

NATIONAL HISTORIC LIGHTHOUSE PRESERVATION ACT OF 2000
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
MAY 15, 2023

NOBSKA LIGHTHOUSE
WOODS HOLE, FALMOUTH, MASSACHUSETTS

Nobska Lighthouse (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, 54 U.S.C 305101 (NHLPA), the 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 305106 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 U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) within 60 days from the date of this notice (July 14, 2023).

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 either a copy of their state-certified articles of incorporation or evidence that an application has been filed.


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 ninety (90) days from the date of the site inspection. The NPS will review the applications and may recommend an eligible applicant to receive the Property. If a recommendation is made, the General Service Administration (GSA) will complete the conveyance to the eligible applicant with a Quitclaim Deed. For more information on the NHLPA, please see the National Park Service's website at: <http://www.nps.gov/history/maritime/nhlpa>.

Letters of interest should be directed to:

U.S. General Services Administration
Real Property Utilization and Disposal Division
10 Causeway Street - 11th Floor
Boston, MA 02222
Attention: Sonia Allon-Singh (sonia.allon-singh@gsa.gov)

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GSA Control No.	MA-0950-AA
Property Identification	Nobska Lighthouse, onshore in Woods Hole (Falmouth), Massachusetts
Property Location	Located in Falmouth, MA, on Nobska Road Latitude: 41.515779° N Longitude: -70.655157° W
Property Description	<p>The white cylindrical Nobska Lighthouse Tower, built in 1876 consists of four “rings” of iron panels. The tower height is 40 feet and is capped with a standard cast iron lantern. It currently houses a fourth order Fresnel lens which will be retained by the USCG.</p>  <p>Photo by Jeremy Dentremont</p> <p>Along with the lighthouse the following structures are located on the four-acre Property. The original keeper’s quarters, a brick oil house, and paint lockers were all built in 1876. The second keeper’s quarters which is connected to the original was added in 1900. The garage was built in 1931 and the radio building beacon was built in 1937. The keeper’s quarters are cape style wood frame buildings with gabled roofs.</p> <p>The Property is accessible from Nobska Road east of the harbor entrance. It is an active aid to navigation operated by the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG).</p>
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	Under the NHLPA, the Property 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.
Utilities	Procurement of utility services shall be the responsibility of the grantee as of the date of conveyance. Applicants are urged to contact the utility providers for information on availability.
Historical Information	The Light Tower and the Keeper’s Quarters were listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1987, reference number 87001483. The selected recipient must maintain the Property in accordance with the Secretary of Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation, and with USCG Fresnel guidelines. Historic preservation covenants will be incorporated into the deed. The Fresnel lens will not be conveyed with the Property. However, the applicant may submit an application to the USCG for loan of the lens.
Aids to Navigation (ATON)	The Aid to Navigation (ATON) will remain the personal property of the USCG. The signal light flashes white once every six seconds and is visible for 13 miles in clear weather. The sound signal is two blasts every 30 seconds, and is rated at 0.5 nautical

	miles, but can be heard further depending on the atmosphere and the wind.
<p>Easements to be retained by the USCG</p>  <p>Photo by Jeremy Dentremon</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) An easement to benefit the USCG to keep, locate, service, maintain, operate, repair and replace the ATON and any and all associated equipment, on the Property. 2) An easement to benefit the USCG to relocate or add any ATON and any and all associated equipment or make changes on any portion of the Property as may be necessary for navigational purposes 3) An easement to benefit the USCG for the purpose of ingress and egress, to and across the Property to maintain, operate, service, repair, and replace equipment as necessary to support its ATON mission. 4) An easement to benefit 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 said light. 5) An easement to benefit the USCG for the purpose of sounding, in certain weather conditions, a fog signal horn.
Current Tenant	The Friends of Nobska Light, through a Memorandum of Understanding with the Town of Falmouth has a lease that expires on December 31, 2026
Environmental Information	Based on the age of the structure, lead-based paint and asbestos may be present. The property is located in a FEMA Flood Zone AE.
Inspection	Inspection for eligible applicants will be arranged by the US General Services Administration, after the 60-day Notice has expired.
Notice Response Due Date	60 days from date of Notice of Availability (NOA)