



## Vermilion Harbor, OH

### Harbor Features

- Located on Lake Erie at the mouth of the Vermilion River in the City of Vermilion, Erie County, OH
- Authorization: Rivers & Harbors Acts of 1836, 1875, 1905, and 1958
- Shallow draft recreational harbor
- Project depths are 12 feet in the east lake approach channel, 12 feet in the entrance channel, 8 feet in the west lake approach channel, and 8 feet in the upper river channel.
- The east pier, west pier, and a detached breakwater protect a total of 2,560 feet of the harbor.
- Major stakeholders: U.S. Coast Guard, Vermilion Port Authority, private marinas, charter fishing interests, and the recreational boating community.

### Project Requirements

- The harbor requires dredging every 5 to 10 years to maintain the navigation channel. The harbor was last dredged by the Corps in 2021 when 50,000 cubic yards of material were removed. Dredging funded in 2023 is scheduled to be completed in 2024.
- East Pier and West Pier have deteriorated sections that require repairs to ensure the entrance channel and shoreline are adequately protected.



- West Pier repairs engineering and design began in 2023. Construction of repairs to the north end began in 2023 and subsequent additional construction of repairs to the south end are planned for 2024.
- East Pier repairs to incremental sections were completed in 2021. Engineering and design of the remaining unrepaired sections is scheduled to be complete in 2024. Subsequent construction is planned to start in 2024.

### Consequences of Not Maintaining the Project

- Potential safety issues for recreational boating community.
- Negative economic impacts, locally and regionally.

### Transportation Importance

- Vermilion is a harbor of refuge.
- Supports 13 seasonal charter fishing boats generating approximately \$202,000 in annual revenue.

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Fiscal Year (FY) 2023, 2024, and 2025  
Vermilion Harbor, OH — Project Requirements and President’s Budget (\$1,000)**

<b>Work Package</b>	<b>FY23 Requirement</b>	<b>FY23 Appropriation</b>	<b>FY24 Requirement</b>	<b>FY24 Appropriation</b>	<b>FY25 Requirement</b>	<b>FY25 Appropriation</b>
Maintenance Dredging – Primary Work Package	1,000	1,000	0	0	0	0
Sediment Sampling & Analysis	0	0	0	0	90	0
Critical Breakwater Safety Maintenance	0	0	50	0	50	0
Engineering, Design and Construction, West Pier Repair	200	0	8,000	8,000	0	0
Engineering, Design and Construction East Pier Repair	8,000	0	8,000	8,000	0	0
Real Estate Management	7	7	7	0	8	8
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$9,207</b>	<b>\$1,007</b>	<b>\$16,057</b>	<b>\$16,000</b>	<b>\$148</b>	<b>\$8</b>

**Congressional Interests**

- Representative Marcy Kaptur D-OH-9
- Senator J. D. Vance R-OH
- Senator Sherrod Brown D-OH