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PRESS RELEASE

FROM: Derek W. DeVine
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RE: Collection of Delinquent Real Estate Taxes

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In July, 2010 the Seneca County Prosecutor's office sent 217 letters providing Seneca County property owners a final opportunity to pay delinquent taxes prior to initiating tax foreclosure litigation. "Much like last year, these simple reminder letters have proved to be very successful" advised County Prosecutor Derek W. DeVine. As of August 5, 2010 Seneca County has collected \$138,404.24 in response to the letters. "We are pleased with the response in that the amount collected significantly reduces the number of properties we will have to foreclose" added Assistant Prosecutor David Claus.

The Prosecutor's office in conjunction with Treasurer's Office will continue to receive payments from those who have failed to respond. However, taxpayers are encouraged to make their payments promptly to avoid additional costs and expenses. "We will be ordering title searches necessary to initiate foreclosure proceedings, which will be added as court costs to the foreclosure cases" added Claus. Those Court costs, which include title searches and filing fees, are included in the amount owed in the foreclosure case. "A prompt payment will help the taxpayer from incurring those additional expenses" said Treasurer Damon Alt. Payment arrangements and questions regarding the collection of delinquent taxes may be directed to the Seneca County Treasurer's Office (419) 447-1584 or the Prosecutor's Office at (419) 448-4444 Ext. 130.