

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
Office of the General Treasurer

Seth Magaziner
General Treasurer

December 15, 2015

VIA EMAIL ONLY [REDACTED]

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RE: Public Records Request

Dear Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED]:

We write in response to your December 4, 2015 request for information pursuant to the Rhode Island Access to Public Records Act (APRA). Your specific request is noted below along with our corresponding response:

This email communication is a formal request for a copy of your county's "excess funds list," which I believe is maintained by your department. In case of any confusion, the excess funds to which I am referring are those arising in the case of a bid over the amount of property taxes owed at tax sale. I am only looking for uncollected surplus funds on unredeemed properties.

The information I need from the records is the tax sale date, owner's name, either the property address or owner's mailing address, and the amount of surplus funds due the owner. If you have these records in electronic format, I'd prefer the information that way. Otherwise, please let me know how much a hard copy of your list will be, and where and to whom to mail the check.

If you do not maintain a list of these surplus amounts, any advice on how I could collect that information from existing files you have would be very much appreciated! If I have reached the wrong department, I would very much appreciate this email being forwarded to the correct department, with a carbon copy sent to me.

If there is anything I can do to aid or expedite the process, please let me know, as I'm eager to do whatever I can to make your job easier.

Treasury does not have nor maintain the requested information. The information you seek may be kept by the Division of Taxation whose web address is <http://www.tax.ri.gov/>.

If you contend you have been denied access to public records, pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws §38-2-8, you may appeal this decision to Jeffrey M. Padwa, General Counsel for the Rhode

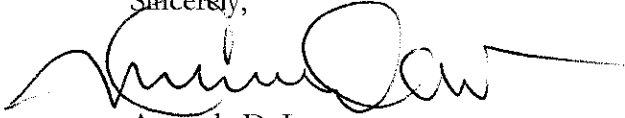
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Island General Treasurer's Office, 50 Service Avenue, 2nd Floor, Warwick, RI 02886. You may also file a complaint with the Department of the Attorney General, 150 South Main Street, Providence, RI 02903 or the Rhode Island Superior Court of the county where the records are maintained.

Additional information regarding the Access to Public Records Act may be found at <http://www.riag.ri.gov/civil/opengovernment>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Amanda D. Lucas', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Amanda D. Lucas
Public Records Officer