



Sandusky Harbor, OH

Harbor Features

- Located on Lake Erie in the city of Sandusky, Erie County, Ohio.
- Authorization: River & Harbor Acts of 1899, 1902, 1919, 1927, 1935, 1945 and 1960.
- Deep draft commercial harbor.
- Authorized depths vary from 21-26 feet in the Federal Channels.
- 90th leading U.S. port with 3,800,000 tons of material shipped or received in 2006.
- Sandusky Harbor is ranked 21st among the Great Lakes Ports.
- Over 2 miles of breakwater structures.
- The Moseley, Bay, Dock and Straight Federal channels total 5.95 miles in length.
- Major stakeholders include Norfolk Southern, Sandusky Dock Corp., George Gradel Co., Cedar Point Amusement Park and commercial ferries.

Project Needs

- Approximately 240,000 cubic yards (CY) of material must be dredged each year. The harbor was last dredged in 2006 when 115,600 CY of material was removed. Dredging is scheduled for FY08.
- The current sediment backlog within the functional harbor areas is estimated at approximately 688,000 CY.
- FY10 needs include additional maintenance and backlog dredging and repairs to the east jetty.

Consequences of Not Maintaining the Project

- Failure to dredge will result in continued shoaling and reduced channel dimensions; resulting in light loading, increased transportation costs and unsafe navigation conditions.
- Failure to repair the east jetty will result in the continued degradation and eventual failure of the structure, increased future maintenance costs and unsafe navigation conditions within the harbor.



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- The current critical shoal depth within the harbor is approximately 3 feet and this is resulting in estimated additional transportation costs of \$859,588 in 2007.
- Light loading; losses of between 2 and 3 feet of channel depth would result in increased transportation costs of between \$387,000 and \$679,000 annually.
- Significant loss of jobs both locally and regionally.

Transportation Importance

- Major receiving and shipping port on the Great Lakes.
- Coal is the major commodity shipped.
- Bulk commodities that pass through Sandusky Harbor generate approximately \$51,100,000 annually in direct revenue which supports over 514 jobs.
- These jobs generate over \$19,000,000 per year in personal income.

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

Work Package	FY08 Need	FY08 Allocation	FY09 Need	FY09 President's Budget	FY10 Need	FY10 President's Budget*
Project Conditions Survey					65	
Structure Repair – East Jetty (F/P)					300	
Maintenance Dredging – Primary Work Package	1,488	971	2,000		1,975	
Maintenance Dredging – Backlog Work Package			885		725	
TOTALS	1,488	971	2,885	0	3,065	

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

Congressional Interests

- Representative Marcy Kaptur R-OH-9
- Senator George Voinovich R-OH
- Senator Sherrod Brown D-OH