

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

NATIONAL HISTORIC LIGHTHOUSE PRESERVATION ACT OF 2000

Gay Head (Aquinnah) Light Station Duke's County, Martha's Vineyard

**Aquinnah, Massachusetts
August 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, Department of Homeland Security. Pursuant to the National Historic Lighthouse Preservation Act of 2000, 16 U.S.C. 470 (NHLPA), this historic 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 of the NHLPA, the light station will be sold if it is not transferred to a public body or non-profit organization.

Gay Head Light (1856) (the Property) stands atop a 130-foot clay cliff at the western end of Martha's Vineyard, Vineyard Sound on approximately one acre. The light was added to the National Register of Historic Places on June 15, 1987.

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 (sixty) 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 to GSA before the end of the 60-day Notice period.

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 application is due within 90 days from the date of the Federal government's scheduled site inspection. The NPS will review the applications and may recommend a steward to receive the property. The General Services Administration (GSA) will complete the conveyance to the selected steward with a Quitclaim Deed.

Letters of interest should be sent to:


**U.S. General Services Administration
Office of Real Property Utilization
John E. Kelly, Director
10 Causeway Street, Room 1010
Boston, MA 02222**


With copies to:

**Massachusetts Historical Commission
Ms. Brona Simon, SHPO/Executive Director
220 Morrissey Blvd.
Boston, MA 02125**

**Ms. Bettina Washington, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer
Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah)
20 Black Brook Road
Aquinnah, MA 02535-1546**

**National Historic Lighthouse Preservation Act (NHLPA)
Notice of Availability Fact Sheet Date: August 1, 2013**

GSA Control No.	1-X-MA-0877
Property Identification	Gay Head (Aquinnah) Light Station (“the Property”)
Address	<p>Located at the western tip of Martha’s Vineyard in Duke’s County, Lighthouse Road, Aquinnah, MA 02535.</p> <p>Coordinates: 41° 20 ’54.4” N 70° 50’ 5.8” W</p>
Description  <p><i>Photo courtesy of U.S. Lighthouse Society</i></p>	<p>Established in 1799, the present lighthouse was built in 1856. It is a conical, red 51-foot tower with a black lantern, constructed in brick and sandstone. Height of focal plane is 170 feet.</p> <p>The Property is located on approximately one acre overlooking protected clay cliffs and Devil’s Bridge. The name of the Town of Gay Head was changed in 1998 to Aquinnah (which means “end of the island”) to reflect the heritage of the Wampanoag Indian residents. “Gay Head” refers to the varied coloring of the clay cliffs on the headland.</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	The Property may be used 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 (NR #87001464), the Property must be maintained according to the Secretary of Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation. Historic covenants will be incorporated into the deed.
Utilities	None
Current Tenant	Martha’s Vineyard Museum. Any existing lease or license will be terminated before conveyance.
Aid to Navigation (ATON)	Current lens is DCD-224. Alternating red and white flashes every 15 seconds. There is no fog signal horn.
Easements to be retained by the United States Coast Guard	<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

	<p>aids to navigation and any and all associated equipment or make changes on any portion of the Property as may be necessary for ATON purposes;</p> <p>3) a right of access in favor of the USCG for the purpose of servicing, maintaining, locating, operating, repairing and replacing ATON 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 ATON and performing other functions contemplated herein. Access shall be across any portion of the Property as necessary. Upon completion of the servicing of the ATON 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 as before any such work began;</p> <p>4) a reservation to the USCG for the purpose 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 to interfere with or obstruct the Arc of Visibility.</p>
<p>Environmental Information</p>	<p>Due to the age of the structure, asbestos containing materials and lead-based paint may be present on the Property. The USCG is currently conducting an Environmental Analysis at the site. Information will be made available to potential stewards when the study is completed.</p>
<p>Notice Response Due Date</p>	<p>60 days from date of this Notice – October 1, 2013</p>
<p>Access/Inspection</p> 	<p>An inspection for eligible applicants will be arranged by the U.S. General Services Administration after the 60-day screening period is closed. A Waiver of Liability must be signed in advance. Contact Meta Cushing at GSA in Boston (617)565-5823 with questions.</p>