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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: River & Harbor 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
- The harbor is protected by East and West Arrowhead Breakwaters with a total length of 2,925 feet
- Major stakeholders include charter fishing interests, private marinas and the recreational boating community

Project Requirements

- Maintenance dredging is required very infrequently. The project was last dredged in 2004 when 48,000 cubic yards (CY) of material was removed
- Approximately 55,000 CY of material must be dredged to restore the functional harbor areas.
- Maintenance dredging is the primary critical requirement



Consequences of Not Maintaining the Project

- Failure to dredge will result in continued shoaling and reduced channel dimensions; resulting in unsafe navigation conditions
- 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 124 seasonal charter fishing boats generating approximately \$1.9M in annual revenue

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Fiscal Year (FY) 2015, 2016 and 2017
West Harbor, Ohio - Project Requirements and President's Budget (\$1,000)**

Work Package	FY15 Requirement	FY15 Appropriation	FY16 Requirement	FY16 Appropriation	FY17 Requirement	FY17 President's Budget
Maintenance Dredging - Primary			1,020		1,020	
TOTALS	0	0	1,020	0	1,020	0

Congressional Interests

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