

Transforming Neighborhoods

Strategies and Tools for Addressing Vacant, Abandoned, and Deteriorated Properties

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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 - 10:00 AM **Market Fundamentals**

How real estate markets work, and the flow of demand and supply for a neighborhood’s land and buildings, determines many aspects of a neighborhood’s trajectory. This session explores how markets work, the relationship between markets, vacant properties, and owner behavior, and how those three factors combined impact neighborhood outcomes.

10:00 - 10:15 AM **Break**

10:15 - 11:15 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.

11:15 - 12:00 PM **Exploring Local Data in the City of Spokane**

Participants will learn about the process used by the City of Spokane’s Department of Code Enforcement for collecting data, what they are learning, and how they plan to use this data to inform future property related planning and policies.

12:00 - 12:45 PM **Lunch**

- 12:45 - 1:45 PM** **Understanding Strategic Code Enforcement and Available Enforcement Tools**
Code enforcement gives local governments the ability to use their regulatory powers to improve quality of life for residents and address problem properties. A core challenge, however, is how to do so given limited resources. This session will provide an understanding of strategic code enforcement and the enforcement tools available to address vacant, abandoned, and deteriorated properties.
- 1:45 - 2:00 PM** **Break**
- 2:00 - 3:30 PM** **Effective, Efficient, and Equitable Application of Enforcement Tools to Address Vacant Abandoned and Deteriorated Properties**
When it comes to developing – or strengthening – a comprehensive strategy to tackle vacant, abandoned, and deteriorated properties, it can be difficult to know where to begin. This session will provide participants with an understanding of how to apply the information learned about data and markets, code enforcement, and enforcement tools to VAD properties.
- 3:30 - 3:45 PM** **Training Wrap-Up**

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