



US Army Corps
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Harbor Beach Harbor, MI

Harbor Features

- Located on the west shore of Lake Huron about 60 miles north of Port Huron, MI
- Authorization: Rivers & Harbors Acts of 3 Mar 1871, 8 Aug 1917, 21 Jan 1927
- Deep draft harbor primarily serving recreational users
- Project depths: 23 feet in entrance channel and 21 feet in interior basin to provide safe vessel draft of 21 feet
- Due to lack of commercial traffic, the harbor is currently maintained at 14 feet.
- Nearly 7,900 feet of breakwaters
- About one half mile of maintained channel
- Major stakeholders include U.S. Coast Guard, City of Harbor Beach, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Project Requirements

- Approximately 65,000 to 130,000 cubic yards of material must be dredged on a 5- to 10-year cycle.
- The harbor was last dredged in 2010.
- Maintenance dredging funds received in FY22 will be used to conduct environmental sampling and coordination of a new dredged material placement site to support future dredging operations. A placement site must be identified prior to dredging activity.
- Funds are required to conduct a navigation structure condition assessment to determine repair and maintenance needs.

Consequences of Not Maintaining the Project

- Loss of jobs locally
- Negative impact to USCG operations
- Potential safety issues for recreational boating community



Transportation Importance

- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service uses the harbor to restock the trout population for Lake Huron.
- U.S. Coast Guard leases slips from the city-owned marina and is responsible for the area from Port Sanilac to Caseville.
- Harbor supports one city-owned and one privately owned marina totaling 146 seasonal and transient slips.
- Dive and fishing charters operate out of city-owned marina.
- U.S. Coast Guard Station Harbor Beach resides within the harbor.
- Private interests are currently developing a commercial dock for a variety of cargo.

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Fiscal Year (FY) 2023, 2024, and 2025
Harbor Beach Harbor, MI – Project Requirements and President’s Budget (\$1,000)**

Work Package	FY23 Requirement	FY23 Appropriation	FY24 Requirement	FY24 Appropriation	FY25 Requirement	FY25 President’s Budget
Navigation Structure Condition Assessment	0	0	0	0	10	0
Real Estate Management	5	5	6	0	11	6
TOTAL	5	5	6	0	21	6

Congressional Interests

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