

Project Factsheet for: Small Boat Harbors

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Project Location Information

Location:Mississippi & Illinois Rivers
River Basin(s): Illinois, Mississippi
State(s): MO, IA, IL
Congressional District(s): IA-2, IA-1, MO-9, IL-17, IL-16

Status

Informational only.

Description

The River and Harbor Act of 1962 authorized the modification of the Mississippi River 9-foot Navigation Project, between the mouth of the Missouri River and Minneapolis, to provide for the construction and maintenance of 14 small boat harbors and for the maintenance of one existing small boat harbor (Quincy Bay). Two are on the Illinois Waterway and thirteen are on the Mississippi River. The projects were constructed for shallow draft recreational vessels, and projects depths range from 5 feet to 9 feet at LOL.

Mississippi River

- Dubuque Harbor (Commercial - 9')
- Savanna Harbor Access Channel (Small boat - 5') *
- Moline Harbor (Small boat - 5') *
- Davenport Harbor (Small boat - 5') *
- Rock Island Harbor (Small boat - 5') *
- Andalusia Harbor (Small boat - 5') *
- Muscatine Harbor (Small boat - 5') *
- Fort Madison Harbor (Small boat - 5')
- Quincy Harbor (Small boat - 5')
- Warsaw Harbor (De-authorized)
- Quincy Bay (Small boat - 5')
- Quincy Bay Access Channel (De-authorized)

* Harbors could be dredged in FY07 if funding provided.

Illinois Waterway

- The Ivy Boat Club (Small boat - 7')
- Muscooten Bay (Small boat - 5')

All small boat harbor projects have a local sponsor, usually a municipality. Assurances between the Corps and local sponsor provide for the Corps to maintain adequate project dimensions, while the local sponsor provides adequate areas and retaining structures for dredged material placement.

Maintenance dredging of small boat harbors is accomplished by contract. Harbors are dredged every 2 to 5 years.

Funds to maintain the harbors are requested in the yearly O & M budget request, however, a specific request is usually not funded due to low priority. Harbor maintenance usually gets funded through congressional intervention.

Major Work Item (This Fiscal Year)

None

Major Work Item (Next Fiscal Year)

President's Budget = \$0

Authority

SI - Special Interest -- River and Harbor Act of 1962

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