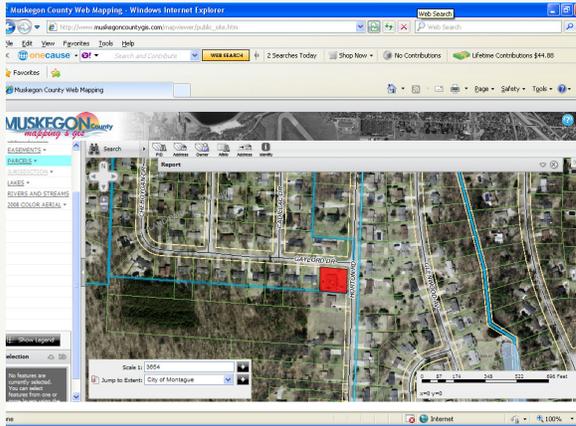


Are You Looking at Me?!



855 HORTON AS SEEN FROM THE COUNTY EQUALIZATION DEPARTMENT'S LAND BANK MAPPING SYSTEM. THE PROPERTY IS NOW BOUNDED IN YELLOW—SALE PENDING!

Searching for and researching Land Bank properties has never been easier!!

Our Equalization Department has added a Land Bank mapping system to their public use mapping site.

Using the Muskegon County Land Bank Property Mapping Application, anyone interested in our for sale, sale pending, or sold property can get an overview of the property with a mouse click.

First, go to: www.muskegoncountygis.com/landbank_site_disclaimer.htm. Click "Agree", then you will see multicolored houses on a map of Muskegon County. Reds are sold, yellows are pending, and greens (GO!) are for sale. Continued clicking or rolling on a particular house brings you closer and closer. First you will see natural features, then street names, then you will get to the point where you will see an approximate outline of the boundaries of the property!

You can drag (pull) the map around to check out adjacent property. This bird's-eye view is an important tool in property search. The mapping system is also designed to show the Land Bank's countywide impact. Thanks much to our awesome Equalization Department, with special thanks to Tom Van Bruggen!!

Partnering

The Land Bank recently sold a piece of vacant land in Muskegon Township to First Baptist Church for a planned picnic area.

There are many vacant lots available throughout the county. If your or-

ganization is looking for a place for a garden, picnic, or camping area, please contact the Land Bank.

This will help us in our property acquisition plans and hopefully allow us to help you as well!!



Let us know if you are looking for a spot!

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So You Must Be the New Kid

Dozens of new properties were added to the Land Bank following the second tax auction.

The vast majority of the property taken in was vacant land, but a few of the properties stand out:

We have our first forays into the municipalities of White Lake Township (Hancock Road), the Village of Lakewood Club (several small parcels), the village of Ravenna (a high profile buildable lot), and Cedar Creek Township (over eight acres with access to Ewing Road). Many of the

vacant lots will be sold to neighbors, some of the improved lots will be held until the right buyer/builder comes along.

These acquisitions bring the number of municipalities directly influenced by the Land Bank to seventeen. While not typically a “wow” number, it shows the countywide aspect of the Land Bank’s efforts. If any part of the body is not healthy, we are all not healthy!

3290 S. Getty—Crestview Mobile Home Park (see Blight Elimination Story, next page)

1748 Madison— the first property in some time the Land Bank selected with the expressed intent of rehabbing. We hope to begin construction this fall.

The Land Bank also took in a storage building to keep our cleaning supplies, tools, and other materials. This will also open the door for storing building supplies. Please contact us if you have some stuff in which we might have interest.

PROPERTIES SOLD ALL
TIME BY THE LAND
BANK:

61

THIS YEAR TO DATE:

33

Land Bank Q & A

Q: So how come the Land Bank hasn’t done anything in my community/neighborhood?

A: The Land Bank focuses mainly on tax foreclosed property. While this problem is widespread (see above), it is most

concentrated in our cities. That said, we have been in a lot of neighborhood in Muskegon as well: Angell, Nims, Marquette, Marsh Field, Lakeside, Nelson, McLaughlin, Jackson Hill, Oakview, Sheldon Park, Steele, and Campbell Field.

In Muskegon Heights, we have been on the south side (6th Street, Waalkes, Summit, Overbrook) and the north side (two on Wood St.) In Norton Shores, we have been by the Getty Drive Inn, off Grand Haven Road, and a couple of parcels (still for sale!) on the south side.

Fire up the Moving Truck

Recently sold by the Land Bank:

493 Overbrook, City of Muskegon Heights, Woodcliffe Neighborhood. Four bedroom, two bath. New owner and Board Chairman Moulatsiotis, right.

1057 West, Muskegon Town-

ship. Sold to First Baptist Church. Planned picnic area.

3028 Waalkes, Muskegon Heights, the last of our original rehabbed homes! Cute little bungalow on a nice block. The Land Bank got a chance to meet some of the great neighbors.



Blight Elimination



LOT 29 AT CRESTVIEW—BEFORE WE GOT TO IT. AFTER PICTURE AT RIGHT.

For our Spring (and into Summer) Project, the Land Bank assisted the Treasurer’s Office with clean-up at Crestview

Mobile Home Park in the City of Norton Shores. The park was later transferred to the Land Bank in September. The Land Bank removed two thirty yard dumpsters worth of debris in vacant lots and an untold number of cubic yards of yard waste. Four blighted trailers were demolished on site. Several other trailers were cleaned out and rented up.

The County also made several repairs to the park at large including new street lights, road signage and fixed a couple of sinkholes from the old sep-

tic system (the park has had water and sewer for some years).

Residents were supplied with some basic repair materials and a few truckloads of black dirt. Newly cleaned vacant lots were seeded. Hope you like what we did with the place.



PROPERTIES CURRENTLY IN THE LAND BANK PORTFOLIO:

79

Energy Saving Tip—Find the Filter

A clean machine not only runs in a more safe manner; it also runs more efficiently! Two things to consider:

1. Inspect and/or replace your furnace filter every two months at a minimum.. During heating (and cooling!) season a lot

of air is circulated by your heating and duct system. Think of it as your house’s lungs: if they are clogged, it is harder to breathe. Find your filter, check out the size, go to the store and stock up on a few.

2. Clean your dryer vent and lint trap. Make use of that narrow vacuum attachment you never use. Same concept as the furnace—better breathing means better efficiency.

And the most important part: DO IT NOW!!

ALL TIME LB PROPERTY:

140

Featured Property— 470 Overbrook, Musk. Hts. Woodcliffe

Nice three bedroom, one bath ranch in Woodcliffe Neighborhood.

Features real hardwood floors in the living room, hallway, and all bedrooms. Full



REAL HARDWOOD FLOORS

basement, central air conditioning, attached garage, new roof, nice fenced in backyard are some of the highlights.

The home is listed at \$49,900.

This property is being marketed by Anthony Lambers of Coldwell

Banker AJS Schmidt. Call Anthony at 231-670-6724 to set





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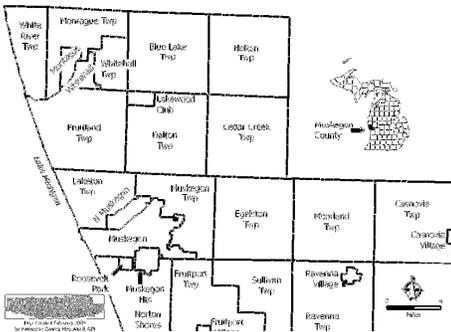


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www.muskegonlandbank.org

We welcome your input

Please pass along any questions or comments about the Land Bank and our mission. We would love to address them here!!

Call Tim Burgess at 231-557-5553 or leave a message at 231-724-6170.



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