NATIONAL HISTORIC LIGHTHOUSE PRESERVATION ACT OF 2000 General Services Administration Notice of Availability

Oswego Harbor West Pierhead Lighthouse Oswego County, Oswego, New York June 1, 2006

The lighthouse 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, 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 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 General Services Administration (GSA) by **August 1, 2006.**

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 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 site visit.

The completed applications to acquire Oswego West Pierhead Lighthouse are due within 90 days from the date of the GSA's scheduled site inspection for eligible entities. NPS will review applications and recommend the steward to receive the property. The General Services Administration (GSA) will complete the conveyance to the steward.

Letters of interest should be directed to:

U.S. General Services Administration, Public Buildings Service Property Disposal Division 10 Causeway Street, Room 925 Boston, MA 02222 Attention: Meta Cushing

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

New York State Historic Preservation Office Peebles Island Resource Center P.O. Box 189 Waterford, NY 12188-0189 Attention: Ruth Pierpont

Oswego Light is located on a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers breakwater. To utilize the breakwater for access to the property, the selected steward must obtain the required authorization from:

Robert Jameson, Senior Real Estate Specialist Department of the Army, Detroit District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Real Estate Division – Box 1027 Detroit, MI 48231-1027

For information on this program, please visit http://www.cr.nps.gov/maritime/nhlpa/nhlpa.htm.

GSA Control No.	1-U-NY-0836
Property Identification	Oswego West Pierhead Lighthouse
	Oswego County, New York
	Latitude: 43-28-23.735N Longitude: 076-31-01.352W
Address	Visible from the end of West First Street in downtown
	Oswego, the light stands at the end of a 2,000 ft. long
	breakwater at mouth of Oswego River, extending one-half
	mile out onto Lake Ontario.
	Accessible by boat or from land over the abutting
	breakwater, owned by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.
Description	Built in 1934 after the original structure was removed,
-	Oswego Light is constructed of steel and cast iron and is
	painted white with red trim. The focal plane is 57 feet.
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	Light sits on a massive concrete/masonry caisson (approx.
	30 feet square) with a "terrace-like" deck enclosed by steel
	railings; the caisson rises 17 feet above mean lake level
	with walls approx. 3 feet thick.
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	Superstructure has bolted steel plate/iron walls, roof,
I I Janut I	doors, window shutters and has a one-story hipped roof
	living quarters with a three-story tower at the north east
	corner of the caisson.
	The caisson contains a large basement and is penetrated by
	double steel doors at the south where a tender may be
	landed to transfer personnel or supplies and a steel door at
	the west, leading to the breakwater. Recessed ladders are
	found at both elevations for access to the doorways and
	deck above.
	First floor level encloses the living quarters – interior
	includes living room, bedroom, kitchen, hallway and
	bathroom. Finishes include plaster walls, vinyl-asbestos
	floor tiles and varnished wood trim throughout.
	Steel plate chimney rises through the roof at the northwest
	corner of the light. 4 th level has lantern/watch deck and is
	surmounted by conical roof with ball finial.
	The property is offered "AS IS' and "WHERE IS"
Condition	Without representation, warranty, or guarantee as to
	quality, quantity, title, character, condition, size or kind.
	See attached pictures of the interior/architectural details.

Station originally established in 1880. Original 4th order Fresnel lens removed to H. Lee White Maritime Museum in Oswego in 1995. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Must be maintained in accordance with the Secretary of Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation. Historic covenants will be incorporated into the Deed.
None.
NHLPA allows use for educational, park, recreational, cultural, or historic preservation purposes.
Commercial activities are prohibited unless approved by the Secretary of the Interior.
No longer in use.
Active, solar-powered, automated in 1967. Flashing every 5 s, alternating red and white. Fog horn blast every 30 sec. ATON remains the personal property of U.S. Government.
1) 360 degree arc of visibility easement;
2) an easement for an unrestricted right of access in, to
and across the Property to maintain, operate, service,
repair, install equipment as necessary to support its ATON mission; and 3) the unrestricted right to relocate or add
any aids to navigation or communications equipment (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.
Interior walls/ceilings contain asbestos. Peeling lead-
based paint and plaster. Bird guano in interior.
60 days from date of this Notice – August 1, 2006
Not open to the public. Accessible by water or on foot over
the U.S. Army Corps 1.5 breakwater. Inspection for
eligible applicants will be arranged by GSA, Boston.
The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will issue a
Park and Recreation lease to the successful
applicant for use of the abutting breakwater to allow for access from land.
The New York State Office of General Services will
issue a license to the successful applicant for the
submerged lands underneath the lighthouse.
Meta Cushing, 617-565-5823 or meta.cushing@gsa.gov
General Services Administration, Boston, MA 02222



2,000 ft breakwater leads to lighthouse; steel plated chimney on Northwest light corner



View looking down from lantern/watch deck onto "terrace-like" deck and breakwater



Approximately 12' wide, wrap-around, "terrace-like" deck enclosed by steel railings



Varnished hardwood banister highlighting steel stairs leading from basement to living quarters



Architectural detail on the lantern/watch deck



Varnished hardwood trimmed window and hardwood doors, preserved through used of steel shutters on all windows



Architectural detail on the lantern/watch deck