City of Cleveland Land Bank

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City of Cleveland Land Bank Program

• The City of Cleveland’s Land Reutilization (Land Bank) Program is designed to acquire vacant land and market it to individuals, developers, and non-profit organizations for redevelopment. The goal is to contribute to the economic, social and environmental betterment of the City through redevelopment of city-owned land.

• The Land Bank application process ensures that vacant property is transferred to responsible parties committed to restoring property to productive use. Interested parties must submit a written application (Application Information is available) to the Land Bank office and outline the details of their proposals. Each Land Bank Application has its own Guide which outlines important information such as specific application requirements, Land Bank policies and procedures.

The general application process is as follows:

• Applicant completes a Land Bank application including required information and site plan
• Proposal is evaluated to determine if the development is suitable for the neighborhood; proposed improvements may be subject to the City's design review process
• The Councilperson for the area is informed of the proposal and comments from the City Planning Commission and area Community Development Corporation are gathered
• Applicant is notified of decision on application; if approved, conditions may be attached
• Administrative approvals are obtained, a deed is prepared for signature and the property is transferred to the interested party
How does the City get their inventory?

Acquisitions are from the following:

- CCLRC-Cuyahoga County Land Reutilization Corporation
- Sheriff’s Deed
- Auditor Sale/Forfeiture
- Deed-in-Lieu/Gift (This program is on hold until further notice)

The City of Cleveland Land Bank acquires vacant lots only and can hold them for a longer period for land assembly for projects. The County Land Bank acquires lots and structures from the City and surrounding suburbs to hold for a short period of time.

The City of Cleveland has a charter to follow for conveyance of a lot, for example, an ordinance may be needed. The County Land Bank has more flexibility on processing the transfers.
Soil Testing

• U Mass Extension

  • Soil Sampling instructions
    $15.00 with optional additional soil analysis

  • Interpreting your soil sampling results

• Order Sheet
Greening Application

• Purchase- ‘claw back’ provision to ensure continued ‘green use’.

• License-Community gardens

• Lease-Market gardens, hoop houses
Hydrant Application Process

• Hydrant Access Questionnaire 2015
• Soil Testing- Hand out
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Hoop Houses

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