

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

**HOOPER ISLAND LIGHT STATION
CHESAPEAKE BAY, DORCHESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND
February 15, 2017**

The Federal government is searching for a possible new steward to assume ownership of the lighthouse. The current steward is amenable to voluntary reversion or re-conveyance of the property. Pursuant to the National Historic Lighthouse Preservation Act of 2000, 54 USC Ch. 3051 (NHLPA), this property may be 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.**

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 by March 17, 2017.

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


After the close of this Notice of Availability, eligible entities that submit a letter of interest will be sent an application by the Department of 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 NPS within 90 days after receipt. The NPS will review applications and select an eligible entity to receive the property. The General Services Administration will complete the conveyance to the selected recipient.

Letters of interest should be sent to:

**U.S. General Services Administration
Real Property Utilization and Disposal
77 Forsyth St SW, Suite 130
Atlanta, GA 30303
Attn: Tod J. Taylor**

With a copy to:

**Elizabeth Hughes, Director
Maryland Historical Trust
100 Community Place, 3rd Floor
Crownsville, Maryland 21032-2023**

GSA Control No.	4-U-MD-0613-AB
Property Identification	Hooper Island Light Station
Property Address	Chesapeake Bay, Dorchester County, Maryland. Coordinates: 38° 15' 21.6396" N, 76° 14' 58.5024" W
Property Description	 <p>A 20' X 20' octagonal brick structure plus tower and lantern located atop a 35-foot cylindrical caisson. Disposal includes only the improvement.</p>
Condition of Property	Good condition with no major structural deficiencies. 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	Historic lighthouses 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.
Utilities	No public utilities are available.
Historical Information	Property is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and must be maintained according to the Secretary of Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation. Historic covenants will be incorporated into the deed.
Aid to Navigation	Aid to navigation status: Active. The Federal aid to navigation located at the property remains the personal property of the United States. The United States reserves an unrestricted right for ingress and egress to maintain, operate, repair, replace, or relocate the aid to navigation and any associated equipment, and an arc of visibility for said aid.
Easements/Permits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subject to any easements, licenses, restrictions and/or encumbrances in the public records of Dorchester County, MD.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subject to all reservations, restrictions, rights, covenants, servitudes, licenses, and easement recorded or unrecorded, for navigation, occupancy, access and utilities, if any. • Subject to Federal and State control and requirements for submerged lands and improvements thereon. • The lighthouse is located in the northeast corner of the surface danger zone of the Chesapeake Bay aerial and surface firing range and is therefore subject to Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) attached as Exhibit C. A new steward will be required to execute a similar MOA.
Current Tenant	None
Environmental Information	Due to the age of the structure, lead-based paint and asbestos may be present.
Notice Response Due Date	March 17, 2017
Inspection Date	To be announced after the close of the NOA period
Attachments	Photo , location map, MOA