



Genesee County Land Bank

2025 Annual Report

The Land Bank is your neighbor.

Let's keep building together.

The Genesee County Land Bank's mission is to **restore value to our community by acquiring, developing and selling vacant properties** in cooperation with stakeholders who value responsible land ownership. **That's you.**

From our aggressive demolition efforts, to the herd of goats we brought to Flint this year to help battle invasive buckthorn, we've accomplished a lot.

Together, we are tackling some of our community's most pressing and complex challenges - fighting blight and illegal dumping, restoring vacant properties, and maintaining thousands of lots across our community.

This is our 2025 Annual Report. Keep reading to learn more about our collective impact.



The Year of the GOAT



2025 was the year of the goat. Thanks to a grant from the Saginaw Bay Watershed Initiative Network, 48 goats (and 1 sheep) reported for duty in Flint this summer to devour invasive buckthorn in a sustainable way. The herd made an incredible impact on Stone Street in the area around Ramona Park.

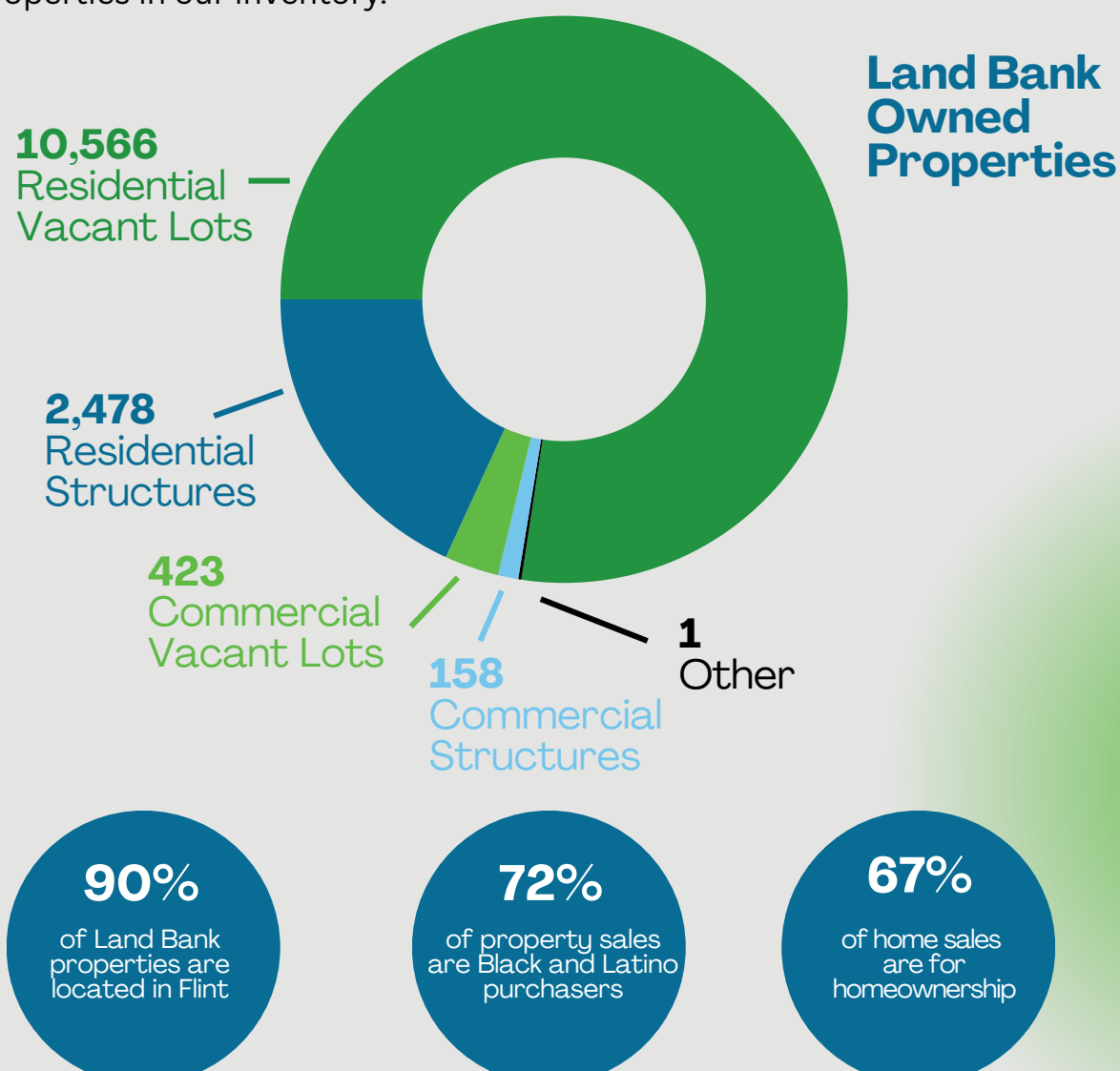
"I like the fact that the goats are there," said neighbor Elaine Tipton. "If you used chemicals, it would harm us all. So, the Land Bank is helping us, making it a better environment."

Did you know? Goats are the only animals on Earth that can digest buckthorn.

[Click here to see the goats in action](#)

Ready for Re-Use

The Land Bank accepts properties from the Genesee County Treasurer after tax-foreclosure. Here is the current breakdown of the 13,626 properties in our inventory.



Clean & Green is growing

The Clean & Green program remains one of the Land Bank's most impactful community partnerships. You help make it happen. This year, 68 community-based groups maintained nearly 30,000 lots in the city of Flint and interacted with approximately 750 neighbors. We are so proud and so grateful.

[Click here for a recap](#)

Clean & Green groups also reported thousands of illegal dumping sites, enabling Land Bank crews to clean and prevent more dumping.

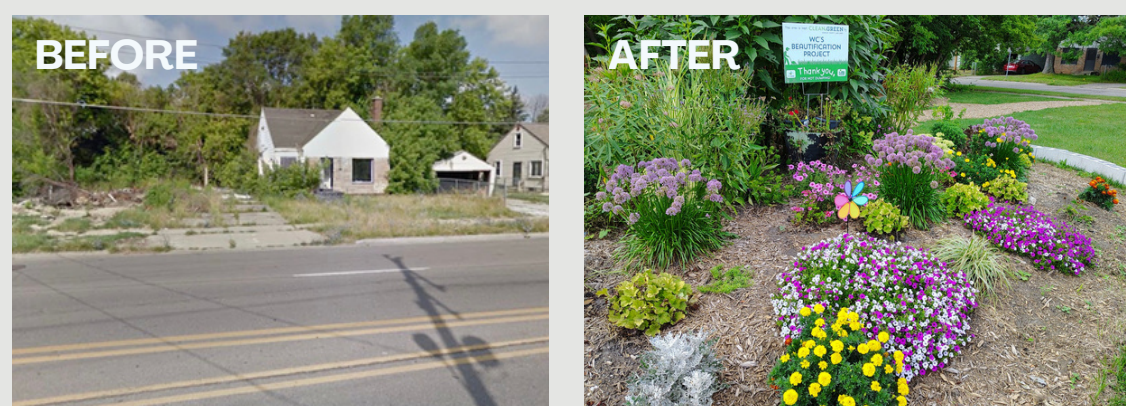
Thanks to Clean & Green:

- 72%** of neighbors spend more time outside
- 84%** say the neighborhood feels safer
- 99%** say the neighborhood looks better



Research by UM and the Youth Violence Prevention Center found **40% fewer violent crimes overall in Clean & Green areas.**

Dupont Oasis



In 2025, with support from the Land Bank and Urban Conservation Fund, Dupont Oasis was created, establishing native plants, gathering spaces, and a sustainable water system.

"I just wanted to do something nice for the community and by doing this, I think the community will be uplifted."

In the last three years alone, crews have removed illegal dumping from 470 lots and installed dumping prevention measures. By the end of 2025, crews will have addressed and prevented illegal dumping on 620 parcels from 120 dumping sites across Flint.

Wanda Coleman

More Demos Down

Demolitions are an essential part of the work we do and this year we took down 675 additional blighted structures. Total AARP and matched funding for blight elimination exceeds \$57 million dollars, with more than \$1M leveraged this year alone. Since the first of these demos was completed in 2023, 1,446 of the 1960 ARPA and match funded demos we're completed by the end of the fiscal year.



The Land Bank has demolished 9,940 structures across Flint and Genesee County since 2004.

As of October 2025, this year's demo numbers are:

1,960 demolitions funded
1,449 structures demolished

A House Reborn



One of our VIP (Very Interesting Properties) on East Street in Flint came back to life in a spectacular way this year. Once condemned and vacant for years, the property is now home to Selah's Red Tent, a doula house for new moms and soon-to-be mothers in Genesee County to get the education, support, and rest they need.

Also this year, we:

- Sold 584 parcels including 200 residential structures
- Renovated 7 homes for homeownership
- Secured \$1M to renovate 25 more houses in 2026

[Click here for the story from WNEM](#)

The Gatehouse Opens

The Gatehouse, our modular mixed-income condominium development in Flint was completed this year.

Located on W. 5th Avenue, the project features 16 two story row homes to help revitalize the neighborhood and address the community's need for workforce housing.

Two-and three-bedroom floor plans are available.

[Click here to watch the ribbon cutting](#)



Unveiling "The Yard"

In October, we held the grand opening of The Yard, Flint's new central hub for Land Bank maintenance crews. The facility is located on the 3.5 acre site of the former James Lumber Yard which sat abandoned for decades until the Land Bank cleaned it up and fully restored the property, investing \$1.9M.

The Yard will save the Land Bank in the long run by eliminating costly monthly rental payments, expanding our in house capacity, and employing a local workforce.

[Click here to watch the ABC 12 story](#)



Also, this year:

- Our crews completed 86,000 vacant property mowings, an all-time record (a \$4.3M value)
- 827 lots were leased or adopted, beautifying neighborhoods
- Land Bank crews cleared 200+ dangerous limbs and trees and 400+ tons of trash from lots
- We have hired and trained 61 local maintenance crew members and 22 full-time year round team members
- Crews have completed more than 3,500 inspections to identify issues, assess property conditions, and position properties for re-use, improvement, or demolition



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