Maintenance Dredging	1,060	0	1,100	0	1,120	1,120
Sediment Sampling and Environmental Coordination	200	200	0	0	250	0
Real Estate Management	2	0	2	2	3	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,262</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>1,102</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1,373</b>	<b>1,120</b>

**Congressional Interests**

- Representative Lisa McClain R-MI-9
- Senator Gary Peters D-MI
- Senator Debbie Stabenow D-MI