

Project Description:

The Albany County Land Bank Corporation is a newly formed entity established to end blight and the devastating effects it has on our communities, and begin to reverse the damage already done. The Land Bank is charged with streamlining and facilitating the processes by which vacant, abandoned, and underutilized properties can be returned to productive use. The Albany County Land Bank Corporation was approved by New York State Urban development Corporation d/b/a Empire State Development, pursuant to Article 16 of the New York State Not-for-Profit Corporation Law.

The Land Bank currently owns about 440 properties. The Land Bank's goal is to save as many properties as possible through stabilization and appropriate renovation. Some properties, however, are in a state beyond repair as a direct result of their neglect. Due to the severely deteriorated state of some of the properties, it would take investment that far exceeds the market value and the Land Bank's current available funding sources. Consequently, demolition is unfortunately the best response to such properties.

53 Second Avenue is located on in the City of Albany's South End-Groebecksvile Historic District. Located between Elizabeth and Stephen Streets, the structure at 53 Second Avenue is beyond repair. Unfortunately, due to the extensive structural damage, 53 Second Ave is a candidate for demolition. Our intent is to demolish the structure per NYSDOL ICR-56 11.5 "Controlled Demolition with Asbestos in Place." Once demolished, the Land Bank would hold and maintain the property until a future use is determined.



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