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Conneaut Harbor, OH

Harbor Features

- Located on Lake Erie in the City of Conneaut, Ashtabula County, OH
- Authorization: Rivers & Harbor Acts of 1910, 1935, and 1962
- Deep draft commercial harbor
- Project depths are 28–29 feet in the outer harbor, 27 to 28 feet in the inner harbor, 22 to 23 feet in the western end of the outer harbor, and 8 feet in the access channel.
- 3.9M tons of material shipped and received in 2019
- Ranked 18th among Great Lakes harbors and 87th among U.S. ports in 2019
- Interconnected with 11 commercial ports: ships to 4 ports and receives from 7 ports
- Over 2.2 miles of breakwater structures
- 142-acre outer harbor and 2,450 feet of federal channel in the inner harbor channel
- Major stakeholders: Conneaut Port Authority, U.S. Coast Guard, and Pittsburgh & Conneaut Dock Company

Project Requirements

- The harbor requires approximately 40,000 cubic yards of dredging every year to maintain the navigation channel. The harbor was last dredged in 2019 resulting in removal of approximately 167,000 cubic yards of material. Maintenance dredging is planned for 2022.
- Deteriorating sections of the east breakwater need repairs. Contract repairs were last completed in 2020 and additional repairs by Government floating plant are planned for 2022.



Consequences of Not Maintaining the Project

- Light loading; losses of between 2 and 3 feet of channel depth may result in increased transportation costs of between \$1,753,000 and \$3,727,000 annually.
- Closing the harbor to commercial traffic would require rail or truck transport of commodities. This may increase annual emission rates by over 33,118 tons of harmful particulate matter (PM-10) and increase costs by an estimated \$7,414,000 due to increased railroad-related accidents, and an estimated \$4,953,000 due to increased trucking-related accidents.

Transportation Importance

- Major receiving and shipping port on the Great Lakes and critical harbor of refuge
- Commodities shipped or received include iron ore and limestone.
- Waterborne transportation facilitated by the harbor supports \$171.4M in business revenue, 783 direct, indirect, and induced jobs, and \$55.6M in labor income to the transportation sector.
- Commodities handled by the harbor support \$6.2B in business revenue, 32,621 direct, indirect, and induced jobs, and \$1.7B in labor income.

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Fiscal Year (FY) 2020, 2021, and 2022
Conneaut Harbor, OH — Project Requirements and President’s Budget (\$1,000)**

Work Package	FY20 Requirement	FY20 Appropriation	FY21 Requirement	FY21 Appropriation	FY22 Requirement	FY22 President’s Budget
Maintenance Dredging – Primary Work Package	0	0	906	906	715	715
Additional Dredged Material Placement Costs to Comply with State of Ohio Water Quality Certification Conditions	0	0	664	0	394	394
Critical Maintenance of Navigation Structures and Obstruction Removal	1,111	1,111	0	0	3,000	1,200
Engineering & Design West Breakwater Repair by Fleet	0	0	0	0	250	0
Environmental Compliance	0	0	0	0	0	0
Real Estate Management	5	5	5	5	5	5
Dredged Material Management Plan	150	127	0	0	0	0
Economic and Environmental Evaluation	0	0	150	0	150	150
Sediment Sampling and Analysis	100	100	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	1,366	1,343	1,725	911	4,514	2,464

Congressional Interests

- Representative David Joyce R-OH-14
- Representative Mike Kelly R-PA-16
- Senator Sherrod Brown D-OH
- Senator Rob Portman R-OH