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Port Washington Harbor, WI

Harbor Features

- Located on the west shore of Lake Michigan, about 53 miles south of Manitowoc and about 29 miles north of Milwaukee, WI
- Authorization: Rivers & Harbors Acts of 11 Jul 1870, 14 Aug 1876
- Deep draft harbor primarily serving recreational users
- Project depth of 21 feet in entrance and inner channels and 18 foot depths in inner basins. Project depths providing access to the marina and launch ramp vary between 8 and 10 feet.
- About 3,000 feet of structures including breakwaters and piers
- Over one-half mile of maintained channel
- Major stakeholders include U.S. Coast Guard, charter fishing, and We Energies.

Project Requirements

- Approximately 11,000 to 16,000 cubic yards of material must be dredged from the inner basins on a 10 to 15 year cycle.
- The harbor was last dredged in 2003 and currently requires maintenance dredging.
- Local interests have expressed concerns regarding the structural stability of the north breakwater. An operational condition assessment was completed for the structure in 2013, which identified areas of deterioration.
- In 2014, funding was provided to replenish armor stone along the lakeside of the north breakwater.
- The City of Port Washington provided \$1M to the Detroit District to make critical repairs to the cellular structures of the breakwater under a contributed funds agreement. This work was completed in 2016.
- City provided additional \$250K in 2017 under a follow-on contributed fund agreement to replenish the south breakwater armor stone.



- The City of Port Washington is has initiated its own project to make critical repairs to Sections A, B, & C of the north breakwater.

Consequences of Not Maintaining the Project

- Significant loss of jobs both locally and regionally
- Light loading associated with inadequate maintenance dredging, increasing vessel transportation costs

Transportation Importance

- The local community has established a significant infrastructure around the harbor facilities that generates income from harbor users and visitors to the area.
- Port Washington is a harbor of refuge.

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Fiscal Year (FY) 2019, 2020, and 2021
Port Washington Harbor, WI - 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	575	0	745	0	745	0
South Breakwater Repairs	0	0	0	0	3,950	3,950
Real Estate Management	0	0	0	0	5	0
TOTAL	825	0	995	0	4,700	3,950

Congressional Interests

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