

2021 APPLICATION

NEW TO 2021!

Applications are now available online at www.thelandbank.org/clean_green_prog.asp

Clean & Green supports innovative community-based groups and organizations in the cleaning, maintaining, and beautifying of otherwise vacant properties in Genesee County. All applications are reviewed and rated using a point system with all answers totaling up to 100 points. Each question indicates how many points it is worth. Answers on this application, as well as previous participation in Clean & Green (if applicable), will be used to select groups for the 2021 Clean & Green program. This is a competitive process and applicants are encouraged to give as much detail in their answers as possible. Answer all questions within the application thoroughly and thoughtfully. Answers that are descriptive and align with program goals will be given more points. Incomplete applications may not be accepted.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

- **Community based:** Clean & Green is for COMMUNITY-BASED GROUPS only – for profit businesses or individuals will not be considered
- **Tools and Equipment:** Each Clean & Green group is required to provide its own tools and equipment (lawn mowers, weed whackers, rakes, work gloves, shovels, etc.). If your group does not have its own tools and equipment it is not eligible for Clean & Green.
- **Bank Account:** Clean & Green payments can only be issued to a group with bank accounts in its group name (not other groups or individuals). Payments will be via direct deposit.
- **Insurance:** It is also required that each Clean & Green group has liability insurance to cover every individual performing work as well as the Genesee County Land Bank Authority (Please provide a copy of liability insurance if already covered) or that each participant sign a liability release form (parents or guardians will be required to sign forms for youth participants). Groups selected for the 2021 program will have to provide proof of insurance or commit to liability release forms in order to participate.
- **Maintenance:** Each Clean & Green group must maintain at least 25 properties every three weeks. There is no maximum limit on the number of properties a group can maintain. Land Bank staff will determine the number of properties for each group according to available funding and previous participation in the program.

APPLICATION DUE BY 3:30 PM ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH, 2021

Questions?

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Group Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Main Contact Person: _____

Relationship to Group: _____

Phone Number: _____ Alternate Phone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Alternate Contact Person: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Type of Community Group (please only check one):

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 501(C)3 Non-Profit Organization | <input type="checkbox"/> Block Club |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Development Corporation | <input type="checkbox"/> Church or Faith-Based |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Neighborhood Association | <input type="checkbox"/> School |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |



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1. Please state the mission of your group. (5 pts)

2. Please provide a brief history of your group, including when, how and why your group formed. (5 pts)

3. Does your group **CURRENTLY** serve a *specific* geographic area? (5pts) Yes No

If yes, please provide the boundaries for the area currently served:

North: _____ South: _____

West: _____ East: _____

4. Please describe your group's community past work to improve the condition of the community (programs, projects, etc.), especially vacant lot cleanup, greening, and/or beautification efforts that your group has done in the past. (5pts)



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YOUR CLEAN & GREEN PROPOSAL

5. Please propose **SPECIFIC** geographic boundaries (street names) for your group's ideal service area so we can try to place your group within/near your ideal area of focus. **(5pts)**

North: _____ South: _____

West: _____ East: _____

6. Please describe the **current conditions** of the geographic area defined within your group's requested boundaries. **(5pts)**

7. How many vacant properties do you propose to maintain every three weeks during the Clean & Green season? **(5pts)** _____

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8. How many committed members are in your maintenance group? **(5 pts)**

9. What kind of equipment do you have? Check all that apply **(10 pts)**

- Zero Turn mower # _____
- Riding mower # _____
- Push mower # _____
- Weed whips # _____
- Trailer # _____

- Trimmers # _____
- Brooms # _____
- Shovels # _____
- Rakes # _____
- Leaf blower # _____

Other _____



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10. How will you select and prioritize properties for maintenance? (10 pts)

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11. What step by step plans, methods, and ideas do you have for cleaning and maintaining vacant properties? (15 pts)



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12. How will your group work together? Please describe the different roles that individuals will have, who will be responsible for what, and how all of the work will be coordinated. **(10 pts)**

YOUTH INVOLVEMENT

One of the goals of Clean & Green is to engage youth in the cleaning, greening, and ultimately changing of their neighborhoods. If youth participants will be included in your Clean & Green activity, please answer the following questions. Youth participants are all people 24 years and younger. **Youth participation is not required. If your group will not include youth, simply write in N/A and skip to the next page.**

A. Roughly how many youth participants do you plan on including? _____

B. What are the roles and responsibilities that youth participants will have? **(5pts)**



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C. How do youth participants get involved in your group? (5 pts)

D. Do the youth participants live in the area they will be working in? (5pts)

- | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> Most do not |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Most do | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Some do | |

MATERIALS

YOUR T-SHIRT ORDER - Each selected group will be provided with **five** Clean & Green t-shirts. Please indicate the five sizes that you would like for your group below.

T-Shirt #1: _____
T-Shirt #2: _____
T-Shirt #3: _____
T-Shirt #4: _____
T-Shirt #5: _____

SERVICE AREA MAPS - Since we will be unable to regularly distribute materials due to social distancing measures, each group will be provided one set of paper maps at the start of the season along with a digital PDF copy of their area(s) that can be printed at home, emailed to other group members or viewed from a digital device. Groups will be reporting property maintenance digitally and will not be required to submit a physical map.

How many paper maps would your group like for the season?

- 2 maps (general reference, we are confident using the Flint Property portal)
- 7 maps (1 map per mowing round - we like to keep track on paper)
- 10 maps (1 map per round plus a few spares)



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YOUR COMMUNICATION

During the program season, Clean & Green staff will need to keep in touch with your group and will encourage you to connect with other Clean & Green groups. Please answer the following questions to ensure effective communication.

What is the best way to contact you?

- Phone Call
- Text Message
- E-mail
- Post Mail

Do you give the Land Bank permission to share the contact information provided on the first of this page with other Clean & Green groups through a written 2021 Clean & Green Group Directory?

- Yes
- No

Do you or others in your Clean & Green group use Facebook?

- Yes
- No

If you have an e-mail account, how often do you check it?

- Daily
- Weekly
- Monthly



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QUESTIONS FROM SPEAK TO YOUR HEALTH! COMMUNITY SURVEY

The Ruth Mott Foundation requested assistance gathering responses to the following questions. Please take a few moments to respond by selecting the response that best fits each question. *Please note that this page is required but not scored and will not affect your overall Clean & Green application.*

1. Have you or anyone in your group been involved in a neighborhood cleanup, beautification project, or community garden project in the past 6 months to improve conditions of your neighborhood?

Yes, was involved No, was not involved

2. Have you or anyone in your group participated in the meeting of a block or neighborhood group within the past 6 months?

Yes, was involved No, was not involved

3. Have you or any member of your group been involved in a neighborhood crime watch? (past 6 months)

Yes, was involved No, was not involved

4. Have you or any member of your group taken action with neighbors to do something about a neighborhood problem? (past 6 months)

Yes, have taken action No, have not taken action

5. How safe is it to walk around alone in your neighborhood during the daytime...

Completely safe Fairly safe Somewhat Dangerous Moderately dangerous Extremely dangerous

6. How safe is it to walk around alone in your neighborhood during the nighttime...

Completely safe Fairly safe Somewhat Dangerous Moderately dangerous Extremely dangerous

7. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statement about your neighborhood: I am satisfied with the quality of life?

Agree strongly Agree Neither agree nor disagree Disagree Disagree Strongly

8. I would recommend this neighborhood to anyone as a good place to live...

Agree strongly Agree Neither agree nor disagree Disagree Disagree Strongly

9. Length of time living in neighborhood? # of years _____



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ILLEGAL DUMPING PREVENTION INSTALLATION PROJECT APPLICATION

OPTIONAL AND NOT REQUIRED

This season, the Land Bank is partnering with the Michigan Youth Violence Prevention Center (MI-YVPC) to study illegal dumping prevention methods and will be funding a limited number of installations to help prevent future illegal dumping on known dumping hot spots.

Groups that experience regular illegal dumping on lots within their service areas and are interested in applying for the installation of illegal dumping prevention barriers should complete this section. The groups selected will be willing to provide feedback and work with Land Bank staff to select, plan, clear and install, as well as commit to maintain the property once installations are complete.

1. Does your group experience illegal dumping in your service area on Land Bank properties?

YES

NO

2. If your group is selected, is your group willing to help Land Bank crews with cleaning/clearing the selected site(s)?

YES

MAYBE

NO

3. If your group is selected, is your group willing to help Land Bank crews with the installation of barriers or other dumping prevention installations?

YES

MAYBE

NO

4. If your group is selected, is your group willing to commit to maintaining and monitoring the site after installations are complete?

YES

MAYBE

NO

5. If your group is selected, is your group willing to communicate with MI-YVPC research staff to share group feedback about various steps in the project? This includes sharing your feedback via interviews and/or completing short surveys.

YES

MAYBE

NO



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SIGNATURE PAGE

✓ Check each box below to acknowledge that you understand and agree to the following requirements if selected to participate in the program this season:

- My group will use its own equipment to complete the work.
- My group has or will have a bank account in the name of the group were payments will be automatically deposited after confirmation of work completed is provided.
- My group will either have liability insurance to cover every individual performing work as well as the Genesee County Land Bank Authority or have all participants sign liability release forms (parents or guardians will be required to sign liability release forms for youth participants).
- My group has the capacity to meet the Clean & Green maintenance requirements.
- My group will supervise all youth under the age of 18 at all times while they are participating in Clean & Green.
- My group will submit Clean & Green reporting documents when they are due.
- My group will meet all program and project deadlines throughout the duration of the season. (Groups with extenuating circumstances preventing them from meeting a submission deadline, may be granted a two week grace period)

By signing below you state that the answers and information given in this application are accurate, complete, and that you are authorized to submit on behalf of the applying group.

Name of Group: _____

Applicants Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS COMPLETED APPLICATION BY 3:30 PM ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH, 2021

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