

# NATIONAL HISTORIC LIGHTHOUSE PRESERVATION ACT NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

## Gravelly Shoal Offshore Light Arenac County, Michigan May 15, 2014

The light station 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 (NHLPA), 16 U.S.C. 470, this light station 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.

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

The lighthouse occupies Great Lakes Public Trust bottomlands owned by the State of Michigan. Authorization in the form of a conveyance (Private Use Agreement) is required by the State of Michigan for the occupied bottomlands. For access to and utilization of the light station, the selected steward must obtain the required authorization from the State of Michigan by contacting:

Mr. Thomas P. Graf  
Michigan Department of Environmental Quality  
Water Resources Division  
PO Box 30458  
Lansing, Michigan 48909-7958

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 within 60 days from the date of this Notice.

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 or evidence that an application has been filed.

Eligible entities that submit a letter of interest will be sent an application by the U.S. 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 application will be due within 90 days from the date of the scheduled site inspection. The U.S. Department of the Interior will review applications and may select an eligible entity to receive the property. The U.S. General Services Administration will complete the conveyance to the selected recipient.

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

Letter of interest should be directed to:

Ms. Lisa Tangney  
U.S. General Services Administration  
Real Property Utilization & Disposal Division  
230 South Dearborn Street, Room 3774  
Chicago, Illinois 60604

A copy of the letter of interest should be sent to:

Mr. Brian D. Conway  
State Historic Preservation Officer  
Michigan Historic Center  
702 West Kalamazoo Street, PO Box 30740  
Lansing, Michigan 48918

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## FACT SHEET

### Gravelly Shoal Off Shore Light

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GSA Control No.	1-U-MI-767
Property Identification	Gravelly Shoal Off Shore Light
Property Address	West side of Saginaw Bay, Arenac County, Michigan. No public access. N 44° 01' 12"/ W 83° 32' 18"
Property Description	Constructed in 1939, this 65-foot reinforced concrete and steel tower with white markings is situated on a crib foundation 5 miles offshore from Aux Gres, Michigan on the western side of Saginaw Bay in Lake Huron. The tower shape of the Light is considered to be in the Art Deco style. <i>This lighthouse occupies Great Lakes Public Trust bottomlands owned by the State of Michigan. Authorization in the form of a conveyance (Private Use Agreement) is required by the State of Michigan for the occupied bottomlands.</i>
Condition of Property	The light station 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 used for education, park, recreation, cultural, or historic preservation purposes.
Commercial Activities	Commercial activities are prohibited unless approved by the Secretary of the Interior.
Historical Information	The light station is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. The light station must be maintained according to the Secretary of Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation. Historic covenants will be incorporated into the Quitclaim Deed. No bottomlands will be conveyed under the Quitclaim Deed.
Utilities	Unknown
Tenant	None
Aids to Navigation (ATON)	The ATON will remain the personal property of the United States Coast Guard (USCG). The United States reserves an unrestricted right for ingress and egress to maintain, operate, repair, replace or relocate the Federal aid to navigation and any associated equipment, and an Arc of Visibility for said aid. The ATON on the light station consists of an electrified system, 375 mm.light, 120 volt electric lamp.
Easements to be retained by United States Coast Guard	(1) The unrestricted right of the USCG to keep, locate, service, maintain, operate, repair and replace the ATON and any and all associated equipment, on the light station.

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	<p>(2) The unrestricted right to relocate or add any ATON and any and all associated equipment, or make changes on any portion of the light station as may be necessary for navigational purposes.</p> <p>(3) A right of access in favor of the USCG for the purpose of servicing, maintaining, locating, operating, repairing and replacing navigational aids and any and all associated equipment on the light station. The USCG shall have the right to enter the light station at any time, with reasonable notice, for the purpose of maintaining the ATON and performing the other functions contemplated herein. Access shall be across any portion of the light station as necessary. Upon completion of the servicing, maintaining, operating, replacing of the ATON and any associated equipment, the light station 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 before any such work began.</p> <p>(4) A reservation to the USCG for the purpose of preserving an Arc of Visibility from the light station 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 the light station.</p> <p>(5) An easement to the USCG for the purpose of sounding, in certain weather conditions, a fog signal horn.</p>
Environmental Information	Lead-based paint; asbestos-containing material may be present.
Access/Inspection	The U.S. General Services Administration will provide an opportunity for eligible entities to inspect the light station after the Notice has closed. A completed Waiver of Liability form will be required to inspect the light station.