

**NATIONAL HISTORIC LIGHTHOUSE PRESERVATION ACT OF 2000
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY**

The Graves Light Station

**At the outer entrance of Boston Harbor, east of Boston and Winthrop and north of
Hull in Massachusetts Bay.**

May 16, 2012

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 (NHLPA) 16 U.S.C. 470, 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 property will be sold if it is not transferred to a public body or non-profit organization.

The Graves Light (1905) is located on a partially submerged island known as Graves Island, which is identified as the outermost island of the Boston Harbor Islands National Resource Area. The light was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 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 which is July 16, 2012.

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 completed application must be submitted to the NPS 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 will complete the conveyance to the selected steward with a Quitclaim Deed.

**Letters of interest should be sent to:
U.S. General Services Administration
Real Property Utilization and Disposal
10 Causeway Street
Boston, MA 02222
Attention: Barbara Salfity**

**Send a copy to:
Ms. Brona Simon
State Historic Preservation Officer
Massachusetts Historical Commission
220 Morrissey Boulevard
Boston, MA 02125-3314**

**National Historic Lighthouse Preservation Act (NHLPA)
Notice of Availability Fact Sheet Date: May 16, 2012**

GSA Control No.	1-X-MA-0887
Property Identification	The Graves Light Station (“the Property”)
Address	At the entrance of the Broad Sound Channel, a major shipping channel into Boston Harbor, on the outermost island of the Boston Harbor Islands National Resource Area, east of Boston and Winthrop and north of Hull in Massachusetts Bay. Coordinates: 42°21' 54"N / 70°52' 8"W
Description	<p>The property includes the island, the conical lighthouse structure and the oil house. The Graves Light (1905) is a 113' five story, granite block, cylindrical tower constructed of granite quarried from Rockport, Cape Ann and transported to Graves Island. The granite foundation is bolted three feet deep into the ledge and houses a water cistern and a fuel storage tank. The first story of the tower is the landing and storage space, on the second story is an engine room, the third story housed the kitchen and the keeper’s bedrooms were on the fourth and fifth levels. Two of the floors and all of the walls are finished with enameled brick.</p> <p>The entrance to the lighthouse is at the top of a 40 foot ladder and access to the island is challenging due to rip rap protecting the tower.</p> <p>The Property is subject to tidal and storm flooding.</p>
	 <p>Photo Credit Jeremy D’Entremont</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	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 in 1987 (NR #87002041), 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 The light was previously powered by a private electrical cable from shore until converted to solar power in 2001.
Current Tenant	None

Aid to Navigation (ATON)	<p>ATON will remain the personal property of the USCG. Solar powered in 2001. The present optic is a VRB-25 which flashes two white every twelve seconds. An electronic fog signal horn sounds twice every 20 seconds as needed.</p>
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 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; 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; 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; 5) An easement to the USCG for the purpose of sounding in certain weather conditions a fog signal horn.
Environmental Information	<p>Due to the age of the structure, asbestos containing materials and lead-based paint may be present on the Property. Two aging switches may contain PCB's.</p>
Notice Response Due Date	<p>60 days from date of this Notice which is July 16,2012.</p>
Access/Inspection	<p>Not open to the public. 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 with GSA in advance in of the onsite inspection. Contact Barbara Salfity 617-565-5696 in Boston or via email: Barbara.salfity@gsa.gov</p>

