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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING &
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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Land Bank Authority Hearing

Presented by Commissioner Alice Kennedy

September 17, 2024

Agenda

- I. The Land Bank Authority is Duplicative of DHCD
- II. DHCD: Already Addressing the Vacants Crisis
- III. Strategic Operations and the Vacants Elimination Plan



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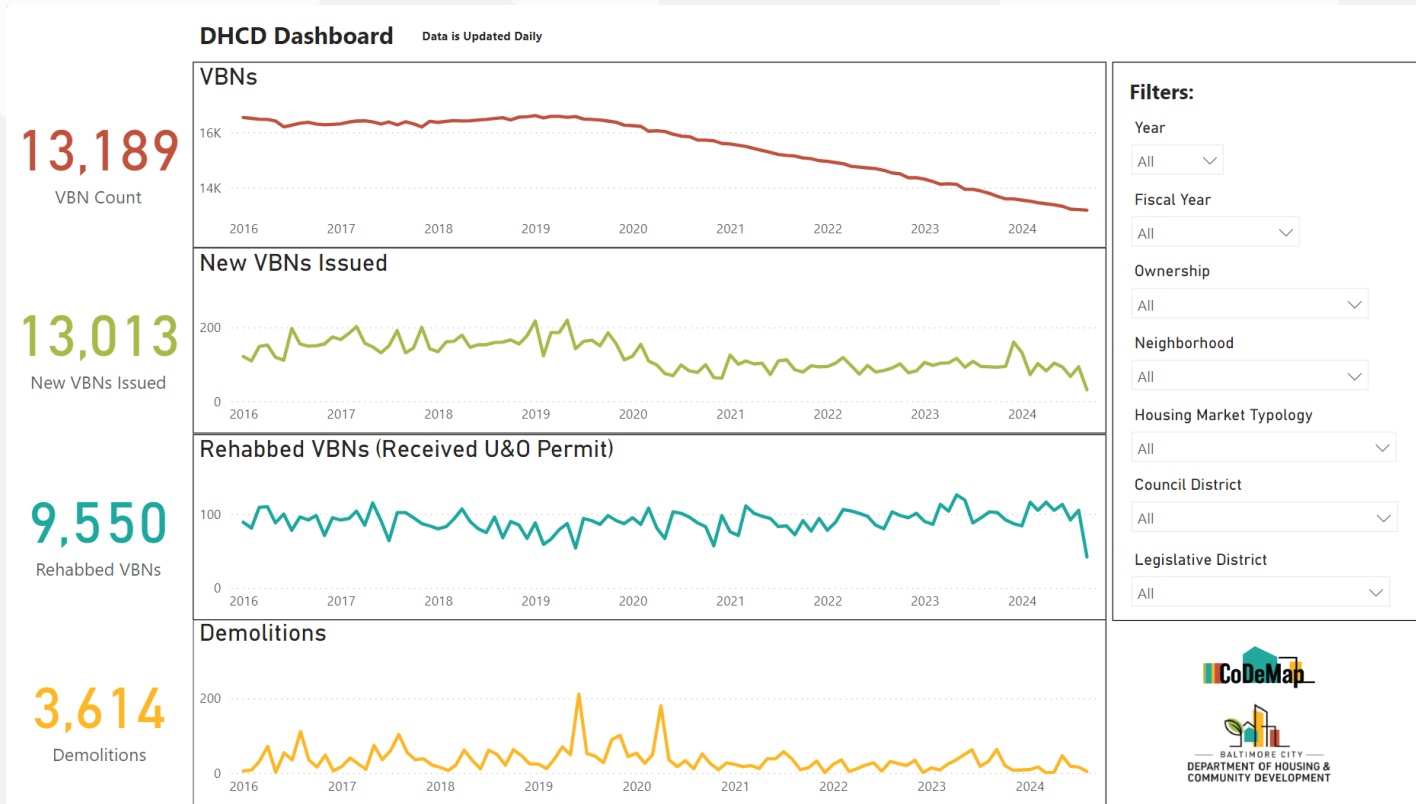
1. DHCD already utilizes all tools proposed for the Land Bank Authority
2. The Land Bank Authority does not have the State Authority to do In-Rem acquisition and other crucial functions needed for vacants elimination
3. There are considerable operational and capital costs to stand up this authority, which are not concretely identified nor outlined in any publicly available materials
4. The Land Bank Authority does not incorporate prevention work, critical to the elimination of vacants



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DHCD: Already Addressing the Vacants Crisis

Since Mayor Scott took office, the city has reduced its vacants property inventory by 16.5%



[Key Stats Dashboard](#), Publicly available, Updated 3x a day, Retrieved 9/16/24



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SUCCESS STORY

City of Baltimore Leads with Place-Based Housing Interventions



A NEW ERA OF NEIGHBORHOOD

Conclusion

Abandoned housing has been an issue in Baltimore since the 1970s which has burdened residents and been costly to the city in lost tax revenues. The city has historically targeted the issue with innovative yet incremental policies to varying degrees of success. More recently, BUILD's Whole Block Solution proposes a more holistic approach to revitalizing distressed blocks by investing in the future sustainability of individual neighborhoods.

Baltimore Wants to Sell Hundreds of Vacant Homes for \$1 Each



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Baltimore Mayor Brandon Scott unveils \$3B plan for vacant houses including new TIF

DHCD Receives Maryland Association of Counties Innovation Award for Artificial Intelligence Tool That Detects Collapsed Roofs

Tuesday Jan 17th, 2023

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Scott, DHCD announces effort to establish first-ever "Comprehensive Housing Plan"

by COLLEEN JOHNSON | FOX45 News | Wed, July 17th 2024 at 4:34 PM

Governor Moore Announces More Than \$125 Million for State Revitalization Program Funding

Published: 5/6/2024



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DHCD is a full stack development agency, and investing everyday in operations upgrades to streamline implementation of vacants elimination goals

1. Acquisition – in rem, tax sale foreclosure, condemnation, negotiated sale, donations
2. Site Assembly & Disposition of Property
3. Project Finance, Developer Incentives, Affordable Housing Trust Fund & Other Grants, Loans and Mortgages
4. Code Enforcement & Special Investigations Unit
5. Permitting & Building Inspections
6. Property Registration & Rental Licensing
7. Receivership Filing & Code Enforcement Legal
8. Planned & Emergency Demolitions
9. Stabilization of Vacant Properties
10. Emergency Housing Services
11. Homebuyer Incentives
12. Rehab Program, Weatherization Assistance Program, Lead Hazard Reduction Program & HUBS
13. HUD Formula Grant Administration



Vacant housing rehabilitation in Park Heights, one of the City's Geographies of Focus in Mayor Scott's \$3B Vacants Elimination Plan



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Strategic Operations & the Vacants Elimination Plan

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1. FY2025 Delivery Plan
2. State Partnership
3. Community Outreach and Engagement
4. Mayor's Neighborhood Subcabinet
5. Baltimore's First Citywide Housing Plan
6. Housing Preservation & Anti-displacement
7. Middle Neighborhoods Strategy
8. Expanded Development Team
9. Fixed Pricing Program
10. Permit System Upgrades
11. Information Access & Data Tools
12. Integrated & Strategic Code Enforcement

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1. FY2025 Delivery Plan



Reduce Vacant Buildings

Deliver on the Mayor's 15-year goal of addressing the 13,000+ vacant properties across Baltimore



Produce Whole Block Outcomes

Stabilize neighborhoods through support to homeowners at risk and reduction of vacant properties and lots, so that future vacant properties are prevented and communities thrive

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2. State Partnership



 **Coffee Break with Alice & Jake**

Join a monthly Q&A forum with Baltimore City Housing Commissioner Alice Kennedy. The August meeting will welcome special guest Maryland Secretary of Housing & Community Development Jacob R. Day.

Date: Friday, August 23, 2024
Time: 10 to 11 AM
Register here:
<https://bit.ly/CoffeeBreakAugust>



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3. Community Outreach and Engagement



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4. Mayor's Neighborhood Subcabinet



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5. Baltimore's First Citywide Housing Plan



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INVITES YOU TO ATTEND

HOUSING PLAN TOWN HALL MEETINGS

YOUR VOICE MATTERS!

The Baltimore City Department of Housing and Community Development is developing the first ever city-wide Housing Plan to clearly articulate an action-oriented, data-driven, and community-centered, long-term vision for affordable housing across the city. Please join us at a Town Hall meeting.

HELP US DEVELOP A CITY-WIDE HOUSING PLAN

We need all communities in Baltimore to participate in our stakeholder engagement conversations. Widespread input will enable the Department of Housing and Community Development to create a comprehensive city-wide housing plan.

TWO WAYS YOU CAN GET INVOLVED:

1 Attend the upcoming town halls in person or virtually. These meetings are open to the public.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 | 6PM - 8PM
@ Cherry Hill Elementary/ Middle School
(801 Bridgeview Road
Baltimore, MD 21225)

• VIRTUAL LINK: bit.ly/DHCDTownHall1

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5 | 10AM - 12PM
@ Baltimore Polytechnic Institute
(1400 W. Cold Spring Lane
Baltimore, MD 21209)

• VIRTUAL LINK: bit.ly/DHCDTownHall2

2 Take the Survey:
bit.ly/DHCDHousingSurvey



Scan here to
take the survey

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PRESS RELEASE

Mayor Scott, DHCD Announces
Effort to Establish City's First-Ever
"Comprehensive Housing Plan"

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6. Housing Preservation & Anti-Displacement



ARE YOU A BALTIMORE CITY HOMEOWNER WITH OVERDUE HOUSING-RELATED BILLS?

Are you struggling to pay your housing-related bills due to financial hardship from COVID-19?

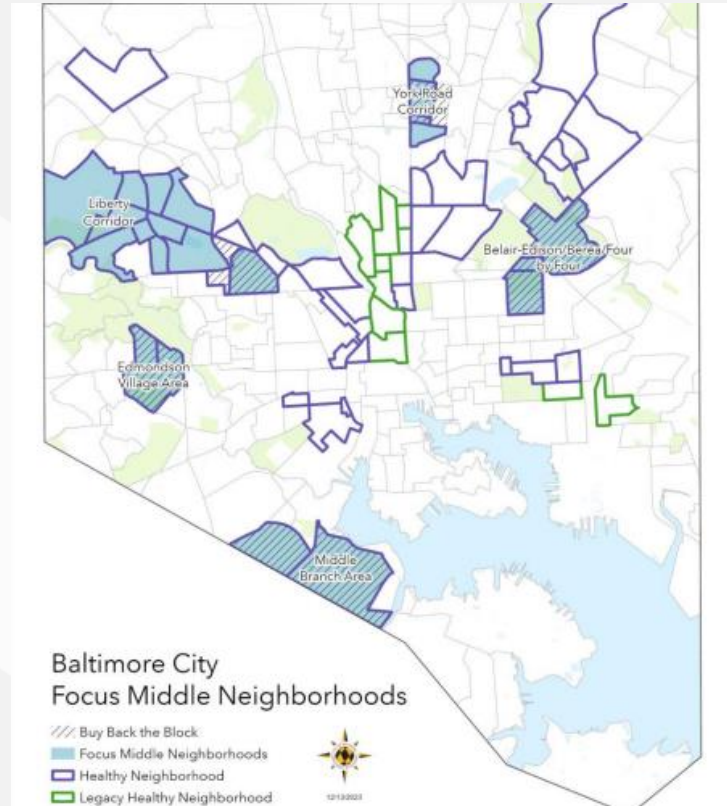
Baltimore City Emergency Mortgage & Housing Assistance Program (EMHAP) May pay a homeowner's overdue mortgage, property taxes, homeowners insurance and/or water bills

- ✔ Do you own and live in your Baltimore City home?
- ✔ Has your income been negatively impacted by COVID-19?
- ✔ Does your annual household income fall below the figures below?

Number of People in Household	Max Annual Income	If so, you may be eligible for EMHAP!
1	\$82,000	Applications are being accepted NOW !!
2	\$71,000	

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7. Middle Neighborhoods Strategy



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8. Expanded Development Team



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9. Fixed Pricing Program

Fixed Pricing Program



The *BuyIntoBmore* Fixed Pricing Program is a sales program for specific City-owned vacant buildings and lots! The program is being implemented in the following phases:

Phase One (April 1 - July 1) - Prioritized for Baltimore City residents committing to restoring and living in the home as a primary residence.

Phase Two (beginning April 15) - Identifies properties not yet owned by the City where applicants have a legacy or familial interest.

Phase Three (beginning July 1) - Includes future homeowners, community land trusts, non-profit and for-profit developers.

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FIXED PRICING PROGRAM
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APRIL 18, 2024

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10. Permit System Upgrades

The screenshot displays the user interface of the Baltimore City Department of Housing & Community Development's permit system. At the top, the department's logo and name are visible. The user is logged in, and the interface includes navigation links for Collections (0), Cart (0), Account Management, and Logout. A search bar is present in the top right. The main navigation menu includes Home, Building, Enforcement, and Licenses. Below this, a secondary menu offers Dashboard, My Records, My Account, and an Advanced Search dropdown. The dashboard content is divided into sections: a Welcome message, a prompt to select a service, and four columns of service links: General Information, Building, Enforcement, and Licenses. A Cart (0) section on the right indicates an empty cart.

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Logged in Collections (0) Cart (0) Account Management Logout

Search...

Home Building Enforcement Licenses

Dashboard My Records My Account Advanced Search ▾

Welcome
You are now logged in.

What would you like to do today?
To get started, select one of the services listed below:

General Information
[Lookup Property Information](#)

Building
[Create an Application](#)
[Search Applications](#)
[Schedule an Inspection](#)

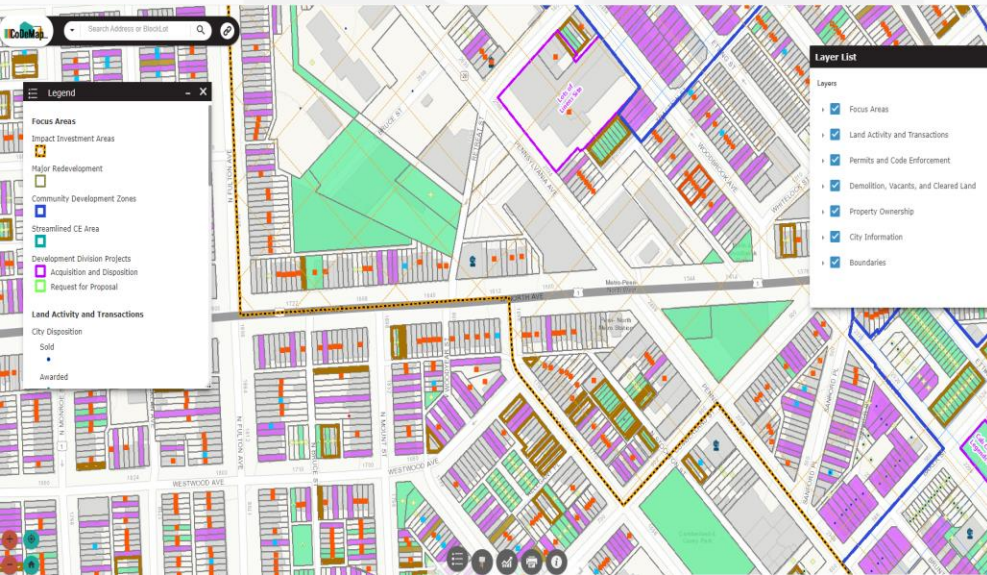
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Licenses

Cart (0)
Your cart is empty.

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11. Information Access & Data Tools



DHCD Research and Analytics Gallery



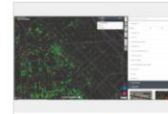
Addressing Baltimore's Vacant Properties at Scale

The Scott Administration plans to eliminate vacant properties in Baltimore City by investing at least \$3.0 billion in our neighborhoods over the next 15 years. Our plan is rooted in equity, justice, and righting historical wrongs.



CoDeMap

This is the newest edition of DHCD's interactive web map. It adds many features to what CoDeMap offered, such as documentation, printing, and exporting of data.



DHCD BuyIntoBmore

The new BuyIntoBmore site aggregates property information from a number of City agencies to provide a comprehensive, user-friendly, mapping tool for constituents to apply to the various programs that allow them to invest in the City.



DHCD Impact Investment Area Project Tracker

DHCD Impact Investment Area project tracking for the Neighborhood Cabinet project. This is connected and updated live from Google Sheets managed by the DHCD representatives for each neighborhood.



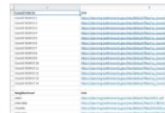
Investment Map

This application shows where DHCD is spending money by neighborhood. This is only a portion and represents what is clearly mappable to an address. A new iteration will be released soon that allows additional drilling down into each neighborhood.



Key Stats Dashboard

This dashboard shows trends in vacant building notices, vacant building rehabs, as well as



Neighborhood Data Profile Links

These profiles give rich information about Council Districts and



Neighborhood Data Profiles Dashboard

Explore neighborhood data estimates in an interactive



VBN Change Dashboard

VBN Change Dashboard by Neighborhood

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12. Integrated & Strategic Code Enforcement



Thank You

