



US Army Corps
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Ashland Harbor, WI

Harbor Features

- Located at the head of Chequamegon Bay, on the south shore of Lake Superior, about 65 miles east of Duluth, MN.
- Authorization: River & Harbor Acts of 5 Aug 1886, 11 Aug 1888, 3 Mar 1899, 6 Jun 1900, 8 Aug 1917, 3 July 1930, 30 Aug 1935, 2 Mar 1945, 14 Jul 1960.
- Deep draft commercial harbor.
- Project depth of 25 to 27 feet below LWD in east basin and 20 to 21 feet below LWD in west channel.
- 98,000 tons of material shipped or received in 2005.
- Nearly 8,000 feet of breakwater structure.
- Over one mile of maintained channel.
- Major stakeholders include U.S. Coast Guard, Lake Carriers' Association, C. Reis Coal, and Xcel Energy.

Project Needs

- Approximately 15,000 to 20,000 cubic yards of material must be dredged on a 10 to 20 year cycle; the harbor was last dredged in 1993.
- Backlog dredging in the amount of 61,000 cubic yards.
- Rubble mound breakwater needs repair to protect exposed cribbing.
- Rubble mound breakwater needs large amount of core stone work.
- Navigation structures are primarily maintained by Government floating plant.



Consequences of Not Maintaining the Project

- Significant loss of jobs both locally and regionally.
- Light loading; loss of between 1 and 2 feet of channel depth results in increased transportation costs of between \$22,000 and \$60,000 annually.
- Loss of Great Lakes tour boat industry.

Transportation Importance

- Locally significant receiving port on the Great Lakes.
- Commodities received include coal and lignite.
- Significant tour boat industry located at this harbor.

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Fiscal Year (FY) 2008, 2009 and 2010
Ashland Harbor, WI - Project Needs and President's Budget (\$1,000)**

Work Package	FY08 Need	FY08 Allocation	FY09 Need	FY09 President's Budget	FY10 Need	FY10 Budget*
Project Condition Surveys	42		42		45	
Maintenance Dredging – Primary Work Package	350		500		525	
Maintenance Dredging – Backlog Work Package			53		53	
Breakwater Repair – by Govt. Floating Plant	270		270		290	
TOTALS	662	0	865	0	913	

*FY10 President's Budget will be available in February 2009.

Congressional Interests

- Representative David R. Obey D-WI-7
- Senator Feingold D-WI
- Senator Herb Kohl D-WI