



US Army Corps
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Saxon Harbor, WI

Harbor Features

- Located on the southern shore of Lake Superior about 90 miles east of Duluth, MN
- Authorization: Rivers & Harbors Act of 1958
- Shallow draft recreational harbor
- Project depth in outer channel is 10 feet, inner basin and side channel is 8 feet.
- Project length total is 3,800 feet
- Approximately 1,000 feet of breakwaters
- Dredged material placed in upland site
- Major stakeholders: U.S. Coast Guard, several marinas and yacht clubs, as well as various businesses.

Project Requirements

- Periodic maintenance dredging of approximately 7,000 cubic yards is required every 4 to 7 years.
- Maintenance dredging was completed in 2018 with FY17 funds. Approximately 20,000 cubic yards of material were removed.
- Maintenance dredging is currently required.
- A July 2016 storm event caused accelerated shoaling and significant structural damage to harbor facilities. Funding was received in 2017 to repair damage to federal portion of upland structures. Work was completed in 2018.
- Repairs are required to exterior of breakwater structures.
- Critical breakwater safety maintenance is required.



Consequences of Not Maintaining the Project

- Continued shoaling and reduced channel dimensions
- Increased risk of damages to docks and boat launches
- Loss of small craft navigation, recreational, and charter fishing in the area
- Loss of an important harbor of refuge
- Decrease in local tourism
- Loss of jobs locally

Transportation Importance

- Saxon Harbor is Wisconsin's only county park on Lake Superior.
- This project serves as a harbor of refuge and supports charter fishing and recreational navigation interests.
- Iron County has established infrastructure around the harbor facilities, including a marina, docking, boat launches, a fueling station, and campgrounds.

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Fiscal Year (FY) 2019, 2020, and 2021
Saxon Harbor, WI - Project Requirements and President's Budget (\$1,000)**

Work Package	FY19 Requirement	FY19 Appropriation	FY20 Requirement	FY20 Appropriation	FY21 Requirement	FY21 Appropriation
Maintenance Dredging – Primary Work Package	0	0	0	0	450	0
Breakwater Structure Repair	0	0	0	0	400	0
Critical Breakwater Safety Maintenance	0	0	0	0	25	0
Real Estate Management	0	0	0	0	4	0
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	879	0

Congressional Interests

- Representative Tom Tiffany R-WI-7
- Senator Ron Johnson R-WI
- Senator Tammy Baldwin D-WI