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Put-In-Bay Harbor, OH

Harbor Features

- Located on Lake Erie on the north side of South Bass Island, Ottawa County, OH.
- Authorization: Rivers & Harbors Act of 1937.
- Shallow draft commercial harbor.
- Project depths are 14 feet in the entrance channel and 8 feet in the harbor basin.
- 8.4k tons of material shipped and received in 2021.
- Major stakeholders: U.S. Coast Guard, Put-In Bay Township Port Authority, Jet Express Ferry, Miller Boat Line, commercial shipping interests, charter fishing interests, and the recreational boating community.

Project Requirements

- The harbor requires infrequent dredging to maintain the navigation channel. The project was last dredged in 2000 when 5,000 cubic yards of sediment were removed.

Consequences of Not Maintaining the Project

- Potential safety issues for commercial and recreational boating community.
- Negative economic impacts, locally and regionally.

Transportation Importance

- Provide safe access point to South Bass Island and town of Put-In Bay for residents, tourists, commercial ferries, and commercial shippers.



- Destination for commercial ferry service departing from Port Clinton Harbor, OH.
- Commodities shipped or received include limestone, manufactured products, distillate fuel oil, and gasoline.
- Put-In-Bay is a harbor of refuge.
- Supports 4 seasonal and 50 transient charter fishing boats generating approximately \$62,000 in annual revenue.
- Waterborne transportation facilitated by the harbor supports \$415k in business revenue, 2 direct, indirect, and induced jobs, and \$121k in labor income to the transportation sector.
- Miller Boat line moors 5 ferries at its harbor docks in season and layover.
- Township Port Authority maintains 81 mooring buoys.
- Annual transient dock fees within the harbor exceed \$1,800,000.
- Approx. 130 ferry arrivals/departures from harbor docks with daily summer visitation at times over 10,000 per day.
- Typical in season Saturday will have over 1,000 boats moored in the harbor.

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Fiscal Year (FY) 2023, 2024, and 2025
Put-In-Bay Harbor, OH — Project Requirements and President’s Budget (\$1,000)**

| Work Package | FY23 Requirement | FY23 Appropriation | FY24 Requirement | FY24 Appropriation | FY25 Requirement | FY25 Appropriation |
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| Sediment Sampling & Analysis | 85 | 0 | 85 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Real Estate Management | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| TOTAL | \$87 | \$2 | \$87 | 0 | \$2 | \$2 |

Congressional Interests

- Representative Marcy Kaptur D-OH-9
- Senator J. D. Vance R-OH
- Senator Sherrod Brown D-OH