



# ALBANY/DOUGHERTY COUNTY LAND BANK 2019/2020

## VACANT TO VIBRANT !

### Summer 2019

#### HOW LAND BANKS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Land Banks can streamline blight removal and create a nimble, accountable, and community-driven approach to returning problem properties to productive use. Land Banks are focused on acquiring, stabilizing and returning to productive use those properties that are considered to have the most blighting influence in a community. These are properties that may not have an immediate redevelopment opportunity, but are destabilizing neighborhoods and undermining quality of life.

The Land Bank Board of Directors are dedicated to making a difference.

#### VAD TRAINING; HOUSTON TX

The Albany/Dougherty County Land Bank will be represented at the Vacant, Abandoned, and Deteriorated Properties Training Academy (VAD Academy) hosted in Houston TX May 14 –15, 2019. VAD Academy is an intensive two-day training primarily designed for public and nonprofit leaders who are ready to take a more strategic, comprehensive approach to revitalizing VAD properties.

Through a mix of interactive classroom sessions and group exercises, expert faculty members guide students through VAD Academy.

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#### A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Welcome to the first issue of **Vacant to Vibrant!**

The Albany/Dougherty County Land Bank is excited to launch this quarterly newsletter. We hope to inform and inspire you through each edition. Established in April 2017, our goal is to improve Albany and Dougherty County by removing tax delinquent and blighted properties. Each edition of **Vacant to Vibrant!** will feature closings of vacant and delinquent properties, training opportunities, and updates.

The Albany/Dougherty County Land Bank acquires properties in order to improve the quality of neighborhoods, increase property values and return unproductive properties to contributing, tax-paying status, and create diverse housing and business opportunities by leveraging resources to promote and facilitate the reclamation, rehabilitation and reutilization.

Where after reading our newsletter, you find yourself interested in acquiring property through the Land Bank, you will find more information on our website at [www.albanydoughertylandbank.com](http://www.albanydoughertylandbank.com). In visiting our website, you'll find a list of tax delinquent properties, an application, and an online chat opportunity. Thank you for reading.

Respectfully,  
Paul Forgey,  
Executive Director;  
Albany/Dougherty County Land Bank

#### VACANT to VIBRANT!

Reporting our Progress

Since January, 2018, the Land Bank has processed twenty-two (22) applications requesting acquisition. Of the twenty-two applications four (4) have closed. The Land Bank has accepted five (5) property donations and currently has a property in review. Currently the Land Bank owns five (5) vacant lots.

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## FEATURED CLOSINGS



Mr. Roderick Pollock aside Madam Chair, Thelma A. Johnson on February 28, 2019. Mr. Pollock is the new owner of 207 Kalmon Avenue, Albany, Georgia. As a resident concerned with the conditions of this property and the effects it was having on the neighborhood. Mr. Pollock turned to the Albany/Dougherty County Land Bank. He submitted application to acquire the vacant, deteriorating and tax delinquent property . After following the process the property was purchased through the Land Bank. Mr. Pollock immediately began working to improve the property and rehabilitating the vacant structure. He is expected to complete rehabilitation within 12 months of purchase date. This property located within City of Albany District 6 will be a Vacant to Vibrant success story.

Mrs. Denise Clark alongside Stacie Mote, Paralegal with the City Attorney's office on April 25, 2019. Mrs. Clark and her husband Tyrone are the new owners of 3719 Radial Avenue, Albany, Georgia. Residents of Worth County, Mr. and Mrs. Clark desired to relocate to Dougherty County. Mrs. Clark is an employee of the City of Albany and the first to take advantage of the "City/County Employee" incentive program to acquire property through the Land Bank at a very affordable price. The property located within Dougherty County District 6, was tax delinquent, overgrown and host to a structure which needed much TLC. Mr. and Mrs. Clark aspire to have completely rehabilitated the property within 18 months. The Land Bank is excited to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Clark to Dougherty County as homeowners. Another Vacant to Vibrant success.



## RECLAIMING VACANT PROPERTIES; CONFERENCE 2019 ATLANTA GA

The Reclaiming Vacant Properties Conference (RVP) is the only national conference dedicated to strengthening communities through new strategies to transform vacant, abandoned, and deteriorated properties into community assets.

From October 2-4, 2019, RVP is expected to draw approximately 1,000 professionals to Atlanta for 60+ engaging sessions and other learning opportunities. Our Board of Directors will be there to represent the Albany/Dougherty County Land Bank.



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