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Great Lakes Navigation System

White Lake Harbor, MI

Harbor Features

- Located on the east shore of Lake Michigan, 120 miles northeast of Chicago, IL and 45 miles south of Ludington, MI
- Authorization: Rivers & Harbors Acts of 1 Mar 1867, 3 Mar 1873, 5 Jul 1884, 13 Jul 1892, and 2 Mar 1907
- Deep draft harbor serving recreational users
- Project depth is 16 feet; maintained at 12 feet.
- Almost 2,000 feet of maintained federal channel, between Lake Michigan and White Lake
- More than 3,600 feet of maintained piers and revetments
- Dredged material is placed along the beach as beach nourishment.
- Major stakeholders: U.S. Coast Guard, White Lake Association, City of Montague, Michigan DNR, and Fruitland Township

Project Requirements

- Approximately 9,000 cubic yards of material must be dredged on a 5-year cycle.
- Harbor was last dredged in 2019.
- Maintenance dredging is currently required pending results of sediment sampling to characterize sediment and identify suitable placement sites and/or potential beneficial use opportunities for the dredged material. A placement site must be identified prior to dredging activity.
- Sediment sampling will be completed with FY25 funds.
- Funds are requested to conduct beach nourishment placement and monitoring.
- Critical structure safety maintenance will be performed with FY25 funds.

Consequences of Not Maintaining the Project

- Loss of jobs locally
- Loss of recreational and charter fishing in the area
- Loss of safe harbor during storm events
- Potential safety issues for recreational boating community

Transportation Importance

- This project serves as an important harbor of refuge and supports charter fishing and recreational navigation interests.
- The local community has established 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) 2024, 2025, and 2026
White Lake Harbor, MI – Project Requirements and President's Budget ($1,000)

Work Package	FY24 Requirement	FY24 Appropriation	FY25 Requirement	FY25 Appropriation	FY26 Requirement	FY26 President's Budget
Sediment Sampling, Analysis, and Environmental Coordination	250	0	270	270	0	0
Section 111 Beach Nourishment Activities	0	0	900	0	200	0
Navigation Structure Maintenance	0	0	0	0	400	0
Critical Structure Safety Maintenance	0	0	150	150	0	0
Navigation Structure Condition Assessment	0	0	10	10	10	10
Real Estate Management	6	0	8	8	7	7
TOTAL	**256**	**0**	**1,338**	**438**	**617**	**17**

Congressional Interests

- Representative John Moolenaar R-MI-2
- Senator Gary Peters D-MI
- Senator Elissa Slotkin D-MI