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## Saugatuck Harbor and Kalamazoo River, MI

### **Harbor Features**

- Located on the east shore of Lake Michigan about 90 miles northeast of Chicago, IL and 22 miles north of South Haven, MI.
- Authorization: River & Harbor Acts of 3 Jun 1896, 2 Mar 1907, 25 Jun 1910
- Recreational harbor
- Project depth is 16 feet in the entrance channel and 14 feet in the Kalamazoo River
- Over 2 miles of maintained federal channel, between Lake Michigan and Kalamazoo Lake
- Nearly 4,000 feet of maintained piers and revetments
- Dredged material is placed along the beach as beach nourishment.
- Major stakeholders include Tower Marine, Corral Cables, The King Co., and Sargent Marina.

### **Project Requirements**

- Approximately 42,000 cubic yards of material must be dredged on a 3 to 4 year cycle; the outer harbor was last dredged in 2013.
- Maintenance dredging was completed in 2013 using Hurricane Sandy Relief Funds to remove shoaling that occurred in the Fall of 2012 due to that storm event.
- The harbor currently requires dredging.



### **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 harbor also serves cruise vessels.
- The local community has established a significant 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  
Saugatuck Harbor, MI - Project Requirements and President's Budget (\$1,000)**

<b>Work Package</b>	<b>FY15 Requirement</b>	<b>FY15 Appropriation</b>	<b>FY16 Requirement</b>	<b>FY16 Appropriation</b>	<b>FY17 Requirement</b>	<b>FY17 President's Budget</b>
Maintenance Dredging – Primary Work Package	370		370		375	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>0</b>

**Congressional Interests**

- Representative Fred Upton R-MI-6
- Senator Gary Peters D-MI
- Senator Debbie Stabenow D-MI