

Reclaiming Abandoned Properties Workshop

Tuesday, February 10, 2015

10:00AM – 2:00PM

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**Westampton Municipal Building, 710 Rancocas Road,
Westampton, NJ 08060**

Although abandoned buildings are typically an urban problem, suburban locales have seen dramatic increases due to bank foreclosures. Properties that blight our neighborhoods and business corridors are a critical barrier to economic and community redevelopment, as they lower surrounding property values and scare away residents, developers and business owners.

This program will cover the various tools and techniques local officials currently have at their disposal available through the Abandoned Properties Act to address these problem properties, including strategic code enforcement, vacant property registry and inspection programs, and taking title to abandoned properties.

Hear from the experts on:

- ***Developing a Vacant Property Strategy***
- ***Tools for Reclaiming Vacant Properties in NJ***
- ***Approaches on the Ground and***
- ***Municipal Case Studies that are successful!***

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Agenda

10:00am	Welcome by the Honorable Carolyn Chang , Mayor of Westampton
10:10am	Introduction by Kent R. Pipes , The Affordable Homes Group
10:15am	Municipal Case Study by David G. Brown II, MPA, R.P.P.O., Borough Administrator/OEM Coordinator, Borough of Roselle
10:30am	Developing a Vacant Property Strategy by Alan Mallach, Center for Community Progress
11:15am	Tools for Reclaiming Abandoned Properties in NJ by Diane Sterner, NJ Community Capital
11:45am	Partnering for Revitalization by Jeff Crum, Community Asset Preservation Corporation
12:00pm	Lunch
12:15pm	Introduction of Breakout Groups by Staci Berger, President and CEO, Housing and Community Development Network of NJ
12:30pm	Approaches on the Ground: Breakout Groups
1:45pm	Closing Remarks by the Honorable Wilda Diaz, Mayor of the City of Perth Amboy, President of the New Jersey Urban Mayors Association and Barbara George Johnson, Executive Director of the John S. Watson Institute for Public Policy of Thomas Edison State College