

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

**Bridgeport Breakwater (aka Tongue Point or Bug) Light
Bridgeport, Fairfield County, Connecticut
July 31, 2019**

Bridgeport Breakwater (1896) (Tongue Point) Light (the "Property") described on the attached fact sheet has been determined to be excess to the needs of the United States Coast Guard (USCG), 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.

The Property is an historic, 31-foot cast iron light tower located at the west entrance to Bridgeport Harbor in Bridgeport, Fairfield County, Connecticut. It is accessible by water only; and was listed on the National Register of Historic Places on May 29, 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 below within 60 (sixty) days from the date of this Notice (July 31, 2019).

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 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 site inspection.


The NPS will review any 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. **Send your letter of interest to: Meta Cushing, U.S. General Services Administration Office of Real Property Utilization & Disposal 1PZB, 10 Causeway Street 11th floor, Boston, MA 02222 meta.cushing@gsa.gov**

With a copy to:

**Catherine Labadia, Deputy SHPO for CT
State Historic Preservation Office
Dept. of Economic/Community Development
450 Columbus Blvd. Suite 5
Hartford, CT 06103**

**National Historic Lighthouse Preservation Act (NHLPA)
Notice of Availability Fact Sheet Date: July 31, 2019**

GSA Control No.	I-X-CT-0558
Property Identification	Bridgeport Breakwater (aka "Tongue Point" or "Bug") Light (1894)
Address	Marks the eastern end of a point of land, Tongue or Wells' Point, which extends into Bridgeport Harbor from the western shore in Bridgeport, CT 06604 Geographic Coordinates: 41° 10' 00" N 73° 10' 39" W
Description	 <p>The Property (1894) is a 31-foot, conical frustum cast iron tower with a balcony, octagonal lantern, and peaked roof on a reinforced concrete foundation 10 feet in height and 21 feet square at the base. The foundation is surrounded by riprap. Markings are a black tower and lantern.</p> <p>The light originally stood about 500 feet offshore on a breakwater constructed in 1891. In 1919 after the shipping channel was widened, the breakwater was demolished as a hazard for ships navigating in to Bridgeport Harbor.</p> <p>The light was then moved to its present location inland on the grounds of the Bridgeport Harbor Generating Station. Access to the light is by water only and is not open to the public.</p> <p>GSA will arrange an inspection for any interested and eligible groups at the close of the 60-day screening period.</p> <p>The Property is an active aid to navigation (ATON) maintained by the USCG. USCG will continue to maintain the ATON after conveyance of the structure to a new steward, if one is recommended by the Secretary of the Interior, National Park Service (NPS) through its NHLPA application process.</p>
	<i>Photograph courtesy unc.edu</i>
Condition of Property	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 in 1990 (NR #89001478), the light must be maintained according to the Secretary of Interior's Standards. Historic covenants will be incorporated into the deed.
Utilities	None

Current Tenant	None
Aids to Navigation (ATON)	ATONs will remain the personal property of the USCG.
Easements to be retained by the United States Coast Guard	<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>
Environmental Information	<p>Due to the age of the structure, asbestos containing materials and lead-based paint may be present on the Property.</p> <p><i>Note: In accordance with the provisions of the NHLPA, no submerged land can be conveyed with this Property. The steward is required to obtain a lease/license for legal occupancy of submerged land from the Connecticut Department of Energy and the Environmental Protection (CT DEEP). Contact Graham Stevens at DEEP (860)424-3000 for details about the State's lease.</i></p>
Notice Response Due Date	60 days from date of this Notice
Access/Inspection 	<p>Not open to the public</p> <p>An inspection for eligible applicants will be arranged by GSA. Please contact Meta Cushing in Boston (617) 565- 5823 meta.cushing@gsa.gov with any questions.</p>