

NATIONAL HISTORIC LIGHTHOUSE PRESERVATION ACT NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

St. Joseph Pierhead & Inner Lights St. Joseph, Michigan

May 20, 2008

The lighthouses described on the attached sheets have 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.

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

These lighthouses are located on a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (U.S. COE) navigational structure such as a breakwater, jetty or pier. For access to and utilization of the lighthouse, the selected steward must obtain the required authorization from the following U.S. COE district office having jurisdiction for the navigational structure:

Mr. Robert Jameson
Department of the Army
Detroit District, Corps of Engineers
Real Estate Division
Box 1027
Detroit, Michigan 48231-1027

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 July 19, 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 by the U.S. Department of the Interior and given an opportunity to inspect the property. Building inspectors and/or contractors may accompany the applicant on the site visit. The application will be due within 90 days from the date of the scheduled site inspection. The U.S. Department of the Interior will review applications and select an eligible entity to receive the property. The U.S. General Services Administration will complete the conveyance to the selected recipient.

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

Letter of interest should be directed to:

Ms. Lisa A. Tangney
U.S. General Services Administration
Property Disposal Division
230 South Dearborn Street, Rm 3774
Chicago, Illinois 60604

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

Mr. Brian D. Conway
State Historic Preservation Office
Michigan Historic Center
717 West Allegan Street
Lansing, Michigan 48918

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St. Joseph Pierhead and Inner Lights

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GSA Control No.	1-U-MI-817
Property Identification	St. Joseph Pierhead and Inner Lights (the pierhead is the front light closest to Lake Michigan and the inner light is approx. 315 feet east of the pierhead light).
Property Address	Lake Michigan, St. Joseph, Berrien County, Michigan
Property Description	Two historic lights: 1) The pierhead light consists of white cast iron construction with a black cylindrical lantern on top. The tower height is 35 feet. 2) The inner light consists of a steel-framed fog signal building encased by 3/8 inch cast iron plates, 26 feet square, with a hipped roof surmounted by an octagonal light tower. The tower has a diameter of about 10 feet and supports a round cast iron lantern. Overall, the structure is about 57 feet high from the base to the top of the ventilator ball. Both structures are situated on a pier. <i>These lighthouses are located on a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (U.S. COE) navigational structure such as a breakwater, jetty or pier. For access to and utilization of the lighthouse, the selected steward must obtain the required authorization from the U.S. COE district office having jurisdiction for the navigational structure.</i>
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	Unknown
Historical Information	Property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Property must be maintained according to the Secretary of Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation. Historic covenants will be incorporated into the quitclaim deed.
Aid to Navigation	The Federal aid to navigation located at the site is active and remains the personal property of the United States Government.
Easements	The 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 U.S. Coast Guard 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.

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Current Tenant	None
Environmental Information	Lead-based paint; asbestos-containing material may be present.
Notice Response Due Date	July 19, 2008