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Great Lakes
Navigation System

Vermilion Harbor, OH

Harbor Features

- Located on Lake Erie at the mouth of the Vermilion River in the City of Vermilion, Erie County, Ohio
- Authorization: River & Harbor Acts of 1836, 1875, 1905 and 1958
- Shallow draft recreational harbor
- Authorized depths are 12 feet in the east lake approach channel and entrance channel and 8 feet in the west lake approach channel and upper river channel
- The harbor is protected by East and West Piers and a Detached Breakwater with a total length of 2,560 feet
- Major stakeholders include Vermilion Port Authority, private marinas, charter fishing interests and the recreational boating community

Project Requirements

- The harbor typically requires dredging every two to three years. It was last dredged in 2004 when 32,000 cubic yards (CY) of material was removed
- Non-Federal dredging of the Federal channel was completed in 2013



Consequences of Not Maintaining the Project

- Potential safety issues for recreational boating community
- Potential functional loss of Harbor of Refuge
- Negative economic impacts, locally and regionally

Transportation Importance

- Harbor of Refuge
- Supports 13 seasonal charter fishing boats generating approximately \$202,000 in annual revenue

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Fiscal Year (FY) 2014, 2015 and 2016
Vermilion 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			875			
Sandy Supplemental Maintenance Dredging	13*	13*				
TOTALS	13	13	875	0	0	0

*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