



US Army Corps
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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: Rivers & Harbors 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: U.S. Coast Guard, Vermilion Port Authority, private marinas, charter fishing interests, and the recreational boating community.

Project Requirements

- The harbor requires dredging every 5 to 10 years to maintain the navigation channel. The harbor was last dredged by the Corps in 2021 when 50,000 cubic yards of material were removed. Dredging is planned for 2023.
- Repairs to deteriorated sections of the east and west piers are needed to ensure the entrance channel and shoreline are adequately protected. Repairs to sections of the east pier were completed in 2021. Repairs to the west pier are planned for 2023-2024. Repairs to the east pier are planned for 2024.



Consequences of Not Maintaining the Project

- Potential safety issues for recreational boating community.
- Negative economic impacts, locally and regionally.

Transportation Importance

- Vermilion is a 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) 2022, 2023, and 2024
Vermilion Harbor, OH — Project Requirements and President’s Budget (\$1,000)**

Work Package	FY22 Requirement	FY22 Appropriation	FY23 Requirement	FY23 Appropriation	FY24 Requirement	FY24 President’s Budget
Maintenance Dredging – Primary Work Package	1,000	0	1,000	1,000	0	0
Critical Breakwater Safety Maintenance	0	0	0	0	50	0
Engineering, Design and Construction, West Pier Repair	10,700	5,700	8,000	0	8,000	8,000
Engineering, Design and Construction East Pier Repair	5,000	0	8,000	0	8,000	8,000
Real Estate Management	8	0	7	7	7	0
TOTAL	16,708	5,700	17,007	1,007	16,057	16,000

Congressional Interests

- Representative Marcy Kaptur D-OH-9
- Senator J. D. Vance R-OH
- Senator Sherrod Brown D-OH