

**NATIONAL HISTORIC LIGHTHOUSE PRESERVATION ACT OF 2000  
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY  
JULY 2, 2010**

**Great Beds Light  
Offshore in Raritan Bay  
Middlesex County, New Jersey**

Great Beds Light (“the Property”) described on the attached sheet has been determined to be excess to the needs of the Department of Homeland Security United States Coast Guard (USCG). 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.

Under Section 309 of the NHLPA, the Property will be sold if it is not transferred to a public body or non-profit organization.

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 60 days from the date of this Notice.

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 which submit a written letter of interest will be sent an application from the 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 site visit. The completed application must be submitted to the NPS within 90 days from the date of inspection. The NPS will review applications and may select a steward to receive the Property. In order to complete the conveyance, the selected steward is required to obtain a lease to occupy the submerged lands from the New Jersey Bureau of Tidelands Management (POC: Ken Ratzman 609-292-2573). The U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) will deed the Property once it receives a copy of the State’s agreement from the new steward.

For more information on the NHLPA, please see the National park Service’s Maritime Heritage program website at <http://www.nps.gov/history/maritime/nhlpa>.

**Letters of interest should be sent to:**

**General Services Administration  
Office of Real Property Utilization and Disposal  
10 Causeway Street Room 925  
Boston, MA 02222 Attention: Meta Cushing ([meta.cushing@gsa.gov](mailto:meta.cushing@gsa.gov))**

**A copy of your letter of interest should be sent to:**

**Daniel Saunders, Deputy SHPO  
New Jersey State Historic Preservation Office  
P.O. Box 404  
Trenton, NJ 08625-0404**

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<b>GSA Control No.</b>	1-X-NJ-0669
<b>Property Identification</b>	Great Beds Lighthouse (“the Property”) – offshore near the cities of Perth Amboy and South Amboy, NJ 08879
<b>Address</b>	Located in Raritan Bay, Middlesex County, one mile east from the shoreline of South Amboy, NJ. Approximate location: 40° 29’ 12” N 74° 15’ 21” W
<b>Description</b>	<p>Great Beds Light (1880) was built to mark Great Beds Shoal, a hazardous area of shallow water in Raritan Bay. It is one of the principal aids to navigation for vessels passing between the Atlantic ocean and New Jersey ports in Raritan Bay. It sits on approximately 8.83 acres of submerged land.</p> <p>The five-story, cast iron structure with its conical caisson foundation rises about 15 feet above sea level. The foundation has an overall height of 30 feet and 30 feet in diameter at its base. The caisson is surrounded by riprap for protection from erosion and to enhance stability. The Property has a white, conical tower with a decagonal lantern 47 feet tall. The tower is surrounded by an open air main gallery that is four feet wide.</p> <p>The Property is accessible by boat only. It is an active aid to navigation operated by the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG).</p> <p><i>Photo courtesy USCG ATON team</i></p>
<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>	Under the NHLPA, Property may be obtained 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 (#06000631) and must be maintained according to the Secretary of Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation. Historic covenants will be incorporated into the deed.
<b>Utilities</b>	None
<b>Tenant</b>	None
<b>Aids to Navigation (ATON)</b>	ATON will remain the personal property of the USCG; they are solar-powered, active and automated. The signal light flashes red once every six seconds and visible for six miles in clear weather. The fog signal horn was discontinued in 1945.
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<p><b>Easements to be retained by the USCG</b></p>  <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Photo courtesy USCG archives</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>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 navigational purposes</li> <li>3) A right of access in favor of the USCG for the purpose of servicing, maintaining, locating, operating, repairing and replacing navigational aids 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 navigational aids and performing the other functions contemplated herein. Access shall be across any portion of the Property as necessary. Upon completion of the servicing, maintaining, operating, replacing of navigational aids 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 before any such work began.</li> <li>4) A reservation to the USCG for the purposes 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 sufficient to interfere with or obstruct the Arc of Visibility of the Property.</li> </ol>
<p><b>Environmental Information</b></p>	<p>Due to the age of the structure, asbestos containing materials (floor tiles) and lead-based paint may be present.</p>
<p><b>Submerged Lands</b></p>	<p>Under the NHLPA, no submerged lands can be conveyed with the historic structure; however, the Bureau of Tidelands Management in New Jersey will issue a lease/license or grant to the new steward for occupancy of the submerged lands on which the Property sits.</p> <p>Contact Ken Ratzman at 609-292-2573 for more information.</p>
<p><b>Notice Response Due Date</b></p>	<p>60 days from date of this Notice.</p>
<p><b>Access/Inspection</b></p> 	<p>Not open to the public.</p> <p>Inspection for eligible applicants will be arranged by GSA after the 60-day screening period is completed. A Waiver of Liability must be signed with GSA in advance.</p> <p>Please contact Meta Cushing @ 617-565-5823 or <a href="mailto:meta.cushing@gsa.gov">meta.cushing@gsa.gov</a></p>