

**NATIONAL HISTORIC LIGHTHOUSE PRESERVATION ACT OF 2000
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
MAY 7, 2021**

**WATCH HILL LIGHTHOUSE
WESTERLY, RHODE ISLAND**

Watch Hill Lighthouse (“the Property”) described on the attached sheet has been determined to be excess to the needs of the Department of Homeland Security United States Coast Guard (USCG). Pursuant to the National Historic Lighthouse Preservation Act of 2000, 54 U.S.C 35101 (NHLPA), the 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 Act of NHLPA, the Property will be sold if it is not transferred to a public body or non-profit organization.

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 U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) within 60 days from the date of this notice (July 6, 2021).

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 either a copy of their state-certified articles of incorporation or evidence that an application has been filed.


Eligible entities that submit a written 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 completed applications are due within 90 (ninety) days from the date of the site inspection. The NPS will review the applications and may recommend a steward to receive the property. If a recommendation is made, the General Service Administration (GSA) will complete the conveyance to the selected steward with a Quitclaim Deed. For more information on the NHLPA, please see the National Park Service’s website at: <http://www.nps.gov/history/maritime/nhlpa>.

Letters of interest should be directed to:

**U.S. General Services Administration
Real Property Utilization and Disposal Division
10 Causeway Street - 11th Floor
Boston, MA 02222
Attention: Sonia Allon-Singh (sonia.allon-singh@gsa.gov)**

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GSA Control No.	RI-0514-AA
Property Identification	Watch Hill Lighthouse, On-shore in Westerly, Rhode Island.
Property Location	Located in Westerly, RI, on-shore off of Fishers Island Sound Latitude: 41° 18.2'N Longitude: 71° 51.5' W
Property Description	<p>Watch Hill Lighthouse Tower was built in 1855 and is a contributing resource of the Watch Hill Historic District, which is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.</p> <p>The tower height is 45 feet</p> <p>This lighthouse tower is a three-story, square rock-face granite block tower, with a cast-iron and glass lantern on top. It is attached to the keepers dwelling which is a two-story brick dwelling, built in 1935. There is also an oil house built in 1855- 1856, a brick signal house (early 20th century), and a garage/workshop built in 1939.</p> <p>The Property consists of 4.5 acres and is on a peninsula and is accessible from the mainland by Lighthouse Road. It is an active aid to navigation operated by the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG).</p>
	 <p>Photo by Jeremy Dentremont</p>
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	Under the NHLPA, Property may be obtained for educational, park, recreational, cultural, or historic preservation purposes.
Commercial Activities	Commercial activities are prohibited unless approved by the Secretary of the Interior.
Utilities	Procurement of utility services shall be the responsibility of the grantee as of the date of conveyance. Applicants are urged to contact the utility providers for information on availability.
Historical Information	Listed as a contributing factor to the Watch Hill Historic District, a National Register of Historic Places and must be maintained according to the Secretary of Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation. Historic covenants will be incorporated into the deed. The original Fresnel lens has been removed from the Lighthouse Tower, is on display on the ground level at the “Watch Hill Museum” and will remain the property of the U.S. Coast Guard. The selected recipient must maintain the property in accordance with the Secretary of Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation, and with USCG Fresnel guidelines. Historic covenants will be incorporated into the deed. In addition, an application for loan of the Fresnel light must be submitted to the Coast Guard historian.

<p>Aids to Navigation (ATON)</p>	<p>ATON will remain the personal property of the USCG; they are solar-powered, active and automated. The signal light flashes red once every six seconds and visible for six miles in clear weather. There is an active CG-1000 foghorn which can be activated by Mariners needing foghorn assistance via a marine VHF-FM radio. The horn produces an acoustic pressure of 143 decibels at the mouth, and falls off to roughly 126 decibels at 25 feet.</p>
<p>Easements to be retained by the USCG</p>  <p>Photo by Jeremy Dentremon</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 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 navigational purposes 3) A right of access in favor of the USCG for the purpose of ingress and egress, to and across the Property to maintain, operate, service, repair, and replace equipment as necessary to support its ATON mission. 4) A reservation to the USCG for the purposes 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 sufficient to interfere with or obstruct the Arc of Visibility of said light. 5) An easement to the USCG for the purpose of sounding, in certain weather conditions, a fog signal horn
<p>Current Tenant</p>	<p>Watch Hill Lighthouse Keepers Association, lease expires September 30, 2029</p>
<p>Environmental Information</p>	<p>Based on the age of the structure, lead-based paint and asbestos may be present. The property is located in a 100-year floodplain</p>
<p>Inspection</p>	<p>Inspection for eligible applicants will be arranged by the US General Services Administration, Boston after the 60-day Notice has expired.</p>
<p>Notice Response Due Date</p>	<p>60 days from date of NOA</p>