



VACANT TO VIBRANT

LAND BANKING FOR HEALTHY
APPALACHIAN COMMUNITIES



WHY WE'RE HERE

THE SCOPE OF THE CHALLENGE IS IMMENSE

- 20,000 building in need of immediate demolition (WVU BAD Buildings Program, 2019).
- Current land use practices do not enable an adequate response to environmental contamination.
- Incalculable setbacks to the economy, health and safety, and community stability.

WHO WE ARE

OUR MISSION

Our mission is to facilitate community and economic development by supporting the strategic reuse of dilapidated, underutilized, and environmentally compromised properties.



WHAT WE DO

BRINGING PROPERTY BACK INTO PRODUCTIVE USE

- Driving systems-level change to facilitate sustainable and strategic property reuse to serve the needs of West Virginians
- Partnering with and supporting organizations across the state that promote productive land use
- Executing projects that prepare sites for productive reuse





WHAT WE DO

LAND BANKING 101

- A quasi-governmental organization created to acquire, manage, and repurpose vacant, abandoned, or tax-delinquent properties
- Dealing with the “worst of the worst”: properties that are stuck in legal or financial limbo
- Removing barriers to reuse
 - Title clearing
 - Demolition
 - Site prep
- Working within community comprehensive plan
- Identifying responsible long-term stewards of a property whose goals are in line with community needs



WHAT WE DO

OUTCOMES

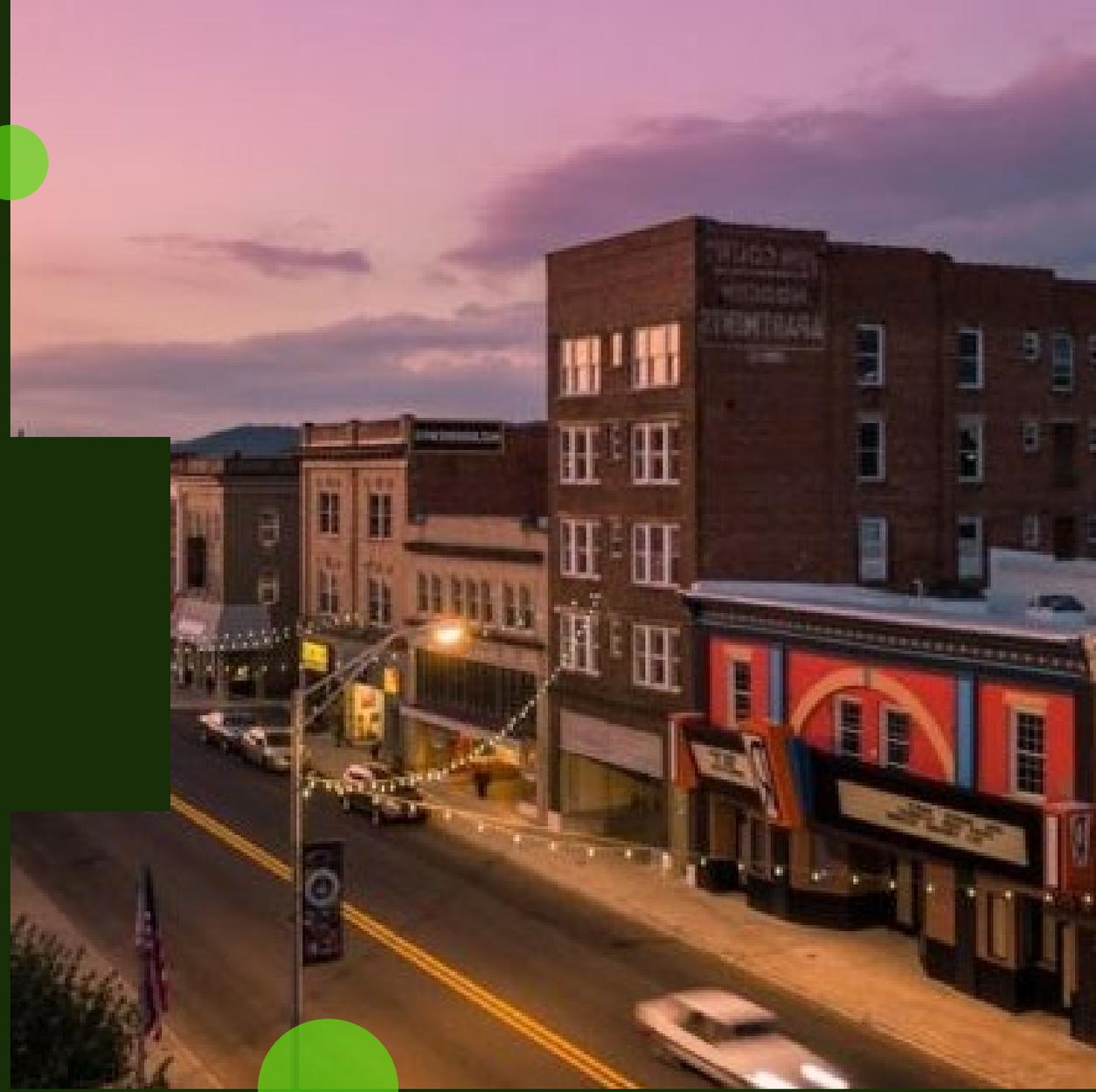
- Dilapidated housing is rehabilitated by nonprofit partners and returned to the market with affordability measures in struggling neighborhoods
- Community markets and urban farm coalitions lease low-cost operations space in former food deserts
- Downtown storefronts are revitalized into art galleries, small businesses, and eateries to bring new life back to struggling main street communities
- Neighborhood gardens bring green space, education, and free produce to a previously overgrown block
- Former industrial sites are remediated and converted into parks, trails, and community gathering space

WHAT WE DO

COMMUNITIES YOU WANT TO CALL HOME

Families and workers are looking for more than just housing – they want places to belong. Effective land banking means reclaiming neighborhood identity, stabilizing property values, reducing blight, and unlocking opportunity.

It means making vacant spaces into vibrant places.



LET'S GET STARTED



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