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## Ribbon cutting ceremony planned for Saugatuck Harbor

**Detroit** — The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Detroit District is celebrating the completion of revetment repairs at Saugatuck Harbor in West Michigan with a ribbon cutting ceremony.

Taking place Thursday, April 28 at 9 a.m., the ceremony will be held on the north side of the harbor.

Staff members from Sens. Carl Levin and Debbie Stabenow's offices, Rep. Bill Huizenga, and District Engineer, Lt. Col. Mike Derosier from the Corps of Engineers will be in attendance at this event, which is open to the public.

This project, completed with American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, ARRA, funds was awarded to Great Lakes Dock and Materials of Muskegon, Mich., for almost \$5 million. The contractor completed repairs to both the north and south revetments of the federal channel that connects Lake Michigan to Kalamazoo Lake. Repairs at Saugatuck Harbor consisted of installing approximately two miles of steel sheet pile walls, concrete, scour and splash stone for erosion protection. Additionally, a rubble mound structure was constructed on the east end of the south revetment to reduce erosion caused by wave action in the interior harbor.

The original structure, constructed in the early 1900s, consisted of concrete blocks placed on top of wood pilings. This new repair will protect this harbor far beyond its 50-year life-cycle.

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