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