



US Army Corps
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New Buffalo Harbor, MI

Harbor Features

- Located at the mouth of the Galien River on the southeast shore of Lake Michigan in Berrien County, about 45 miles east of Chicago, IL
- Authorization: Rivers & Harbors Act of 1962
- Shallow draft recreational harbor
- Project depths are 10 feet in the entrance channel and 8 feet in the inner channel.
- Approximately 2,100 feet of maintained federal channel
- More than 2,000 feet of breakwaters
- Dredged material is placed along the beach as beach nourishment.
- Major stakeholders: U.S. Coast Guard, Michigan DNR, Galien Marina, the Michigan Boating Industries Association, and condominium associations and marinas

Project Requirements

- Approximately 10,000 cubic yards of material must be dredged on a 1- to 2-year cycle.
- Maintenance dredging funding was received in the FY18 and completed in 2019 when approximately 68,000 cubic yards of material were removed.
- Maintenance dredging is currently required.
- Critical structure safety maintenance is currently required.
- Repairs are currently required to navigation structures.
- FY23 funds are being used for a Section 216 initial appraisal in response to the local community voicing a concern about erosion issues along the shoreline south of the existing federal harbor.



Consequences of Not Maintaining the Project

- Loss of jobs locally
- Loss of recreational and charter fishing in the area
- Loss of safe harbor during storm events
- Potential safety issues for recreational boating community

Transportation Importance

- This project serves as an important harbor of refuge and supports charter fishing and recreational navigation interests.
- The local community has established a significant infrastructure around the harbor facilities that generates income from harbor users and visitors to the area.
- Supports 1,058 recreational boat slips

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Fiscal Year (FY) 2022, 2023, and 2024
New Buffalo 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	960	0	960	0	960	0
Critical Structure Safety Maintenance	50	0	50	0	50	0
North Breakwater Repair - Engineering and Design	940	0	940	0	940	0
Section 216 Initial Appraisal	20	0	20	20	0	0
Real Estate Management	7	0	6	6	7	0
TOTAL	1,977	0	1,976	26	1,957	0

Congressional Interests

- Representative Tim Walberg R-MI-5
- Senator Gary Peters D-MI
- Senator Debbie Stabenow D-MI