

2022 Year in Review

Financial Stability

The Land bank in 2022 had a dedicated funding sourced for the first time in its history. This is thanks to the Erie County Treasurer and the Erie County Commissioners for allocating Delinquent Tax & Assessment Collection (DTAC) funds to the Land Bank.



Increased Activity

2022 was the first full calendar year since 2019 that the Land Bank had a fulltime executive director. A fulltime staff member managing the operations of the Land Bank, coupled with a dedicated funding source, resulted in an increase of activity. In 2022 the Land Bank:

- Returned 16 properties to the tax rolls by selling them to private owners, allowing them to generate funds for our schools and communities again.
- Transferred 17 properties to community partners for the purposes of future redevelopment
- Demolished or reimbursed community partners directly for the demolition of seven blighted and abandoned structures in Sandusky, Perkins Township, Huron and Florence Township.

Project Highlights

- Partnered with the City of Huron for the demolition of a structure at 624 Berlin Road. The property will be reutilized as a public park in the future.
- Partnered with Sandusky to demolish the Dog House Bar. Prior to being closed, the bar was a known community nuisance with over 100 calls for emergency services in a year, including shots fired on multiple occasions.

Securing Outside Funding

The Land Bank secured nearly \$700,000 from the state of Ohio for the purpose of demolition and revitalization activities at two properties in Erie County. The Land Bank will use this funding prepare the former Meier's Wine Cellar building on Campbell Street in Sandusky for redevelopment, and to completely clear the former school house on State Street in Vermilion. Both sites have end use plans in place that will better the community and will spur future development in the area.

