



US Army Corps
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Pentwater Harbor, MI

Harbor Features

- Located on the east shore of Lake Michigan, 146 miles northeast of Chicago, IL and 14 miles south of Ludington, MI
- Authorization: Rivers & Harbors Acts of 2 Mar 1867, 3 Mar 1873, 5 Jul 1884, 13 Jul 1982, 2 Mar 1907
- Deep draft harbor serving recreational users
- Project depth is 16 feet
- Approximately 2,500 feet of maintained federal channel, between Lake Michigan and Pentwater Lake
- More than 4,000 feet of maintained piers and revetments
- Dredged material is placed along the beach as beach nourishment.
- Major stakeholders: U.S. Coast Guard, Snug Harbor Marina, Charlie's Marina, the village of Pentwater, Michigan DNR, Pentwater Yacht Club as well as other local businesses and charter boats

Project Requirements

- Historically, has required maintenance dredging of approximately 12,500 cubic yards on a near annual basis
- Maintenance dredging was completed in 2019 using FY18 funds. Approximately 20,000 cubic yards of material were removed.
- Maintenance dredging is currently required.
- Maintenance dredging will be conducted in 2023 with FY22 and FY23 funds.
- Funding is needed to investigate sinkholes along the North Revetment.
- Critical structure safety maintenance is currently required.



Consequences of Not Maintaining the Project

- Loss of jobs locally
- Loss of recreational and charter fishing in the area
- Decline of recreational boating
- Significant loss of seasonal retail, marina, and village revenues as well as jobs
- Decline in local real estate values from reduced boating access

Transportation Importance

- This project serves as an important harbor of refuge and supports Lake Michigan recreational boating interests. Revenues from these activities flow into the local community, retailers, and to the marine industry.
- The local community has established significant infrastructure around the harbor facilities that generates income from harbor users and visitors to the area.

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Fiscal Year (FY) 2022, 2023, and 2024
Pentwater 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	650	650	200	200	0	0
Critical Structure Safety Maintenance	50	0	50	0	50	0
North Revetment - Investigation of Sinkholes	0	0	0	0	250	0
Real Estate Management	7	0	16	16	8	0
TOTAL	707	650	266	216	308	0

Congressional Interests

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