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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. Dredging requirements vary relative to shoaling patterns, usage, placement site and environmental coordination efforts.
- Maintenance dredging was completed in 2018 with FY17 funds. Approximately 21,000 cubic yards of material were removed. Maintenance dredging is currently required.
- Sediment sampling and identification of dredged material placement site needed prior to maintenance dredging.
- 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) 2022, 2023, and 2024  
Saxon Harbor, WI – Project Requirements and President’s Budget (\$1,000)**

<b>Work Package</b>	<b>FY22 Requirement</b>	<b>FY22 Appropriation</b>	<b>FY23 Requirement</b>	<b>FY23 Appropriation</b>	<b>FY24 Requirement</b>	<b>FY24 President’s Budget</b>
Maintenance Dredging	600	0	600	0	700	0
Sediment Sampling, Analysis, and Environmental Coordination	0	0	175	0	250	0
Critical Structure Safety Maintenance	50	0	50	0	50	0
Real Estate Management	4	0	4	4	5	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>654</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>829</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1,005</b>	<b>0</b>

**Congressional Interests**

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