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Since 2005, the Land Bank has demolished **444** homes, renovated **230** homes, built **43** homes and sold **226** homes.

The Ingham County Land Bank was born with the mission to build great places, strengthen our communities and generate sustainable economic prosperity. During the early stages, the Land Bank built its inventory and took responsibility for blighted properties throughout the community, with the goal of: Creating... Place. Community. Opportunity.

2005

The Land Bank launched national Neighborhood Stabilization Program efforts in Ingham County, offering down payment assistance for qualified homebuyers, giving individuals who never believed homeownership was an option a piece of the American dream. Through NSP, **124** homes have been renovated or built in Ingham County.

"Financially, it just makes so much sense. Buying a house through the Land Bank will really help me get my financial footing as a young person, period. I'm building credit and equity, and doing things that I could not have done otherwise."

- Leyna Lightman

2008



Currently, **120** Land Bank parcels are being gardened, beautified and enjoyed by neighbors as green open spaces through the Land Bank's Garden Program. The Land Bank now maintains more than 4 acres of green space in the City of Lansing.

"We wouldn't have been able to do this without the Land Bank."

- **Dakeyia Scott**
Dakeyia, with the help of a team of volunteers, worked to transform a once-vacant lot in the Baker Donora neighborhood into a thriving garden.

2009

Through partnerships such as the Youth Build Project and Restoration Works, the Land Bank provided community service opportunities and on-site job training for area residents. The Restoration Works program has trained over **30** high school and college students, covering courses in framing, concrete, roofing and siding – contributing to remodeling projects on Kalamazoo Street, on Lansing's East Side. The Land Bank continues to hold a position as an empowering community organization.



2010

"The NEO Center has a quirky-ness but it works and it fits in the neighborhood. It's very satisfying that the neighborhood accepts and wants us here!"

- **Ryan Henry**
Today, Kincaid Henry and the NEO Center make a positive impact in the North Side of Lansing by fostering business growth in the community.

The Land Bank began commercial property endeavors, working with area developers to return properties to productive use, increasing the tax base, and providing affordable and innovative opportunities for commercial redevelopment and vibrant mixed use projects – like the Center for New Enterprise Opportunity (NEO), the City of Lansing's first business incubator, and Midtown, a luxury apartment and mixed-use complex along the Michigan Avenue Corridor.

2011



In partnership with Center for Financial Health, the Land Bank launched the Home Buyer's Club, a community resource to provide information and tools to first time home buyers or those who may not even realize that homeownership is attainable.

"By joining the Home Buyer's Club I learned how to increase my savings, how to manage any sort of debt I previously had or might run into and I was even able to save enough money to purchase the lot next door so my kids could have a bigger yard to play in."

- **Monika Mayer**

2013

2014



The Land Bank moved to its new home at 3024 Turner Street and for the first time the entire staff was under one roof, helping elevate collaborative efforts.

"Our foundation of single-family home redevelopment has prepared us to tackle higher density, mixed-use projects that will make both our main corridors and neighborhoods shine, attracting the workers and families of a vibrant future."

- **Eric Schertzing**
Ingham County Treasurer and Chairman of the Ingham County Land Bank

2020

As the Land Bank looks ahead, we envision a future for the county in which property values are stable or rising, tax foreclosures are reduced and foreclosed property is quickly returned to productive use.

2017

By 2017, the Land Bank will have demolished approximately **500** blighted structures in Ingham County, removing eyesores and dangerous buildings from neighborhoods throughout the region. Vacant lots will be transformed into gardens, sold to neighbors to expand their yards, banked for future development or become the site for new homes, returning the land to productive use.

"It's wonderful – the blighted homes were an eyesore. It looks cleaner, neater and we're proud of what we have in our neighborhood."

- **We Care Neighborhood Watch Association member**

2025

"The Land Bank is strategic in banking properties in traditionally walkable and dense areas of Lansing and along major corridors. This will provide attractive opportunities for development, including mixed-use and multi-family properties.

- **Jeff Burdick**
Executive Director of the Ingham County Land Bank

The Land Bank will continue to support placemaking efforts and corridor development, helping neighborhoods and commercial areas become more vibrant and prosperous, attracting and retaining diverse residents to live, work, play and raise families in Ingham County.



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