

## Transforming Neighborhoods

### Addressing Vacant, Abandoned, and Deteriorated Properties

Jasper Civic Center  
204 19th Street East  
Jasper, AL 35501

Hosted by: Walker Area Association of REALTORS®

## AGENDA

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**8:00 - 8:30 AM Registration**

**8:30 - 9:00 AM Welcome and Introductions**

**9:00 - 9:30 AM Property Revitalization Cycle: A Systems Based Approach**

*A number of interconnected laws, policies, processes, or “systems” influence whether a property falls into decline, sits vacant, or is transformed back into productive use. This session will provide an overview of the Center for Community Progress’ Systems Based Approach to property revitalization.*

**9:30 - 10:30 AM Gathering, Aggregating and Analyzing Data to Understand Neighborhood Conditions**

*The ability to locate, gather, and aggregate comprehensive data regarding local property markets and community conditions is the foundation of a data-informed revitalization strategy. This session will explore how linking multiple datasets can offer insights into factors that are likely to be critical for mounting successful property revitalization efforts.*

**10:30 - 10:45 AM Break**

**10:45 - 12:00 PM Engaging Local Partners in Community Revitalization**

*Coordinating data collection efforts, sharing resources, and engaging a number of stakeholders is critical in the development of a successful revitalization strategy. This session will touch on examples of how to connect with existing resources in your community.*

**12:00 - 12:30 PM Lunch**

**12:30 - 1:45 PM**    **Understanding Vacancy and Abandonment and the Role of Code Enforcement**

*There are many reasons a vacant, abandoned and deteriorated property can get “stuck” in the property revitalization cycle. Code enforcement gives local governments the ability to use their regulatory powers to address these challenges. However, a one-size-fits-all approach to addressing problem properties will not be successful for any comprehensive revitalization plan. This session will provide an understanding of challenges in addressing vacant, abandoned, and deteriorated properties and the pros and cons of various code enforcement strategies.*

**1:45 - 2:00 PM**    **Break**

**2:00 - 3:30 PM**    **Local Ordinances: The Building Blocks of Code Enforcement**

*A code enforcement department is only as good as the regulatory tools it has on the books, and the systems that are in place to use those tools. Participants will gain a deeper understanding of the components of effective and ineffective local code enforcement ordinances and a clearer sense of what best practices to consider in shaping (or re-shaping) their regulatory framework.*

**3:30 - 3:45 PM**    **Training Wrap-Up**

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