



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, private marinas and the recreational boating community

Project Requirements

- 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 86,000 CY
- Maintenance dredging is the primary critical requirement



Consequences of Not Maintaining the Project

- Failure to dredge 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 124 seasonal charter fishing boats generating approximately \$1.9M in annual revenue

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Fiscal Year (FY) 2011, 2012 and 2013
West Harbor, Ohio - 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
Maintenance Dredging - Primary	855		925		925	
TOTALS	855	0	925	0	925	0

Congressional Interests

- Representative Marcy Kaptur D-OH-9
- Senator Rob Portman R-OH
- Senator Sherrod Brown D-OH