

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 **October thru December** on operations, procedures, processes, and projects that help eliminate private and publicly owned vacant, blighted and unsafe properties.



PHYSICAL STRUCTURE AND SAFETY

Unsafe Vacant Marking Initiative

launched to help first responders identify unsafe vacant homes, buildings, or structures before entering. Firefighters are securing 12x12 inch, red square reflective signs on properties considered unsafe for anyone to enter and entering data into the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD).

841 Boarding Request created - 859 completed.

20 properties identified as threats and emergency demolitions conducted.

67 planned demolitions (54 CORE and 13 City) - **63** stabilizations.

1385 Failure to Abate citations issued.

6,980 Cleaning Work Orders Completed

Requests	Created	Completed
Boarding	841	859
Cleaning	2443	2954
High Grass/Weeds	2087	3167



PREVENTION OF VACANTS & BLIGHT

In Rem foreclosure work advanced with first series of hearing held by the court. Purpose is to expedite the removal of nuisance properties from private owners.

Tax Sale Deferral Program marketing effort expanding to partner organization and targeted to senior citizen service providers.

CPTED Fayette Street Outreach - to illustrate the linkage between vacant buildings and public safety and highlight where cleaning, greening, lighting, etc., can improve space.

27 properties acquired by City to prepare sites for redevelopment.

41 open bid applications received along with 17 side yard applications.

27 Adopt-A-Lot applications received -3 licenses approved for green space.



FACILITATE REDEVELOPMENT

Fall Expression of Interest issued, offering several city-owned sites for development. The City aims to continue ongoing, large-scale revitalization efforts by promoting properties in locations primed for redevelopment. A total of 19 residential lots were offered in Upton and two vacant buildings, representing over 940,460 square feet, in the Cherry Hill neighborhood.

\$2.8 million awarded in Community Catalyst Grants. Thirteen neighborhood based organizations were awarded capital funds for community-driven revitalization projects.

22 property sales approved by Board of Estimates.

Inclusionary Housing report finalized, providing an analysis of the former Inclusionary Housing Ordinance and recommendations for a new Inclusionary Housing program



PROJECT ADVANCEMENTS/OUTREACH

Poppleton Community Conversation convened to discuss future development plans for the neighborhood. The community visioning process examined the remaining parcels for development in the Poppleton Land Disposition and Development agreement.

Shape Your City - DOP Comprehensive Plan Work Sessions convened with the public to explore affordable housing, community development, vacants reduction, and equitable development, among other topics.

Johnston Square Community Conversation held to discuss development plans in this neighborhood in the East Impact Investment Area. Gathered information informs the Implementation Strategy as part of the ongoing Community Development Framework.

Poppleton Lot J Presentation - discussing the Senior Building design concepts and development plans.