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## Tawas Bay Harbor, MI

### Harbor Features

- Located on the west shore of Lake Huron, about 45 miles northeast of the mouth of the Saginaw River.
- Authorization: River & Harbor Act of 13 Aug 1968
- Shallow draft recreational harbor
- Project depths of 12 feet in the entrance channel, and 10 feet in the inner basin.
- More than 1,750 feet of breakwaters
- Dredged material is typically placed in an upland placement site, which is provided by the State of Michigan as needed.
- Major stakeholders include Michigan DNR, U.S. Coast Guard, and various boating and sport fishing interests.



### Project Requirements

- Requires infrequent maintenance dredging; the harbor has not required maintenance dredging since it was originally constructed in 1978.

### Consequences of Not Maintaining the Project

- Loss of jobs locally
- Loss of recreational opportunities and charter and sport fishing in the area
- Loss of recreational boating access to the Great Lakes
- Loss of safe harbor during storm events
- Potential safety issues for recreational boating community

### Transportation Importance

- This project serves as an important Harbor of Refuge and supports 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.

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Fiscal Year (FY) 2015, 2016 and 2017  
Tawas Bay 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>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Congressional Interests**

- Representative Dan Kildee D-MI-5
- Senator Gary Peters D-MI
- Senator Debbie Stabenow D-MI