



US Army Corps
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Manistee Harbor, MI

Harbor Features

- Located on the east shore of Lake Michigan, 179 miles northeast of Chicago, IL and 26 miles north of Ludington, MI
- Authorization: Rivers & Harbors Act of 2 Mar 1867, 19 Sep 1890, 25 Jul 1910, 3 Jul 1930, 2 Mar 1945, 14 Jul 1960
- Deep draft commercial harbor
- Project depths: 25 feet in the entrance and 23 feet in the river channel
- 399K tons of material shipped and received in 2021
- Over 6,000 feet of structures including breakwaters, piers, and revetments
- About 2 miles of maintained channel
- Major stakeholders: U.S. Coast Guard, Seng Dock Co., Martin Marietta Corporation, Morton Salt, Rieth-Riley, and T.E.S. Filer City Generating Station

Project Requirements

- Approximately 40,000 to 70,000 cubic yards of material must be dredged on a 2- to 3-year cycle.
- Maintenance dredging was last completed in 2022.
- FY22 Disaster Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act funding was provided to complete repairs to the south breakwater connector.
- The south outer breakwater requires repairs. Funding has been requested for engineering and design efforts.
- Critical structure safety maintenance is currently required.



Consequences of Not Maintaining the Project

- Significant loss of jobs both locally and regionally
- Five major industrial facilities are served by the harbor, including a coal-fired power plant. Large quantities of commodities are received via ship because not all of the facilities have rail lines that are accessible for receiving materials.
- Shutdown of the Filer City Generating Station served by this harbor may impact electric grid stability in northern Michigan.
- If the harbor were closed to commercial traffic, commodities would have to be transported by rail and truck. This would increase annual emission rates by over 3.3M lbs. of harmful particulate matter (PM-10) and increase costs by \$729K due to increased railroad related accidents and \$487K due to increased truck related accidents.
- Light loading; loss of channel depth results in increased transportation costs
- Failure to maintain the harbor may impact consideration of this port as a potential site for future industrial facilities.

Transportation Importance

- Regionally significant receiving port on the Great Lakes
- Commodities received include sand, gravel, limestone, and coal.
- Waterborne transportation facilitated by the harbor supports \$21.9M in business revenue, 106 direct, indirect, and induced jobs, and \$7M in labor income to the transportation sector.
- Commodities handled by the harbor support \$352.8M in business revenue, 2,051 direct, indirect, and induced jobs, and \$104.2M in labor income.
- Manistee is a harbor of refuge.
- The harbor is home to the U.S. Coast Guard Station Manistee.

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Fiscal Year (FY) 2022, 2023, and 2024
Manistee 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	900	900	0	0	0	0
South Breakwater Connector Repairs	3,700	3,700†	0	0	0	0
South Outer Breakwater Repairs - Engineering and Design	780	0	780	0	860	0
Critical Structure Safety Maintenance	50	0	50	0	50	0
Real Estate Management	11	11	12	12	12	12
TOTAL	5,441	4,611	842	12	922	12

†Funded with supplemental funds, Disaster Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (DRSAA)

Congressional Interests

- Representative John Moolenaar R-MI-2
- Senator Gary Peters D-MI
- Senator Debbie Stabenow D-MI