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Port Sanilac Harbor, MI

Harbor Features

- Located on the west shore of Lake Huron, about 30 miles north of Port Huron, MI
- Authorization: Rivers & Harbors Act of 2 Mar 1945
- Shallow draft recreational harbor
- Project depths are 12 feet in the entrance channel, 10 feet in the outer harbor basin, and 6 feet in the inner harbor basin.
- More than 2,500 feet of breakwaters
- Dredged material is placed on the beach as beach nourishment.
- Major stakeholders: U.S. Coast Guard, Michigan DNR, Port Sanilac Marina, Bark Shanty Marina and Boat Club, and various charter fishing interests

Project Requirements

- Requires maintenance dredging on a 3- to 5-year cycle of approximately 10,000 cubic yards. Dredging requirements vary relative to shoaling patterns, usage, placement site and environmental coordination efforts.
- The harbor was last dredged in 2019 with FY18 funds.
- Maintenance dredging is currently required.
- Maintenance dredging will be conducted in 2023 using Section 111 beach nourishment funds. Dredged material will be placed in the nearshore.
- Repairs to the navigation structure, including the maintenance walkways and handrails, are currently required.
- 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

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 one Michigan DNR and two private marinas totaling 214 seasonal and transient slips.

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Fiscal Year (FY) 2022, 2023, and 2024
Port Sanilac 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	1,000	0	620	0	810	0
Section 111 Beach Nourishment Activities	500	0	500	500	0	0
Critical Structure Safety Maintenance	300	0	300	0	300	0
Navigation Structure Maintenance - Walkway and Handrail Repairs	100	0	100	0	100	0
Navigation Structure Repair Engineering and Design	830	0	830	0	830	0
Real Estate Management	5	0	6	6	6	0
TOTAL	2,735	0	2,356	506	2,046	0

Congressional Interests

- Representative Lisa McClain R-MI-9
- Senator Gary Peters D-MI
- Senator Debbie Stabenow D-MI