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## HARBOR INFRASTRUCTURE INVENTORIES

### Saugatuck Harbor, Michigan



**Harbor Location:** Saugatuck Harbor is Located on the east shore of Lake Michigan about 90 miles northeast of Chicago, IL and 22 miles north of South Haven, MI.

**Authority:** River and Harbor Acts of 3 Jun 1896, 2 Mar 1907, 25 Jun 1910.

**Project Description:** Saugatuck Harbor is a shallow draft recreational harbor with over 4,000 feet of structures including piers and revetments. There is over 2 miles of maintained Federal channel between Lake Michigan and Kalamazoo Lake.

**Traffic:** No commerce reported.

**Transportation Importance:** This project serves as an important Harbor of Refuge and supports charter fishing, commercial cruise vessels, 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.

#### Congressional Interest:

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

**Current Condition Assessment:** **A** (Recently repaired both revetments in 2010)



**Date of Site Visit:** 23 August 2010

**Summary of Impact:** The impact of a failure or a breach to the federal structures could be increased erosion along the banks of the river. The house along the lake front is far enough set back that a failure to the federal structures would not create an immediate concern of instability.

**Examples of Protected Infrastructure:**



**1. Lakefront House:** On the north side of the Saugatuck harbor is a lakefront home that is set off the harbor a few hundred yards.



**Potential Impact Area:** The following graphic displays property parcels that could be impacted within various zones defined by different setbacks from the shoreline behind existing Federal coastal structures. Values are based on real property tax assessments from these parcels, and don't reflect any detailed coastal zone damage assessments. Figures simply reflect property values at various setbacks.

