

PROJECT INFORMATION SHEET

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PROJECT NAME AND LOCATION: Knife River Harbor of Refuge, Knife River, Minnesota,

AUTHORIZATION: Section 104 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1996; Section 107 of the River and Harbor Act of 1960

CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST: Representative (DFL) James L. Oberstar (MN-8)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Knife River Harbor, Knife River, MN project is located in Lake County on the north shore of Lake Superior about 27 miles northeast of the Duluth Harbor entrance. The proposed work consists of the construction of an additional breakwater to correct a design deficiency and to create a harbor of refuge. This harbor would be a part of a system of small craft harbors of refuge at 30 to 40 mile intervals between Duluth and Grand Marais, Minnesota.

SUMMARIZED FINANCIAL DATA:

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Federal</u>	<u>non-Federal</u>
Current Working Estimate	tbd	tbd	tbd
Funds Allocated prior to FY07:	\$143,000	\$143,000	\$0
Funds allocated in FY07	0	0	0
FY08 Budget	0	0	0
Funds that could be used in FY08	0	0	0
Funds required to complete (>FY08)	tbd	tbd	tbd

SCHEDULE MILESTONES:

Project Initiated	FY03
Preliminary Decision Document Approved	
Decision Document Approved	TBD
Design Documentation Completed	
Project Cooperation Agreement Signed	
Construction Contract Awarded	
Construction Completed	
Project Closed-Out	

STATUS: The Knife River Harbor Advisory Board is working in concert with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources to develop a safe harbor plan. The Board has hired an architect/engineer firm to develop preliminary plans for a harbor of refuge. In 1991, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) and the North Shore Management Board selected a string of nine harbors of refuge and completed a recreational boating harbors plan. The Knife River Harbor would be part of this system of small craft harbors of refuge. The harbor was constructed in 1958 however the marina basin is no longer adequate to provide refuge to recreational vessels. The design deficiency study needs to be completed, with funds provided to complete the design and construction, prior to, or simultaneously with, constructing the Harbor of Refuge. Funding would be used to continue the feasibility phase of the Section 107 project.

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