



US Army Corps
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Frankfort Harbor, MI

Harbor Features

- Located on the east shore of Lake Michigan, 204 miles northeast of Chicago, IL and 28 miles north of Manistee, MI
- Authorization: Rivers & Harbors Acts of 23 Jun 1866, 3 Mar 1925, 26 Aug 1937, 27 Oct 1965
- Deep draft harbor, primarily recreational use
- Project depths: 22 to 24 feet in the entrance and outer basin to Lake Betsie, 18 feet deep in the Lake Betsie basin, and 10 feet deep in the Lake Betsie anchorage area
- Over 6,400 feet of structures including breakwaters, piers, and revetments
- About 2,600 feet of maintained channel
- Major stakeholders: U.S. Coast Guard, Frankfort Municipal Marina, and marine contractors

Project Requirements

- Approximately 6,000 to 13,000 cubic yards of material must be dredged on a 5- to 10-year cycle.
- Harbor was last dredged in 2019 with FY18 funds, when approximately 76,500 cubic yards of material were removed.
- Funds were received in FY19 and FY23 to design required repairs to the north breakwater. Funds are required to construct repairs.
- FY23 Work Plan provided funding for required critical structure safety maintenance.



Consequences of Not Maintaining the Project

- Loss of jobs locally
- Light loading associated with inadequate maintenance dredging, increasing vessel transportation costs
- Loss of safe harbor during storm events
- Potential safety issues for recreational boating community

Transportation Importance

- Locally significant receiving port on the Great Lakes
- U.S. Coast Guard Station Frankfort located within the harbor
- Supports over 200 recreational boat slips
- Frankfort is a harbor of refuge.

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Fiscal Year (FY) 2022, 2023, and 2024
Frankfort Harbor, MI – Project Requirements and President’s Budget (\$1,000)**

Work Package	FY22 Requirement	FY22 Appropriation	FY23 Requirement	FY23 Appropriation	FY24 Requirement	FY24 President’s Budget
North Breakwater Repairs, Sections A-C Engineering and Deign	750	0	750	750	0	0
North Breakwater Connector Repairs, Sections D-E Engineering and Deign	660	0	660	660	0	0
Critical Structure Safety Maintenance	25	0	25	25	0	0
Real Estate Management	9	0	14	14	15	0
TOTAL	1,444	0	1,449	1,449	15	0

Congressional Interests

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