



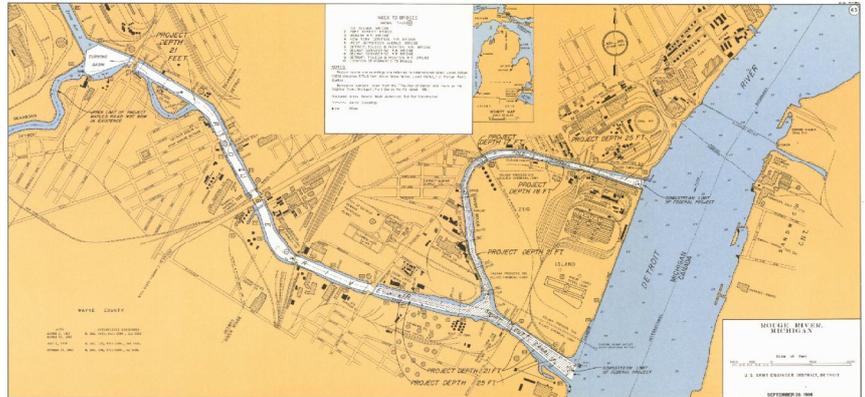
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Rouge River, MI

River Features

- Rouge River originates in Oakland and Washtenaw Counties, MI. The river is 30 miles long, flows southeast through Wayne County, and joins the Detroit River at the westerly limit of the City of Detroit. The navigation channel is located on the lower 2 ½ miles of the river.
- Authorization: River & Harbor Acts of 8 Aug 1917, 30 Aug 1935, 3 Jul 1958, 23 Oct 1962.
- Deep draft commercial harbor.
- Project depths varying from 21 feet in the Cut-off and Main Rouge channel to 18 to 15 feet in the Old Rouge channel.
- Ranking included with Port of Detroit as 42nd leading U.S. port with 11.2M tons of material shipped or received in 2004 on Rouge River alone (16.9M tons overall for port).
- Would rank 6th among the Great Lakes Ports if considered separately from Port of Detroit.
- A total of 4.5 miles of Federal channels and one turning basin.
- Pointe Mouille confined disposal facility is located in Lake Erie and has sufficient capacity for the next 25 years.
- Major stakeholders include U.S. Coast Guard, Lake Carriers' Association, Harridon Terminal, Inc., Michigan Marine Terminal, and Nicholson Terminal & Dock Co., and Severstal North America.



Project Needs

- Rouge River requires maintenance dredging of 50,000 to 60,000 cubic yards on a 2 to 3 year cycle; the harbor was last dredged in 2008.

Consequences of Not Maintaining the Project

- Significant loss of jobs both locally and regionally.
- Light loading associated with inadequate maintenance dredging, increasing vessel transportation costs of between \$2.3M to \$5.0M annually.

Transportation Importance

- Major receiving port on the Great Lakes.
- Commodities include iron ore, petroleum products, coal, slag, cement, and limestone.

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

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Work Package	FY08 Need	FY08 Allocation	FY09 Need	FY09 President's Budget	FY10 Need	FY10 Budget*
Project Condition Surveys	105	100	105	105	107	
CDF Repairs	160	156	160	160		
Maintenance Dredging – Primary Work Package	1,056	156	1,056	1,056		
Maintenance Dredging – Backlog Work Package			126		126	
Watershed Study	500					
TOTALS	1,821	412	1,447	1,321	233	

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

Congressional Interests

- Representative Carolyn C. Kilpatrick D-MI-13
- Senator Carl Levin D-MI
- Senator Debbie Stabenow D-MI