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**Sent:** Friday, February 4, 2022 11:44 AM  
**To:** Nathan Treadwell - Hortonville Administrator  
**Cc:** Woelfel, Trenten; Village of Hortonville; Beggs, Tauren R - DNR  
**Subject:** RE: BRRTS Activity 03-45-001398, Schwan Oil Co - Bulk Plt

Good morning Nathan,

I apologize for the delay in responding. I think a virtual meeting would be a great idea. Please propose some dates & times that would work for you all at Hortonville and I will let you know which times work for DNR.

If Outagamie County acquires the property through one of the methods outlined [here](#), including through tax delinquency, then the County could get a local government unit (LGU) exemption for the site which can be transferred to the Village. If an LGU exemption is granted, the local government is not responsible for investigating or cleaning up hazardous substances, including contaminated soil and groundwater, at the property acquired in some circumstances. This can provide leeway in getting the environmental work completed for future resale of the property. LGU exemptions cannot be transferred to private parties.

There are a couple of funding sources that could be available for this site but it may not score very high during evaluation. We can talk through the options during the meeting.

Please let me know what dates & times will work for you and if you have any additional questions.

Thank you,  
-Colin

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Hi Colin,

I have contacted the County Treasurer and cc'd him on this email along with my Public Works Director. If the County and the Village wanted to move forward on this property what would the process look like? Can give us some background on grants available, timeline for cleaning up the site, I believe there is a federal liability protections that are available to Municipalities and counties?

I'm concerned about some of the programs because they seemed to be based on medium income, and some that are based on economic development. Is there anything that can reduce the potential cost of reclaiming the property through tax delinquency so the county and the village don't have to invest a lot of money into this property to clean it up? It's a small parcel that will generate very little income once cleaned so it's not an ideal thing for the Village and County to pursue if it costs us a decent amount of money.

I have contacted a consultant but before I move further with them I need an outline that I can clearly explain to my board the benefit of us getting involved, and taking the time to move forward on this. It would be nice if we could set up a virtual meeting to discuss some of the concerns that the county treasurer and I might have.

Thank you,  
Nathan Treadwell

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**From:** Schmenk, Colin R -DNR [<mailto:colinr.schmenk@wisconsin.gov>]  
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Hi Nathan,

Thank you for reaching out. I am happy to answer any questions that you may have. This site has not seen much progress over the years other than the tank removal that was completed in 1993. Additional sampling as part of a site investigation to assess the degree and extent of the contamination is needed to get the site to final closure.

We do have most of the documentation for the site uploaded to our BRRTS on the Web site: [WDNR EM/RR BOTW \(wi.gov\)](#).

Please let me know what questions you have and I'll answer them as best I can.

Thank you,

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Hi Colin,

Just had some question on this property we have an adjacent land owner interested in this property, but wanted to know what needed to be done to fix the contamination issue.

Thank you,  
Nathan Treadwell

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