



US Army Corps
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Washington Island, WI

Harbor Features

- Located about 2 miles to the northeast of the tip of the Door Peninsula in Wisconsin.
- Authorization: River & Harbor Act of 26 Aug 1937
- Two recreational harbors – Detroit Harbor and Jackson Harbor
- Project depth of Detroit Harbor is 14 feet and Jackson Harbor is 12 feet.
- Approximately 4,000 feet of maintained federal channel
- Major stakeholders include the Washington Island Ferry Line, U.S. Coast Guard, and a variety of charter and sport fishing interests.

Project Requirements

- Requires infrequent maintenance dredging. The harbor was last dredged in 1939.
- Since the channel was originally dredged (1939) the Washington Island Ferry Line has consistently updated and increased the size of its ferries to meet the growing requirements of commerce on the Island. Consequently, the current largest ferries have drafts of 12 feet plus, depending upon loaded cargo. This results in unsafe transits for the ferries during times of low lake levels or adverse weather conditions.
- To satisfy the requirements of the larger ferries, the locals worked with the State of Wisconsin to deepen the federal navigation channel at Detroit Harbor to a depth of 17 feet under a USACE permit. The authorized depth remains 14 feet and will be maintained to 14 feet with any federal O&M funding that is provided. It is believed that the current 12 foot project depth at Jackson Harbor is adequate.
- Limited shoaling has occurred and the projects currently require only minimal dredging to remove a balance of shoaling within the federal channels.



Consequences of Not Maintaining the Project

- Loss of jobs locally
- Loss of recreational and charter fishing in the area
- Loss of only commercial transportation option to the mainland
- Loss of emergency and all essential services to the local community.

Transportation Importance

- Subsistence harbor – This harbor provides all essential services to the town. It is vital to emergency services and schools.
- 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
Washington Island, WI - 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	150					
TOTAL	150	0	0	0	0	0

Congressional Interests

- Representative Reid Ribble R-WI-8
- Senator Ron Johnson R-WI
- Senator Tammy Baldwin D-WI