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## West Harbor, OH

### **Harbor Features**

- Located in the “islands” area of southwestern Lake Erie, eight miles northeast of Port Clinton, OH.
- Authorization: Rivers & Harbors Act of 1965.
- Shallow draft recreational harbor.
- Project depths are 10 feet in the entrance channel and 8 feet in the access channel and inner channel.
- The harbor consists of a series of channels totaling approximately 13,000 feet in length.
- East and west arrowhead breakwaters protect a total of 2,925 feet in the harbor.
- Major stakeholders: U.S. Coast Guard, charter fishing interests, private marinas, and the recreational boating community.

### **Project Requirements**

- The harbor requires dredging every 5 to 10 years in order to maintain the navigation channel. The harbor was last dredged in 2018 when 73,000 cubic yards of material were removed. Maintenance dredging is currently required.
- Funding received in 2024 will be used to complete sediment sampling and analysis, and environmental coordination to support future dredging. Subsequent funding will be needed complete maintenance dredging.



### **Consequences of Not Maintaining the Project**

- Failure to dredge will result in continued shoaling, reduced channel dimensions, and unsafe navigation conditions.
- Potential safety issues for recreational boating community.
- Negative economic impacts, locally and regionally.

### **Transportation Importance**

- West Harbor is a harbor of refuge.
- Supports 124 seasonal charter fishing boats generating approximately \$1.9M in annual revenue.
- Over 2,800 seasonal docks and 100 transient docks.
- One of busiest recreational harbors on Great Lakes

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Fiscal Year (FY) 2023, 2024, and 2025  
West 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	1,180	0	1,180	60	1,180	0
Sediment Sampling & Analysis	100	0	100	100	100	0
Real Estate Management	5	5	5	0	5	5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,285</b>	<b>\$5</b>	<b>\$1,285</b>	<b>\$160</b>	<b>\$1,285</b>	<b>\$5</b>

**Congressional Interests**

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