

Mayor's Housing Quality Task Force

Literature Review

2015 Land Quantity Analysis Result and Methodology. Rep. City of Spokane, n.d. Web. 7 June 2016. <<https://static.spokanecity.org/documents/business/resources/studies/other/city-spokane-2015-land-quantity-analysis-report.pdf>>.

City of Spokane's Land Quantity Analysis which estimates the amount of land available in the City of Spokane and the capacity of that land to support residential and non-residential growth.

Blumgart, Jake. "FixList Drills down on Philadelphia Homes Ripe for Redevelopment." PhillyVoice. N.p., 31 May 2016. Web. 09 June 2016. <<http://www.phillyvoice.com/fixlist-drills-down-philadelphia-homes-ripe-redevelopment/>>.

Highlights a website started by a former city of Philadelphia employee called FixList. FixList compiles data from city sources such as property assessment data, licenses and inspections, sheriff's sale listings, construction permits, etc. into a map-based site that allows users to determine a property's potential for redevelopment. Using more than 50 metrics, each property is given a score between 0 and 100 on a "Redevelopment Scale." The data is meant to be a predictive model to allow developers and investors to locate properties with the best potential for development. The website currently only has data from Philadelphia but expects to expand to five other cities by the end of the year.

"Countywide Land Banks Tackle Vacancy and Blight." Evidence Matters: Transforming Knowledge Into Housing and Community Development Policy. U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Policy Development and Research, Winter 2014. Web. 7 June 2016. <<https://www.huduser.gov/portal/periodicals/em/winter14/highlight3.html>>.

This article explores the history and usefulness of land banks in combating abandoned, vacant properties and blight. Using granted authority such as code enforcement, clearing titles, and extinguishing delinquent property taxes, land banks are able to reduce blight, enhance public safety, stabilize communities, and rehabilitate properties that the real estate market cannot process efficiently. The article examines how land banks in Cuyahoga County, Ohio and Fulton County, Georgia are helping communities confront vacancy and blight.

De Wit, Jessica. "Revitalizing Blighted Communities with Land Banks." Urban & Regional Planning Economic Development Handbook. University of Michigan, Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning, n.d. Web. 8 June 2016. <<http://www.umich.edu/~econdev/landbank/>>.

Article explains what land banks are and discusses their benefits and challenges. It discusses the Michigan land bank legislation and the success of the Genesee County, Michigan Land Bank. Finally, the article explains how land banks can be used as a smart growth planning tool.

Durning, Alan. "Bring Back Flophouses, Rooming Houses, and Microapartments." Slate Magazine. N.p., 17 July 2013. Web. 09 June 2016.

http://www.slate.com/articles/business/moneybox/2013/07/sros_flophouses_microapartments_smart_cities_are_finally_allowing_the_right.html>.

Related:

<http://marketurbanism.com/2016/03/20/the-need-for-low-quality-housing/>
http://www.des.ucdavis.edu/faculty/handy/ESP171/Rooming_house_redux.pdf

A century ago, many working class families living in cities resided in rooming houses, residential hotels, or lived with other families. These sorts of living arrangements were eventually outlawed by zoning laws pushed by real estate owners looking to maximize the value of their properties and reformers looking to improve housing conditions. However, these rules have wiped out affordable housing options for the young and working poor. Parking requirements also made it more difficult and expensive to build affordable units. The author argues that despite their reputations, alternative options such as rooming houses and micro apartments could be a great way to increase affordable housing in cities.

“Genesee County Land Bank 2015 Annual Review.” Genesee County Land Bank, n.d. Web. 8 June 2016.
<<http://www.thelandbank.org/downloads/lbanewsletterannualreportwinter2016final.pdf>>.

Annual review of the Genesee County (Michigan) Land Bank. Highlights the land bank’s programs and accomplishments including the maintenance of vacant properties, decorating and boarding vacant houses, demolishing blighted properties, and converting a former Chevrolet property into a nature area and walking trail.

Pinderhughes, Howard, Rachel A. Davis, and Myesha Williams. Adverse Community Experiences and Resilience. Working paper. Prevention Institute, n.d. Web. 8 June 2016.
<<http://www.preventioninstitute.org/component/jlibrary/article/id-372/127.html>>.

This article explores how trauma prevents people and communities from meeting their basic needs. It examines how the negative conditions in a community’s social-cultural environment, physical/built environment, and economic environment contribute to trauma and discusses strategies to reverse these conditions.