



US Army Corps
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Silver Bay, MN

Harbor Features

- Located on the north shore of Lake Superior, 55 miles northeast of Duluth, MN
- Authorization: Section 2 of the Rivers & Harbors Act of 2 Mar 1945 and Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2007
- No authorized navigational channel or project depth, only breakwaters
- Approximately 2,730 feet of rubble mound breakwater structure with 660 feet of concrete walkway on breakwater, encompassing a 12-acre commercial basin; marina is approximately 7 acres
- Major stakeholders: U.S. Coast Guard, city of Silver Bay, Marina Concessionaire, Minnesota DNR, Cleveland Cliffs, and recreational boating interests

Project Requirements

- Currently, there are no critical maintenance requirements.

Consequences of Not Maintaining the Project

- Potential safety issues for recreational boating community
- Major economic implications to the community if the harbor were to close, as the harbor provides recreational activities for tourists.
- Negative economic impacts locally
- If the harbor were closed to commercial traffic, commodities would have to be transported by rail and truck. This would increase annual emission rates by over 43.1M lbs. of harmful particulate matter (PM-10) and increase costs by \$9.7M due to increased railroad related accidents and \$6.4M due to increased truck related accidents.



Transportation Importance

- Silver Bay is a critical harbor of refuge.
- This project supports recreational navigation interests.
- The harbor supports a marina providing 108 seasonal boat slips.
- Breakwater also provides some protection for the privately owned taconite loading facility, over 5.4 million tons shipped annually.

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Fiscal Year (FY) 2022, 2023, and 2024
Silver Bay, MN – Project Requirements and President’s Budget (\$1,000)**

Work Package	FY22 Requirement	FY22 Appropriation	FY23 Requirement	FY23 Appropriation	FY24 Requirement	FY24 President’s Budget
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0

Congressional Interests

- Representative Pete Stauber R-MN-8
- Senator Amy Klobuchar D-MN
- Senator Tina Smith D-MN