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Lac La Belle Harbor, MI

Harbor Features

- Located in the northeastern tip of the Keweenaw Peninsula off the shore of Lake Superior. The harbor is about 40 miles northeast of Houghton, MI.
- Authorization: Rivers & Harbors Act of 2 Mar 1945
- Shallow draft recreational harbor
- Project depths: 12 feet in the entrance channel and 10 feet in the inner channel
- Approximately 4,500 feet of federal channel
- 1,000 feet of north and south breakwater
- Major stakeholders: U.S. Coast Guard, local tourism businesses, and marina

Project Requirements

- Requires maintenance dredging of approximately 5,000 cubic yards every 5 years
- The harbor was last dredged in 2013 with funds provided by the State of Michigan under a contributed funds agreement with USACE. Approximately 11,000 cubic yards of material were removed.
- Maintenance dredging is currently required.
- Critical breakwater structure repair and safety maintenance is required.
- Shoreline near midpoint of canal requires additional rip rap to slow erosion near access roadways.
- Armor stone needed at northern and southern sheet pile walls.
- Ballast stone fill needed to cover exposed tie rods along southern side of southern sheet pile wall.



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 Lake Superior
- Loss of safe harbor during storm events
- Potential safety issues for recreational boating community

Transportation Importance

- Lac La Belle is a harbor of refuge.
- Harbor contains a privately owned marina and a public access marina owned by State of Michigan.
- Recreational and charter fishing interests

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Fiscal Year (FY) 2020, 2021, and 2022
Lac La Belle Harbor, MI - Project Requirements and President's Budget (\$1,000)**

Work Package	FY20 Requirement	FY20 Appropriation	FY21 Requirement	FY21 Appropriation	FY22 Requirement	FY22 President's Budget
Maintenance Dredging – Primary Work Package	500	0	500	0	750	0
Navigation Structure Maintenance	0	0	350	0	750	0
Real Estate Management	0	0	4	0	4	0
Critical Breakwater Safety Maintenance	0	0	25	0	50	0
TOTAL	500	0	879	0	1,554	0

Congressional Interests

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