

Huntington Harbor Lighthouse FOUNDATION FOR THE FUTURE

A \$1.5 Million Historic Preservation Campaign
By The Huntington Lighthouse Preservation Society



EXPOSED REBAR



DETERIORATING FOUNDATION



CRUMBLING STRUCTURE

CASE FOR SUPPORT

CULTURALLY • ECONOMICALLY • SOCIALLY • ENVIRONMENTALLY • EDUCATIONALLY

Historic Preservation Is An Important Investment In The Present And Future.

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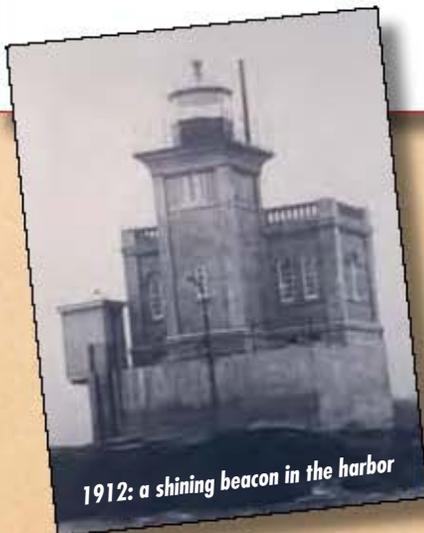
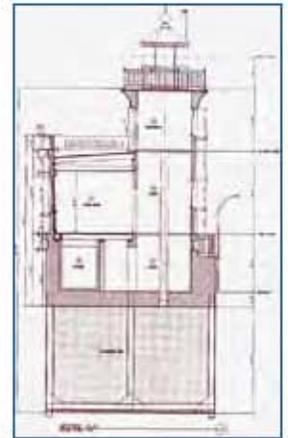
Preservation Adds To The Enjoyment, Education And Inspiration Of All.

Designated as both a New York and a National Historic Landmark, Huntington Harbor Lighthouse is one of Long Island's most recognized architectural and coastal structures. Huntington Harbor Lighthouse is equally significant for its rich cultural heritage and for an enduring educational and economic contribution to the region.

Since Colonial times, Huntington Harbor had been used by sailing vessels for protection from the dangerous seas of the Long Island Sound. By the 1900s, Huntington Harbor was growing in commercial significance and needed navigational aid to its rocky entrance. Thus, in 1907, Congress approved funds for a new lighthouse and by June 16, 1912, \$32,551 had been spent to construct Huntington Harbor Lighthouse.

Huntington Harbor Lighthouse was constructed on a concrete crib 26 by 30 feet and 16 feet high. It was constructed on shore, towed to the site and sunk in position by admitting water into inside pockets. Riprap, or large boulders) were placed around the crib for protection from ice and wave erosion and to provide a small sheltered cove from which a rescue boat could be safely launched. From this base, the first all-concrete lighthouse on the East Coast was constructed.

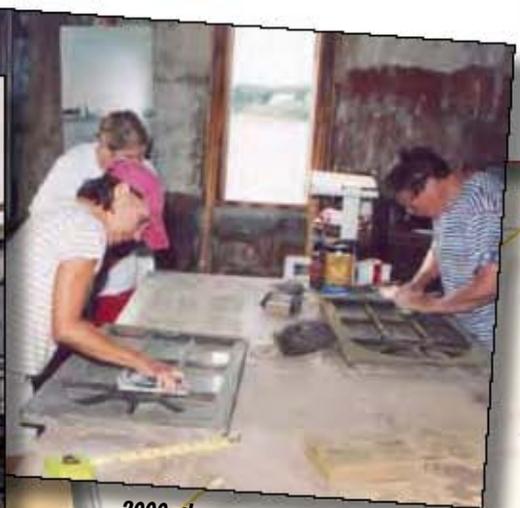
On top of the tower an octagonal, straight-bar, cast-iron lantern stands 30 feet, 10 inches above the top of the pier. The original illuminating apparatus was a fifth-order lens showing a fixed red light 42 feet above sea level and visible 8 nautical miles in clear weather. The fog signal consisted of a 1,000 lb. bell and a No. 2 Daibol bell ringing mechanism. Finally, the living quarters included a living room and bedroom for the lighthouse keeper. The Lighthouse's first keeper was Robert McGlone, who moved from the old Lloyd Harbor Lighthouse and brought his daughter and son with him to tend the light as he was afflicted with arthritis. Before the Lighthouse was automated in 1946, the personal accounts of its keepers serve as invaluable historical records of a bygone era. One such keeper reportedly saved Albert Einstein after his sailboat capsized.



1912: a shining beacon in the harbor



1985: deteriorating, scheduled for demolition



2000: thousands of volunteer hours spent working towards the goal of preservation

By 1985, the Huntington Harbor Lighthouse was in severely deteriorated condition and the U.S. Coast Guard scheduled it for demolition. Local citizens and historic preservationists, along with recreational and commercial boaters were horrified. This sparked a well-known family and their daughter-in-law, Janis Harrington, to petition the Coast Guard to take over the structure and save it from demolition. The Coast Guard had never been asked by a private group of citizens for the right to restore an offshore lighthouse, and felt such a project could not be accomplished given the poor condition of the Lighthouse. The group insisted and formed the nonprofit, *Save Huntington's Lighthouse, Inc.*, to stabilize and restore the Lighthouse, and entered into an operational lease with the Coast Guard.

This was the first lease of an offshore lighthouse in the US creating a precedent that paved the way for the establishment of the National Historic Lighthouse Preservation Act.

The Huntington Harbor Lighthouse was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1989 as a result of the organization's efforts (now the *Huntington Lighthouse Preservation Society*). Over the course of 28 years, with \$1 million raised and invested to date, plus thousands of volunteer hours, Huntington Harbor Lighthouse has been diligently protected with a focus on public access and historically accurate interpretation. Regular tours, educational programs, community collaborations and one of the largest water-based concerts in the country (1,200 boats) contribute significant and consistent public benefit.

The bold efforts of this nonprofit to save Huntington Harbor Lighthouse have also influenced the rescue and preservation of 100 lighthouses across the US.



TOP: Teens earn community service credit by getting involved in lighthouse events.

BOTTOM: Children enjoy the Lighthouse tours and learn the importance of preservation.



Today, Huntington Harbor Lighthouse is severely threatened by acute erosion from its marine environment and the effects of severe storm damage, including interior flood damage and dock damage from Hurricane Sandy. Structural failure of the Lighthouse foundation is clearly evident in six crucial locations, much of this caused by increased wave action from marine traffic. Furthermore, the cast iron cupola, windows, doors and casings are all severely deteriorated, allowing water penetration into the Lighthouse's interior.

As devoted stewards of this iconic and historic structure, the *Huntington Lighthouse Preservation Society* has embarked on a \$1,500,000 capital campaign to commence with the careful restoration of the Lighthouse's concrete foundation, with the addition of new riprap to surround the foundation in order to proactively protect this long-term repair. Furthermore this campaign includes essential funds to repair deteriorated architectural features, secure watertight integrity, and improve public access to ensure long-term sustainability.



TODAY, the Huntington Lighthouse landing is in peril due to lack of proper support and rip rap protection.



The Lighthouse sustained over \$20,000 in damage from Hurricane Sandy.

HELP US MEET THE GOAL

*The Foundation For The Future Campaign Budget For A Preserved
And Improved Huntington Harbor Lighthouse*

PRESERVATION AND MAINTENANCE

- Foundation and structure repair/new rip rap installation \$600,000
- Fog bell and mechanism restoration \$125,000
- Cupola removal, restoration and re-installation \$100,000
- Window and casing replacement \$20,000
- Roof replacement \$30,000
- Desalination system for fresh water maintenance \$15,000
- Contingency \$50,000

MISSION FULFILLMENT

- Water taxi FUNDED!
- Operating reserve for program staff \$100,000
- Permanent maintenance fund \$250,000
- Campaign expenses \$60,000

TOTAL CAMPAIGN GOAL \$1,500,000

The State Of New York Has Already Responded To The Need To Restore The Huntington Harbor Lighthouse With A \$250,000 Matching Grant Appropriated By New York State Parks & Historic Preservation. We were SUCCESSFUL in raising the matching \$250,000 but are still in need of additional funds to reach our long-range goal and mission of guaranteeing preservation for the future.

Please consider a tax-deductible contribution, or multi-year pledge, to save Huntington Harbor Lighthouse for the next century of public exploration and education.

Our Foundation For The Future Campaign Seeks The Following Major Donors To Be Recognized With A Bronze Compass Rose Plaque At The Huntington Harbor Lighthouse:

- 2 contributions of \$250,000 - 1 remaining
- 3 contributions of \$100,000 - 2 remaining
- 4 contributions of \$50,000
- 6 contributions of \$25,000 - 5 remaining
- 10 contributions of \$10,000 - 8 remaining
- Pledges may be made up to 5 years

Beyond this current campaign, yet extremely important to the long-term protection of the Lighthouse, is an additional \$1 million restricted preservation endowment. Thus, two additional \$500,000 naming opportunities available to endow the annual maintenance of the Lighthouse. These donors will be recognized with a bronze plaque on the Lighthouse as well.



TOTAL CAMPAIGN GOAL



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