

# NATIONAL HISTORIC LIGHTHOUSE PRESERVATION ACT NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

## Gray's Reef Light Emmet County, Michigan

May 1, 2013

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 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.

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  
Geological and Land Management Division  
PO Box 30458  
Lansing, Michigan 48909

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

Eligible entities that submit a letter of interest will be sent an application by the National Park Service and given an opportunity to inspect the light station. 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 National Park Service will review applications and may select an eligible entity to receive the light station. The U.S. General Services Administration will deed the light station to the selected steward.

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:

Mr. Richard E. Balsano  
U.S. General Services Administration  
Real Property Utilization and 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  
702 W. Kalamazoo Street  
P.O. Box 30740  
Lansing, Michigan 48909

**FACT SHEET**  
**Gray's Reef Light**

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GSA Control No.	1-X-MI-813
Property Identification	Gray's Reef Light
Property Address	Bliss Township, Lake Michigan, Emmet County, Michigan, N 45° 45' 56.590", W 85° 09' 13.611"
Property Description	Square tower with steel plate construction on a concrete crib. Height is 82-feet. <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 listed in 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 submerged lands 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 a light signal flashing a red light every ten (ten) seconds and a fog signal horn sounding two two (2) second blasts every thirty (30) seconds.

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Easements to be retained by United States Coast Guard	<p>(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.</p> <p>(2) The unrestricted right of the USCG 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	Water access only. 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.