

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

**Old Orchard Shoal Light Station  
Offshore in Gedway Channel, Lower New York Bay, Richmond County, New York  
May 29, 2007**

The light station 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 and pursuant to Section 308 of the Act, the property shall be offered for public sale. Historic covenants will be included in the Deed.

Old Orchard Shoal Light Station is situated offshore on a manmade island on submerged lands; however, no submerged lands may be conveyed under the NHLPA. Applicants should contact Allan Bauder of the New York State Office of General Services (contact information attached) to acquire an easement to occupy and use 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 address listed below within 60 (sixty) days from the date of this Notice, or July 29, 2006.

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 application must be submitted to the Dept. of Interior within 90 days after the site inspection.

The Dept. of Interior will review the applications and may select a steward to receive the property. The General Services Administration (GSA) will complete the conveyance to the selected steward with a Quitclaim Deed.

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

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

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

**Old Orchard Shoal Light, Richmond County, NY**

*Photo courtesy of Jim Crowley*



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## FACT SHEET

### Old Orchard Shoal Light Station, Lower New York Bay

May 29, 2007

GSA Control No.	1-X-NY-0903
Property Identification	Old Orchard Shoal Light Station - offshore
Property Address	Gedney Channel/Lower New York Bay 3.5 miles south of New Dorp Beach Richmond County, Staten Island, NY 10306
Property Description	Remote 35 ft. conical, 3-story "spark plug" style light (1893) with keeper's quarters (approx. 1000 SF). Interior lined in brick up to 3 <sup>rd</sup> floor. On 0.72 acre submerged land. Constructed of cast iron on concrete/cast iron caisson. Markings: white upper/black. Protective riprap and breakwater sheltering light's boat basin. 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; <a href="mailto:alan.bauder@ogs.state.ny.us">alan.bauder@ogs.state.ny.us</a> (NY Office of General Services) who will issue an easement for use of the underwater land.
Aids to Navigation (ATON)	Active, automated, solar-powered with battery backup. ATON remains the personal property of the United States Government. Fog signal horn.
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.
Current Tenant	None
Environmental Information	Located in 100-year floodplain. Due to the age of the structure, lead-based paint and asbestos-containing material may be present.
Notice Response Due Date	July 29, 2007
GSA Site Inspection	For eligible entities at close of screening period. POC: Meta Cushing, Boston @ 617-565-5823 or <a href="mailto:meta.cushing@gsa.gov">meta.cushing@gsa.gov</a>