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Rocky River Harbor, OH

Harbor Features

- Located on Lake Erie at the mouth of the Rocky River in the City of Rocky River, Cuyahoga County, OH.
- Authorization: Rivers & Harbors Acts of 1872, 1937, and 1965.
- Shallow draft recreational harbor.
- Project depths are 10 feet in the entrance channel and anchorage basin and 6 to 8 feet in the river channel.
- The project consists of a 5,000-foot-long navigation channel and an anchorage basin.
- The harbor is protected by the east pier, which is 900 feet long.
- Major stakeholders: U.S. Coast Guard, private marinas, fishing interests, and the recreational boating community.

Project Requirements

- The harbor requires dredging every 5 to 10 years to maintain the navigation channel. The harbor was last dredged in 2004 when 18,400 cubic yards of material were removed. Maintenance dredging is currently required.
- Funding received in 2024 will be used to complete sediment sampling and analysis, and environmental coordination to support future dredging. Subsequent funding will be needed complete maintenance dredging.
- East Pier is deteriorated and repairs are needed to ensure the harbor is adequately protected. Engineering and design began in 2024 and is scheduled to be completed in 2025.



Consequences of Not Maintaining the Project

- Failure to dredge will result in continued shoaling, reduced channel dimensions, and unsafe navigation conditions.
- Potential safety issues for recreational boating community.
- Negative economic impacts, locally and regionally.

Transportation Importance

- Rocky River is a harbor of refuge.
- The harbor, used by thousands of boaters annually, includes a public launch facility with 190 trailer capacity and 6 launch ramps.
- Other features include 640 seasonal and 20 transient recreational boat slips.
- Supports 2 seasonal charter fishing boats generating approximately \$31,000 in annual revenue.

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

Work Package	FY23 Requirement	FY23 Appropriation	FY24 Requirement	FY24 Appropriation	FY25 Requirement	FY25 Appropriation
Maintenance Dredging – Primary Work Package	915	0	800	60	800	0
Engineering and Design East Pier Repairs	0	0	1,300	1,300	1,300	0
Real Estate Management	2	2	2	0	2	2
Sediment Sampling and Analysis	85	0	85	85	85	0
TOTAL	\$1,002	\$2	\$2,187	\$1,445	\$2,187	\$2

Congressional Interests

- Representative Max Miller D-OH-7
- Senator J. D. Vance R-OH
- Senator Sherrod Brown D-OH