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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.



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

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Fiscal Year (FY) 2020, 2021, and 2022
West Harbor, OH — Project Requirements and President’s Budget (\$1,000)**

Work Package	FY20 Requirement	FY20 Appropriation	FY21 Requirement	FY21 Appropriation	FY22 Requirement	FY22 President’s Budget
Sediment Sampling & Analysis	0	0	70	0	70	0
Maintenance Dredging	0	0	0	0	1,000	0
Real Estate Management	0	0	5	0	5	0
TOTAL	0	0	75	0	1,075	0

Congressional Interests

- Representative Marcy Kaptur D-OH-9
- Senator Rob Portman R-OH
- Senator Sherrod Brown D-OH