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Monroe Harbor, MI

Harbor Features

- Located on the lower reach of Raisin River, which empties into Lake Erie and is 36 miles south of Detroit, MI.
- Deep draft commercial harbor.
- Controlling depths – 21 feet in Lake Erie and most of Raisin River, then 9 feet deep for the most upstream 3800 feet of channel.
- 150th leading U.S. port with just under 1M tons of material shipped or received in 2004.
- Ranked 38th among the Great Lakes Harbors.
- Approximately 28,000 feet of maintained Federal channel.
- Sterling State Park Confined Disposal Facility is located just north of the channel.
- The project also provides for rewrapping of protecting dikes in each side of the channel extending lakeward for a distance of 1,200 feet, but has not been constructed, and a turning basin with an area of 22 acres and project depth of 18 feet.
- Major stakeholders include U.S. Coast Guard, Lake Carriers Association, Detroit Edison, Hickman Williams & Co., Holcim, Inc., The King Company, Inc., La-Z-Boy, Inc., The Mickow Corp., MACSTEEL, Michigan Paving and Materials Co, Visteon Corp.

Project Needs

- Dredging of approximately 50,000 to 80,000 cubic yards is completed on a 2 to 3



year cycle. Although maintenance dredging was completed in FY06, significant shoaling remains.

Consequences of Not Maintaining the Project

- Significant loss of jobs both locally and regionally.
- Light loading; loss of between 1 and 2 feet of channel depth results in increased transportation costs of between \$800,000 and \$1,800,000 annually.

Transportation Importance

- Major receiving port on the Great Lakes.
- Commodities include mostly petroleum products and coal.

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Fiscal Year (FY) 2007 and 2008
Monroe Harbor, MI Project Needs and President's Budget**

Work Package	FY07 Need	FY07 Budget	Δ	FY08 Need	FY08 Budget*
Operations	75		75	92	
CDF					
Maintenance Dredging	425		425	458	
Structural Repairs					
Environmental Activities					
TOTALS	500	0	500	550	

* FY08 President's Budget will not be available until February 2007