



GSA New England Region

**NATIONAL HISTORIC LIGHTHOUSE PRESERVATION ACT OF 2000
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
SAYBROOK BREAKWATER LIGHT
MIDDLESEX COUNTY
OLD SAYBROOK, CT
6/27/2008**

The light station property above has been determined to be excess to the needs of the United States Coast Guard. Pursuant to the National Historic Lighthouse Preservation Act of 2000, 16 U.S.C. 470, 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 education, park, recreation, cultural, or historic preservation purposes.

In the event no applicant is approved for the conveyance of a historic light station, and pursuant to Section 308 of the Act, the historic light station shall be offered for sale. (Historic covenants will be included in the conveyance document)

The light station rests on submerged bottomlands owned by the State of Connecticut and contains no acreage. No submerged lands will be conveyed with the Quitclaim Deed. The light station is accessible by water craft only.

The state of Connecticut has no process to convey an interest in public trust submerged lands except through an act of the legislature. Therefore, any applicants that are not governmental entities are strongly encouraged to partner with a state or federal agency or municipality in order to facilitate any necessary legislative action.

Applicants are encouraged to contact the Office of Long Island Sound Programs (David Blatt at 860-424-3034) to discuss any title or bottomland issues associated with acquiring the light station. Any eligible entity with an interest in acquiring the light station for a use consistent with the purposes stated above, should submit a letter of interest to the address listed below by **August 27, 2008**.

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

Eligible entities that submit a letter of interest will be sent an application and given an opportunity to inspect the light station. Building inspectors and/or contractors may accompany the applicant on the site visit. The completed application must be submitted to the Department of Interior within 90 days after receipt. The Department of Interior will review applications and select an eligible entity to receive the light station. The General Services Administration will complete the conveyance to the selected recipient.

For more information on the disposal of lighthouses, please visit our web site at:
<http://www.cr.nps.gov/maritime/nhlpa/nhlpa.htm>.

Letters of interest should be directed to:

Kevin Legare
Property Disposal
Thomas P. O'Neill Federal Building
10 Causeway Street, Room 925
Boston, MA 02222
617.565.5719

A copy of the letter of interest should be sent to:
Ms. Jennifer Aniskovich, Executive Director
Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism (CT SHPO)
755 Main Street
One Financial Plaza
Hartford, CT 06103
Phone: 860-566-4770



Saybrook Breakwater Light was one of the first of a number of cylindrical cast-iron lighthouses built between 1880 and 1920. The 49-foot tower is supported by a cast-iron concrete-filled caisson, a water tight chamber used in underwater construction work. The caisson was assembled on land nearby, taken by barge to the site and sunk into 17 feet of water. At the time, this method of construction was considered very common and cost effective.

GSA Control No.	1-U-CT-0555
Property Identification	Saybrook Breakwater Light
Address	Middlesex County, Connecticut Latitude: 41.2633 Longitude: -72.3428
Description	48 foot high tower (1886), cast iron and brick “sparkplug” type lighthouse. The lighthouse has a basement, four main floors, a watch room and a lantern room. The lighthouse has a 15-foot radius, with a total area of 500+/- sq ft. Foundation Materials: CAST IRON/CONCRETE CAISSON Construction Materials: CAST IRON/BRICK LINING The light, automated in 1959, is located on the west jetty at the entrance to Old Saybrook Harbor, marking the mouth of the Connecticut River. Its image is displayed on specialty license plates offered by the State.
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	Historic Lights 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 (Ref#89001474). Must be maintained in accordance with the Secretary of Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation. Historic covenants will be incorporated into the Deed.
Utilities	Electrical equipment for U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) exclusive use. Navigational aid solar powered. No facilities or running water.
Current Tenant	N/A

Aid to Navigation (ATON)	ATON will remain the personal property of USCG. Active present optic, flashing green light every 6 seconds; foghorn sounds one blast every 30 seconds in low visibility
Easements – to be retained by USCG Easements – to be retained by USCG (continued)	1) a 198 degree Arc of Visibility easement; nothing will be constructed, maintained or permitted of a height exceeding 25 feet on a plane emanating from the center of the light; 2) an easement for an unrestricted right of access for ingress and egress, to and across the Property to maintain, operate, service, repair, and replace equipment as necessary to support its ATON mission; and 3) the unrestricted right to relocate or add any aids to navigation or communications towers and equipment (along with necessary right of egress/ingress), or make any changes on any portion of the Property as may be necessary for navigation/public safety purposes.
Environmental Information	1) Located within 100-year floodplain; may be subject to flooding by tidal surges; and 2) Due to the age of the structure, asbestos (floor tiles) and lead-based paint may be present.
Notice Response Due Date	60 days from date of this Notice
Access/Inspection	Light station is not open to the public. Accessible by boat only. Landing will be on a ladder fixed to the base of the light and extreme caution should be used. Water access to light station by USCG is done at high tide only. Inspection for eligible applicants will be arranged by US General Services Administration, Boston.
Contact	Kevin Legare: 617.565.5719 or kevin.legare@gsa.gov