

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
STAFF REPORT

HPC Meeting Date: 07/25/2011  
Ald. Robert Bauman  
Staff Reviewer: Carlen Hatala

PROPERTY

Milwaukee Breakwater Light  
Offshore at South end of North Breakwater  
0.7 mile East of Milwaukee River mouth

OWNER/APPLICANT

United States Coast Guard  
2100 Second Street SW  
Washington, DC 20593

PROPOSAL

Certified Local Government Review of the National Register Nomination for the Milwaukee Breakwater Light

STAFF COMMENTS

The National Historic Lighthouse Preservation Act of 2000 provides a mechanism for the disposal of federally-owned historic light stations. As part of the process, the light stations are being evaluated for National Register eligibility. The Milwaukee Breakwater Light is determined potentially eligible for National Register listing. As a Certified Local Government, Milwaukee's HPC is required to either support or not support the nomination and forward their decision to the United States Coast Guard. The building is a unique structure and has been a visual landmark on the lakefront since its construction in 1926. It has had very few changes to either its interior or exterior.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Recommend that HPC support the nomination.