



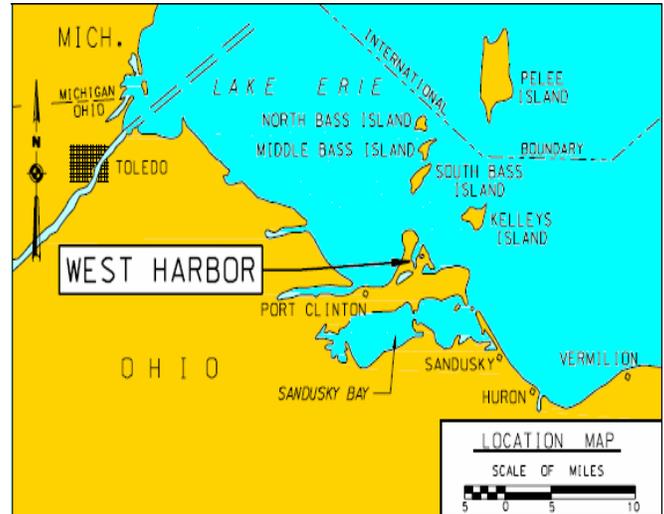
West Harbor, OH

Harbor Features

- Located in the “islands” area of southwestern Lake Erie, eight miles northeast of Port Clinton, OH
- Authorization: River & Harbor Act of 1965.
- Shallow draft recreational harbor.
- Authorized depths are 10 feet in the entrance channel and 8 feet elsewhere.
- The harbor consists of a series of channels totaling approximately 13,000 feet in length.
- The harbor is protected by east and west arrowhead breakwaters with a total length of 2,925 feet.
- Major stakeholders include charter fishing interests and the recreational boating community.

Project Needs

- Semi-annual maintenance needs include project condition surveys and sediment sampling and analysis.
- Maintenance dredging is required very infrequently. The project was last dredged in 2004 when 48,000 cubic yards (CY) of material was removed.
- The current sediment backlog within the functional harbor areas is estimated at approximately 66,000 CY.
- Maintenance dredging is the primary FY10 need.



Consequences of Not Maintaining the Project

- Failure to dredge the sediment backlog within harbor will result in continued shoaling and reduced channel dimensions; resulting in unsafe navigation conditions.
- Potential safety issues for recreational boating community.
- Potential functional loss of Harbor of Refuge.
- Negative economic impacts, locally and regionally.

Transportation Importance

- Harbor of Refuge.
- Supports 5 charter fishing boats generating approximately \$26,635 in net income annually.

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Fiscal Year (FY) 2008, 2009 and 2010
West 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* |
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| Project Conditions Survey | 20 | | | | | |
| Maintenance Dredging – Primary Work Package | | | | | 585 | |
| Maintenance Dredging – Backlog Work Package | | | 500 | | | |
| Sediment Sampling and Analysis | 50 | | | | | |
| TOTALS | 70 | 0 | 500 | 0 | 585 | |

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

Congressional Interests

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