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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 to maintain the functional harbor areas.



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

- Provides safe access between Rocky River and Lake Erie
- 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) 2019, 2020, and 2021
Rocky River Harbor, OH — Project Requirements and President’s Budget (\$1,000)**

| Work Package | FY19 Requirement | FY19 Appropriation | FY20 Requirement | FY20 Appropriation | FY21 Requirement | FY21 President’s Budget |
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| Maintenance Dredging – Primary Work Package | 800 | 0 | 800 | 0 | 870 | 0 |
| Sediment Sampling & Analysis/Preliminary Assessment | 109 | 0 | 60 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Real Estate Management | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 909 | 0 | 860 | 0 | 875 | 0 |

Congressional Interests

- Representative Marcy Kaptur D-OH-9
- Senator Rob Portman R-OH
- Senator Sherrod Brown D-OH