

CHAUTAUQUA
COUNTY



*Conquering Blight ♦ Strengthening
Neighborhoods ♦ Redeveloping Communities*

Chautauqua County Legislature

Planning & Economic Development Committee

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Why Land Banking

- Reduces blight
- Stems the tide of serial foreclosures and disinvestment
- Right-sizes the market (demolitions)



Blighted and abandoned properties dilute the real estate market, invite crime, incur public expense and discourage neighborhood reinvestment



Community-driven Initiative

- **2007** – Chautauqua County Housing & Neighborhood Trust Fund set aside \$200,000 for blight abatement and established a task force
- **2010** – Chautauqua 20/20 Comprehensive Plan completed, with land banking recommendation
- **April 2011** – Chautauqua 20/20 Plan adopted
- **May 2012** – Chautauqua County's Land Bank application approved by NYS
- **September 2012** – CCLBC officially incorporated
- **October 2012** – CCLBC holds first official Board of Directors meeting
- **October 2013** – Chautauqua County Land Bank was awarded \$1.5 million by New York State for 2014-15 activities

Funding

Chautauqua County Housing Trust (from Tobacco Settlement Fund)

- \$150,000 to establish Land Bank and create business plan

NYS Office of Attorney General (from the Mortgage Settlement Fund)

- \$2.8 million to establish Demolition program, Side lot dispositions, REO acquisition fund, staffing and marketing costs



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\$1.5M funding from OAG 2013

- **\$1 million** for demolition (all residential)
- **\$150,000** for purchasing bank-owned properties (REOs)
- **\$31,000** for side lot disposition
- **\$25,000** for Marketing
- **\$300,000** for Staffing, Shared Services & Consultants

\$1.3 Million from OAG 2014

- **\$1 million** for demolition
 - \$500,000 for Mixed Use
 - \$500,000 for Residential
- **\$151,000** for Administrative Support
- **\$ 8,500** for Marketing
- **\$ 15,500** for Side lot Disposition
- **\$125,000** for REO Acquisition

County Legislature Support

- Transfer Properties from Auction for \$1.00, plus one year's Tax Revenues.
- Hold designated properties from auction for demolition or side lot disposition
- In-Kind Services – Legal and Real Property Tax guidance

Expected Outcomes

- Higher Property Values
- Stabilized Neighborhoods
- Right-Sized Housing Markets
- Reduced Blight (& decreased public cost)
- Increased Property Tax Revenues
- Strategic Land Reuse
- Sustainable Program

Acquisition Strategy

3 Type "A" Properties



2 Type "B" Properties



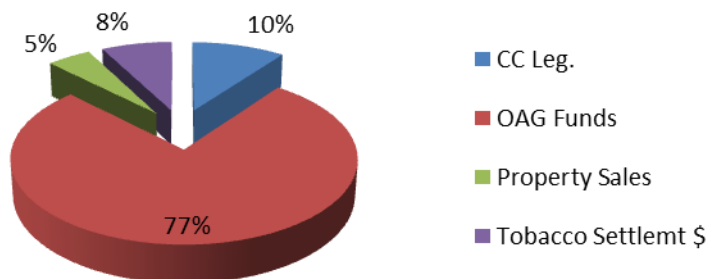
1 Type "C" Property



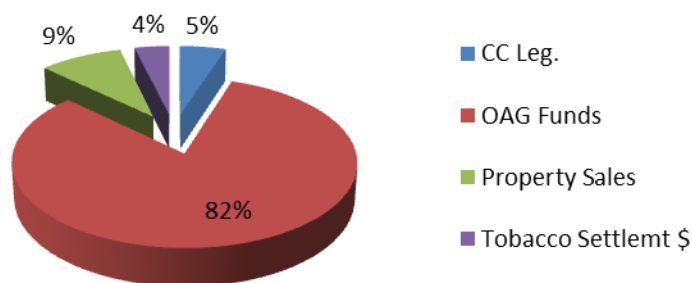
Statistics to Date

\$2.86 Million in grant funding secured in 2013-2014 to support program operations through 2016

2014 % Operating Revenues



2015 % of Operating Revenues



Acquisitions from Legislature

Rehabs 4Sale:	34
sold:	16
rehab complete:	5
demo:	4

Private investment : \$675,000

(incl. cash purchase + reno investments)

Demolitions:

pulled from auction	23
Completed by Q1,2105:	22
Jamestown:	19
Dunkirk:	3

[Plus both cities match 1:1]

Anticipate completing 200 demolitions by December 2016

Side lots:

back on tax rolls by Q1 2015:	16
In 2014:	4

Snapshots of Success

81 Risley, Fredonia



Before

Assessed: \$32,000

Appraised: \$13,000

After
Reinvestment: \$100,000



Snapshots of Success

768 Eagle St., Dunkirk



BEFORE

\$16,000 Appraised

\$28,000 Assessed

AFTER

Re-Investment: \$45,000



Snapshots of Success

1115 Prendergast, Jamestown



BEFORE

\$25,000 Appraised

\$46,500 Assessed

(almost) AFTER

Re-Investment: \$ 68,000



Snapshots of Success

1309 Newland, Jamestown



BEFORE

\$32,000 Appraised

\$54,000 Assessed

AFTER

Re-Investment: \$48,000



It's all about the Outcomes

- 16 Properties x \$ 5,500 average auction price = **\$88,000 lost revenue**
 - Generated \$188,000 in sales revenue for operating expenses \$487,000 in private reinvestment
- **Total Private Investment = \$675,000**
- Properties back on tax rolls at higher values
- Blight removed; public cost and risks mitigated
- Property values increased
- Neighborhoods stabilized
- Neighbors happy & incentivized to reinvest



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