



US Army Corps
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Les Cheneaux Islands Channels, MI

Harbor Features

- Archipelago encompassing 36 islands aligning northern most shore of Lake Huron between Straits of Mackinac, Drummond Island & North Channel areas.
- Authorization: Authorized by the Chief of Engineers 15 March 1967, pursuant to Section 107 of the 1960 River and Harbors Act.
- Shallow draft recreational harbor.
- Project depth 7 feet.
- Over 7.5 miles of maintained Federal channel.
- Dredged material would likely have to be placed at an upland site.
- Major stakeholders include Michigan Boating Industries Association, Cedarville Bay Waterworks, U.S. Department of Interior (Government Island), MDNR (State Lands-Island Property), marine historical properties, charter boats, recreational & tribal fisherman, as well as island residential populations.
- Historically provided a protected passage for travelers from Mackinac Island to the St. Mary's River and a harbor of refuge for tribal members, voyagers, fishermen, ferries, water liveries and recreational boaters.

Project Needs

- Requires infrequent maintenance dredging of approximately 80,000 cubic yards; the harbor was last dredged in 1971.



Consequences of Not Maintaining the Project

- Loss of local jobs pertaining to the recreational boating sector.
- Loss of recreational and charter fishing in the area.

Transportation Importance

- Waterborne transportation is sole linkage as infrastructure between island residential and mainland services community.
- Multiple harbors in this project serve as Harbors of Refuge. The project also supports charter fishing and recreational navigation interests.
- The local regional area has established a significant infrastructure around the channels that generates income from users and visitors to the area.

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Fiscal Year (FY) 2008, 2009 and 2010
Les Cheneaux Islands Channels, MI - 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			30		35	
Maintenance Dredging – Primary Work Package			670		1,800	
TOTALS	0	0	700	0	1,835	

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

Congressional Interests

- Representative Bart Stupak D-MI-1
- Senator Carl Levin D-MI
- Senator Debbie Stabenow D-MI