

Priority Area:

Address Declining Neighborhoods

Goal/Objective:

Reduce vacant and unmaintained city owned lots in neighborhoods.

Strategy 7 - Implement a vacant lot inventory and tracking system. To be tied to city GIS system. Use to monitor status of lots and ensure lots are maintained. Will work in tandem with the city's Surplus Land Policy and Procedure to encourage sale of city owned properties for infill development:**Action Steps:**

- a. Review current Land Bank list of City owned properties for completeness and accuracy.
- b. Provide list to city GIS program staff for development of GIS layer.
- c. Review current Surplus Land Policy and Procedure for any needed updates/changes that could be made to encourage sale of properties to infill builders (e.g. donation of property, sale at reduced rate, waiving certain fees, etc.).
- d. Review current Surplus Land Policy and Procedure for needed changes to include steps for inclusion of city parcels in new GIS inventory and tracking system.
- e. Ensure properties are maintained (mowing, etc.) during period of city ownership.

Resources Required:

1. Public Works, Planning and Zoning and Finance Departments all have roles in carrying out the city's Surplus Land Policy and Procedures. No additional staff are anticipated for this project.
2. City GIS staff time will be required to develop the initial map layer of surplus city lots and will then be required for regular maintenance of the layer.
3. Software to help identify and track vacant lots.

Total Plan Cost:

Total Additional FTE: Existing staff time.

One-Time Costs: \$0.00

Staffing Annual Costs: \$0.00

Program Annual Costs: \$2,000

Desired Benefit/Outcome:

- Reduce City maintenance cost of vacant lots.
- Place vacant lots back into production.

"I'd like to see the empty lots and buildings be occupied." – Listening Tour Respondent