



US Army Corps
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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, 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 and sediment sampling are currently required.
- Funds are requested to conduct beach nourishment placement and monitoring.
- Funds are requested to conduct a condition assessment of the navigation structures.
- Critical structure safety maintenance is required.



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) 2023, 2024, and 2025
White Lake Harbor, MI – Project Requirements and President’s Budget (\$1,000)**

Work Package	FY23 Requirement	FY23 Appropriation	FY24 Requirement	FY24 Appropriation	FY25 Requirement	FY25 President’s Budget
Maintenance Dredging	0	0	615	0	0	0
Sediment Sampling, Analysis, and Environmental Coordination	0	0	250	0	250	0
Beach Nourishment Monitoring Activities	0	0	0	0	200	0
Section 111 Beach Nourishment	0	0	0	0	700	0
Critical Structure Safety Maintenance	0	0	0	0	100	0
Navigation Structure Condition Assessment	0	0	0	0	10	0
Real Estate Management	8	8	6	0	8	8
TOTAL	8	8	871	0	1,268	8

Congressional Interests

- Representative John Moolenaar R-MI-2
- Senator Gary Peters D-MI
- Senator Debbie Stabenow D-MI