



## Conneaut Harbor, OH

### Harbor Features

- Located on Lake Erie in the City of Conneaut, Ashtabula County, OH
- Authorization: River & Harbor Acts of 1910, 1935, and 1962
- Deep draft commercial harbor
- Project depths are 28–29 feet in the outer harbor, 27–28 feet in the inner harbor, 22–23 feet in the western end of the outer harbor, and 8 feet in the access channel.
- 3.7M tons of material shipped and received in 2017
- Ranked 18<sup>th</sup> among Great Lakes harbors and 85<sup>th</sup> among U.S. ports in 2017
- Interconnected with 11 commercial ports: ships to 4 ports and receives from 7 ports
- Over 2.2 miles of breakwater structures
- 142-acre outer harbor and 2,450 feet of federal channel in the inner harbor channel
- Major stakeholders include Conneaut Port Authority, U.S. Coast Guard, and Pittsburgh & Conneaut Dock Company

### Project Requirements

- The harbor requires approximately 120,000 cubic yards of dredging every 2 to 3 years to maintain the navigation channel. The harbor was last dredged in 2019 when approximately 167,000 cubic yards of material were removed.
- Deteriorating sections of the east and west breakwaters need repairs. Contract repairs of the east breakwater were completed in 2018, and additional repairs by the Army Corps' floating plant are also scheduled for 2020.

### Consequences of Not Maintaining the Project

- Reduction of bulk commodities that pass through the harbor and generate \$3.16B annually in business revenue. Reduction in support to 16,820 direct, indirect, and induced



jobs that produce over \$850M per year in personal income in the transportation and commodity related industries.

- Light loading; losses of between 1.5 and 2 feet of channel depth would result in increased transportation costs of between \$1,221,000 and \$2,583,000 annually.
- Closing the harbor to commercial traffic would require rail or truck transport of commodities. This would increase annual emission rates by over 36,614 tons of harmful particulate matter and increase costs by \$6,915,000 due to increased railroad-related accidents, and \$11,509,000 due to increased trucking-related accidents.
- Not repairing the east and west breakwaters potentially increases safety issues for the public and recreational boating community as well as potentially losing functionality of Critical Harbor of Refuge.

### Transportation Importance

- Major receiving and shipping port on the Great Lakes and Critical Harbor of Refuge
- Commodities shipped or received include iron ore and limestone

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Fiscal Year (FY) 2018, 2019, and 2020  
Conneaut Harbor, OH — Project Requirements and President's Budget (\$1,000)**

<b>Work Package</b>	<b>FY18 Requirement</b>	<b>FY18 Appropriation</b>	<b>FY19 Requirement</b>	<b>FY19 Appropriation</b>	<b>FY20 Requirement</b>	<b>FY20 President's Budget</b>
Maintenance Dredging	1,650	1,650	1,125	1,125	0	0
Critical Maintenance of Navigation Structures and Obstruction Removal	1,150	1,150	0	0	1,111	1,111
Environmental Compliance	25	0	0	0	0	0
Real Estate Management	0	0	5	5	5	5
Dredged Material Management Plan	0	0	0	0		0
Sediment Sampling & Analysis	0	0	0	0	80	100
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,825</b>	<b>2,800</b>	<b>1,130</b>	<b>1,130</b>	<b>1,346</b>	<b>1,216</b>

**Congressional Interests**

- Representative David Joyce R-OH-14
- Representative Mike Kelly R-PA-16
- Senator Sherrod Brown D-OH
- Senator Rob Portman R-OH