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Ms. Marcia Moermond
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Dear Marcia:

This letter is to confirm the Department of Public Work's commitment to minimally maintaining the sloped area between the street curb and sidewalk (boulevard) in front of the addresses of 18, 44, and 50 Bates Avenue.

It is our understanding that when road and sewer work was completed in 1995, the area was designed with pavers that would hold this steep boulevard in place and require minimal maintenance. As the years have passed, the area has become overgrown with weeds and other invasive plants.

In 2013, in response to an appeal of tall grass & weeds orders that were issued by the Department of Safety and Inspections to 44 Bates Avenue, it appears that the Department of Public Work's had agreed to "mow" the area in question in front of 44 Bates. Now that similar correction orders have been issued for 50 Bates, it would follow that we take the same course of action for the other properties on the block.

Since this area presents difficulties for "mowing" the department will agree to minimal maintenance to keep the sidewalk clear of overgrown brush and weeds and will otherwise work to keep the growth of the plants in check. However, the boulevard will not take on the appearance of a traditional boulevard with sod grass.

It is our understanding that the adjacent property owners will still be responsible for snow removal on the sidewalks and other maintenance of the private property between the sidewalk and the residences.

We would request that the department of Safety and Inspections make a note of this agreement in the Amanda system for these addresses and contact Public Works Street Maintenance Division if maintenance is required—rather than issue orders to adjacent homeowners.

I trust that this will resolve the issue now and in the future. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Kathy Lantry
Director

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