

VACANTS REVIEW PROGRESS REPORT



Project Brief: The City of Baltimore is implementing recommendations from the 30-Day Vacant Review directive issued by Mayor Brandon Scott. The directive was issued on January 31, 2022, and the recommendations were presented on March 1, 2022. This progress report represents an update on advancements made for the period of April thru June of 2023 on operations, procedures, processes, and projects that help eliminate private and publicly owned vacant, blighted and unsafe properties.



PHYSICAL STRUCTURE AND SAFETY

Annual Tracking Report issued showing the progress made with the Vacants Review Directive - the status report shows action taken on over 80% of the recommendations related to vacants safety and mitigation.

1973 Boarding Request created, 836 completed.

40 properties identified as threats and emergency demolitions conducted.

49 planned demolitions (47 CORE and 2 City) - **73** stabilizations.

1328 Failure to Abate citations issued.

9350 Cleaning/HCW Work Orders Completed

Requests	Created	Completed
Boarding	1973	836
Cleaning	3360	2728
High Grass/Weeds	7513	6622



PREVENTION OF VACANTS & BLIGHT

Community Land Trust rolling NOFA announced - DHCD announced \$4 million available from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund to support homeownership projects sponsored by Community Land Trusts. Applicants can request up to \$1 million per project and applications will be accepted on a rolling basis. Projects can be acquisition and rehab, buyers choice, or innovated housing strategies.

119 active ARPA acquisitions to prepare sites for redevelopment.

92 open bid applications received along with **6** side yard applications.

11 properties approved for sale by the Board of Estimates.

49 properties reached settlements.

381 parcels adopted for green space.



FACILITATE REDEVELOPMENT

Community Catalyst Grants Awards announced. DHCD awarded \$1.9 million in operating funds to twenty-two neighborhood-based organizations in this round of CCG awards. Organizations were awarded grants ranging from \$50,00 to \$125,000 in operating support.

Developer Incentive proposed to close the appraisal gap. DHCD issued a draft NOFA for public comment whereby \$1.5 million in ARPA funding would be available for appraisal gap funding. Single-family projects for homeownership in designated Impact Investment Areas can receive up to \$50,000 per property.

\$10,750,000 in awards were announced for new construction or rehabilitation of affordable rental housing. Fourteen awardees were selected for funding ranging from \$250,000 to \$1,000,000, from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.



PROJECT ADVANCEMENTS/OUTREACH

Chick Webb Recreation Center Renovations Ground Breaking - \$20 million redevelopment set to start in June.

The Next Phase of Perkins Redevelopment kicked off with a groundbreaking to celebrate the progress of Perkins Homes Phase II Redevelopment and the demolition of Perkins Phase 3.

Henderson Crossing/Phase 1 Completion marked with a celebration. Over 60 vacant houses and lots are being addressed with this development.

A Communitiy Conversation took place in Coldstream, Homestead, Montebello. Meeting dates were announced for Park Heights and East Baltimore Midway. Community Conversations are an opportunity residents and neighborhood stakeholders in the Impact Investment Areas to learn about development plans and share feedback with DHCD and DOP.