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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
- 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, currently 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

- Critical repairs of electrical and mechanical components of the Crooked River lock were initiated in 2009 and completed in 2010 utilizing funding received in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.
- Recommend completion of an updated Section 216 initiative to revisit potential to transfer ownership of the project to local entity
- Requires periodic maintenance dredging on a 7 to 12 year cycle of approximately 10,000 cubic yards.
- Dredging was completed in 2018 with FY17 funds, when approximately 1,500 cubic yards of material were removed.
- Maintenance dredging not currently required.



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) 2019, 2020, and 2021
Inland Route, MI - Project Requirements and President's Budget (\$1,000)**

Work Package	FY19 Requirement	FY19 Appropriation	FY20 Requirement	FY20 Appropriation	FY21 Requirement	FY21 President's Budget
Routine Critical Maintenance Activities – Lock	50	50	50	0	50	0
Real Estate Management	0	0	0	0	7	0
TOTAL	50	50	50	0	57	0

Congressional Interests

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