



## 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 (Village) of Onekama, U.S. Coast Guard, Michigan DNR, Michigan Boating Association, Portage Lake Harbor Commission 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 Michigan Regional dredging provision funding.
- Maintenance dredging is currently required.
- 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 200 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) 2012, 2013 and 2014  
Portage Lake Harbor, MI - Project Requirements and President's Budget (\$1,000)**

<b>Work Package</b>	<b>FY12 Requirement</b>	<b>FY12 Appropriation</b>	<b>FY13 Requirement</b>	<b>FY13 President's Budget</b>	<b>FY14 Requirement</b>	<b>FY14 President's Budget</b>
Project Condition Surveys			15		15	
Maintenance Dredging – Primary Work Package			200		200	
Structural Repair – by Contract	6,000		6,000		6,000	
Design for Revetment repairs	250		250		250	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>6,250</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6,465</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6,465</b>	<b>0</b>

**Congressional Interests**

- Representative Dan Benishek R-MI-1
- Senator Carl Levin D-MI
- Senator Debbie Stabenow D-MI