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## Bolles Harbor, MI

### Harbor Features

- Located on the west shore of Lake Erie at the mouth of La Plaisance Creek, 7 miles southwest of Monroe, MI
- Authorization: Rivers & Harbors Act of 6 Jul 1965
- Shallow draft recreational harbor
- Project depth is 8 feet at the downstream section of the project and 6 feet in the creek (upstream) section
- Approximately 11,000 feet of maintained federal channel
- More than 600 feet of maintained revetments
- Major stakeholders include the Monroe Boat Club, charter fishing interests, U.S. Coast Guard, and the Michigan DNR
- Dredged material placed in Bolles Harbor Confined Disposal Facility (CDF)
- CDF currently has sufficient capacity for the next 15 years

### Project Requirements

- Approximately 17,000 to 28,000 cubic yards of material must be dredged on a 3 to 5 year cycle.
- Maintenance dredging was last completed in spring of 2019 when approximately 17,600 cubic yards of material were removed.
- Maintenance dredging is currently required.
- Periodic maintenance of the CDF is currently required.
- Critical breakwater safety maintenance is required.

### Consequences of Not Maintaining the Project

- Loss of local jobs
- Loss of recreational and charter fishing in the area
- Loss of recreational boating access to Great Lakes
- Loss of safe harbor during storm events
- Potential safety issues for recreational boating community



### 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.
- There are multiple marinas located in the harbor that provide over 500 docks to recreational boaters.

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Fiscal Year (FY) 2020, 2021, and 2022  
Bolles Harbor, MI - Project Requirements and President's Budget (\$1,000)**

<b>Work Package</b>	<b>FY20 Requirement</b>	<b>FY20 Appropriation</b>	<b>FY21 Requirement</b>	<b>FY21 Appropriation</b>	<b>FY22 Requirement</b>	<b>FY22 President's Budget</b>
Maintenance Dredging – Primary Work Package	620	0	620	0	1,250	0
CDF Maintenance	350	0	350	0	550	0
Critical Breakwater Safety Maintenance	25	0	25	0	50	0
Real Estate Management	0	0	6	0	6	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>995</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,001</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,856</b>	<b>0</b>

**Congressional Interests**

- Representative Tim Walberg R-MI-7
- Senator Gary Peters D-MI
- Senator Debbie Stabenow D-MI