



US Army Corps
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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: Rivers & Harbors 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.
- East and west arrowhead breakwaters protect a total of 2,925 feet in the harbor.
- Major stakeholders: U.S. Coast Guard, charter fishing interests, private marinas, and the recreational boating community.



Project Requirements

- The harbor requires dredging every 5 to 10 years in order to maintain the navigation channel. The harbor was last dredged in 2018 when 73,000 cubic yards of material were removed. Maintenance dredging is currently required to maintain the functional harbor areas.

Consequences of Not Maintaining the Project

- Failure to dredge will result in continued shoaling, reduced channel dimensions, and unsafe navigation conditions.
- Potential safety issues for recreational boating community.
- Negative economic impacts, locally and regionally.

Transportation Importance

- West Harbor is a 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) 2021, 2022, and 2023
West Harbor, OH — Project Requirements and President's Budget (\$000)**

Work Package	FY21 Requirement (\$000)	FY21 Appropriation (\$000)	FY22 Requirement (\$000)	FY22 President's Budget (\$000)	FY23 Requirement (\$000)	FY23 President's Budget (\$000)
Maintenance Dredging	0	0	900	0	0	0
Sediment Sampling & Analysis	70	0	170	0	0	0
Real Estate Management	5	0	5	0	5	0
TOTAL	75	0	1,075	0	5	0

Congressional Interests

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