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County Treasurer Gallagher Announces Clean-Up of Waunakee Alloy Site: Former Delinquent Property to be Renovated for New Library

Dane County Treasurer Adam Gallagher announced that the former Waunakee Alloy property has had extensive environmental clean-up and has been turned over to the Village to be renovated for use as a new library.

Gallagher praised the coordinated effort between the Village of Waunakee, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the Department of Natural Resources toward their resources for removing the toxic mixture of PCBs and mercury that plagued the site and rendered it useless. Treasurer Gallagher worked with the former owner and the Village to get delinquent property taxes paid and title transferred to the Village of Waunakee.

"It is rewarding to see this property cleaned-up, taxes paid, and put back to good use," said Gallagher. "The residents of Waunakee should be very proud of their effort in cleaning up this blighted property and bringing it back as their new library."

This project is part of the ongoing effort of the County Treasurer's office to reduce the number of tax delinquencies in Dane County, clean-up delinquent and contaminated brownfield sites throughout the county, and return them to use. Since Gallagher became Treasurer in 2013, Dane County has seen a 40% reduction in the number of delinquencies, almost a \$7 million improvement in the collection of delinquent property taxes. This includes the clean-up of four formerly delinquent brownfields that are now caught up with all taxes paid and better serving the needs of the community.

"We work hard to help families stay in their homes and bring delinquent, contaminated properties back to a beneficial use," added Gallagher.

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