

Worksheet 2: Researching a Blighted Property

In this worksheet, we'll practice what we learned in Section 2 on one blighted property from your neighborhood, or from the area where you work on blight reduction.

1. First, find the address of one blighted property in your neighborhood and record it here.

Address of Property: _____

Assessor Information

Using a computer with Web access, go to the Orleans Parish Assessor's Office website at <http://nolaassessor.com>.

2. Using the information and instructions provided in this toolkit, find the property owner's name and mailing address and record them here.

Owner's Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

3. Now, find out if there are any unpaid taxes on the property. Record the amount of unpaid taxes here. (If taxes on the property are up to date, write "\$0.00" below).

Amount of Unpaid Taxes: _____

BlightStatus Information

Go to the City's BlightStatus website: <http://blightstatus.nola.gov>.

4. Using the information and instructions provided in this toolkit, find out if there is an open case on the property. Circle YES or NO.

YES NO (If no, what are you waiting for? Give 311 a call now!)

5. If there is an open case on the property, what is the latest step the Code Enforcement department has taken, and what was the date that step occurred?

Latest Step by City: _____ Date: _____

Conclusions

6. What could you do about this property right now? (Circle all that apply.)

Call 311 to report blight? Send letter to owners warning about code fines?

Ask owner to hire local landscapers for maintenance? Attend a BlightStat meeting?