



Portage Lake Harbor, MI

Harbor Features

- Located on the east shore of Lake Michigan, 146 miles northeast of Chicago, IL and 14 miles south of Ludington, MI.
- Authorization: River & Harbor Act of 3 Mar 1879
- Recreational harbor
- Project depth is 18 feet
- Over 2,000 feet of maintained Federal channel, between Lake Michigan and Portage Lake
- More than 4,400 feet of maintained piers and revetments
- Dredged material is placed along the beach as beach nourishment
- Major stakeholders include the City of Onekama, U.S. Coast Guard, Michigan DNR, Michigan Boating Association and a variety of charter and sport fishing interests.

Project Requirements

- Approximately 22,000 cubic yards of material must be dredged on a 3 to 5 year cycle; the harbor was last dredged in 2010 using MI Regional dredging provision funding.
- Maintenance dredging is required in 2013.
- The north and south revetment rehabilitation is not yet complete. Due to cost considerations, the structures may have to be repaired in phases over several years.



Consequences of Not Maintaining the Project

- Loss of jobs locally; the harbor supports approximately 100 jobs.
- Loss of tourism, recreational & charter fishing in the area; the harbor supports 11 charter fishing boats.
- Potential safety issues for recreational boating community

Transportation Importance

- This project serves as an important Harbor of Refuge and supports charter fishing and recreational navigation interests.
- The local community has established a significant infrastructure around the harbor facilities that generates income from harbor users and visitors to the area.
- Supports approximately 230 recreational boat slips

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Fiscal Year (FY) 2011, 2012 and 2013
Portage Lake Harbor, MI - Project Requirements and President's Budget (\$1,000)**

Work Package	FY11 Requirement	FY11 Work Plan	FY12 Requirement	FY12 Appropriation	FY13 Requirement	FY13 President's Budget
Project Condition Surveys					15	
Maintenance Dredging – Primary Work Package					200	
Structural Repair – by Contract	6,000		6,000		6,000	
E&D for Revetment repairs	250		250		250	
TOTALS	6,250	0	6,250	0	6,465	0

Congressional Interests

- Representative Bill Huizenga R-MI-2
- Senator Carl Levin D-MI
- Senator Debbie Stabenow D-MI