Abandoned Buildings

Vacant Building Registry

How Can Municipalities Confront the Vacant Property Challenge?

Key Benefits

Motivate owners
Code enforcement alone isn’t always enough to motivate owners to maintain vacant properties. Vacant building registries usually require payment of fees, and these added costs create an additional incentive for owners to maintain their properties.

Identify responsible parties to contact if there is a problem
Municipalities can use the information collected in the registry to contact the party responsible for a property if there is a problem.

Defray costs
Revenue generated from registration fees helps cover costs incurred by municipalities in monitoring vacant properties and enforcing vacant property requirements.

compel registrants to maintain, secure and insure vacant properties, and prepare and implement plans to return them to productive use. Good registry programs are implemented in conjunction with strong code enforcement and often include steep fines for noncompliance.
TREES - THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY

- Replacement Strategy

- Planting Program – Grants/Volunteers

- Emphasize Tall Canopy Trees
  (Oaks, Maples, Elms, etc.)
Opportunity for additional tree plantings
Heritage Shores: Good Model for New Development – Commercial and Residential
ENHANCE THE CORE

- Streetscape Enhancements (Market Street)
- Façade Enhancements
- Attract Businesses
- Reinforce Existing “East” and “West” Districts
- Maintain “Residential Scale” for Commercial Expansion Along Market Street
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