

State of the Wayne County Regional Land Bank

November, 2023

We have achieved the goals we had set for the Land Bank in 2019

- Demolish 4 properties owned by the Land Bank
 - o Completed in 2020
- Sell 1 property
 - o Completed in 2019
- Develop a process with the Treasurer and County to obtain tax foreclosure properties
 - o Began in 2019 and continues to evolve
 - o Spring, 2023 Supreme Court case will require this process to continue to evolve
 - o Wayne County model is currently being used by other Land Banks
- Develop strategies to deal with Roll Section 8 Properties
 - o Worked with Supervisors and Treasurer to eliminate the list
 - o One remaining property still remains in Palmyra as a result of Town legal issues
- Process all properties on Roll Section 8
 - o Developed MOU with DEC and Wayne County to handle contaminated properties
 - o Demolitions
 - o Sell to others to perform work
 - o Banking properties for future projects
 - Canal/Geneva St, Lyons
 - 5 West Main St, Sodus
 - Elmer St, Lyons
- Set up the organization
 - o Financial
 - o Organizational documents
- Educate municipalities, organizations and individuals about the Land Bank
 - o Attend numerous meetings
 - Municipal
 - Organizations
 - o Met with all Supervisors, Mayors, and Code Enforcement Officers
 - o Informal contacts
- Explore funding opportunities
 - o Wayne County Tax Foreclosure Funding – County Tax foreclosure net proceeds to Land Bank – 2019-2022
 - o Enterprise Funding – \$700k - 2019-2020
 - o EPA Assessment Funding with Wayne County - \$600k – 2020-2023

- EPA Multi-use Grant – Canal/Geneva, Lyons - \$800k – 2023-2025
- NYS Land Bank Initiative – Round 1 – Organization Funds - \$550k – 2022-2025
- NYS Land Bank Initiative – Round 2 – Project and Operation - \$1,000,000 – 2023-2024
- Restore NY – with Town of Lyons - \$6,500,000 – 2023-2026
- NYS Land Bank Initiative – Preparing for Round 3
- EPA Funding – Prepared to apply for other projects as appropriate
- Utilize Enterprise Grant funding
 - Original \$500 K was spent and we received an additional \$200k
- Develop strategies for sustainability
 - County Funding
 - Grant Funding
 - Rental Income
 - Interest Income
- Find someone to lead the organization long-term

We have numerous projects and funding initiatives in process

- Environmentally Challenged properties in process
 - Galen/Village of Clyde
 - Huron
 - Lyons
 - Macedon
 - Sodus
 - Williamson
- Demolitions in process
 - Arcadia
 - Galen
 - Lyons
 - Village of Clyde
 - Village of Newark
- Other
 - Canal/Geneva neighborhood
 - 24 Church St

We have significant opportunity

- Additional Environmental Properties
 - o Tax Foreclosure
 - o Other
- Housing
 - o Build single family
 - o Collaborate with County on Transitional Housing
 - o Collaborate with Towns and Villages on housing needs
 - o Renovate marginal homes obtained via Tax Foreclosure process for sale or lease
- Code Enforcement
 - o Assist Towns and Villages with developing and implementing effective laws and strategies to reduce continued blight
- Grants
 - o Assist Towns and Villages with identifying consultants and grants to enhance their community with removing blight and helping residents improve property
 - o Continue to explore any and all grant opportunities to further the work of the Land Bank
- Special Projects
 - o Canal/Geneva St, Lyons
 - o 24 Church St
- Other
 - o There are significant areas of concern in our communities across Wayne County in need of a facilitator, a cheerleader, an advocate and someone to help get things done. As the Land Bank has continued to become known, it is often looked to as the “fix it” organization. While that is very positive to be seen that way, it will require us to strategically determine our place in the process.