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Port Austin Harbor, MI

Harbor Features

- Located on Lake Huron at the tip of the thumb of Michigan, about 80 miles northeast of Saginaw, MI
- Authorization: River & Harbor Act of 2 Mar 1945
- Shallow draft recreational harbor
- Project depth for the entrance channel is 12 feet and the harbor basin is 10 feet deep.
- Federal channel does not go further than mouth of Bird Creek.
- More than 2,300 feet of breakwaters
- Dredged material is placed in an upland placement site.
- Major stakeholders include Michigan DNR Marina, 6 private marinas, village of Port Austin Marina, Port Austin Township Marina, Huron County Park & Beach, and various sport fishing interests.

Project Requirements

- Requires infrequent maintenance dredging of approximately 15,000 cubic yards on a 10 to 15 year cycle; the harbor was last dredged in 2010.

Consequences of Not Maintaining the Project

- Loss of jobs locally
- Loss of recreational and charter fishing in the area; harbor supports 12 charter fishing boats.
- Federal breakwaters protect the Michigan DNR Marina, and Huron County's Bird Creek Park and public beach.



- Reduction or loss of handicap access
- Potential safety issues for recreational boating community
- Loss of safe harbor during storm events
- Loss of recreational boating access to Lake Huron

Transportation Importance

- This project serves as an important Harbor of Refuge as well as charter fishing 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.
- Supports 100 recreational boat slips (The State of Michigan installed new dock facilities in 2010)

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Fiscal Year (FY) 2015, 2016 and 2017
Port Austin 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
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0

Congressional Interests

- Representative Candice S. Miller R-MI-10
- Senator Gary Peters D-MI
- Senator Debbie Stabenow D-MI