

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

**Robbins Reef Light Station  
Offshore in Upper New York Bay  
near Bayonne, Hudson County, New Jersey  
June 15, 2009**

The light station property (“the Property”) described on the attached sheet has been determined to be excess to the needs of the United States Coast Guard, 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.

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 60 (sixty) days from the date of this Notice by close of business on Monday, August 3, 2009.

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 which submit a written letter of interest will be sent an application from the United States Department of the Interior 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 Dept. of Interior within 90 days after site inspection. The Dept. of Interior will review applications and may select a steward to receive the Property.

In order to complete the conveyance, the selected steward is required to obtain a lease to occupy the submerged lands from the New Jersey Bureau of Tidelands Management (POC: Ken Ratzman 609-292-2573). The U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) will deed the historic light structure once it receives a copy of the State’s agreement from the new steward.

For more information on lighthouses, see <http://www.nps.gov/history/maritime/nhlpa>.

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

**U.S. General Services Administration Public Buildings Service  
Property Disposal Division  
10 Causeway Street, Room 925  
Boston, MA 02222 Attention: Meta Cushing ([meta.cushing@gsa.gov](mailto:meta.cushing@gsa.gov))**

**A copy of your letter of interest should be sent to:**


**Daniel Saunders, Deputy SHPO  
New Jersey State Historic Preservation Office  
P.O. Box 404  
Trenton, NJ 08625-0404**

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<b>GSA Control No.</b>	1-X-NJ-0668
<b>Property Identification</b>	Robbins Reef Light Station (“the Property”) - offshore
<b>Address</b>	Located near Bayonne, Hudson County, New Jersey, along west side of Main Channel, Upper New York Bay, and found between Staten Island and Statue of Liberty. Approximate location: 40° 65’ 74” N 74° 06’ 56” W
<b>Description</b>	<p>Robbins Reef Light Station (1883), in New Jersey waters, is an offshore, four-story, 45-foot conical tower including keeper’s quarters on two floors; constructed with brick and cast iron on a granite block and riprap foundation; painted white and brown with a black lantern. Built in the “sparkplug style.”</p> <p>The tower is also known as “Kate’s Light,” named for Kate Walker, the keeper from 1886 until 1919, who rowed her children to nearby Staten Island to school.</p> <p>Completely surrounded by the waters of Upper New York Bay, it was automated in 1966 and is an active aid to navigation owned by the U.S. Coast Guard.</p> <p><i>Photo courtesy U.S. Coast Guard</i></p>
<b>Condition of Property</b>	The Property is offered “AS IS” and “WHERE IS” without representation, warranty, or guarantee as to quality, quantity, title, character, condition, size or kind.
<b>Range of Possible Uses</b>	Historic Lights may be obtained for educational, park, recreational, cultural, or historic preservation purposes.
<b>Commercial Activities</b>	Commercial activities are prohibited unless approved by the Secretary of the Interior.
<b>Historical Information</b>	Listed in the National Register of Historic Places, (NR #06000631) and must be maintained according to the Secretary of Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation. Historic covenants will be incorporated into the deed.
<b>Utilities</b>	None
<b>Current Tenant</b>	None
<b>Aid to Navigation (ATON)</b>	ATON will remain the personal property of the USCG. Solar powered, active, automated. There is no sound signal located on the Property.
<b>Rights to be retained by the</b>	1) the right to a 360 degree Arc of Visibility; nothing will be

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<b>United States Coast Guard</b>	constructed, maintained or permitted of a height exceeding 25 feet on a plane emanating from the center of the light; 2) the right for an unrestricted right of access for ingress and egress, to and across the Property to maintain, operate, service, repair, and replace equipment as necessary to support its ATON mission; 3) the unrestricted right to relocate or add any aids to navigation or communications towers and equipment (along with necessary right of egress/ingress), or make any changes on any portion of the Property as may be necessary for navigation/public safety purposes; and the 4) the right for a National Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) data collection device located on the Property.
<b>Environmental Information</b>	Due to the age of the structure, asbestos containing materials (floor tiles) and lead-based paint may be present.
<b>Submerged Lands</b>	Under the NHLPA, no submerged lands can be conveyed with the historic structure; however, the Bureau of Tidelands Management in New Jersey will issue the necessary lease/license or grant to the new steward for occupancy of the submerged lands.  Please contact Ken Ratzman at 609-292-2573 or visit <a href="http://www.nj.state.gov">http://www.nj.state.gov</a> for more information.
<b>Notice Response Due Date</b>	60 days from date of this Notice.
<b>Access/Inspection</b>  <p><b>Robbins Reef (1951)</b></p> <p><i>Photo courtesy of the National Park Service</i></p>	Not open to the public.  Inspection for eligible applicants will be arranged by the U.S. General Services Administration after the 60-day screening period is completed.  A Waiver of Liability must be signed with GSA in advance in of the onsite inspection.  Contact Meta Cushing @ 671-565-5823 in Boston or via email: <a href="mailto:meta.cushing@gsa.gov">meta.cushing@gsa.gov</a>