



US Army Corps
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St. James Harbor, Beaver Island, MI

Harbor Features

- Located in St. James Bay on Beaver Island, MI in Lake Michigan about 31 miles northwest of Charlevoix, MI
- Authorization: Rivers & Harbors Act of 2 Mar 1945
- Shallow draft recreational harbor
- Project depth is 14 feet
- Approximately 750 feet of maintained federal channel
- 15.4K tons of material shipped and received in 2021
- Dredged material is placed along the beach as beach nourishment.
- Major stakeholders: U.S. Coast Guard, Michigan DNR, Beaver Island Ferry Service, a variety of boating interests, and the Michigan Boating Association

Project Requirements

- This project requires infrequent maintenance dredging.
- The harbor was last dredged in 1957.
- Dredging is not currently required.

Consequences of Not Maintaining the Project

- Loss of jobs locally
- Loss of recreational and charter fishing in the area
- Loss of only commercial transportation option to the mainland
- Loss of emergency and all essential services to the local community



Transportation Importance

- Subsistence harbor - provides all essential services to the island. It is vital to emergency services and schools.
- This project serves as an important harbor of refuge and supports charter fishing and recreational navigation interests.
- 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
St. James Harbor, Beaver Island, 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
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0

Congressional Interests

- Representative Jack Bergman R-MI-1
- Senator Gary Peters D-MI
- Senator Debbie Stabenow D-MI