



Grand Traverse Bay Harbor, MI

Harbor Features

- Located on the south shore of Lake Superior at the mouth of the Traverse River on the eastern shore of Keweenaw Bay, about 20 miles northeast of the portage entry to the Keweenaw Waterway.
- Authorization: River & Harbor Act of 1945
- Shallow draft recreational harbor
- Project depth is 12 feet in the entrance channel and 12 feet in the Traverse River.
- Approximately 1,500 feet of maintained federal channel
- Approximately 1,438 feet of piers
- Dredged material is placed along the beach as beach nourishment.
- Major stakeholders include Schoolcraft Township, Native American fishing interests, and local boating interests.

Project Requirements

- Approximately 12,000 to 20,000 cubic yards of material must be dredged on a three to five year cycle; the harbor was last dredged in 2009.
- The harbor currently requires maintenance dredging.
- A solution to the stamp sand infiltration problem must be resolved before the harbor can be dredged again. The Corps along with the EPA and the State of Michigan are evaluating methods to reduce erosion of the stamp sands.



Consequences of Not Maintaining the Project

- Loss of jobs locally
- Loss of recreational and charter fishing in the area

Transportation Importance

- This project serves as an important Harbor of Refuge and supports charter fishing and recreational navigation interests.
- The local community has established infrastructure around the harbor facilities that generates income from harbor users and visitors to the area.

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Fiscal Year (FY) 2015, 2016 and 2017
Grand Traverse Bay Harbor, MI - Project Requirements and President's Budget (\$1,000)**

Work Package	FY15 Requirement	FY15 Appropriation	FY16 Requirement	FY16 Appropriation	FY17 Requirement	FY17 President's Budget
Maintenance Dredging – Primary Work Package	380		380		390	
Critical Breakwater Safety Maintenance			25		25	
TOTAL	380	0	405	0	415	0

Congressional Interests

- Representative Dan Benishek R-MI-1
- Senator Gary Peters D-MI
- Senator Debbie Stabenow D-MI