



Sandusky Harbor, OH

Harbor Features

- Located on Lake Erie in the city of Sandusky, Erie County, Ohio
- Authorization: River & Harbor Acts of 1899, 1902, 1919, 1927, 1935, 1945 and 1960
- Deep draft commercial harbor
- Authorized depths vary from 21-26 feet in the Federal Channels
- Five year average (2008-2012) tonnage of 2.4M tons of material shipped and received
- Ranked 17th among the Great Lakes Harbors based on five year average (2008-2012) tonnage
- 90th leading U.S. port in 2012
- Interconnected with 20 commercial ports: ships to 18 ports, and receives from 2 ports
- Over 2 miles of breakwater structures
- The Moseley, Bay, Dock and Straight Federal channels total 5.95 miles in length
- Major stakeholders include Norfolk Southern, Sandusky Dock Corp., City of Sandusky, George Gradel Co., Cedar Point Amusement Park, commercial ferries and private marinas

Project Requirements

- Approximately 140,000 cubic yards (CY) of material must be dredged annually. The harbor was last dredged in 2014 when approximately 250,000 CY of material was removed. Maintenance dredging is scheduled to be completed in Fall 2015
- Sandy supplemental funded dredging of an additional 85,000 CY of material from storm impacted harbor areas was completed in 2013
- Sections of the east jetty are starting to deteriorate and require repairs.



Consequences of Not Maintaining the Project

- Reduction of bulk commodities that pass through the harbor and generate \$33M annually in direct revenue while supporting 2,327 direct, indirect, and induced jobs that produce over \$151M per year in personal income
- If the harbor was closed to commercial traffic, commodities would have to be transported by rail and truck. This would increase annual emission rates by over 4,161 tons of harmful particulate matter (PM-10) and increase costs by \$640,000 due to increased railroad related accidents, and \$308,000 due to increased trucking related accidents
- Light loading; losses of between 1 and 2 feet of channel depth would result in increased transportation costs of between \$180,000 and \$424,000 annually

Transportation Importance

- Major receiving and shipping port on the Great Lakes; and a Harbor of Refuge.
- Coal is the major commodity shipped

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Fiscal Year (FY) 2014, 2015 and 2016
Sandusky Harbor, Ohio - Project Requirements and President's Budget (\$1,000)**

Work Package	FY14 Requirement	FY14 Appropriation	FY15 Requirement	FY15 Appropriation	FY16 Requirement	FY16 President's Budget
Maintenance Dredging – Primary	1,440	1,426	1,600	1,600	1,700	1,700
Structure Repair – East Jetty (F/P)					600	
Sandy Supplemental Maintenance Dredging	383*	383*				
TOTALS	1,823	1,809	1,600	1,680	2,300	1,700

*Funds allocated through Public Law 113-2 Disaster Relief Appropriations Act, 2013

Congressional Interests

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