



Vermilion Harbor, OH

Harbor Features

- Located on Lake Erie at the mouth of the Vermilion River in the City of Vermilion, Erie County, OH
- Authorization: River & Harbor Acts of 1836, 1875, 1905, and 1958
- Shallow draft recreational harbor
- Project depths are 12 feet in the east lake approach channel, 12 feet in the entrance channel, 8 feet in the west lake approach channel, and 8 feet in the upper river channel.
- The east pier, west pier, and a detached breakwater protect a total of 2,560 feet of the harbor.
- Major stakeholders include Vermilion Port Authority, private marinas, charter fishing interests, and the recreational boating community.

Project Requirements

- The harbor requires dredging every 2 to 3 years to maintain the navigation channel. The harbor was last dredged by the Corps in 2004 when 32,000 cubic yards of material were removed. Maintenance dredging is currently required to maintain the functional harbor areas.
- Nonfederal dredging of the federal channel was completed in 2013.
- Repairs to deteriorated sections of the East and West pier are needed to ensure the entrance channel and shoreline are adequately protected.



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) 2018, 2019, and 2020
Vermilion Harbor, OH — Project Requirements and President’s Budget (\$1,000)**

Work Package	FY18 Requirement	FY18 Appropriation	FY19 Requirement	FY19 Appropriation	FY20 Requirement	FY20 President’s Budget
Maintenance Dredging	0	0	800	0	800	0
Sediment Sampling & Analysis	0	0	70	0	70	0
E&D West Pier Repair	0	0	200	0	200	0
E&D East Pier Repair	0	0	200	0	200	0
TOTAL	0	0	1,270	0	1,270	0

Congressional Interests

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