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Great Lakes Navigation System

Saugatuck Harbor and Kalamazoo River, MI

Harbor Features

- Located on the east shore of Lake Michigan about 90 miles northeast of Chicago, IL and 22 miles north of South Haven, MI
- Authorization: Rivers & Harbors Acts of 3 Jun 1896, 2 Mar 1907, 25 Jun 1910
- Deep draft harbor serving recreational users
- Project depth is 16 feet in the entrance channel and 14 feet in the Kalamazoo River
- Over 2 miles of maintained federal channel, between Lake Michigan and Kalamazoo Lake
- Nearly 4,000 feet of maintained piers and revetments
- Dredged material is placed in beach nourishment zones.
- Major stakeholders: U.S. Coast Guard, Tower Marine, Corral Cables, Sargent Marina, and a marine contractor.

Project Requirements

- Approximately 42,000 cubic yards of material must be dredged on a 3-to-4-year cycle.
- Maintenance dredging was completed in 2019 with funding from the FY18 Work Plan. Approximately 34,000 cubic yards of material were removed.
- Maintenance dredging is required in FY22.

Consequences of Not Maintaining the Project

- Loss of jobs locally
- Loss of recreational and charter fishing in the area

Transportation Importance

- This project serves as an important harbor of refuge and supports charter fishing and recreational navigation interests. The harbor also serves cruise vessels.
- The local community has established a significant infrastructure around the harbor facilities that generates income from harbor users and visitors to the area.

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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Fiscal Year (FY) 2020, 2021, and 2022
Saugatuck Harbor and Kalamazoo River, MI Project Requirements and President's Budget ($1,000)

Work Package	FY20 Requirement	FY20 Appropriation	FY21 Requirement	FY21 Appropriation	FY22 Requirement	FY22 President's Budget
Maintenance Dredging – Primary Work Plan	0	0	0	0	750	0
Real Estate Management	0	0	6	0	6	0
TOTAL	**0**	**0**	**6**	**0**	**756**	**0**

Congressional Interests

- Representative Fred Upton R-MI-6
- Senator Gary Peters D-MI
- Senator Debbie Stabenow D-MI