

City of Cleveland Land Bank



Growth & ReUse of Vacant Land

Land Bank parcels are vital to the City's short- & long-term plans for a more sustainable community

- Parcels increased from 5,000 (1st 30 yrs.) to 15,000+ today**
- Nearly 5,000 sold
(2,000+ housing units, 1,500+ side yards,
1,000+ development projects)**
- Average of 400 parcels leased/licensed annually for agriculture and greening**

Each request for Land Bank land receives individual attention, with the goal of not just disposing of parcels, but strategic impact in neighborhoods.

How does the City Land Bank Work?

- **Acquires abandoned vacant land**
 - **County tax foreclosures, forfeitures, CCLRC**
- **Returns land to productive re-use**
 - **Vetting process to ID responsible parties**
 - **Written application with site plan & designs, identified expenses & sources of funding, relevant background & experience.**
 - **Review by Planners, CDC, Councilmember in context of neighborhood plans**
 - **Applicants advised of decision & conditions of approval**
 - **Legal documents signed**

Three Types of Applications

- **Side Yard - Lots adjacent to a homeowner**
- **Development - Housing, Commercial, Institutional**
- **Garden/Green Use - Community benefit**
 - ❖ **License: Use for 1 year**
 - ❖ **Lease: Use for over 1 year, limited situations**

Soil testing required; hydrant access allowed

Requirements

- **Detailed site plan & resources needed**
- **Soil test results determine if site is suitable or if raised beds are needed**
- **Insurance may be required**
- **Fencing requires a permit**
- **High tunnels require a permit**
- **Hydrant permits require questionnaire & payment of annual fees**