

NATIONAL HISTORIC LIGHTHOUSE PRESERVATION ACT OF 2000

Notice of Availability

West Bank Light, offshore in Ambrose Channel/Lower New York Bay

Richmond County, New York

May 29, 2007

The lighthouse 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 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.

In the event that no applicant is approved for the conveyance of an historic light station, pursuant to Section 308 of the Act, the light shall be offered for public sale. Historic covenants will be included in the Deed.

West Bank Light is located offshore on a manmade island. No submerged lands can be conveyed under the NHLPA; however, applicants are encouraged to contact Allan Bauder of the New York State Office of General Services (contact information on attached Fact Sheet) to acquire an easement to use and occupy the underwater land.

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 General Services Administration (GSA) by July 29, 2007.

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 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 applications are due within 90 (ninety) days from the date of the site inspection.

The Department of the Interior will review the applications and may recommend a steward to receive the property. GSA will complete the conveyance to the selected steward by Quitclaim Deed.

Letters of interest should be directed to:

**U.S. General Services Administration
Public Buildings Service
Property Disposal Division
10 Causeway Street, Room 925
Boston, MA 02222 Attention: Meta Cushing**

A copy of the letter of interest should be sent to:

**Ruth Pierpont, Director of Field Services
New York State Parks Recreation and Historic Preservation
Peebles Island – PO Box 189
Waterford, NY 12188-0189**

For information on the National Historic Lighthouse Preservation Act program, please visit <http://www.cr.nps.gov/maritime/nhlpa/nhlpa.htm>.



West Bank Light, Richmond County, NY

Photo courtesy of U.S. Coast Guard

**National Historic Lighthouse Preservation Act
FACT SHEET
West Bank (Range Front) Light, Richmond County, New York**

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GSA Control No.	1-X-NY-0910
Property Identification	West Bank (Range Front) Light - offshore
Property Address	Ambrose Channel/Lower New York Bay, offshore 3.3 miles East of New Dorp Beach, Staten Island , Richmond County NY 10306
Property Description	55 ft. tower (1901) off the southerly end of West Bank, NY on 0.10 acre submerged land, cast iron conical “spark plug” style light sits on a concrete/cast iron caisson. Two floors, five stories high keeper’s dwelling, approx. 1500 SF. Markings: brown on black base. Riprap breakwater extends westward approx. 40 feet to provide mooring space, landing platform. Can be seen from South Beach, Staten Island & from Coney Island boardwalk; accessible by boat only.
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 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	None.
Historical Information	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 Quitclaim Deed; however, no submerged land will be conveyed under the Quitclaim Deed. Applicants should contact Alan Bauder @518-473-1288; alan.bauder@ogs.state.ny.us (NY Office of General Services) for easement to use/occupy underwater land.
Aid to Navigation (ATON)	Active, solar-powered ATON which remains the personal property of the United States Government. Fog signal horn.
Easements	U.S. Coast Guard shall retain an easement for an Arc of Visibility and an unrestricted right of access in, to and across the property to maintain, operate, service, repair and install equipment as necessary to support its aid to navigation mission. Additionally, the USCG shall retain the unrestricted right to relocate or add any aids to navigation, or communications towers and equipment (along with necessary right of ingress/egress), or make any changes on any portion of the property as may be necessary for navigation/public safety purposes.
Current Tenant	None
Environmental Information	Subject to flooding by tidal surges. Based on age of the structure, lead-based paint and asbestos-containing material may be present.
Notice Resposne Due Date	July 29, 2007
GSA Site Inspection	For eligible entities only at close of screening period. POC: Meta Cushing 617-565-5823 or meta.cushing@gsa.gov