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**NEWS CONFERENCE ANNOUNCING ABATEMENT AND DEMOLITION OF THE  
FORMER RAMADA INN**

*Mt. Morris Township, Michigan – October 29th, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. at 4300 W Pierson Road, Flint  
Rain location: 4110 Pier North Blvd, Suite D, Flint*

The Genesee County Land Bank, Genesee County Treasurer and Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission is holding a news conference marking the beginning of the abatement and demolition of the Former Ramada Inn at 4300 W Pierson Road in Mt. Morris Township. Work is currently underway on the abatement and demolition of the former Ramada Inn. Genesee County Treasurer and Land Bank Chair Deb Cherry will be joined by Mt Morris Township Supervisor Larry Green, County Commissioner Jamie Curtis, County Commissioner and Land Bank Treasurer Bryant Nolden, and Michele Wildman of Michigan State Housing Development Authority, in recognizing the project. Also in attendance will be members of the various partner organizations who have contributed to the project and other community stakeholders.

Collaborative partnerships and multiple funding sources were involved to make this project a reality at one of Genesee County's northern main gateway corridors. The work will be funded by the Department of Housing and Urban Development's CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) monies from the County Metropolitan Planning Commission and Mt. Morris Township; Michigan Blight Elimination Grant (MBEG) from Michigan Land Bank/MSHDA; Abatement Clean up Grant from Environmental Protection Agency (EPA); County Treasurer and the Genesee County Board of Commissioner as well as the Genesee County Land Bank. These

grants have enabled the Genesee County Land Bank to address immediate safety and contamination concerns on the site. With project cost just under \$900,000, the importance of “all hands in” was a must. The grants and monies will be used to remediate and facilitate the full clean up, demolition and excavation of the property back to green space to spur the redevelopment of this property and return it to the tax rolls.

The abatement contractor has already been on the site and will be remediating the **inside** of the building and will continue their work for approximately 4 more weeks. ET Mackenzie of Grand Ledge Michigan is the General Contractor that will be demolishing the property after the abatement is completed. This whole process will take approximately 140 days. However, considering the winter months we are looking at final completion at the end of April.

“We truly appreciate the support of all our grant funders and partners of this project. This collaborative effort **will** provide us the **ability** to transform this **parcel** into a valuable piece of property for redevelopment in our community,” said Genesee County Treasurer and Land Bank Chair Deb Cherry.

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