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IN REPLY REFER TO:

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Dr. Kathleen Casey Jordan
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Subject: Application for the Acquisition of the Penfield Reef Lighthouse Pursuant to the National Historic Lighthouse Preservation Act (NHLPA)

Dear Dr. Jordan:

The National Park Service has completed a review of the applications submitted for the acquisition of the Penfield Reef Lighthouse (GSA Control No. 4-U-MD-613) pursuant to the National Historic Lighthouse Preservation Act. The applications submitted by your organization and others were carefully evaluated against the four application criteria outlining your organization's proposed maintenance and preservation plan, use plan, financial plan, and management plan for the operation of the property. Based upon our review and evaluation, the National Park Service has concluded that the application submitted by your organization represents a superior program for the preservation and public use of the Penfield Reef Lighthouse. The National Park Service will recommend that the Secretary of the Interior select the Beacon Preservation, Inc., as the recipient of the Penfield Reef Lighthouse in accordance with NHLPA.

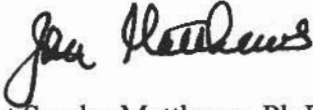
The National Park Service encourages cooperation and coordination between your organization and the Town of Fairfield, Connecticut, in the preservation and public use of the Penfield Reef Lighthouse. As I am certain you are aware, there are significant opportunities for collaboration in meeting the preservation needs of the historic Lighthouse.

The National Park Service's selection recommendation is subject to administrative review. To that end, the Town of Fairfield, Connecticut, has been informed of the recommendation and given 15 days to petition for review of the recommendation. If the Town of Fairfield, Connecticut, does not request a review, then the Secretary will forward the recommendation to the Administrator of the General Services Administration. If the Town of Fairfield, Connecticut, requests a review, then a new committee made up of staff from the Department of the Interior's Washington Office, including two subject matter experts—from the same disciplines as the review committee—and two appointees—one by the National Park Service Director and one by the Assistant Secretary for

Fish and Wildlife and Parks—will review both applications and submit their recommendation to the Assistant Secretary.

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact Jim Gabbert, Historian, National Park Service (202) 354-2275. The National Park Service appreciates your organization's interest in the preservation of our nation's maritime heritage.

Sincerely,



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