



US Army Corps
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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
- Over 1,100 feet of breakwaters
- 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.
- Sediment sampling was funded in FY23.
- Breakwater repairs are required, including the placement of armor stone at northern and southern sheet pile walls and ballast stone to cover exposed tie rods along southern side of southern sheet pile wall.
- Critical structure safety maintenance is 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 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) 2022, 2023, and 2024
Lac La Belle Harbor, 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 |
|---|-------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Maintenance Dredging | 750 | 0 | 750 | 0 | 750 | 0 |
| Sediment Sampling, Analysis, and Environmental Coordination | 0 | 0 | 175 | 135 | 0 | 0 |
| Navigation Structure Repairs | 3,850 | 0 | 3,850 | 0 | 3,850 | 0 |
| Critical Structure Safety Maintenance | 50 | 0 | 50 | 0 | 50 | 0 |
| Real Estate Management | 4 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 4,654 | 0 | 4,829 | 139 | 4,655 | 0 |

Congressional Interests

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