



NEWBURGH COMMUNITY LAND BANK PERFORMANCE MEASURES 2018

Strategically acquire vacant, abandoned and underutilized properties in a responsible manner

NCLB obtained acquired 19 properties to execute the Community Revitalization Initiative Round 3 Grant from the NYS Office of the Attorney General. Additionally, NCLB worked toward the acquisition of one bank owned property that was eventually acquired July 11, 2018.

Manage vacant, abandoned and underutilized properties

NCLB continue to manage property through Mesh Realty. Using their employees and crew, the Land Bank continues to monitor property conditions, trash, snow, and vegetation removal on a regular basis and to address new issues as they arise. Staff schedule periodic inspections of properties to maintain task list. A nationally-recognized art program continued to make use of vacant property for installation art to build community and discourage dumping and other undesirable treatment of vacant spaces. NCLB continues to advise City of Newburgh on strategies for addressing distressed properties.

Dispose of vacant, abandoned and underutilized property

NCLB disposed of seven properties in FY 2018, which all returned to the tax rolls. Four of the properties will be owner occupied, one will be open space for a neighboring commercial space and two will be rental properties. NCLB also worked to implement a Request for Proposal process to enhance transparency, volume and outcomes for its property dispositions.

Hire appropriate staff to sustainably operate the Land Bank

Madeline Fletcher and Diana Mangaser continued to work with the Land Bank. Fletcher served as Executive Director and Mangaser changed her role from Design Director to Artist-in-Vacancy Coordinator. Burke Blackman became the Project Director following his Americorps service and NCLB hired Amy Blair as Administrative Manager.

Secure adequate funding to operate the Land Bank and undertake necessary development and pre-development work.

NCLB's primary funding continues to come from the NYS OAG Community Revitalization Initiative. In 2017, NCLB secured one of the highest awards of \$2 million in the 3rd Round. NCLB also continues to seek funding from other sources including NYS HCR, banks and foundations. NCLB also secured over \$600,000 through the OAG for the Neighbors for Neighborhoods program, which was competitively awarded to only six land banks. NCLB also continued to support the NYLBA with Fletcher serving as Secretary in the effort to continue to build statewide support, legislative and funding tools to advance Land Banks.