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Grays Reef Passage, MI

Project Features

- Located between Grays Reef and Vienna Shoal in the northeast end of Lake Michigan
- Authorization: Rivers & Harbors Act of 30 Aug 1935
- Deep draft channel: federal navigation channel is 3,000 feet wide
- Project depth of 25 feet
- 5.7M tons of material passed through the passage in 2021
- Major stakeholders: U.S. Coast Guard and all Great Lakes shipping interests that use Lake Michigan ports.

Project Requirements

- The project requires occasional obstruction removal.
- The passage was last dredged in 1970.

Consequences of Not Maintaining the Project

- Significant loss of jobs locally, regionally, and internationally.
- Key component of the Great Lakes navigation system for Lake Michigan ports. Disruption of service would have severe maritime and economic impacts on those ports.



Transportation Importance

- Great Lakes passageway between Lake Michigan and Lake Huron
- Critical narrow passage between Grays Reef and Vienna Shoal
- Occasional condition surveys essential to maintain safe commercial navigation through this passage
- Commodities transported through these channels include coal, cement, iron ore, petroleum products, chemicals, lumber, sand, gravel, manufactured goods, and general cargo.

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Fiscal Year (FY) 2022, 2023, and 2024
Grays Reef Passage, 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
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