



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.
- Limited dredging by local community completed in 2017.
- Maintenance dredging funding was received in the FY18 workplan and completed in 2019 when approximately 16,000 cubic yards of material were removed.
- Maintenance dredging is currently required.
- A funding need for a Section 216 initial appraisal has been identified 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 recreational and charter fishing in the area

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

Work Package	FY19 Requirement	FY19 Appropriation	FY20 Requirement	FY20 Appropriation	FY21 Requirement	FY21 Appropriation
Maintenance Dredging – Primary Work Package	0	0	620	0	550	0
Section 216 Initial Appraisal Report	0	0	20	0	20	0
Real Estate Management	0	0	0	0	6	0
TOTAL	0	0	640	0	576	0

Congressional Interests

- Representative Fred Upton R-MI-6
- Senator Gary Peters D-MI
- Senator Debbie Stabenow D-MI