

**NATIONAL HISTORIC LIGHTHOUSE PRESERVATION ACT OF 2000
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY**

**Prudence Island Light (aka Sandy Point Lighthouse)
Prudence Island, Portsmouth, Newport County, Rhode Island**

July 10, 2020

Prudence Island Light (1823), also known as Sandy Point Lighthouse, located on approximately two acres on the east side of Prudence Island, (the “Property”) has been determined to be excess to the needs of the United States Coast Guard (USCG), Department of Homeland Security. Pursuant to the National Historic Lighthouse Preservation Act of 2000, 16 U.S.C. 470 (NHLPA), 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 educational, park, recreational, cultural or historic preservation purposes.

Pursuant to Section 309 of the NHLPA, the Property will be sold if it is not transferred to a public body or non-profit organization.

The Property is a historic, 28-foot cast iron light tower on Prudence Island, facing the East Passage of Narragansett Bay, one mile off the mainland. Constructed in 1823, it is the oldest lighthouse tower in the state. Originally constructed in Newport, the lighthouse was moved in 1851 to Prudence Island, where it remains today. The lighthouse was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1988. Any eligible entity with an interest in acquiring the Property for a use consistent with the purposes stated above should submit a letter of interest to the address below within 60 (sixty) days from the date of this Notice (July/August 2020).

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 before the end of the 60-day Notice period.

Eligible entities which submit a letter of interest will be sent an application from the United States Department of the Interior, National Park Service (NPS) and given an opportunity to inspect the Property. Building inspectors and/or contractors may accompany the applicant on the inspection. The application is due within 90 days from the date of the site inspection.


The NPS will review all applications submitted and may recommend a steward to receive the Property. If a recommendation is made, the General Services Administration (GSA) will complete the conveyance to the selected steward with a Quitclaim Deed.


Send letters of interest to:

**U.S. General Services Administration
Real Property Utilization & Disposal
10 Causeway Street 11th floor
Boston, MA 02222
kevin.legare@gsa.gov**

**Jeffrey Emidy, Deputy SHPO
RI Historical Preservation
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**National Historic Lighthouse Preservation Act (NHLPA)
Notice of Availability Fact Sheet Date: July/August 2020**

GSA Control No.	1-X-RI-0513
Property Identification	Prudence Island Light (aka “Sandy Point”) Light (1823)
Address	Located on the eastern edge of Prudence Island, Portsmouth RI, overlooking the East Passage of Narragansett Bay Geographic Coordinates: 41.6059° N, 71.3028° W
Description	<p>The Property consists of +/- 2 acres improved with a 28-foot, octagonal granite light tower with a “bird cage” lantern. The 2-story lighthouse was built in 1823 and is the oldest lighthouse in Rhode Island. The lighthouse originally stood off Goat Island in Newport, RI. and was moved in 1851 to its present location, Sandy Point, on Prudence Island.</p> <p>The active aid to navigation is solar powered. There is no fog signal horn.</p> <p>The Property is licensed to the Prudence Island Conservancy. The license terminates in March of 2021.</p> <p>The Property is accessible by boat only (ferry from Bristol or private vessel). It is an active aid to navigation (ATON) operated by the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG).</p> <p>USCG will continue to maintain the ATON after conveyance.</p>
	 <p><i>Photograph courtesy of Lighthouse Friends</i></p>
Condition of Property	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	The Property may be used for educational, park, recreational, cultural, or historic preservation purposes.
Commercial Activities	Commercial activities are prohibited unless approved by the Secretary of the Interior.
Historical Information	It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1998 (NR #88000720) and must be maintained in accordance with the Secretary of Interior’s Standards. Historic covenants will be incorporated into the deed.
Utilities	Procurement of utility service shall be the responsibility of the Steward as of the date of conveyance. Applicants are urged to contact the utility providers for information on availability.
Tenant	Prudence Island Conservancy (USCG license)

Aids to Navigation (ATON)	ATONs will remain the personal property of the USCG.
Easements to be retained by the United States Coast Guard	<p>1) the unrestricted right of the USCG to keep, locate, service, maintain, operate, repair and replace aids to navigation and any and all associated equipment on the Property;</p> <p>2) the unrestricted right of the USCG to relocate or add any aids to navigation and any and all associated equipment or make changes on any portion of the Property as may be necessary for ATON purposes;</p> <p>3) a right of access in favor of the USCG for the purpose of servicing, maintaining, locating, operating, repairing and replacing ATON and any and all associated equipment on the Property. The USCG shall have the right to enter the Property at any time with reasonable notice for the purpose of maintaining the ATON and performing other functions contemplated herein. Access shall be across any portion of the Property as necessary. Upon completion of the servicing of the ATON and any associated equipment, the Property shall at the sole cost of the USCG, subject to the availability of appropriated funds, be left as nearly as reasonably possible in the same condition as before any such work began;</p> <p>4) a reservation to the USCG for the purpose of preserving an Arc of Visibility from the Property to the shoreline within the radial arc of 360 degrees true and the stipulation that nothing will be constructed, maintained or permitted of a height to interfere with or obstruct the Arc of Visibility.</p>
Environmental Information	Due to the age of the structure, asbestos containing materials and lead-based paint may be present on the Property.
Notice Response Due Date	60 days from date of this Notice
Access/Inspection 	<p>The property is not open to the public.</p> <p>An inspection for eligible applicants will be arranged by GSA. Please contact Kevin Legare in Boston (617) 565-5719 or kevin.legare@gsa.gov with any questions.</p>