

**NATIONAL HISTORIC LIGHTHOUSE PRESERVATION ACT OF 2000  
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY  
PENFIELD REEF LIGHTHOUSE  
OFFSHORE OF  
FAIRFIELD COUNTY, CONNECTICUT**

**MAY 18, 2007**

The light station property described on the attached sheet has been determined to be excess to the needs of the United States Coast Guard. Pursuant to the National Historic Lighthouse Preservation Act of 2000, 16 U.S.C. 470, this property is being made available at no cost to eligible entities defined as Federal Agencies, state and local agencies, non-profit corporations, educational agencies, or community development organizations, for education, park, recreation, cultural, or historic preservation purposes.

In the event no applicant is approved for the conveyance of a historic lightstation pursuant to section 308 of the act, the historic light station shall be offered for sale. (Historic covenants will be included in all deeds)

The site is off-shore and contains no acreage. No submerged lands will be conveyed under the Quitclaim Deed. Lighthouse is accessible by water craft only.

Potential applicants should be advised that the State of Connecticut does not have a submerged lands leasing program or other administrative process for conveying the states interest in submerged lands on which the lighthouse is located, and such conveyance may require an act of the Connecticut General Assembly

Applicants are encouraged to contact the Office of Long Island Sound Programs to discuss their interest in acquiring the light station. David Blatt at 860-424-3034

Any eligible entity with an interest in acquiring the described property for a use consistent with the purposes stated above, should submit a letter of interest to the address listed below by July 18, 2007.

Letters of interest should include:

- Name of property
- Name of eligible entity
- Point of contact, title, address, phone and email
- Non-profit agencies must provide a copy of their state-certified articles of incorporation

Eligible entities that submit a letter of interest will be sent an application and given an opportunity to inspect the property. Building inspectors and/or contractors may accompany the applicant on the site visit. The completed application must be submitted to the Department of Interior within 90 days after the Federal Government site inspection.

The Department of Interior will review applications and select an eligible entity to receive the property. The General Services Administration will complete the conveyance to the selected recipient

For more information on the disposal of lighthouses, please visit our web site at <http://www.cr.nps.gov/maritime/nhlpa/nhlpa.htm>.

**Letters of interest should be sent to:**

Saundra A Robbins  
GSA, Property Disposal Division  
10 Causeway Street, Room 925  
Boston, MA 02222  
(617) 565-5710

**Send a copy of the letter of interest to:**

Karen Senich  
Interim Director and Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer  
The Amos Bull House  
59 South Prospect Street  
Hartford, CT 06106

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| GSA Control No.         | 1-U-CT-0554   |
| Property Identification | Penfield Reef Light<br>The reef is considered treacherous and caution should be utilized when approaching the light   |
| Property Address        | Black Rock Harbor Entrance/Long Island Sound<br>County of Fairfield, State of Connecticut<br>41 degrees 07' 02'' N and 73 degrees 13' 22'' W  |
| Property Description    | Penfield Reef Light, a Second Empire Style light established in 1874, sits in a marine environment and marks a submerged reef located 1.1 miles from the entrance of Black Rock Harbor, offshore of Fairfield Beach and Bridgeport, Connecticut. The fifty-one foot octagonal light structure is attached to a two-story keepers quarters, constructed of granite and timber frames, which is set upon a concrete filled foundation surrounded by riprap rocks. |
| Condition of Property   | The property is offered "AS IS" and "WHERE IS" without representation, warranty, or guarantee as to quality, quantity, title, character, condition, size or kind.   |
| Range of Possible Uses  | Historic Lights and Light Stations may be obtained for education, park, recreation, cultural, or historic preservation purposes.  |
| Commercial Activities   | Commercial activities are prohibited unless approved by the Secretary of the Interior.  |
| Utilities               | None. Solar panels provide electricity along with 10 batteries. Solar panel and batteries are owned by the USCG and are not being offered for use.  |
| Historical Information  | Property is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, reference #89001473 , May 12, 1990 Property must be maintained according to the Secretary of Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation. Historic covenants will be incorporated into the deed.  |
| Aid to Navigation       | The Federal aid to navigation located at the property remains the personal property of the United States. . There is a horn located on the property that may be used as a fog sound signal  |
| Access                  | Access by boat only.  |
| Easements               | The U.S. Coast Guard shall retain an easement for a 230 degree Arc of Visibility and an unrestricted right for ingress and egress to maintain, operate, repair, replace or relocate the Aid to Navigation and any associated equipment.   |

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| Current Tenant              | Any existing lease or license will be terminated on or before conveyance.  |
| Environmental Information   | Due to the age of the structure located on the property and the equipment therein, lead –based paint and asbestos may be present. Per EPA the light is in a Radon Zone Level One. It is recommended that a radon test be performed if the structure is to be occupied similar to a residential property. |
| Inspection                  | Property will be available to qualified applicants for inspection at a later date. Qualified applicants will be notified of the time and date.   |
| Notice Response Due Date    | 60 days from the date listed on the Notice of Availability. DATE July 18, 2007   |
| Submerged Lands/Bottomlands | The light occupies the State of Connecticut’s Public Trust Lands...  |
| Attachments                 | Photos   |

