

**NATIONAL HISTORIC LIGHTHOUSE PRESERVATION ACT OF 2000
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY May 15, 2014**

**Stratford Shoal (“Middleground”) Light Station
Offshore in Long Island Sound, Fairfield County, Connecticut**

Stratford Shoal Light Station (“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, 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.

Under Section 309 of the 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 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 either a copy of their state-certified articles of incorporation or evidence of filing an application


Eligible entities which submit a written letter of interest will be sent an application from the 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 application must be submitted to the NPS within 90 days from the date of inspection. The NPS will review applications and may select a steward to receive the Property. The U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) will deed the Property to the new steward.

For more information on the NHLPA, please see the National Park Service’s Maritime Heritage program


Letters of interest should be sent to:
Mr. Kevin Legare
General Services Administration
Office of Real Property Utilization
10 Causeway Street Ste. 1010
Boston, MA 02222

A copy of your letter should be sent to:
Mr. Daniel T. Forrest, SHPO
State Historic Preservation Office
One Constitution Plaza
Hartford, CT 06103

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GSA Control No.	1-X-CT-0556
Property Identification	Stratford Shoal Middle Ground Light Station(1877) (“the Property”) marks a gravel shoal (Stratford Shoal) in the middle of Long Island Sound, midway between the New York and Connecticut coasts (41° 03’ 35" N 73° 06’ 05"W). It is an active navigational aid approximately five nautical miles from Old Field Point Light in New York ; 5.5 nautical miles from Stamford; and 5.28 nautical miles from Stratford Point, CT.
Address	The shoal itself is a little over a mile in diameter and nine feet below mean low water. The Property marks the southwest side of the entrance of the shipping channel known as Main Channel Way. On April 20, 1874 State jurisdiction was ceded to the U.S.A. for less than one acre of ledge on which the Property sits.
Description	<p>It took three years to construct the light station With its Gothic Revival details, the Property resembles Race Rock Light, built around the same time. The construction of the foundation, composed of huge blocks of granite backed by concrete in the “house-with-tower design,” was completed by D.V. Howell.</p> <p>Surrounded by a horseshoe-shaped breakwater of rirap, the Property consists of a grey granite gable-roofed dwelling resting on a circular foundation of granite ashlar with a lantern tower projecting from the south façade. The height of the three-storied octagonal light tower is 35 feet.</p> <p>The dwelling is a square shape with 28 feet on a side. It originally had a kitchen, living room, sitting room, supply room and five bedrooms.</p> <p>There is a concrete landing for access to the Property by boat.</p>
	 <p><i>Photo Jeremy D’Entremont</i></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.
Historical Information	Listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Historic covenants will be incorporated into the deed. NR# 89001477
Utilities	None
Tenant	None
Aids to Navigation (ATON)	ATON will remain the personal property of the USCG; they are solar-powered, active and automated.
Easements to be retained by the USCG	<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

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	<p>to navigation and any and all associated equipment, or make changes on any portion of the Property 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 Property. The USCG shall have the right to enter the Property at any time, with reasonable notice, for the purpose of maintaining the navigational aids and performing the other functions contemplated herein. Access shall be across any portion of the Property as necessary. Upon completion of the servicing, maintaining, operating, replacing of navigational aids and any associated equipment, the Property 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 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 the Property.</p> <p>5) An easement to the USCG for the purpose of sounding, in certain weather conditions, a fog signal horn.</p>
Environmental Information	Due to the age of the structure, asbestos containing building materials and lead-based paint may be present.
Notice Response Due Date	60 days from date of this Notice.
<p>Access/Inspection</p> 	<p>Inspection for eligible applicants will be arranged by GSA after the 60-day screening period is completed. A Waiver of Liability must be signed with GSA in advance of the inspection.</p> <p>Please contact Kevin Legare in Boston at (617)565-5719 or Kevin.legare@gsa.gov for more information.</p>