



Inland Route, MI

Project Features

- The Inland Route is a series of interconnected lakes and streams stretching across the northern tip of the Lower Peninsula of Michigan and extending from Conway near Lake Michigan to Cheboygan on Lake Huron. The Crooked and Indian Rivers are connecting channels in the waterway.
- Authorization: Rivers & Harbors Act of 3 Sep 1954, Water Resources Development Act of 1990
- Shallow draft recreational project
- Project depth is 5 feet
- Approximately 35 miles of maintained federal channel
- Crooked River lock and weir at Alanson, MI is operated by the State of Michigan under a recreational lease.
- Dredged material is placed at an upland site, operated by the State of Michigan under lease agreement.
- Major stakeholders: U.S. Coast Guard, Michigan DNR, numerous boating associations and marinas, and the Michigan Boating Industries Association

Project Requirements

- Requires maintenance dredging every 7 to 12 years of approximately 10,000 cubic yards.
- Dredging was last completed in 2018 with FY17 funds, when approximately 1,500 cubic yards of material were removed.
- Maintenance dredging is currently required.
- A Dredged Material Management Plan Preliminary Assessment (DMMPA) will be completed with FY24 funds. This action is needed prior to dredging being completed for placement site identification.
- Sediment sampling and analysis was completed with FY23 funds. This action will provide information for the DMMPA.



- An emergency generator for the lock was provided with FY23 funds.
- Inspection of the lock will be conducted with FY24 funds to determine maintenance needs.
- Potable water supply to the operations building was repaired with FY23 funds.
- A functional restroom will be constructed for the operations building with FY24 funds.

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 primarily charter fishing and recreational navigation interests.
- Local communities have established significant infrastructure around the project facilities that generates income from boaters and visitors to the area.

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Fiscal Year (FY) 2023, 2024, and 2025
Inland Route, 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
Lock Maintenance	55	55	55	55	58	58
Lock Inspection	0	0	150	150	0	0
Non-routine Maintenance – Generator Replacement	45	45	0	0	0	0
Repairs to Potable Water Supply	270	270	0	0	0	0
Operations Building Restroom Addition Engineering and Design	440	440	0	0	0	0
Operations Building Restroom Addition - Construction	0	0	950	950	0	0
Sediment Sampling, Analysis, and Environmental	175	175	0	0	0	0
Dredged Material Management Preliminary Assessment	200	0	200	200	0	0
Maintenance Dredging	0	0	0	0	0	0
Section 216 Initial Appraisal	20	20	0	0	0	0
Real Estate Management	7	7	8	0	8	8
TOTAL	1,212	1,012	1,363	1,355	66	66

Congressional Interests

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