



Black River, Port Huron, MI

Project Features

- Flows southeast from Sanilac County into the St. Clair River at Port Huron
- Authorization: River and Harbor Acts of 19 Sep 1890, 13 Jul 1892, 22 Sep 1922, 3 Jul 1930, 30 Aug 1935, 3 Apr 1970
- Deep draft and shallow draft project
- Project depths of 20 feet in the main portion of the channel, 6 and 8 feet in the upper river channels.
- Approximately 12,000 feet of maintained channel
- Dredged material is placed in upland placement sites as needed.
- Major stakeholders include U.S. Coast Guard and Lake Carriers' Association.

Project Requirements

- Periodic maintenance dredging on a five to ten year cycle of approximately 15,000 to 35,000 cubic yards; the river was last dredged in 2003.
- Backlog shoaling is present; and maintenance dredging is currently required within the channel.

Consequences of Not Maintaining the Project

- Significant loss of jobs locally
- Light loading associated with inadequate maintenance dredging, increasing vessel transportation costs.



Transportation Importance

- Locally significant receiving and shipping port on the Great Lakes
- Home port of U.S. Coast Guard's 225 foot long cutter Hollyhock. Hollyhock's primary missions include: Aids-to-Navigation, search and rescue, environmental protection, and ice breaking. The Hollyhock docks at the U.S. Coast Guard Station Port Huron.

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Fiscal Year (FY) 2011, 2012 and 2013
Black River, Port Huron, MI - 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
Project Condition Surveys	90		90		90	
Maintenance Dredging – Primary Work Package	650		650		700	
Maintenance Dredging – Backlog Work Package	1,000		1,000		1,000	
TOTALS	1,740	0	1,740	0	1,790	0

Congressional Interests

- Representative Candice R. Miller R-MI-10
- Senator Carl Levin D-MI
- Senator Debbie Stabenow D-MI