

From: Saliars, Gwen N - DNR
Sent: Wednesday, January 20, 2021 1:14 PM
To: Sue Mauthe
Subject: Response to Tax Question for 725 S. Outagamie St, Appleton (N. W. Mauthe Superfund Site, BRRTS #02-45-000127)

Good afternoon,

I am reaching out in regards to the question you raised two weeks ago about no longer paying property taxes on 725 South Outagamie Street, the source property for the N. W. Mauthe Superfund site. I have discussed it with my colleagues along with the City of Appleton and have a response to your questions. Currently, DNR and the City of Appleton have access easements with your mother, Carol Mauthe, in place. These easements allow both DNR and City of Appleton to go onto the property, and remain in effect until DNR grants site closure and the site is removed from the National Priority List.

In the event that you stopped paying property taxes on 725 and the property became tax delinquent, DNR would still view Carol Mauthe as the Responsible Party for the site. After discussing the topic with the City of Appleton they have no interest in taking over ownership of the property, and DNR would also not take ownership. The easements would continue to allow both parties regular access to the property, even if the property has become tax delinquent. If a third party purchased the property, either before or after it became delinquent, that may change who DNR regards as the Responsible Party and would change the current access easements. With the property being a complicated Superfund site it seems unlikely that a third party would purchase the property and potentially become responsible for it.

In short, if you stop paying taxes on the property it would not change anything with DNR or the City of Appleton. I hope this answers all your questions. Reach out if you would like to discuss further. Thank you,

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From: Sue Mauthe <smmauthe@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 6, 2021 8:45 PM
To: Borski, Jennifer - DNR <Jennifer.Borski@wisconsin.gov>; Saliars, Gwen N - DNR <gwen.saliars@wisconsin.gov>; dbrosman@ci.appleton.wi.us
Subject: 725 S. Outagamie St. Appleton

Dear DNR and City of Appleton,

Over the past years my mom, Carol Mauthe, has continued to pay taxes on this property. When this all started, my dad, Norbert Mauthe, was still alive and dealt with this. I have no knowledge of what happened at any meetings when decisions were made, so I am reaching out to you to learn what the

intentions of the DNR and/or the City of Appleton would be. I believe my mom has continued to pay the taxes because she believes that is what he would want or she just feels she should. She is getting on in age and doesn't recall everything that happened. What would happen if she/we stopped paying the taxes? Would the DNR and/or City of Appleton take any legal action other than simply taking over the property? Is taking over the property the ultimate goal of the City of Appleton?

Gwen and/or Jennifer: I didn't have a confirmed email address for Appleton City Assessor DeAnn Brosman or anyone else at the City of Appleton, so I took a bit of a guess on her email address. Please forward as needed to your contact at Appleton in regards to 725 S. Outagamie St.

Thank you

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Mark Mauthe