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## Port Washington Harbor, WI

### Harbor Features

- Located on Lake Michigan in the city of Port Washington, Ozaukee County, Wisconsin, approximately 29 miles north of Milwaukee.
- Authorization: Rivers & Harbors Acts of 11 Jul 1870, 14 Aug 1876.
- Deep draft harbor primarily serving recreational users, with 0.5 miles of federal channel.
- Authorized project depth of 21 feet in entrance and inner channels and 18 feet in inner basins. Project depths adjacent to the marina and launch ramp vary between 8 and 10 feet.
- 4,768 linear feet of caisson, steel sheet pile, and rubble mound stone breakwaters and piers.
- Major stakeholders include charter fishing operations and WE Energies.

### Project Requirements

- Sediment removal must be completed from the harbor and inner basin areas on a 10- to 15-year cycle. Current sediment backlog within the federal channel is 113K cubic yards.
- The quality of sediment in the federal channel may no longer be suitable for in-water, near-shore placement.
- Excess funds from the FY22 breakwater work will be used to complete sediment sampling.
- Loss of available depth within the center half-width of the channel ranges from 2 ft along the boat ramp channel to about 9 ft at the west end of the harbor.
- The harbor was last dredged in 2003, removing 11K cubic yards from the 200-ft wide area along the south channel line. The sediment was placed into the Milwaukee CDF.



- Repairs to 220 linear feet of the armor layer of the lakeward end of the southern breakwater were completed in 2022.
- The City of Port Washington has initiated its own project to repair the lakeside end of the north breakwater using non-federal funds.

### Consequences of Not Maintaining the Project

- Loss of recreational jobs and charter fishing in the area.
- Greater risk of grounding to sailboats seeking refuge within the port during hazardous lake or weather conditions.
- Commercial vessel light-loading, increasing transportation costs.

### Transportation Importance

- The local community has established significant infrastructure around the harbor and generates income from users and visitors.
- Harbor of refuge for recreational boats and smaller commercial vessels.

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Fiscal Year (FY) 2023, 2024, and 2025  
Port Washington Harbor, WI – Project Requirements and President’s Budget (\$1,000)**

<b>Work Package</b>	<b>FY23 Requirement</b>	<b>FY23 Appropriation</b>	<b>FY24 Requirement</b>	<b>FY24 Appropriation</b>	<b>FY25 Requirement</b>	<b>FY25 President’s Budget</b>
Maintenance Dredging – Primary Work Package	0	0	0	0	0	0
Critical Breakwater Safety Maintenance	0	0	60	0	0	0
Real Estate Management	5	5	5	0	5	5
Sediment Sampling and Analysis	0	0	0	0	200	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>5</b>

**Congressional Interests**

Representative Glenn S. Grothman R-WI-6  
 Senator Ron Johnson R-WI  
 Senator Tammy Baldwin D-WI