

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

**New London Ledge Light Station**

**New London County, Groton, Connecticut  
May 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 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.

New London Ledge Light Station (1909) is located on the east side of the main channel at the entrance to New London Harbor in Groton, Connecticut 06340. The light was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1990.

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 (July 1, 2013). 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 which submit a written letter of interest will be sent an application from the U.S. 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. The selected steward must obtain a lease to occupy the submerged lands from the State of Connecticut.

**Letters of interest should be sent to:  
U.S. General Services Administration  
Office of Real Property Utilization  
10 Causeway Street  
Boston, MA 02222  
Attention: Meta Cushing**

**with a copy to:  
Daniel T. Forrest, Deputy SHPO  
State Historic Preservation Office  
Dept. of Economic/Community Development  
One Constitution Plaza, second floor  
Hartford, CT 06103 Att: Susan R. Chandler**

For information on the NHLPA process, see [www.nps.gov/history/maritime](http://www.nps.gov/history/maritime).

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Notice of Availability Fact Sheet Date: May 1, 2013**

<b>GSA Control No.</b>	1-X-CT-0552
<b>Property Identification</b>	New London Ledge Light Station (1909) (“the Property”)
<b>Address</b>	Coordinates: 41° 18 '18" N 72° 04' 42" W, located in the Long Island Sound at the east side of New London Harbor on Thames River. Marks two shipping hazards: a sharp ledge of rock and the 200-foot long shoal on which it rests. One-fourth mile west of Black Ledge. The nearest town is Groton, CT 06340. The Property is accessible only by boat.
	<p>The Property consists of a square concrete foundation and pier surmounted by a cube-like brick dwelling with mansard roof, cylindrical lantern and octagonal watch room. It is a rare example of an off-shore light which is not of pre-fabricated cast iron construction and incorporates Colonial Revival and French Second Empire styles.</p> <p>It is 58 feet tall with three stories and 11 rooms in granite and brick design; (four rooms on the first and second and three on the third floor) with integral keeper’s quarters. Blocks of smooth-faced granite are used for trim as quoins, door lintels, window sills, steps, cornices with small paned rectangular windows and pedimented dormers. The more imposing of two doorways is located on the southeast façade facing the Sound.</p> <p>The square concrete base, 52 x 52 feet, rises 18 feet above low water. A riprap deposit, 82 feet square and 10 feet deep, forms a bulwark around the foundation.</p>
<i>Photo courtesy of U.S. Lighthouse Society</i>	
<b>Condition of Property</b>	The Property is offered “AS IS” and “WHERE IS” without representation, warranty, or guarantee as to quality, quantity, title, character, condition, size or kind.
<b>Range of Possible Uses</b>	The Property must be used for educational, park, recreational, cultural, or historic preservation purposes.
<b>Commercial Activities</b>	Commercial activities are prohibited unless approved by the Secretary of the Interior.
<b>Historical Information</b>	Listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1988 (NR # 89001471), the Property must be maintained according to the Secretary of Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation. The deed will include historic preservation covenants.
<b>Utilities</b>	None
<b>Current Tenant</b>	New London Ledge Lighthouse Foundation, a chapter of the American Lighthouse Foundation. All existing leases or licenses will be terminated before conveyance.
<b>Aid to Navigation (ATON)</b>	The ATON will remain the personal property of the USCG.

	Automated in 1987 and solar-powered, the Property beacon flashes three white and one red every 30 seconds. The sound signal is mounted on top of the pier on the southwest side.
<b>Rights to be retained by the United States Coast Guard</b>	<p>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;</p> <p>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;</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>5) an easement to the USCG for the purpose of sounding in certain weather conditions a fog signal horn.</p>
<b>Environmental Information</b>	Due to the age of the structure, asbestos containing materials and lead-based paint may be present on the Property.
<b>Submerged Lands</b>	Under the NHLPA, no submerged lands can be conveyed with the historic structure. A lease from the State of Connecticut will be required to allow the new steward to occupy the ledge on which the Property sits.
<b>Notice Response Due Date</b>	60 days from date of this Notice – July 1, 2013
<b>Access/Inspection</b>	Not open to the public. An inspection for eligible applicants will be arranged by GSA after the 60-day screening period is closed. A Waiver of Liability must be signed with GSA. Contact <a href="mailto:meta.cushing@gsa.gov">meta.cushing@gsa.gov</a> or (617)565-5823.