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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
- Over 5,000 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 FY18 funding. Approximately 34,000 cubic yards of material were removed.
- Maintenance dredging will be conducted in 2023.



Consequences of Not Maintaining the Project

- Loss of jobs locally
- Loss of recreational and charter fishing in the area
- Loss of safe harbor during storm events
- Potential safety issues for recreational boating community

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.

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Fiscal Year (FY) 2022, 2023, and 2024
Saugatuck Harbor and Kalamazoo River, MI Project Requirements and President's Budget (\$1,000)**

| Work Package | FY22 Requirement | FY22 Appropriation | FY23 Requirement | FY23 Appropriation | FY24 Requirement | FY24 President's Budget |
|------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Maintenance Dredging | 760 | 0 | 895 | 895 | 0 | 0 |
| Real Estate Management | 6 | 0 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 766 | 0 | 901 | 901 | 7 | 0 |

Congressional Interests

- Representative Bill Huizenga R-MI-4
- Senator Gary Peters D-MI
- Senator Debbie Stabenow D-MI